Fidus Investment Corporation Announces Third Quarter 2026 Financial Results

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Board of Directors Declared Total Dividends of $0.54 per Share for Fourth Quarter 2026 Base Dividend of $0.43 and Supplemental Dividend of $0.11 Per Share

EVANSTON, Ill., Nov. 05, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Fidus Investment Corporation (NASDAQ:FDUS) ("Fidus" or the "Company"), a provider of customized debt and equity financing solutions, primarily to lower middle-market companies based in the United States, today announced its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2026.

Third Quarter 2026 Financial Highlights

- Total investment income of $45.9 million
- Net investment income of $21.1 million, or $0.54 per share
- Adjusted net investment income of $21.0 million, or $0.54 per share(1)
- Invested $51.8 million in debt and equity securities
- Received proceeds from repayments and realizations of $52.4 million
- Paid total dividends of $0.50 per share: regular quarterly dividend of $0.43 and a supplemental dividend of $0.07 per share on September 29, 2026
- Net asset value ("NAV") of $774.4 million, or $19.47 per share, as of September 30, 2026
- Estimated spillover income (or taxable income in excess of distributions) as of September 30, 2026 of $37.7 million, or $0.95 per share

Management Commentary

"In the third quarter, our high performing debt portfolio generated adjusted net investment income of $0.54, which represented 18% year over year growth driven by a 27% increase in interest income, and continued to amply cover our base dividend. With originations roughly equal to repayments and realizations, our portfolio remains well diversified and healthy from a credit quality perspective," said Edward Ross, Chairman and CEO of Fidus Investment Corporation. "Looking ahead, we intend to continue to carefully select high quality companies that possess both defensive characteristics and positive outlooks for growth. Our proven investment strategy has served us well and positions Fidus to continue to deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns for our shareholders."

(1) Supplemental information regarding adjusted net investment income:

On a supplemental basis, we provide information relating to adjusted net investment income, which is a non-GAAP measure. This measure is provided in addition to, but not as a substitute for, net investment income. Adjusted net investment income represents net investment income excluding any capital gains incentive fee expense or (reversal) attributable to realized and unrealized gains and losses. The management agreement with our investment adviser provides that a capital gains incentive fee is determined and paid annually with respect to cumulative realized capital gains (but not unrealized capital gains) to the extent such realized capital gains exceed realized and unrealized losses. In addition, we accrue, but do not pay, a capital gains incentive fee in connection with any unrealized capital appreciation, as appropriate. As such, we believe that adjusted net investment income is a useful indicator of operations exclusive of any capital gains incentive fee expense or (reversal) attributable to realized and unrealized gains and losses. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP. Reconciliations of net investment income to adjusted net investment income are set forth in Schedule 1.

Third Quarter 2026 Financial Results

The following table provides a summary of our operating results for the three months ended September 30, 2026, as compared to the same period in 2025 (dollars in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
	2026	2025	$ Change	% Change
Interest income	$ 39,103	$ 30,815	$ 8,288	26.9 %
Payment-in-kind interest income	3,126	3,185	(59)	(1.9 %)
Dividend income	(78)	989	(1,067)	(107.9 %)
Fee income	2,986	1,322	1,664	125.9 %
Interest on idle funds	776	942	(166)	(17.6 %)
Total investment income	$ 45,913	$ 37,253	$ 8,660	23.2 %
Net investment income	$ 21,139	$ 17,369	$ 3,770	21.7 %

Net investment income per share	$	0.54	$	0.49	$	0.05	10.2 %
Adjusted net investment income[(1)]	$	20,977	$	17,723	$	3,254	18.4 %
Adjusted net investment income per share[(1)]	$	0.54	$	0.50	$	0.04	8.0 %
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	$	20,327	$	19,138	$	1,189	6.2 %
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations per share	$	0.52	$	0.54	$	(0.02)	(3.7 %)

The $8.7 million increase in total investment income for the three months ended September 30, 2026, as compared to the same period in 2025, was primarily attributable to (i) a $8.2 million increase in total interest income (which includes payment-in-kind interest income) resulting from an increase in average debt investment balances outstanding, partially offset by a decrease in weighted average yield on debt investment balances outstanding, (ii) a $1.1 million decrease in dividend income due to a decrease in distributions received from equity investments, (iii) a $1.7 million increase in fee income due to an increase in prepayment and management services fees, and (iv) a $0.2 million decrease in interest on idle funds resulting from a decrease in average cash balances outstanding.

