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#### **PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

(To Prospectus Dated July 13, 2018)

Up to \$35,000,000

**Common Stock** 

We are an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). For federal income tax purposes, we have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (RIC) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). Generally, our investment objectives are to: (i) achieve and grow current income by investing in debt securities of established businesses that we believe will provide stable earnings and cash flow to pay expenses, make principal and interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness and make distributions to stockholders that grow over time; and (ii) provide our stockholders with long-term capital appreciation in the value of our assets by investing in equity securities, generally in combination with the aforementioned debt securities, of established businesses that we believe can grow over time to permit us to sell our equity investments for capital gains.

We previously entered into separate sales agreements, each dated February 22, 2018, each a Sales Agreement and collectively the Sales Agreements, with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. and Wedbush Securities Inc. (each a Sales Agent and collectively the Sales Agents), relating to the shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The Sales Agreements provide that we may offer and sell up to an aggregate offering price of \$35,000,000 of our common stock from time to time through the Sales Agents. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we have sold 296,236 shares of our common stock under the Sales Agreements and have the ability to sell an aggregate offering price of up to \$31.8 million of our common stock under the Sales Agreements. Subject to the terms of the Sales Agreements, the Sales Agents are not required to sell any specific number or dollar amounts of securities but will act as our sales agents using commercially reasonable efforts consistent with their normal trading and sales practices, on mutually agreed terms between the Sales Agents and us.

The Sales Agents will be entitled to compensation under the terms of the Sales Agreements at a commission of up to 2.0% of the gross sales price per share of common stock sold pursuant to the Sales Agreements. In connection with the sale of our common stock on our behalf, the Sales Agents will be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), and the compensation of the Sales Agents will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have also agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to the Sales Agents against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Sales of our common stock, if any, under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be made by transactions that are deemed to be part of an at the market offering as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) promulgated under the Securities Act, by means of ordinary brokers transactions that qualify for delivery of a prospectus to the Nasdaq Global Select Market ( Nasdaq ), in accordance with Rule 153 under the Securities Act, or such other sales as may be agreed by us and the Sales Agents, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. The offering of shares of common stock pursuant to the Sales Agreements will terminate upon the earlier of (1) the sale of shares of common stock having an aggregate offering price of \$35,000,000, (2) the termination of the Sales Agreements by us or the Sales Agents, or (3) the date six years from the date of the Sales Agreements. See *Plan of Distribution* beginning on page S-44 of this prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is traded on Nasdaq under the symbol GAIN. On August 28, 2018 the last reported sale price of our common stock on Nasdaq was \$12.00 per share. The net asset value ( NAV ), per share of our common stock on June 30, 2018 (the last date prior to the date of this prospectus supplement as of which we determined NAV) was \$11.57. You are urged to obtain current market quotations of our common stock.

Shares of closed-end investment companies, including BDCs, frequently trade at a discount to their NAV. If our shares trade at a discount to our NAV, it will likely increase the risk of loss for purchasers in this offering. On August 9, 2018, our stockholders voted to allow us to issue common stock at a price below NAV per share for the period ending on the one year anniversary of the date of our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Our stockholders did not specify a maximum discount below NAV at which we are able to issue our common stock, although the number of shares sold in each offering may not exceed 25% of our outstanding common stock immediately prior to such sale. In addition, we cannot issue shares of our common stock below NAV unless our board of directors (Board of Directors) determines that it would be in our and our stockholders, have the effect of reducing our NAV per share and may reduce our market price per share. In addition, continuous sales of common stock below NAV may have a negative impact on total returns and could have a negative impact on the market price of our shares of common stock. See *Sales of Common Stock Below Net Asset Value* in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus.

The securities in which we invest generally would be rated below investment grade if they were rated by rating agencies. Below investment grade securities, which are often referred to as junk, have predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer s capacity to pay interest and repay principal. They may also be difficult to value and are illiquid.

# Investing in shares of our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before investing, you should read the material risks described in the <u>*Risk Factors*</u> section beginning on page S-13 of this prospectus supplement and beginning on page 13 of the accompanying prospectus.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain important information you should know before investing in our common stock, including information about risks. Please read it before you invest and retain it for future reference. Additional information about us, including our annual, quarterly and current reports, has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), and can be accessed at its website at *www.sec.gov*. This information is also available free of charge by calling us collect at (703) 287-5893 or on the investor relations section of our corporate website located at *www.gladstoneinvestment.com*. You may also call us collect at this number to request other information or to make a shareholder inquiry. See *Where You Can Find More Information* on page S-46 of this prospectus supplement. **The SEC has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is** 

a criminal offense.

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Ladenburg Thalmann The date of this prospectus supplement is August 29, 2018 Wedbush Securities

## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is presented in two parts. The first part is comprised of this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this common stock at-the-market offering and certain other matters relating to us. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, contains a description of our common stock and provides more general information, some of which does not apply to this offering, regarding securities that we may offer from time to time. To the extent that the information contained in this prospectus supplement differs or varies from the information contained in the accompanying prospectus, the information in this prospectus supplement will supersede such information.

This prospectus supplement is part of a registration statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-225447) that we have filed with the SEC relating to the securities offered hereby. This prospectus supplement does not contain all of the information that we have included in the registration statement and the accompanying exhibits and schedules thereto in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC, and we refer you to such omitted information. It is important for you to read and consider all of the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the additional information incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. See *Where You Can Find More Information* in this prospectus supplement.

The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and this offering of the securities may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy shares of our common stock in any jurisdiction where such offer or any sale would be unlawful. Persons who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus should inform themselves of and observe any such restrictions.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in making an investment decision. We have not, and the Sales Agents have not, authorized any other person to provide you with information that is different or additional. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it. We do not, and the Sales Agents and their affiliates do not, take any responsibility for, and can provide no assurances as to, the reliability of any information that others may provide to you. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than their respective dates, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any sales of our common stock. Our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations, funds from operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. To the extent required by law, we will amend or supplement the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

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## PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

The following summary highlights some of the information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. It is not complete and may not contain all the information that you may want to consider. You should review the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus prior to making an investment in our common stock, and especially the information set forth under the heading Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

In this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, except where the context suggests otherwise, the Company, Gladstone Investment, GAIN, we, us or our refer to Gladstone Investment Corporation; Adviser refers to Gladstone Management Corporation and Administrator refers to Gladstone Administration, LLC; and Gladstone Companies refers to our Adviser, the Administrator and its affiliated companies.

#### **Gladstone Investment Corporation**

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware on February 18, 2005. We operate as an externally managed closed-end, non-diversified management investment company and have elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. For federal income tax purposes, we have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. To continue to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes and obtain favorable RIC tax treatment, we must meet certain requirements, including certain minimum distribution requirements. Since our initial public offering in 2005 and through June 30, 2018, we have made 156 consecutive monthly distributions to common stockholders.

As of August 28, 2018, we had 32,822,459 shares of common stock outstanding, 1,656,000 shares of 6.75% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred Stock due 2021 (the Series B Term Preferred Stock ) outstanding, 1,610,000 shares of 6.50% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock due 2023 (the Series C Term Preferred Stock ) outstanding, 2,300,000 shares of 6.25% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock (the Series D Term Preferred Stock ) outstanding and 2,990,000 shares of 6.375% Series E Cumulative Term Preferred Stock due 2025 (the Series E Term Preferred Stock and, together with the Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock and Series D Term Preferred Stock, the Term Preferred Stock ) outstanding. We are required to redeem all shares of our Series B Term Preferred Stock on December 31, 2021, all shares of our Series C Term Preferred Stock on May 31, 2022, all shares of our outstanding Series D Term Preferred Stock on September 30, 2023 and all shares of our outstanding Series E Term Preferred Stock and our Series C Term Preferred Stock on August 31, 2025. On August 15, 2018, we announced our plans to redeem all of our outstanding Series B Term Preferred Stock and our Series C Term Preferred Stock on August 31, 2018, contingent upon our successful completion of the public offering of our newly designated Series E Term Preferred Stock.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100, McLean, Virginia 22102, and our telephone number is (703) 287-5800. Our corporate website is located at *www.GladstoneInvestment.com*. Information on, or accessible through, our website is not incorporated into or a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

#### Investment Adviser and Administrator

We are externally managed by the Adviser, an affiliate of ours, under an investment advisory and management agreement (the Advisory Agreement ) and another of our affiliates, the Administrator, provides administrative services to us pursuant to a contractual agreement (the Administration Agreement ). Each of the Adviser and Administrator are privately-held companies that are indirectly owned and controlled by David Gladstone, our

chairman and chief executive officer. Mr. Gladstone and Terry Lee Brubaker, our vice chairman and chief operating officer, also serve on the board of directors of the Adviser, the board of managers of the Administrator, and as executive officers of the Adviser and the Administrator. The Administrator employs, among others, our chief financial officer and treasurer, chief valuation officer, chief compliance officer, general counsel and secretary (who also serves as the president, general counsel and secretary of the Administrator) and their respective staffs. The Adviser and Administrator have extensive experience in our lines of business and also provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to our affiliates, including, but not limited to: Gladstone Commercial Corporation (Gladstone Commercial), a publicly-traded real estate investment trust; Gladstone Capital Corporation (Gladstone Land, together with Gladstone Commercial, and Gladstone Capital, collectively the Affiliated Public Funds). In the future, the Adviser and Administrator may provide investment advisory and

administrative services, respectively, to other funds and companies, both public and private.

The Adviser was organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware on July 2, 2002, and is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Administrator was organized as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware on March 18, 2005. The Adviser and Administrator are headquartered in McLean, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C. The Adviser also has offices in several other states.

