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Octaura targets CLO market opacity with loan-analysis platform

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Octaura, an electronic trading, data and analytics platform for syndicated loans and CLOs, launched the beta version of its customizable Octaura Insights Platform on Monday, featuring proprietary pricing, liquidity data, market intelligence and interactive analytics.

Octaura officials say the move addresses one of the most persistent pain points in the leveraged loan and CLO markets — fragmented, static and often delayed data that forces market participants to cobble together information from multiple vendors and end-of-day sources.

For CLO managers specifically, the platform's market view feature covering more than 1,200 loans targets three key workflow challenges: staying on top of intraday market movements, validating portfolio optimization strategies, and conducting pre-trade analytics, according to Octaura. "The market view ... is designed to show traders and salespeople where the market is trading right now" on a particular loan, as well as providing that loan's trading history, said chief product officer Vitaliy Kozak.

The platform includes intraday loan pricing visibility that "is very difficult, In fact, it's almost impossible" for traders to attain, Kozak said.

Octaura plans to deepen the tool's relevance for CLO portfolio management, with the ability to upload a CLO portfolio as part of pre-trade portfolio analytics.

Octaura CEO and co-founder Brian Bejile said the platform will be expanded to include CLO tranche-level data. "We're starting to see BWICs pick up, so I'm confident that by the time we get [to] this time next year in tranches and CLOs, we're going to be talking about insights like this for tranches as well," Bejile said.

The platform is in beta before its live launch this fall for Octaura, which was founded in 2022 with backing from Citigroup, Bank of America, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan, Morgan Stanley, Wells Fargo and Moody's Analytics.