For the three months ended September 30, 2026, total expenses, including the base management fee waiver and income tax provision, were $24.8 million, an increase of $4.9 million, or 24.6% from the $19.9 million of total expenses, including the base management fee waiver and income tax provision, for the three months ended September 30, 2025. The increase was primarily attributable to (i) a $4.0 million increase in interest and financing expenses due to an increase in weighted average borrowings outstanding and weighted average interest rates of our debt outstanding, (ii) a $1.2 million net increase in the base management fee, including the base management fee waiver, due to higher average total assets, (iii) a $0.7 million increase in the income incentive fee due to an increase in pre-incentive fee net investment income during 2026 as compared to the same period in 2025, and (iv) a $0.6 million decrease in the accrued capital gains incentive fee due to a net $2.6 million decrease in net gain on investments and realized losses on extinguishment of debt.

Net investment income increased compared with the prior period as a result of the $8.7 million increase in total investment income, offset by a $4.9 million increase in total expenses, including the base management fee waiver and income tax provision. Adjusted net investment income,[(1)] which excludes the capital gains incentive fee accrual, was $0.54 per share compared to $0.50 per share in the prior year.

For the three months ended September 30, 2026, the total net realized gain/(loss) on investments, net of income tax (provision)/benefit on realized gains, was $(10.9) million, as compared to total net realized gain/(loss) on investments, net of income tax (provision)/benefit on realized gains, of $(1.4) million for the same period in 2025.

Portfolio and Investment Activities

As of September 30, 2026, the fair value of our investment portfolio totaled $1.4 billion and consisted of 99 active portfolio companies and eight portfolio companies that have sold their underlying operations. Our total portfolio investments at fair value were approximately 102.8% of the related cost basis as of September 30, 2026. As of September 30, 2026, the debt investments of 57 portfolio companies bore interest at a variable rate, which represented $909.8 million, or 71.3%, of our debt investment portfolio on a fair value basis, and the remainder of our debt investment portfolio was comprised of fixed rate investments. As of September 30, 2026, our average active portfolio company investment at amortized cost was $14.1 million, which excludes investments in eight portfolio companies that have sold their underlying operations. The weighted average yield on debt investments was 12.6% as of September 30, 2026. The weighted average yield was computed using the effective interest rates for debt investments at cost as of September 30, 2026, including the accretion of original issue discounts and loan origination fees, but excluding investments on non-accrual status and investments recorded as a secured borrowing.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of September 30, 2026, we had $31.2 million in cash and cash equivalents, $1.5 million in restricted cash, and $132.8 million of unused capacity under our special purpose vehicle credit facility (the “SPV Credit Facility”). For the three months ended September 30, 2026, we received net proceeds of approximately $35.5 million from the at-the-market program, we received proceeds from the issuance of SBA debentures of $10.5 million, and redeemed $17.0 million of SBA debentures. As of September 30, 2026, we had SBA debentures outstanding of $289.5 million, $120.0 million outstanding of our 6.625% Senior Unsecured Notes due June 2029 (the “June 2029 Notes”), and $200.0 million outstanding of our 6.75% Notes due March 2030 (the “March 2030 Notes” and together with the June 2029 Notes, the “Notes”). As of September 30, 2026, the weighted average interest rate on total debt outstanding was 5.8%.

Fourth Quarter 2026 Dividends Totaling $0.54 Per Share Declared

On November 2, 2026, our board of directors declared a base dividend of $0.43 per share and a supplemental dividend of $0.11 per share for the fourth quarter. The dividends will be payable on December 29, 2026, to stockholders of record as of December 18, 2026.

When declaring dividends, our board of directors reviews estimates of taxable income available for distribution, which differs from consolidated income under GAAP due to (i) changes in unrealized appreciation and depreciation, (ii) temporary and permanent differences in income and expense recognition, and (iii) the amount of undistributed taxable income carried over from a given year for distribution in the following year. The final determination of 2026 taxable income, as well as the tax attributes for 2026 dividends, will be made after the close of the 2026 tax year. The final tax attributes for 2026 dividends will generally include ordinary taxable income but may also include capital gains, qualified dividends and return of capital.