### **Investment Objectives and Strategy**

We were established for the purpose of investing in debt and equity securities of established private businesses operating in the United States (U.S.). Our investment objectives are to: (i) achieve and grow current income by investing in debt securities of established businesses that we believe will provide stable earnings and cash flow to pay expenses, make principal and interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness and make distributions to stockholders that grow over time; and (ii) provide our stockholders with long-term capital appreciation in the value of our assets by investing in equity securities, generally in combination with the aforementioned debt securities, of established businesses that we believe can grow over time to permit us to sell our equity investments for capital gains. To achieve our objectives, our investment strategy is to invest in several categories of debt and equity securities, with individual investments generally totaling up to \$30 million, although investment size may vary, depending upon our total assets or available capital at the time of investment. We intend that our investment portfolio over time will consist of approximately 75% in debt securities and 25% in equity securities, at cost. As of June 30, 2018, our investment portfolio was made up of 74.2% in debt securities and 25.8% in equity securities, at cost.

We focus on investing in lower middle market private businesses (which we generally define as private companies with annual earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) of \$3 million to \$20 million) (Lower Middle Market) in the U.S. that meet certain criteria, including, but not limited to, the following: the sustainability of the business free cash flow and its ability to grow it over time, adequate assets for loan collateral, experienced management teams with a significant ownership interest in the portfolio company, reasonable capitalization of the portfolio company, including an ample equity contribution or cushion based on prevailing enterprise valuation multiples, and the potential to realize appreciation and gain liquidity in our equity position, if any. We anticipate that liquidity in our equity position will be achieved through a merger or acquisition of the portfolio company s stock or, to a lesser extent, by exercising our right to require the portfolio company to repurchase our warrants, though there can be no assurance that we will always have these rights. We invest in portfolio companies that need funds for growth capital, to finance acquisitions, recapitalize or, to a lesser extent, refinance their existing debt facilities. We seek to avoid investing in high-risk, early-stage enterprises.

We invest by ourselves or jointly with other funds and/or management of the portfolio company, depending on the opportunity. In July 2012, the SEC granted us an exemptive order (the Co-Investment Order ) that expanded our ability to co-invest, under certain circumstances, with certain of our affiliates, including Gladstone Capital and any future business development company or closed-end management investment company that is advised (or sub-advised if it controls the fund) by the Adviser, or any combination of the foregoing, subject to the conditions in the Co-Investment Order. Since 2012, we have opportunistically made several co-investments with Gladstone Capital pursuant to the Co-Investment Order. We believe the Co-Investment Order has enhanced and will continue to enhance our ability to further our investment objectives and strategies. If we are participating in an investment with one or more co-investors, whether or not an affiliate of ours, our investment is likely to be smaller than if we were investing alone.

In general, our investments in debt securities have a term of five years, accrue interest at variable rates (based on the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR)) and, to a lesser extent, at fixed rates. As of June 30, 2018, our loan portfolio consisted of 97.2% variable rate loans with floors and 2.8% fixed rate loans based on the total principal balance of all outstanding debt investments. We seek debt instruments that pay interest monthly or, at a minimum, quarterly, and which may include a yield enhancement such as a success fee or, to a lesser extent, deferred interest provision and are primarily interest only, with all principal and any accrued but unpaid interest due at maturity. Generally, success fees accrue at a set rate and are contractually due upon a change of control of the business. Some debt securities may have deferred interest whereby some portion of the interest payment is added to the principal balance so that the interest is paid, together with the principal, at maturity. This form of deferred interest is often called paid-in-kind (PIK) interest. As of June 30, 2018, we did not have any securities with a PIK feature.

Typically, our investments in equity securities take the form of common stock, preferred stock, limited liability company interests, or warrants or options to purchase any of the foregoing. Often, these equity investments occur in connection with our original investment, buyouts and recapitalizations of a business, or refinancing existing debt. From our initial public offering in 2005 through June 30, 2018, we have made investments in 48 companies, excluding investments in syndicated loans, for a total of approximately \$1 billion, before giving effect to principal repayments and divestitures.

We expect that our investment portfolio will continue to primarily include the following three categories of investments in private companies in the U.S.:

*First Lien Secured Debt Securities:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in first lien secured debt securities also known as senior loans, senior term loans, lines of credit and senior notes. Using its assets as collateral, the borrower typically uses first lien secured debt to cover a substantial portion of the funding needs of the business. These debt securities usually take the form of first priority liens on all, or substantially all, of the assets of the business.

*Second Lien Secured Debt Securities:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in second lien secured debt securities, which may also be referred to as subordinated loans, subordinated notes and mezzanine loans. These second lien secured debt securities rank junior to the borrower s first lien secured debt securities and may be secured by second priority liens on all or a portion of the assets of the business. Additionally, we may receive other yield enhancements, such as warrants to buy common and preferred stock or limited liability interests, in connection with these second lien secured debt securities.

*Preferred and Common Equity/Equivalents:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in equity securities, which consist of preferred and common equity, limited liability company interests, warrants or options to

acquire such securities, and are generally in combination with our debt investment in a business. Additionally, we may receive equity investments derived from restructurings on some of our

existing debt investments. In many cases, we will own a significant portion of the equity of the businesses in which we invest.

Pursuant to Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act, we must maintain at least 70% of our total assets in qualifying assets, which generally include each of the investment types listed above. Therefore, the 1940 Act permits us to invest up to 30% of our assets in other non-qualifying assets. See *Regulation as a Business Development Company Qualifying Assets* in the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of the types of qualifying assets in which we are permitted to invest pursuant to Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act.

Because the majority of the loans in our portfolio consist of term debt in private companies that typically cannot or will not expend the resources to have their debt securities rated by a credit rating agency, we expect that most, if not all, of the debt securities we acquire will be unrated. Investors should assume that these loans would be rated below what is today considered investment grade quality. Investments rated below investment grade are often referred to as high yield securities or junk bonds and may be considered higher risk as compared to investment grade debt instruments. With the exception of our policy to conduct our business as a BDC, these investment policies are not fundamental and may be changed without stockholder approval.

### **Recent Developments**

#### Amendment to Revolving Line of Credit

On August 22, 2018, we, through our wholly-owned subsidiary Gladstone Business Investment, LLC, entered into Amendment No. 4 (the Amendment ) to its Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the Credit Facility ) with KeyBank National Association (KeyBank), as administrative agent, swingline lender, managing agent and lead arranger, the Adviser, as servicer, and certain other lenders party thereto. Among other things, the Amendment:

Increases the facility size from \$165.0 million to \$200.0 million, which may be expanded to \$300.0 million through additional commitments;

Extends the revolving period from November 15, 2019 to August 22, 2021;

Extends the maturity date from November 15, 2021 to August 22, 2023, at which time all principal and interest will be due and payable;

Reduces the interest rate margin by 30 basis points from 3.15% to 2.85% during the revolving period (ending August 21, 2021), after which the margin increases to 3.10% for a one year period, and to 3.35% for the remaining term of the Credit Facility thereafter;

Changes the unused commitment fee from 0.50% on the portion of the total unused commitment amount that is less than or equal to 45% of the total commitments and 0.80% on the total unused commitment amount that is greater than 45% to: 0.50% when the average unused commitment amount for the reporting period is equal to or less than 50%, 0.75% when the average unused commitment amount for the reporting period is greater than 50%, but less than or equal to 65%, and 1.00% when the average unused commitment amount for the reporting period is greater than 50%, but less than or equal to 65%, and 1.00% when the average unused commitment amount for the reporting period is greater than 50%.

Reduces the minimum asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness from 200% to 150% (or such percentage as may be set forth in the 1940 Act). Issuance of Series E Term Preferred Stock

On August 22, 2018, the Company closed its previously announced offering of 2,600,000 shares of its newly-designated Series E Term Preferred Stock at a public offering price of \$25.00 per share. Simultaneously with the

closing of the offering, the underwriters exercised in full their option to purchase an additional 390,000 Series E Term Preferred Stock on the same terms to cover over-allotments, resulting in a total issuance of 2,990,000 shares for gross proceeds of approximately \$74.8 million and net proceeds of approximately \$72.1 million, after payment of underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses. The Series E Term Preferred Stock is expected to begin trading on the Nasdaq Global Select Market ( Nasdaq ) within 30 days of August 14, 2018 under the symbol GAINL. We expect to use the proceeds from the issuance of our Series E Term Preferred Stock, plus borrowings under our Credit Facility, to voluntarily redeem all outstanding shares of our Series B Term Preferred Stock and our Series C Term Preferred Stock on August 31, 2018, each of which had a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share.

### Redemption of Series B Term Preferred Stock and Series C Term Preferred Stock

Pursuant to the Certificate of Designation of the Series B Term Preferred Stock, as amended, and the Certificate of Designation of the Series C Term Preferred Stock, the Company expects to voluntarily redeem all outstanding shares of its Series B Term Preferred Stock and its Series C Term Preferred Stock on August 31, 2018, at the liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends through the end of August in the amount of \$0.00 per share, for a payment per share of \$25.00 and an aggregate redemption price of approximately \$81.7 million. The Series B Term Preferred Stock and Series C Term Preferred Stock have a mandatory redemption date of December 31, 2021 and May 31, 2022, respectively.

## Renewal of our Advisory Agreement

On July 10, 2018, our Board of Directors, including a majority of the directors who are not parties to the agreement or interested persons of any such party, approved the annual renewal of the Advisory Agreement with the Adviser through August 31, 2019. Mr. Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, controls the Adviser. In reaching a decision to approve the Advisory Agreement, our Board of Directors reviewed a significant amount of information and considered, among other things:

the nature, quality and extent of the advisory and other services to be provided to us by the Adviser;

our investment performance and that of the Adviser;

the costs of the services to be provided and profits to be realized by the Adviser from the relationship with us;

the fee structures of comparable externally managed business development companies that engage in similar investing activities; and

#### various other matters.

Based on the information reviewed and the considerations detailed above, our Board of Directors, including all of the directors who are not interested persons as that term is defined in the 1940 Act, concluded that the investment advisory fee rates and terms are fair and reasonable in relation to the services provided and approved the Advisory Agreement, as being in the best interests of our stockholders.

