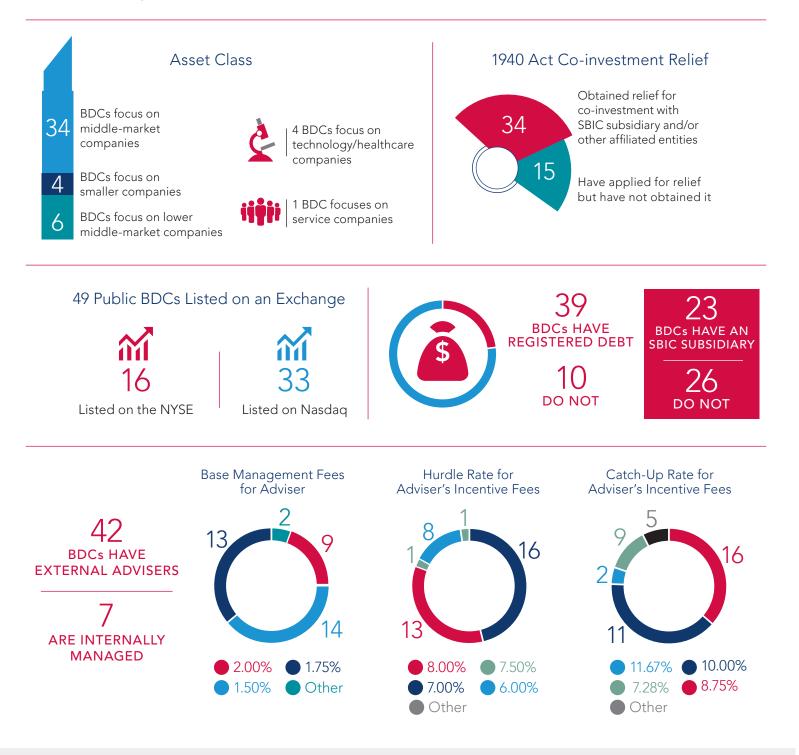
## **Business Development Companies**

## At A Glance

Business development companies ("BDCs") are closed-end investment vehicles designed to provide financing for, and make investments in, small and middle-market companies. BDCs elect to be subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and benefit from pass-through tax treatment. As traditional financing sources reduce exposure to and make fewer loans and investments in small and mid-sized businesses, BDCs can play an ever increasing role in addressing the unmet capital needs of these businesses.



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