Fidus has adopted a dividend reinvestment plan (“DRIP”) that provides for reinvestment of dividends on behalf of its stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash. As a result, when we declare a cash dividend, stockholders who have not “opted out” of the DRIP at least two days prior to the dividend payment date will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock. Those stockholders whose shares are held by a broker or other financial intermediary may receive dividends in cash by notifying their broker or other financial intermediary of their election.

Subsequent Events

As previously disclosed, on May 29, 2026, the Company issued the June 2029 Notes in a transaction not requiring registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”). The June 2029 Notes were originally issued pursuant to a Note Purchase Agreement, dated May 29, 2026, by and between the Company and the initial purchasers. In connection with the issuance and sale of the June 2029 Notes, and pursuant to the registration rights agreement dated as of May 29, 2026, by and among the Company and the purchasers, the Company filed with the SEC a

registration statement, and, on September 16, 2026, commenced an offer to exchange the June 2029 Notes initially issued in the private placement for a like principal amount of the June 2029 Notes registered under the Securities Act. The offer to exchange the June 2029 Notes expired on October 16, 2026 and closed on October 20, 2026.

In connection with the closing of the offer to exchange the June 2029 Notes, on October 20, 2026, the Company and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association (as successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association), as trustee (the "Trustee"), entered into the Seventh Supplemental Indenture (the "Seventh Supplemental Indenture") to the Base Indenture, dated February 2, 2018, by and between the Company and the Trustee (the "Base Indenture" and together with the Seventh Supplemental Indenture, the "Indenture"). Under the Indenture, the terms of the June 2029 Notes registered under the Securities Act are substantially identical to those of the June 2029 Notes initially issued in the private placement (except for provisions related to transfer restrictions and payment of additional interest). The June 2029 Notes mature on June 1, 2029, unless previously redeemed or repurchased in accordance with their terms. The June 2029 Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.625% per year payable semi-annually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year, beginning December 1, 2026.

On October 23, 2026, we issued an additional $8.0 million in SBA debentures, which will bear interest at a fixed interim interest rate of 4.987% until the pooling date in December 2026.

On October 30, 2026, we invested $25.0 million in first lien debt and $1.0 million in common equity in CasePoint Solutions, LLC, a leading provider of outsourced court appearance services.

On November 2, 2026, we exited our first lien debt investment in Green Cubes Technology, LLC. We received payment in full of $22.5 million on our first lien debt.

On November 4, 2026, we invested $17.6 million in first lien debt in SnugZ/USA, LLC, a full-service designer, manufacturer, and decorator of promotional products.

Third Quarter 2026 Financial Results Conference Call

Management will host a conference call to discuss the operating and financial results at 9:00am ET on Friday, November 6, 2026. To participate in the conference call, please dial (844) 808-7136 approximately 10 minutes prior to the call. International callers should dial (412) 317-0534. Please ask to be joined into the Fidus Investment Corporation call.

A live webcast of the conference call will be available at https://investor.fdus.com/news-events/events-presentations. Please access the website 15 minutes prior to the start of the call to download and install any necessary audio software. An archived replay of the conference call will also be available in the investor relations section of the Company's website.

ABOUT FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Fidus Investment Corporation provides customized debt and equity financing solutions to lower middle-market companies, which management generally defines as U.S. based companies with revenues between $10 million and $150 million. The Company's investment objective is to provide attractive risk-adjusted returns by generating both current income from debt investments and capital appreciation from equity related investments. Fidus seeks to partner with business owners, management teams and financial sponsors by providing customized financing for change of ownership transactions, recapitalizations, strategic acquisitions, business expansion and other growth initiatives.

Fidus is an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. In addition, for tax purposes, Fidus has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Fidus was formed in February 2011 to continue and expand the business of Fidus Mezzanine Capital, L.P., which commenced operations in May 2007 and was licensed by the U.S. Small Business Administration as a Small Business Investment Company (SBIC).