#### Distributions to Stockholders

In July 2018, our Board of Directors declared the following monthly distributions to common stockholders and monthly dividends to holders of our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock and Series D Term Preferred Stock:

|                    |                        |      | Distribution per<br>Common |     | Dividend<br>per<br>Share of<br>Series B<br>Term |      | Dividend<br>per<br>Share of<br>Series C<br>Term |     | ividend per<br>Share of<br>Series D<br>Term |
|--------------------|------------------------|------|----------------------------|-----|---|------|---|-----|---|
| Record Date        | Payment Date           |      | Share                      | Pre | eferred Stock                                   | Pref | ferred Stock                                    | Pre | eferred Stock                               |
| July 20, 2018      | July 31, 2018          | \$   | 0.067                      | \$  | 0.140625  | \$   | 0.135417  | \$  | 0.13020833                                  |
| August 21, 2018    | August 31, 2018        |      | 0.067                      |     | 0.140625  |      | 0.135417  |     | 0.13020833                                  |
| September 19, 2018 | September 28, 2018     |      | 0.067                      |     | 0.140625  |      | 0.135417  |     | 0.13020833                                  |
|                    | Total for the Quarter: | : \$ | 0.201                      | \$  | 0.421875  | \$   | 0.406251  | \$  | 0.39062499                                  |

### THE OFFERING

| Common stock offered                            | Shares with a maximum aggregate offering price of up to \$35,000,000.   |
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| Common stock outstanding prior to this offering | 32,822,459 shares.  |
| Plan of Distribution                            | At the market offering that may be made from time to time through the Sales Agents. See <i>Plan of Distribution</i> beginning on page S-44 of this prospectus supplement.   |
|   | On February 22, 2018, we established the at-the-market program to which this prospectus supplement relates and entered into the Sales Agreements with the Sales Agents.   |
|   | Through the date of this prospectus supplement, 296,236 shares of common stock with an aggregate offering price of approximately \$3.2 million were issued and sold pursuant to the Sales Agreement. An aggregate offering price of up to \$31.8 million of our common stock remains available for sale under the Sales Agreements.   |
| Use of Proceeds                                 | If we sell shares of our common stock with an aggregate offering price of \$35.0 million, of which \$31.8 million is available under the Sales Agreements as of the date of this prospectus supplement, we anticipate that our net proceeds, after deducting the Sales Agents maximum commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, will be approximately \$34.1 million. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering first to repay outstanding indebtedness under the Credit Facility, with KeyBank, as administrative agent, lead arranger and a lender, then to fund new investment opportunities in accordance with our investment objectives, with any remaining proceeds to be used for other general corporate purposes. See <i>Use of Proceeds</i> on page S-18 of this prospectus supplement. |
| Nasdaq symbol                                   | GAIN  |
| Distributions on common stock                   | From our initial public offering in June 2005 through June 30, 2018, we have made 156 consecutive monthly distributions to common stockholders and generally intend to continue to do so. The amount of monthly distributions on our common stock is generally determined by  |

our Board of Directors on a quarterly basis and is based on management s estimate of our annual taxable ordinary income plus the excess of our net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses (Investment Company Taxable Income), if any. See *Price Range of Common Stock and Distributions* beginning on page S-19 of this prospectus supplement. Because our distributions to common stockholders are based on estimates of Investment Company Taxable Income that may differ from actual results, future distributions payable to our common stockholders may also include a return of capital. Such return of capital distributions may increase an

|              | investor s tax liability for capital gains upon the sale of our shares by<br>reducing the investor s tax basis for such shares. See <i>Risk Factors Risks</i><br><i>Related to an Investment in Our Securities Distributions to our common</i><br><i>stockholders have included and may in the future include a return of</i><br><i>capital</i> in the accompanying prospectus. Certain additional amounts may<br>be deemed as distributed to stockholders for income tax purposes or may<br>be paid as supplemental distributions, as applicable. We expect other<br>types of securities to pay distributions in accordance with their terms. |
|--------------|--|
| Tax matters  | See <i>Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations</i> beginning on page 126 of the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to an investment in shares of our common stock.   |
| Risk Factors | Investing in shares of our common stock involves substantial risks.<br>Please carefully read and consider the information described under <i>Risk Factors</i> beginning on page S-13 of this prospectus supplement and beginning on page 13 of the accompanying prospectus before making an investment decision.   |

## FEES AND EXPENSES

The following table is intended to assist you in understanding the costs and expenses that an investor in this offering will bear directly or indirectly. We caution you that some of the percentages indicated in the table below are estimates and may vary. Except where the context suggests otherwise, whenever this prospectus supplement contains a reference to fees or expenses paid by us or Gladstone Investment, or that we will pay fees or expenses, stockholders will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as investors in Gladstone Investment. The following annualized percentages were calculated based on actual expenses incurred in the quarter ended June 30, 2018 and average net assets for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 and do not include events occurring subsequent thereto. The table and examples below include all fees and expenses of our consolidated subsidiaries.

| Stockholder Transaction Expenses:   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Sales load or other commission (as a percentage of offering price) <sup>(1)</sup>             | 2.00%           |
| Offering expenses (as a percentage of offering price) <sup>(2)</sup>                          | 0.48%           |
| Dividend reinvestment plan expenses (per sales transaction fee) <sup>(3)</sup>                | Up to \$25      |
|   | Transaction fee |
| Total stockholder transaction expenses (as a percentage of offering price)                    | 2.48%           |
| Annual expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock) <sup>(4)</sup> : |                 |
| Base management fee <sup>(5)</sup>  | 3.42%           |
| Loan Servicing fee <sup>(6)</sup>   | 1.91%           |
| Incentive fees (20% of realized capital gains and 20% of pre-incentive fee net investment     |                 |
| income) <sup>(7)</sup>  | 1.18%           |
| Interest payments on borrowed funds <sup>(8)</sup>  | 2.10%           |
| Dividend expense on mandatorily redeemable preferred stock <sup>(9)</sup>                     | 2.69%           |
| Other expenses <sup>(10)</sup>  | 1.48%           |
| -   |                 |
| Total annual expenses <sup>(11)</sup>   | 12.78%          |

- (1) Represents the maximum commission with respect to the shares of common stock being sold in this offering. The Sales Agents will be entitled to compensation of up to 2.00% of the gross proceeds of the sale of any shares of our common stock under the Sales Agreement, with the exact amount of such compensation to be mutually agreed upon by us and the Sales Agents from time to time. There is no guarantee that there will be any sales of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.
- (2) The percentage reflects estimated offering expenses of approximately \$0.2 million and assumes we sell all \$35.0 million of common stock available under the Sales Agreement pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.
- (3) The expenses of the dividend reinvestment plan, if any, are included in stock record expenses, a component of Other expenses. If a participant elects by written notice to the plan agent prior to termination of his or her account to have the plan agent sell part or all of the shares held by the plan agent in the participant s account and remit the proceeds to the participant, the plan agent is authorized to deduct a transaction fee, plus per share brokerage commissions, from the proceeds. The participants in the dividend reinvestment plan will also bear a transaction fee, plus per share brokerage commissions incurred with respect to open market purchases, if any. See *Dividend Reinvestment Plan* in the accompanying prospectus for information on the dividend reinvestment plan.
- <sup>(4)</sup> The percentages presented in this table are gross of credits to any fees.
- (5) In accordance with the Advisory Agreement, our annual base management fee is 2.00% (0.5% quarterly) of our average gross assets, which are defined as total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings, and adjusted appropriately for any share

issuances or repurchases. In accordance with the requirements of the SEC, the table above shows our base management fee as a percentage of average net assets attributable to common shareholders. For purposes of the table, the annualized base management fee has been converted to 3.42% of the average net assets for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 by dividing the total annualized amount of the

base management fee by our average net assets. The base management fee for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 before application of any credits was \$3.1 million.

Pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Adviser makes available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. The Adviser may also provide other services to our portfolio companies under certain agreements and may receive fees for services other than managerial assistance. Such services may include, but are not limited to: (i) assistance obtaining, sourcing or structuring credit facilities, long term loans or additional equity from unaffiliated third parties; (ii) negotiating important contractual financial relationships; (iii) consulting services regarding restructuring of the portfolio company and financial modeling as it relates to raising additional debt and equity capital from unaffiliated third parties; and (iv) primary role in interviewing, vetting and negotiating employment contracts with candidates in connection with adding and retaining key portfolio company management team members. The Adviser non-contractually, unconditionally, and irrevocably credits 100% of these fees against the base management fee that we would otherwise be required to pay to the Adviser; however, pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement, a small percentage of certain of such fees, is retained by the Adviser in the form of reimbursement, at cost, for tasks completed by personnel of the Adviser and primarily for the valuation of portfolio companies. For the quarter ended June 30, 2018, \$1.0 million of these fees were non-contractually, unconditionally and irrevocably credited against the base management fee. See Business Transactions with Related Parties Investment Advisory and Management Agreement and Management Certain Transactions Investment Advisor and Administrator in the accompanying prospectus.

