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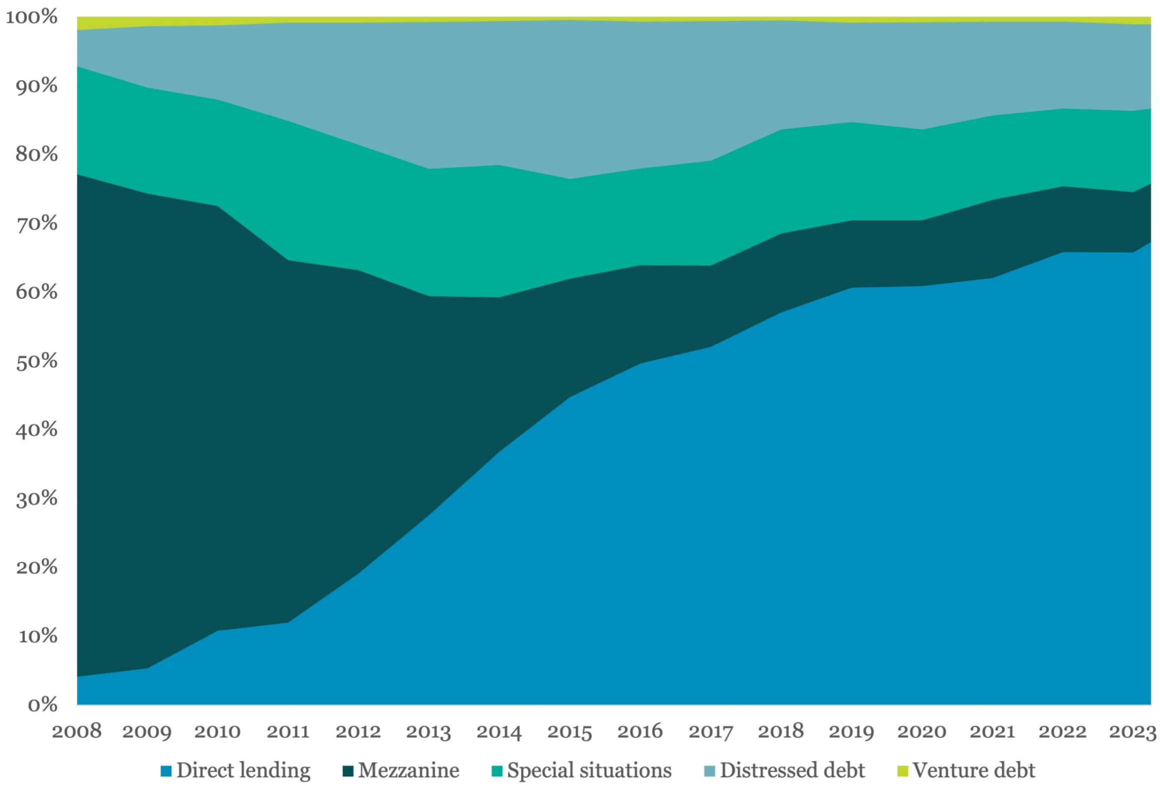
Direct lending the driver of private debt growth in Europe

Chart



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Since the Global Financial Crisis, direct lending AUM has grown at a faster rate than other private debt strategies in Europe, such that it now comprises more than two-thirds of private debt AUM (67.3%). Higher risk and more specialized strategies, such as mezzanine and distressed debt, have declined as a proportion of AUM, with mezzanine falling from 72.0% in 2008 to just 8.5% in 2024. However, AUM in Europe-focused mezzanine funds has increased over that period, from $26.5bn in 2008 to $40.6bn as of March 2024, highlighting how changes in banking regulation since GFC created the opportunity for private debt funds to fill a market gap in Europe.

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