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release may contain certain forward-looking statements which are based upon current expectations and are inherently uncertain, including, but not limited to, statements about the future performance and financial condition of the Company, the prospects of our existing and prospective portfolio companies, the financial condition and ability of our existing and prospective portfolio companies to achieve their objectives, the timing, form and amount of any distributions or supplemental dividends in the future, and the level of deal activity and investment opportunities available to the Company. Any such statements, other than statements of historical fact, are likely to be affected by other unknowable future events and conditions, including elements of the future that are or are not under the Company's control, such as changes in the financial and lending markets, the impact of the general economy (including an economic downturn or recession), the impact of current geopolitical conditions, the impact of interest rate volatility, the uncertainty associated with the imposition of tariffs and trade barriers and changes in trade policy and its impact on our portfolio companies and our financial condition, and the impact of elevated levels of inflation on the Company's business and its portfolio companies; accordingly, such statements cannot be guarantees or assurances of any aspect of future performance. Actual developments and results are highly likely to vary materially from these estimates and projections of the future as a result of a number of factors related to changes in the markets in which the Company invests, changes in the financial, capital, and lending markets, and other factors described from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such statements speak only as of the time when made, and are based on information available to the Company as of the date hereof and are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any such statement now or in the future, except as required by applicable law.

FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION
Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities
(in thousands, except shares and per share data)

	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value:		
Control investments (cost: $1,610 and $1,610, respectively)	$ —	$ —
Affiliate investments (cost: $95,572 and $75,208, respectively)	146,178	119,015
Non-control/non-affiliate investments (cost: $1,299,176 and $1,222,476, respectively)	1,288,997	1,205,738
Total investments, at fair value (cost: $1,396,358 and $1,299,294, respectively)	1,435,175	1,324,753

Cash and cash equivalents	31,246	69,995
Restricted cash	1,458	9,611
Interest receivable	24,839	21,414
Proceeds receivable from investments sold	11,272	—
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,277	766
Total assets	$ 1,505,267	$ 1,426,539
LIABILITIES		
SBA debentures, net of deferred financing costs	$ 281,849	$ 230,557
Notes, net of deferred financing costs	314,774	320,891
SPV Credit Facility, net of deferred financing costs	89,525	80,627
Secured borrowings	10,460	12,000
Accrued interest and fees payable	4,597	7,449
Base management fee payable, net of base management fee waiver – due to affiliate	6,399	5,596
Income incentive fee payable – due to affiliate	5,027	4,721
Capital gains incentive fee payable – due to affiliate	15,554	16,414
Administration fee payable and other, net – due to affiliate	884	988
Taxes payable	602	3,568
Accounts payable and other liabilities	1,186	1,829
Total liabilities	$ 730,857	$ 684,640
Commitments and contingencies		
NET ASSETS		
Common stock, $0.001 par value (100,000,000 shares authorized, 39,770,605 and 37,954,364 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025, respectively)	$ 40	$ 38
Additional paid-in capital	676,864	641,376
Total distributable earnings	97,506	100,485
Total net assets	774,410	741,899
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 1,505,267	$ 1,426,539
Net asset value per common share	$ 19.47	$ 19.55

FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION
Consolidated Statements of Operations (unaudited)
(in thousands, except shares and per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2026	**2025**	**2026**	**2025**
Investment Income:				
Interest income				
Control investments	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ —
Affiliate investments	1,931	1,090	5,081	3,258
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	37,172	29,725	104,812	90,087
Total interest income	39,103	30,815	109,893	93,345
Payment-in-kind interest income				
Control investments	—	—	—	—
Affiliate investments	182	—	182	—
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	2,944	3,185	9,495	7,884
Total payment-in-kind interest income	3,126	3,185	9,677	7,884
Dividend income				
Control investments	—	—	—	—
Affiliate investments	—	329	557	1,381
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	(78)	660	510	1,470
Total dividend income	(78)	989	1,067	2,851
Fee income				
Control investments	—	—	—	—
Affiliate investments	32	8	56	24
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	2,954	1,314	13,969	7,309
Total fee income	2,986	1,322	14,025	7,333
Interest on idle funds	776	942	2,277	2,306
Total investment income	45,913	37,253	136,939	113,719
Expenses:				
Interest and financing expenses	11,639	7,649	32,371	22,191
Base management fee	6,447	5,253	18,590	15,281
Incentive fee - income	5,027	4,371	15,508	13,819
Incentive fee (reversal) - capital gains	(162)	354	(860)	1,972
Administrative service expenses	775	708	2,324	2,064