- (6) The Adviser services, administers and collects on the loans held by Gladstone Business Investment, LLC, our wholly-owned subsidiary (Business Investment), in return for which the Adviser receives a 2.00% annual loan servicing fee payable monthly by Business Investment based on the monthly aggregate balance of loans held by Business Investment in accordance with the Credit Facility. Since Business Investment is a consolidated subsidiary of ours, coupled with the fact that the total base management fee paid to the Adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreement cannot exceed 2.00% of total assets (as reduced by cash and cash equivalents pledged to creditors) during any given calendar year, we treat payment of the loan servicing fee pursuant to our Credit Facility as a pre-payment of the base management fee under the Advisory Agreement. Accordingly, these loan servicing fees are 100% non-contractually, unconditionally and irrevocably credited back to us by the Adviser. The loan servicing fee for the three months ended June 30, 2018 was \$1.7 million. See Business Transactions with Related Parties Loan Servicing Fee Pursuant to Credit Facility and Management Certain Transactions Loan Servicing Fee Pursuant to Credit Facility and footnote 7 below.
- (7) The incentive fee payable to the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement consists of two parts: an income-based fee and a capital gains-based fee. The income-based incentive fee is payable quarterly in arrears, and equals 20% of the excess, if any, of our pre-incentive fee net investment income that exceeds a 1.75% quarterly (7% annualized) hurdle rate of our net assets, adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases, subject to a catch-up provision measured as of the end of each calendar quarter. The catch-up provision requires us to pay 100% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such income, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 125% of the quarterly hurdle rate (or 2.1875%) in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized). The catch-up provision is meant to provide our Adviser with 20% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income as if a hurdle rate did not apply when our pre-incentive fee net investment income exceeds 125% of the quarterly hurdle rate in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized). For the three months ended June 30, 2018, the income-based incentive fee was \$1.1 million.

The capital gains-based incentive fee equals 20% of our net realized capital gains in excess of unrealized depreciation since our inception, if any, computed as all realized capital gains net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation since our inception, less any prior payments, and is payable at the end of each fiscal year. During the three months ended June 30, 2018, we recorded a capital gains-based incentive fee of \$6.5 million in accordance with the provisions of U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), which is not contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement. All capital gains-based incentive fees which are not contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement were excluded for purposes of calculating the incentive fees included in the Fees and Expenses table above.

No credits were applied to the incentive fee for the three months ended June 30, 2018; however, the Adviser may credit such fee in the future.

Examples of how the incentive fee would be calculated are as follows:

Assuming pre-incentive fee net investment income of 0.55%, there would be no income-based incentive fee because such income would not exceed the hurdle rate of 1.75%.

Assuming pre-incentive fee net investment income of 2.00%, the income-based incentive fee would be as follows:

 $= 100.0\% \times (2.00\% - 1.75\%)$ 

= 0.25%

Assuming pre-incentive fee net investment income of 2.30%, the income-based incentive fee would be as follows:

 $=(100.0\% \times (\text{ catch-up }: 2.1875\% - 1.75\%)) + (20.0\% \times (2.30\% - 2.1875\%))$ 

 $= (100.0\% \times 0.4375\%) + (20.0\% \times 0.1125\%)$ 

= 0.4375% + 0.0225%

= 0.46%

Assuming net realized capital gains of 6% and realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation of 1%, the capital gains-based incentive fee would be as follows: = 20.0% × (6.0% - 1.0%)

 $= 20.0\% \times 5.0\%$ 

= 1.0%

For a more detailed discussion of the calculation of the two-part incentive fee, including the capital gains-based incentive fee calculation under GAAP, see *Business Transactions with Related Parties Investment Advisory and Management Agreement* in the accompanying prospectus.

- <sup>(8)</sup> Includes amortization of deferred financing costs. As of June 30, 2018, we had \$102.5 million in borrowings outstanding under our Credit Facility and \$5.1 million of secured borrowings. See *Recent Developments* in this prospectus supplement for additional information regarding the most recent amendment to our Credit Facility.
- <sup>(9)</sup> Includes dividends paid on our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock and Series D Term Preferred Stock and amortization of deferred financing costs. See *Description of Our Securities Preferred Stock* in

the accompanying prospectus for additional information. See also *Recent Developments* in this prospectus supplement for additional information regarding the redemption of our Series B Term Preferred Stock and Series C Term Preferred Stock and our newly issued Series E Term Preferred Stock.

- (10) Includes our overhead expenses, including payments under the Administration Agreement based on our projected allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by our Administrator in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement. See *Business Transactions with Related Parties Administration Agreement* and *Management Certain Transactions Investment Advisor and Administrator* in the accompanying prospectus.
- (11) Total annualized gross expenses, based on actual amounts incurred for the three months ended June 30, 2018, would be \$72.6 million. After all non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits described in footnote 5, footnote 6, and footnote 7 above are applied to the base management fee and the loan servicing fee, total annualized expenses after fee credits, based on actual amounts incurred for the three months ended June 30, 2018, would be \$61.8 million or 16.96% as a percentage of net assets.

### Example

The following example demonstrates the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses that would be incurred over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in our common stock. In calculating the following expense amounts, we have assumed that our annual operating expenses would remain at the levels set forth in the table above. The example below and the expenses in the table above should not be considered a representation of our future expenses, and actual expenses may be greater or less than those shown. While the example assumes, as required by the SEC, a 5.00% annual return, our performance will vary and may result in a return greater or less than 5.00%.

|  | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment:                      |        |         |         |          |
| assuming a 5% annual return consisting entirely of ordinary                        |        |         |         |          |
| income <sup>(1)(2)</sup>   | \$ 122 | \$ 340  | \$ 528  | \$ 891   |
| assuming a 5% annual return consisting entirely of capital gains <sup>(2)(3)</sup> | \$ 131 | \$ 361  | \$ 556  | \$ 921   |

- (1) For purposes of this example, we have assumed that the entire amount of the assumed 5.00% annual return would constitute ordinary income as we have not historically realized positive capital gains (computed net of all realized capital losses) in excess of unrealized depreciation on our investments through June 30, 2018. While we recorded a capital gains-based incentive fee of \$6.5 million during the three months ended June 30, 2018 in accordance with GAAP, this amount is not contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement. Because the assumed 5.00% annual return is significantly below the hurdle rate of 7.00% (annualized) that we must achieve under the investment advisory and management agreement to trigger the payment of an income-based incentive fee, we have assumed, for purposes of this example, that no income-based incentive fee would be payable if we realized a 5.00% annual return on our investments.
- (2) While the example assumes reinvestment of all distributions at NAV per share, participants in the dividend reinvestment plan will receive a number of shares of our common stock determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the distribution payable to a participant by the market price per share of our common stock at the close of trading on the valuation date for the distribution, and this price per share may differ from NAV per share. See *Dividend Reinvestment Plan* in the accompanying prospectus for additional information regarding our dividend reinvestment plan.
- (3) For purposes of this example, we have assumed that the entire amount of the assumed 5.00% annual return would constitute capital gains and that no accumulated capital losses or unrealized depreciation would have to be overcome first before a capital gains-based incentive fee is payable.

## **RISK FACTORS**

You should carefully consider the risks described below and all other information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making a decision to purchase our shares. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us, or not presently deemed material by us, may also impair our operations and performance.

If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected. If that happens, the trading price of our securities and NAV of our common stock could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

# Our management will have broad discretion in the use of the net proceeds from this offering and may allocate the net proceeds from this offering in ways that you and other stockholders may not approve of.

Our management will have broad discretion in the use of the net proceeds, including for any of the purposes described in the section entitled *Use of Proceeds*, and you will not have the opportunity as part of your investment decision to assess whether the net proceeds are being used in ways with which you may not agree or may not otherwise be considered appropriate. Because of the number and variability of factors that will determine our use of the net proceeds from this offering, their ultimate use may vary substantially from their currently intended use. The failure of our management to use these funds effectively could harm our business. Pending their use, we may invest the net proceeds from this offering in short-term, investment grade, interest-bearing securities. These investments may not yield a favorable return to our stockholders.

#### We may be unable to invest a significant portion of the net proceeds of this offering on acceptable terms.

Delays in investing the net proceeds raised in an offering or from exiting an investment, prepayment of an investment or other capital source may cause our performance to be worse than that of other fully invested BDCs or other lenders or investors pursuing comparable investment strategies. We cannot assure you that we will be able to identify any investments that meet our investment objective or that any investment that we make will produce a positive return. We may be unable to invest the net proceeds from any offering, from exiting an investment, prepayment of an investment or other capital source on acceptable terms within the time period that we anticipate or at all, which could harm our financial condition and operating results.

#### Market interest rates may have an effect on the value of our common stock.

One of the factors that will influence the price of our common stock will be the distribution yield on our common stock (as a percentage of the price of our common stock) relative to market interest rates. An increase in market interest rates, which, while currently at low levels relative to historical rates, although they have recently experienced gradual increases, may lead prospective purchasers of our common stock to expect a higher distribution yield and higher interest rates would likely increase our borrowing costs and potentially decrease funds available for distribution. Thus, higher market interest rates could cause the market price of our common stock to decrease.

# Our most recent NAV was calculated on June 30, 2018 and our NAV when calculated as of September 30, 2018 and subsequent periods may be higher or lower.

As of June 30, 2018, our NAV per share was \$11.57, which was based on the fair value our investments that were reviewed and approved by our Board of Directors (and the valuation committee thereof). NAV per share as of September 30, 2018, and following quarters, may be higher or lower than \$11.57 based on potential changes in valuations, issuances of securities, or distributions paid and earnings for the quarter then ended. Our Board of Directors determines the fair value of our portfolio investments on a quarterly basis, and if our September 30, 2018

fair value is less than the June 30, 2018 fair value, we will record an unrealized loss on our investment

portfolio. If the fair value is greater, we will record an unrealized gain on our investment portfolio. Upon publication of our next quarterly NAV per share determination (generally in our next Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q), the market price of our common stock may fluctuate materially.

# Shares of closed-end investment companies, including BDCs, frequently trade at a discount to their NAV per share, which may restrict our ability to grow and adversely impact our ability to increase or maintain our distributions.

Shares of closed-end investment companies, including BDCs, frequently trade at a discount from NAV per share. This characteristic of shares of closed-end investment companies is separate and distinct from the risk that our NAV per share will decline. As with any stock, the price of our shares will fluctuate with market conditions and other factors. If shares are sold, the price received may be more or less than the original investment. Whether investors will realize gains or losses upon the sale of our shares will not depend directly upon our NAV, but will depend upon the market price of the shares at the time of sale. Since the market price of our shares will be affected by such factors as the relative demand for and supply of the shares in the market, general market and economic conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict whether the shares will trade at, below or above our NAV per share.

Under the 1940 Act, we are generally not able to issue additional shares of our common stock at a price below NAV per share to purchasers other than our existing common stockholders through a rights offering without first obtaining the approval of our stockholders, our directors who have no financial interest in the transaction, and our independent directors. Additionally, at times when our common stock is trading below its NAV per share, our dividend yield may exceed the weighted average returns that we would expect to realize on new investments that would be made with the proceeds from the sale of such stock, making it unlikely that we would determine to issue additional common shares in such circumstances. Thus, for as long as our common stock may trade below NAV per share we will be subject to significant constraints on our ability to raise capital through the issuance of common stock. Additionally, an extended period of time in which we are unable to raise capital may restrict our ability to grow and adversely impact our ability to increase or maintain our distributions.

# If we sell shares of our common stock at a discount to our NAV per share, stockholders who do not participate in such sale will experience immediate dilution in an amount that may be material.

At our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders our stockholders approved our ability, subject to the condition that the maximum number of shares salable below NAV pursuant to this authority in any particular offering that could result in such dilution is limited to 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such offering, to sell shares of our common stock at any level of discount from NAV per share for a period of 12 months. It should be noted that, theoretically, we may offer up to 25% of our then outstanding common stock each day. The issuance or sale by us of shares of our common stock at a discount to NAV poses a risk of dilution to our stockholders. In particular, stockholders who do not purchase additional shares of common stock at or below the discounted price in proportion to their current ownership will experience an immediate decrease in NAV per share (as well as in the aggregate NAV of their shares of common stock if they do not participate at all). These stockholders will also experience a disproportionately greater decrease in their participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than the increase we experience in our assets, potential earning power and voting interests from such issuance or sale. In addition, such sales may adversely affect the price at which our common stock trades. For additional information about possible sales below NAV per share, see *Sales of Common Stock Below Net Asset Value* in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus.

We may not be permitted to declare a dividend or make any distribution to stockholders or repurchase shares until such time as we satisfy the asset coverage tests under the provisions of the 1940 Act that apply to BDCs. As a BDC, we have the ability to issue senior securities only in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% (currently) (or 150%, effective April 10, 2019, unless earlier approved by our stockholders) after each issuance of senior securities. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy this test. If that happens, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments and, depending on the nature of our leverage, repay a portion of our debt at a time when such sales and/or repayments may be disadvantageous.

Regulations governing our operation as a BDC and RIC will affect our ability to raise, and the way in which we raise, additional capital or borrow for investment purposes, which may have a negative effect on our growth. As a result of the annual distribution requirement to qualify as a RIC, we may need to periodically access the capital markets to raise cash to fund new investments. We may issue senior securities representing indebtedness, including borrowing money from banks or other financial institutions, or senior securities that are stock, such as our outstanding Term Preferred Stock, only in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% (currently) or 150% (effective April 10, 2019, unless earlier approved by the Company s stockholders) after each such incurrence or issuance. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Overview Recent Developments Small Business Credit Availability Act. Further, we may not be permitted to declare a dividend or make any distribution to our outstanding stockholders or repurchase shares until such time as we satisfy this test. Our ability to issue different types of securities is also limited. Compliance with these requirements may unfavorably limit our investment opportunities and reduce our ability in comparison to other companies to profit from favorable spreads between the rates at which we can borrow and the rates at which we can lend. As a BDC, therefore, we intend to continuously issue equity at a rate more frequent than our privately owned competitors, which may lead to greater stockholder dilution. We have incurred leverage to generate capital to make additional investments. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy the asset coverage test under the 1940 Act, which could prohibit us from paying distributions and could prevent us from qualifying as a RIC. If we cannot satisfy the asset coverage test, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments and, depending on the nature of our debt financing, repay a portion of our indebtedness at a time when such sales and repayments may be disadvantageous.

# Recently-enacted legislation allows us to incur additional leverage under the 1940 Act, distinct from certain of our obligations under our Credit Facility and our Term Preferred Stock.

Historically, as a BDC, under the 1940 Act, we are generally required to maintain asset coverage of 200% for senior securities representing indebtedness (i.e., debt) or stock (i.e., preferred stock). On March 23, 2018, President Trump signed into legislation the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, also known as the omnibus spending package. Included in Title VIII therein is the Small Business Credit Availability Act that includes certain regulations under the federal securities laws impacting BDCs. Among other items, the Small Business Credit Availability Act allows a BDC to increase the amount of debt it may incur or senior securities that are stock it may issue by modifying the asset coverage percentage from 200% to 150% (subject to specific approval and disclosure requirements).

On April 10, 2018, our Board of Directors, including a required majority (as such term is defined in Section 57(o) of the 1940 Act) thereof, approved the modified asset coverage requirements set forth in Section 61(a)(2) of the 1940 Act, as amended by the Small Business Credit Availability Act. As a result, the Company s asset coverage requirements for senior securities will be changed from 200% to 150%, effective one year after the date of the Board of Director s approval, on April 10, 2019, unless earlier approved by the Company s stockholders. Under the current 200% asset coverage standard, we may borrow debt or issue senior securities in the amount of \$1.00 for every \$1.00 of equity in the Company. Starting from April 10, 2019, unless earlier approved by the Company s stockholders, under the 150% asset coverage standard, we may borrow debt or issue senior securities in the amount of \$2.00 for every \$1.00 of equity in the Company. This reduction in the

asset coverage ratio will allow us to double the amount of debt that we may incur and, therefore, your risk of an investment in us may increase. In addition, our base management fee is based on our average gross assets, which include investments made with proceeds of borrowings, and, as a result, if we were to incur additional leverage, base management fees paid to the Adviser would increase.

Notwithstanding the modified asset coverage leverage ratio under the 1940 Act described above, we currently remain subject to a minimum asset coverage requirement of 200% with respect to certain provisions of our Credit Facility and our outstanding Term Preferred Stock. If we drop below the 200% minimum asset coverage requirement, we may under certain circumstances be required to repay all outstanding indebtedness under our Credit Facility and redeem our then-outstanding Term Preferred Stock. In addition, in the event we fall below the 200% minimum asset coverage requirement, we may need to renegotiate our Credit Facility and issue additional series of term preferred stock with a lower asset coverage requirement. Such events, if they were to occur, could have a significant adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

# If we fail to pay dividends on our Term Preferred Stock for two years, the holders of our Term Preferred Stock will be entitled to elect a majority of our directors.

The terms of our series of Term Preferred Stock provide for annual dividends of \$1.6875, \$1.6250, \$1.5625 and \$1.5938 per outstanding share of our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, Series D Term Preferred Stock and Series E Term Preferred Stock, respectively. In accordance with the terms of both of our series of Term Preferred Stock, if dividends thereon are unpaid in an amount equal to at least two years of dividends, the holders of such series of stock will be entitled to elect a majority of our Board of Directors.

# Holders of our preferred stock and future holders of any securities ranking senior to our common stock have dividend, distribution and liquidation rights that are senior to the rights of the holders of our common stock.

The shares of our series of Term Preferred Stock have dividend, distribution and liquidation rights that are senior to the rights of the holders of our common stock. Further, in the future, we may attempt to increase our capital resources by making additional offerings of preferred equity securities or issuing debt securities. Upon liquidation, holders of our Term Preferred Stock, holders of our debt securities, if any, and lenders with respect to other borrowings, including the Credit Facility, would receive a distribution of our available assets in full prior to the holders of our common stock. Because our decision to issue securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings. Thus, our common stockholders bear the risk of our future offerings reducing the per share trading price of our common stock and diluting their interest in us.

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, other than historical facts, may constitute forward-looking statements. These statements may relate to, among other things, future events or our future operating results, our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies, actual and potential conflicts of interest with the Adviser and its affiliates, the use of borrowed money to finance our investments, the adequacy of our financing sources and working capital, and our ability to co-invest, among other factors. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as estimate, may, might. believe. will. anticipate, could. provided. future. growth, plan, project, intend, expect, should, would, if, likely or the negative or other variations of such terms or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include but are not limited to:

the recurrence of adverse changes in the economy and the capital markets;

risks associated with negotiation and consummation of pending and future transactions;

the loss of one or more of our executive officers, in particular David Gladstone, David Dullum or Terry Lee Brubaker;

changes in our investment objectives and strategy;

availability, terms (including the possibility of interest rate volatility) and deployment of capital;

changes in our industry, interest rates, exchange rates, regulation or the general economy;

our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies;

the degree and nature of our competition;

our ability to maintain our qualification as a RIC and as a BDC; and

those factors described in the *Risk Factors* section of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

We caution readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in our forward-looking statements and future results could differ materially from historical performance. We have based forward-looking statements on information available to us on the date of this prospectus supplement. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any

forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, except as otherwise required by applicable law. The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and Section 27A of the Securities Act.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Sales of our common stock, if any, under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be by transactions that are deemed to be part of an at the market offering as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act, by means of ordinary brokers transactions that qualify for delivery of a prospectus to Nasdaq in accordance with Rule 153 under the Securities Act or such other sales as may be agreed by us and the Sales Agents, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at other negotiated prices. There is no guarantee that there will be any sales of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Actual sales, if any, of our common stock under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be less than as set forth in this paragraph depending on, among other things, the market price of our common stock at the time of any such sale. As a result, the actual net proceeds we receive may be more or less than the amount of net proceeds estimated in this prospectus supplement. However, assuming the sale of all of the \$35.0 million of common stock offered under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, we anticipate that our net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$34.1 million, after deducting the maximum estimated sales commission payable to the Sales Agents and our estimated offering expenses of \$0.2 million remaining availability under the Sales Agreements.