Professional fees	707	713	3,684	2,959
Other general and administrative expenses	291	494	825	921
Total expenses before base management fee waiver	24,724	19,542	72,442	59,207
Base management fee waiver	(48)	(57)	(149)	(175)
Total expenses, net of base management fee waiver	24,676	19,485	72,293	59,032
Net investment income before income taxes	21,237	17,768	64,646	54,687
Income tax provision (benefit)	98	399	174	468
Net investment income	21,139	17,369	64,472	54,219
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments:				
Net realized gains (losses):				
Control investments	—	—	(120)	—
Affiliate investments	—	897	1,189	10,963
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	(10,881)	(1,827)	(17,730)	(6,131)
Total net realized gain (loss) on investments	(10,881)	(930)	(16,661)	4,832
Income tax (provision) benefit from realized gains on investments	—	(421)	(416)	(2,350)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation):				
Control investments	—	—	—	—
Affiliate investments	2,363	1,634	6,799	(1,758)
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	7,974	1,790	6,559	9,767
Total net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	10,337	3,424	13,358	8,009
Net gain (loss) on investments	(544)	2,073	(3,719)	10,491
Realized losses on extinguishment of debt	(268)	(304)	(579)	(630)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	$ 20,327	$ 19,138	$ 60,174	$ 64,080
Per common share data:				
Net investment income per share-basic and diluted	$ 0.54	$ 0.49	$ 1.68	$ 1.55
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations per share — basic and diluted	$ 0.52	$ 0.54	$ 1.57	$ 1.83
Dividends declared per share	$ 0.50	$ 0.57	$ 1.64	$ 1.65
Weighted average number of shares outstanding — basic and diluted	38,903,423	35,721,635	38,274,193	34,991,361

Schedule 1

Supplemental Information Regarding Adjusted Net Investment Income

On a supplemental basis, we provide information relating to adjusted net investment income, which is a non-GAAP measure. This measure is provided in addition to, but not as a substitute for, net investment income. Adjusted net investment income represents net investment income excluding any capital gains incentive fee expense or (reversal) attributable to realized and unrealized gains and losses. The management agreement with our investment advisor provides that a capital gains incentive fee is determined and paid annually with respect to cumulative realized capital gains (but not unrealized capital gains) to the extent such realized capital gains exceed realized and unrealized losses for such year, less the aggregate amount of any capital gains incentive fees paid in all prior years. In addition, we accrue, but do not pay, a capital gains incentive fee in connection with any unrealized capital appreciation, as appropriate. As such, we believe that adjusted net investment income is a useful indicator of operations exclusive of any capital gains incentive fee expense or (reversal) attributable to realized and unrealized gains and losses. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP. The following table provides a reconciliation of net investment income to adjusted net investment income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026 and 2025.

	($ in thousands) Three Months Ended September 30, (unaudited)		**($ in thousands) Nine Months Ended September 30, (unaudited)**	
	2026	**2025**	**2026**	**2025**
Net investment income	$ 21,139	$ 17,369	$ 64,472	$ 54,219
Capital gains incentive fee expense (reversal)	(162)	354	(860)	1,972
Adjusted net investment income[(1)]	$ 20,977	$ 17,723	$ 63,612	$ 56,191

	(Per share) Three Months Ended September 30, (unaudited)		**(Per share) Nine Months Ended September 30, (unaudited)**	
	2026	**2025**	**2026**	**2025**

Net investment income	$ 0.54	$ 0.49	$ 1.68	$ 1.55
Capital gains incentive fee expense (reversal)	-	0.01	(0.02)	0.06
Adjusted net investment income[1]	$ 0.54	$ 0.50	$ 1.66	$ 1.61

(1) Adjusted net investment income per share amounts are calculated as adjusted net investment income divided by weighted average shares outstanding for the period. Due to rounding, the sum of net investment income per share and capital gains incentive fee expense (reversal) amounts may not equal the adjusted net investment income per share amount presented here.

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