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering first to pay down outstanding debt (which may include borrowings under the Credit Facility), if any, then to make investments in accordance with our investment objectives and strategy, with any remaining proceeds to be used for other general corporate purposes. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we had \$116.0 million outstanding under the Credit Facility, as amended in August 2018, and advances under the Credit Facility generally bear interest at 30-day LIBOR plus 2.85% per annum until August 22, 2021, with the margin then increasing to 3.10% for the period from August 23, 2021 to August 22, 2022, and increasing further to 3.35% thereafter through maturity. If not renewed or extended by August 22, 2021, all principal and interest will be due and payable on or before August 22, 2023. We intend to re-borrow under our Credit Facility to make investments in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objectives depending on the availability of appropriate investment opportunities consistent with our investment objectives and market conditions.

We anticipate that substantially all of the net proceeds of this offering will be utilized in the manner described above within three months of receiving proceeds from this offering. Pending such utilization, we intend to invest the net proceeds of this offering primarily in cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities, and other high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less from the date of investment, consistent with the requirements for continued qualification as a RIC for federal income tax purposes. These temporary investments may have lower yields than our other investments and, accordingly, may result in lower distributions, if any, during such period. Our ability to achieve our investment objective may be limited to the extent that the net proceeds from an offering, pending full investment, are held in lower yielding interest-bearing deposits or other short-term instruments.

#### PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND DISTRIBUTIONS

We currently intend to distribute in the form of cash distributions, up to 100% of our Investment Company Taxable Income, if any, to our stockholders in the form of monthly distributions. We may retain net long-term capital gains in excess of net short-term capital losses, retain and treat them as deemed distributions for tax purposes, or may distribute such amounts as supplemental distributions. The tax characteristics of distributions are reported annually to each stockholder on IRS Form 1099-DIV. There is no assurance that we will achieve investment results or maintain a tax status that will permit any specified level of cash distributions or year-to-year increases in cash distributions. At the option of a holder of record of common stock, all cash distributions with respect to shares of our common stock can be reinvested automatically under the dividend reinvestment plan. A stockholder whose shares of our common stock are held in the name of a broker or other nominee should contact the broker or nominee regarding participation in the dividend reinvestment plan on the stockholder s behalf. See *Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Regulation and Structure We will be subject to corporate-level tax if we are unable to satisfy Code requirements for RIC qualification* ; *Dividend Reinvestment Plan* ; and *Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations* in the accompanying prospectus.

Common shares of closed-end investment companies, including BDCs, frequently trade at a discount to their NAV per share. The possibility that our common shares may trade at such discount to our NAV per share is separate and distinct from the risk that our NAV per share may decline. We cannot predict whether our common shares will trade at prices above, at or below our NAV per share, although during the past two years, our common stock has frequently traded, and at times significantly, below NAV.

#### **COMMON SHARE PRICE DATA**

Our common stock is traded on Nasdaq under the symbol GAIN. The following table reflects, by quarter, the high and low intra-day sales prices per share of our common stock on Nasdaq, the intra-day sales prices as a percentage of NAV per share and distributions declared per share of our common stock for each fiscal quarter during the last two completed fiscal years and the current fiscal year through August 28, 2018.

|  |    | NAV<br>per<br>are <sup>(1)</sup> | Low | Sales | s Pric | e    | tribution<br>eclared  | Premium/<br>(Discount)<br>of<br>High | Premium/<br>(Discount)<br>of Low<br>Sales |
|--|----|----------------------------------|-----|-------|--------|------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2017         | U  |                                  | LUW |       |        |      |                       | Sales                                | Price                                     |
| First Quarter                            | \$ | 9.84                             | \$  | 7.24  | \$     | 6.65 | \$<br>0.1875          | <b>Pri(2</b> 6)%                     | to(32)%                                   |
| Second Quarter                           |    | 9.65                             |     | 9.30  |        | 7.16 | 0.1875                | <b>to</b> (4)                        | NA(26)                                    |
| Third Quarter                            |    | 9.82                             |     | 9.15  |        | 7.16 | 0.1875                | <b>NAV</b> (7)                       | <b>pe(</b> 27)                            |
| Fourth Quarter                           |    | 9.95                             |     | 9.36  |        | 8.45 | 0.1875                | <b>per</b> (6)                       | Shar(el <sup>(3)</sup> )                  |
| Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2018         |    |                                  |     |       |        |      |                       | Share <sup>(2)</sup>                 |   |
| First Quarter                            |    | 9.88                             |     | 9.84  |        | 8.90 | 0.2520 <sup>(3)</sup> | (0)                                  | (10)                                      |
| Second Quarter                           |    | 10.10                            |     | 9.84  |        | 9.04 | 0.1920                | (3)                                  | (10)                                      |
| Third Quarter                            |    | 10.37                            |     | 11.50 |        | 9.48 | 0.2550 <sup>(3)</sup> | 11                                   | (9)                                       |
| Fourth Quarter                           |    | 10.85                            |     | 11.42 |        | 9.00 | 0.1950                | 5                                    | (17)                                      |
| Fiscal Year ending March 31, 201         | 9  |                                  |     |       |        |      |                       |                                      |   |
| First Quarter                            |    | 11.57                            |     | 12.26 |        | 9.81 | 0.2610 <sup>(3)</sup> | 6                                    | (15)                                      |
| Second Quarter (through August 28, 2018) |    | *                                |     | 12.15 | 1      | 0.95 | 0.2010                | *                                    | *   |

<sup>(1)</sup> NAV per share is determined as of the last day in the relevant quarter and therefore may not reflect the NAV per share on the date of the high and low intra-day sales prices. The NAVs per share shown are based on outstanding common shares at the end of each period.

- (2) The premiums/(discounts) set forth in these columns represent the high or low, as applicable, intra-day sale prices per share for the relevant quarter minus the NAV per share as of the end of such quarter, and therefore may not reflect the premium/(discount) to NAV per share on the date of the high and low intra-day sales prices.
- <sup>(3)</sup> Includes a supplemental distribution of \$0.06 per share of common stock in each of June 2017, December 2017 and June 2018.

\* Not yet available, as the NAV per share as of the end of this quarter cannot yet been finalized.

As of August 24, 2018, there were 22 record owners of our common stock.

#### CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following consolidated selected financial data as of and for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014 are derived from our consolidated financial statements that have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. The consolidated selected financial data for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 are derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus supplement. The other unaudited data included following the table below is also unaudited. The data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and *Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* included elsewhere in this

prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

|   | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, Year Ended N |        |              |        |     |             |     |             | nded March 31, | d March 31        |        |    |          |
|---|---|--------|--------------|--------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|----------------|-------------------|--------|----|----------|
|   |   | 2018   | <b>c</b> 50, | 2017   |     | 2018        |     | 2017        |                |                   | 2015   |    | 2014     |
|   |   |        |              | (dolla | r a | mounts in t | tho | usands, exe | cep            | ot per share data | ı)     |    |          |
| <u>Statement of</u><br><u>Operations</u><br><u>Data:</u>                        |   |        |              |        |     |             |     |             |                |                   |        |    |          |
| Total<br>investment<br>income   | \$  | 15,504 | ¢            | 13,620 | ¢   | 58,355      | ¢   | 51,875      | ¢              | 50,955 \$         | 41,643 | ¢  | 36,264   |
| Total<br>expenses, net<br>of credits from                                       |   | ,      | φ            |        | Φ   |             | φ   |             | Þ              |                   |        | φ  |          |
| Adviser   |   | 15,446 |              | 8,185  |     | 36,395      |     | 29,453      |                | 30,239            | 21,746 |    | 16,957   |
| Net<br>investment<br>income   |   | 58     |              | 5,435  |     | 21,960      |     | 22,422      |                | 20,716            | 19,897 |    | 19,307   |
| Net realized<br>and unrealized<br>gain (loss)                                   |   | 32,269 |              | 2,706  |     | 38,727      |     | 22,341      |                | 4,138             | 30,317 |    | (20,636) |
| Net increase<br>(decrease) in<br>net assets<br>resulting from<br>operations     | \$  | 32,327 | \$           | 8,141  | \$  | 60,687      | \$  | 44,763      | \$             | 24,854 \$         | 50,214 | \$ | (1,329)  |
| Per Common<br>Share Data:<br>Net increase                                       | \$  | 0.99   | \$           | 0.26   | \$  | 1.88        | \$  | 1.48        | \$             | 0.82 \$           | 1.88   | \$ | (0.05)   |
| (decrease) in<br>net assets<br>resulting from<br>operations per<br>common share | -   |        | τ'           |        | *   |             | Ŧ   |             | +              |                   |        | т  | (0.02)   |

| basic and<br>diluted <sup>(A)</sup><br>Net<br>investment<br>income before<br>net gain (loss)<br>per common<br>share basic |    |          |                        |    |            |    |            |    |            |    |           |    |            |
|---|----|----------|------------------------|----|------------|----|------------|----|------------|----|-----------|----|------------|
| and diluted <sup>(A)</sup>  |    |          | 0.17                   |    | 0.68       |    | 0.74       |    | 0.68       |    | 0.75      |    | 0.73       |
| Cash<br>distributions<br>declared per<br>common   |    |          |                        |    |            |    |            |    |            |    |           |    |            |
| share <sup>(B)</sup>  |    | 0.26     | 0.25                   |    | 0.89       |    | 0.75       |    | 0.75       |    | 0.77      |    | 0.71       |
| <u>Statement of</u><br><u>Assets and</u><br><u>Liabilities</u><br><u>Data:</u>  |    |          |                        |    |            |    |            |    |            |    |           |    |            |
| Total assets  | \$ | 639,038  | \$ 500,348             | \$ | 610,899    | \$ | 515,195    | \$ | 506,260    | \$ | 483,521   | \$ | 330,694    |
| Net assets  |    | 379,808  | 321,235                |    | 354,200    |    | 301,082    |    | 279,022    |    | 273,429   |    | 220,837    |
| Net asset   |    |          |                        |    |            |    |            |    |            |    |           |    |            |
| value per<br>common share   |    | 11.57    | 9.88                   |    | 10.85      |    | 9.95       |    | 9.22       |    | 9.18      |    | 8.34       |
| Common<br>shares  |    |          |                        |    |            |    |            |    |            |    |           |    |            |
| outstanding   | 32 | ,822,459 | 32,526,223             | 2  | 32,653,635 | 3  | 30,270,958 |    | 30,270,958 | 2  | 9,775,958 | -  | 26,475,958 |
| Weighted<br>common<br>shares<br>outstanding<br>basic and  |    |          |                        |    |            |    |            |    |            |    |           |    |            |
| diluted   | 32 | ,762,848 | 31,474,284             | í. | 32,268,776 | 3  | 30,270,958 |    | 30,268,253 | 2  | 6,665,821 | 2  | 26,475,958 |
| <u>Senior</u><br><u>Securities</u><br><u>Data:</u>  |    |          |                        |    |            |    |            |    |            |    |           |    |            |
| Total   |    |          |                        |    |            |    |            |    |            |    |           |    |            |
| borrowings, at  |    | 408 80 5 | <b>•</b> • • • • • • • | ¢  | 110 00 5   | ¢  |            | ¢  | 100.005    | ¢  | 100 00 5  | ¢  |            |
| cost <sup>(C)</sup>   | \$ | 107,596  | \$ 39,096              | \$ | 112,096    | \$ | 74,796     | \$ | 100,096    | \$ | 123,896   | \$ | 66,250     |
| Mandatorily<br>redeemable<br>preferred  |    |          |                        |    |            |    |            |    |            |    |           |    |            |
| stock <sup>(D)</sup>  |    | 139,150  | 139,150                |    | 139,150    |    | 139,150    |    | 121,650    |    | 81,400    |    | 40,000     |
|   |    | ,        |                        |    |            |    |            |    |            |    |           |    |            |

<sup>(A)</sup> Per share data is based on the weighted average common stock outstanding for both basic and diluted.

- (B) The tax character of distributions is determined on an annual basis. For further information on the estimated character of our distributions to common stockholders, please refer to Note 9 *Distributions to Common Stockholders* elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.
- <sup>(C)</sup> Includes borrowings under our Credit Facility and other secured borrowings, as applicable.
- <sup>(D)</sup> Represents the total liquidation preference of our Term Preferred Stock.

|   | Three M<br>End<br>June                               | ed        |           | Voor      | Ended Mar | oh 31     |           |  |  |
|---|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--|
| Other Unaudited Data:   | 2018   | 2017      | 2018      | 2017      | 2016      | 2015      | 2014      |  |  |
|   | (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data) |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |  |
| Number of portfolio companies   | 33   | 33        | 33        | 35        | 36        | 34        | 29        |  |  |
| Average size of portfolio<br>company investment at cost                     |  | \$ 15,419 | \$ 17,723 | \$ 15,005 | \$ 14,392 | \$ 14,861 | \$ 13,225 |  |  |
| Principal amount of new investments   | 29,202   |           | 59,424    | 54,370    | 69,380    | 108,197   | 132,291   |  |  |
| Proceeds from loan repayments and   |  |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |  |
| investments sold  | 32,062   | 19,457    | 39,859    | 68,825    | 44,582    | 11,260    | 83,415    |  |  |
| Weighted average yield on<br>investments, excluding<br>loans on non-accrual | 10.00%   | 10 (0)    | 12.06%    | 10.65%    | 10.000    | 10 (0)    | 12 (16)   |  |  |
| status <sup>(A)</sup>   | 13.02%   | 12.62%    | 13.06%    | 12.65%    | 12.62%    | 12.60%    | 12.61%    |  |  |
| Weighted average yield on<br>investments, including<br>loans on non-accrual |  |           |           |           |           |           |           |  |  |
| status <sup>(B)</sup>   | 11.84  | 11.75     | 12.35     | 12.44     | 12.33     | 12.12     | 11.65     |  |  |
| Total return <sup>(C)</sup>   | 19.19  | 6.44      | 21.82     | 41.58     | 4.82      | 11.96     | 24.26     |  |  |

- <sup>(A)</sup> Weighted average yield on investments, excluding loans on non-accrual status, equals interest income earned on investments divided by the weighted average interest-bearing principal balance throughout the period
- <sup>(B)</sup> Weighted average yield on investments, including loans on non-accrual status, equals interest income earned on investments divided by the weighted average total principal balance throughout the period.
- (C) Total return equals the change in the ending market value of our common stock from the beginning of the period, taking into account common dividends reinvested in accordance with the terms of the dividend reinvestment plan. Total return does not take into account common distributions that may be characterized as a return of capital. For further information on the estimated character of our distributions to common stockholders, refer to Note 9 *Distributions to Common Stockholders* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

## SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA

#### (UNAUDITED)

The following tables set forth certain quarterly financial data for each of the eight quarters in the two years ended March 31, 2018 and the first quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. The data was derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements. Results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for the past fiscal year or for any future quarter.

#### (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

| Year ending March 31, 2019  | -  | rter Ended<br>e 30, 2018 |
|---|----|--------------------------|
| Total investment income   | \$ | 15,504                   |
| Net investment income   |    | 58                       |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations                      |    | 32,327                   |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations per weighted average |    |                          |
| common share basic & diluted  | \$ | 0.99                     |

|   | Quarter Ended |        |              |       |              |      |            |  |  |
|---|---------------|--------|--------------|-------|--------------|------|------------|--|--|
| Year ended March 31, 2018   | June 30, 2017 | Septem | ber 30, 2017 | Decem | ber 31, 2017 | Marc | h 31, 2018 |  |  |
| Total investment income   | \$13,620      | \$     | 13,132       | \$    | 16,184       | \$   | 15,419     |  |  |
| Net investment income   | 5,435         |        | 5,750        |       | 7,531        |      | 3,244      |  |  |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from                                 |               |        |              |       |              |      |            |  |  |
| operations  | 8,141         |        | 13,556       |       | 17,144       |      | 21,846     |  |  |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations per weighted average |               |        |              |       |              |      |            |  |  |
| common share basic & diluted  | \$ 0.26       | \$     | 0.42         | \$    | 0.53         | \$   | 0.67       |  |  |

|  |               |        | Quarte       | er End | ed           |      |             |
|--|---------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|------|-------------|
| Year ended March 31, 2017              | June 30, 2016 | Septen | ber 30, 2016 | Decem  | ber 31, 2016 | Marc | ch 31, 2017 |
| Total investment income                | \$ 14,393     | \$     | 11,744       | \$     | 13,374       | \$   | 12,364      |
| Net investment income                  | 6,812         |        | 5,112        |        | 5,204        |      | 5,294       |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets  |               |        |              |        |              |      |             |
| resulting from operations              | 24,534        |        | (102)        |        | 10,955       |      | 9,376       |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets  |               |        |              |        |              |      |             |
| resulting from operations per weighted |               |        |              |        |              |      |             |
| average common share basic & diluted   | \$ 0.81       | \$     |              | \$     | 0.36         | \$   | 0.31        |

## MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Historical financial condition and results of operations and percentage relationships among any amounts in the financial statements are not necessarily indicative of financial condition or results of operations for any future periods. Except per share amounts or unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in the tables included herein are in thousands.

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### <u>General</u>

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Laws of the State of Delaware on February 18, 2005. On June 22, 2005, we completed our initial public offering and commenced operations. We operate as an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company and have elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. For federal income tax purposes, we have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. To continue to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes and obtain favorable RIC tax treatment, we must meet certain requirements, including certain minimum distribution requirements. From our initial public offering in 2005 through June 30, 2018, we have made 156 consecutive monthly distributions to common stockholders.

We are externally managed by the Adviser, an affiliate of ours and an SEC registered investment adviser, pursuant to the Advisory Agreement. We have also entered into the Administration Agreement with the Administrator, an affiliate of ours and the Adviser. Each of the Adviser and the Administrator are privately-held companies that are indirectly owned and controlled by David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer.

Additionally, Gladstone Securities, LLC (Gladstone Securities), a privately-held broker-dealer registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and insured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, which is indirectly owned and controlled by Mr. Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, has provided other services, such as investment banking and due diligence services, to certain of our portfolio companies, for which Gladstone Securities receives a fee. Any such fees paid by portfolio companies to Gladstone Securities do not impact the fees we pay to the Adviser or the non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits against the base management fee. For additional information refer to Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*.

We were established for the purpose of investing in debt and equity securities of established private businesses operating in the United States (U.S.). Our investment objectives are to: (i) achieve and grow current income by investing in debt securities of established businesses that we believe will provide stable earnings and cash flow to pay expenses, make principal and interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness, and make distributions to our stockholders that grow over time; and (ii) provide our stockholders with long-term capital appreciation in the value of our assets by investing in equity securities, generally in combination with the aforementioned debt securities, of established businesses that we believe can grow over time to permit us to sell our equity investments for capital gains. To achieve our objectives, our investment strategy is to invest in several categories of debt and equity securities, with individual investments generally totaling up to \$30 million, although investment size may vary depending upon our total assets or available capital at the time of investment. We intend that our investment portfolio over time will consist of approximately 75% in debt securities and 25% in equity securities, at cost. As of June 30, 2018, our investment portfolio was made up of 74.2% in debt securities and 25.8% in equity securities, at cost.

We focus on investing in Lower Middle Market private businesses (which we generally define as companies with annual EBITDA of \$3 million to \$20 million) in the U.S. that meet certain criteria, including, but not limited to,

the following: the sustainability of the business free cash flow and its ability to grow it over time, adequate assets for loan collateral, experienced management teams with a significant ownership interest in the portfolio company, reasonable capitalization of the portfolio company, including an ample equity contribution or cushion based on prevailing enterprise valuation multiples, and the potential to realize appreciation and gain liquidity in our equity position, if any. We anticipate that liquidity in our equity position will be achieved through a merger or acquisition of the portfolio company, a public offering of the portfolio company s stock, or, to a lesser extent, by exercising our right to require the portfolio company to repurchase our warrants, though there can be no assurance that we will always have these rights. We invest in portfolio companies that need funds for growth capital or to finance acquisitions or recapitalize or, to a lesser extent, refinance their existing debt facilities. We seek to avoid investing in high-risk, early-stage enterprises.

We invest by ourselves or jointly with other funds and/or management of the portfolio company, depending on the opportunity. In July 2012, the SEC granted us the Co-Investment Order that expanded our ability to co-invest, under certain circumstances, with certain of our affiliates, including Gladstone Capital and any future business development company or closed-end management investment company that is advised (or sub-advised if it controls the fund) by the Adviser, or any combination of the foregoing, subject to the conditions in the Co-Investment Order. Since 2012, we have opportunistically made several co-investments with Gladstone Capital pursuant to the Co-Investment Order. We believe the Co-Investment Order has enhanced and will continue to enhance our ability to further our investment objectives and strategies. If we are participating in an investment with one or more co-investors, whether or not an affiliate of ours, our investment is likely to be smaller than if we were investing alone.

Our shares of common stock, Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, Series D Term Preferred Stock and Series E Term Preferred Stock are traded on Nasdaq under the trading symbols GAIN, GAINO, GAINN GAINM and GAINL, respectively.

## **Business**

## Portfolio Activity

While the business environment remains competitive, we continue to see new investment opportunities consistent with our investment strategy of providing a combination of debt and equity in support of management and independent sponsor-led buyouts of Lower Middle Market companies in the U.S. During the three months ended June 30, 2018, we exited one portfolio company with a fair value prior to its sale of \$28.1 million and invested \$29.2 million in one new portfolio company, resulting in no net change in the number of companies in our portfolio, which was comprised of 33 companies as of June 30, 2018. From our initial public offering in June 2005 through June 30, 2018, we have made investments in 48 companies, excluding investments in syndicated loans, for a total of approximately \$1 billion, before giving effect to principal repayments and divestitures.

The majority of the debt securities in our portfolio have a success fee component, which enhances the yield on our debt investments. Unlike PIK income, we generally do not recognize success fees as income until payment has been received. Due to the contingent nature of success fees, there are no guarantees that we will be able to collect any or all of these success fees or know the timing of any such collections. As a result, as of June 30, 2018, we had unrecognized, contractual success fees of \$29.3 million, or \$0.89 per common share. Consistent with GAAP, we generally have not recognized success fee receivables and related income in our *Consolidated Financial Statements* until earned.

From inception through June 30, 2018, we have completed 13 sales of portfolio companies that we acquired under our buyout strategy (which excludes investments in syndicated loans). In the aggregate, these sales have generated \$99.8 million in net realized gains and \$22.1 million in other income upon exit, for a total increase to our net assets of \$121.9 million. We believe each of these transactions was an equity-oriented investment success and exemplifies our

investment strategy of striving to achieve returns through current income on the debt portion

of our investments and capital gains from the equity portion. The 13 liquidity events have offset any realized losses since inception, which were primarily incurred during the recession in connection with the sale of performing syndicated loans at a realized loss to pay off a former lender. These successful exits, in part, enabled us to increase the monthly distribution by 67.5% from March 2011 through June 30, 2018, and allowed us to declare and pay a \$0.03 per common share supplemental distribution in fiscal year 2012, a \$0.05 per common share supplemental distribution in December 2013, a \$0.06 per common share supplemental distribution in December 2014, and a \$0.06 per common share supplemental distribution in each of June 2017, December 2017, and June 2018.

# Capital Raising Efforts

We have been able to meet our capital needs through extensions of and increases to the Credit Facility, and by accessing the capital markets in the form of public offerings of common and preferred stock. We have successfully extended the Credit Facility s revolving period multiple times, most recently to November 2019, and currently have a total commitment amount of \$165.0 million (with a potential total commitment of \$250.0 million through additional commitments of new or existing lenders). During the three months ended June 30, 2018, we sold 168,824 shares of our common stock under our at-the-market program for gross proceeds of approximately \$1.9 million. During the year ended March 31, 2018, we sold 127,412 shares of our common stock under our at-the-market program for gross proceeds of approximately \$1.3 million. Additionally, we issued approximately 2.3 million shares of common stock for gross proceeds of \$21.2 million in May 2017, inclusive of the June 2017 over-allotment. Refer to *Liquidity and Capital Resources Revolving Line of Credit* for further discussion of the Credit Facility, *Liquidity and Capital Resources Equity Common Stock* and *Liquidity and Capital Resources Equity Term Preferred Stock* for further discussion of our common stock and mandatorily redeemable preferred stock. See *Prospectus Supplement Summary Recent Developments* of this prospectus supplement for a discussion of our recent capital raising activities completed subsequent to the quarter ended June 30, 2018.

Although we have been able to access the capital markets historically, market conditions may continue to affect the trading price of our common stock and thus our ability to finance new investments through the issuance of common equity. On July 31, 2018, the closing market price of our common stock was \$11.30 per share, representing a 2.3% discount to our NAV of \$11.57 per share as of June 30, 2018. When our common stock trades below NAV, our ability to issue additional equity is constrained by provisions of the 1940 Act, which generally prohibits the issuance and sale of our common stock at an issuance price below the then-current NAV per share without stockholder approval, other than through sales to our then-existing stockholders pursuant to a rights offering.

At our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on August 24, 2017, our stockholders approved a proposal authorizing us to issue and sell shares of our common stock at a price below our then-current NAV per share, subject to certain limitations, including that the number of common shares issued and sold pursuant to such authority does not exceed 25.0% of our then-outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such sale, provided that our board of directors (Board of Directors) makes certain determinations prior to any such sale. At our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on August 2, 2018, our stockholders voted to approve a similar proposal, which is effective for one year from such date of approval. We sought and obtained stockholder approval concerning similar proposals at each Annual Meeting of Stockholders since 2008, and with our Board of Directors subsequent approval, we issued shares of our common stock in three offerings at a price below the then-current NAV per share, once in May 2017, once in March 2015, and once in October 2012. Certain sales of common stock under the at-the-market program in March and April 2018 were also below the then-current estimated NAV per share. The resulting proceeds, in part, have allowed us to (i) grow our portfolio by making new investments, (ii) generate additional income through these new investments, (iii) ensure continued compliance with regulatory tests and (iv) increase our debt capital while still complying with our applicable debt-to-equity ratios. Refer to *Liquidity and Capital Resources Equity Common Stock* for further discussion of our common stock.

## **Regulatory** Compliance

Our ability to seek external debt financing, to the extent that it is available under current market conditions, is further subject to the asset coverage limitations of the 1940 Act, which require us to have asset coverage (as defined in Sections 18 and 61 of the 1940 Act, as amended), of at least 200% (currently) (or 150.0%, effective April 10, 2019, unless earlier approved by our stockholders) on each of our senior securities representing indebtedness and our senior securities that are stock (such as our Term Preferred Stock).

On April 10, 2018, our Board of Directors, including a required majority (as such term is defined in Section 57(o) of the 1940 Act) thereof, approved the modified asset coverage requirements set forth in Section 61(a)(2) of the 1940 Act, as amended by the Small Business Credit Availability Act. As a result, the Company s asset coverage requirements for senior securities will be changed from 200% to 150%, effective one year after the date of the Board of Directors approval, or April 10, 2019. Under the current 200% asset coverage standard, we may borrow debt or issue senior securities that are stock in the amount of \$1.00 for every \$1.00 of equity in the Company. Starting from April 10, 2019, under the 150% asset coverage standard, we may borrow debt or issue senior securities that are stock in the Company. Notwithstanding the modified asset coverage requirement of 200% with respect to certain provisions of our Credit Facility and our outstanding Term Preferred Stock.

As of June 30, 2018, our asset coverage on our senior securities representing indebtedness was 566.8% and our asset coverage on our senior securities that are stock was 250.2%.

## **Investment Highlights**

During the three months ended June 30, 2018, and inclusive of non-cash transactions, we invested \$29.2 million in one new portfolio company, received \$32.1 million in proceeds from repayments and sales, and extended \$0.9 million of follow-on investments to existing portfolio companies through revolver draws and term loans.

## Investment Activity

During the three months ended June 30, 2018, the following significant transactions occurred:

In April 2018, we invested \$29.2 million in Bassett Creek Restoration, Inc. (d/b/a J.R. Johnson, LLC) (Bassett Creek) through a combination of secured first lien debt and preferred equity. Bassett Creek, headquartered in Portland, Oregon, is a leading provider of commercial restoration and renovation services to the Oregon and Southwest Washington region.

In June 2018, we sold our investment in Drew Foam Companies, Inc. ( Drew Foam ), which resulted in dividend and success fee income of \$0.2 million and a realized gain of \$13.8 million. In connection with the sale, we received net cash proceeds of \$27.3 million, including the repayment of our debt investment of \$9.9 million at par.

The following significant investment activity occurred subsequent to June 30, 2018. Also refer to Note 13 *Subsequent Events* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement.

In July 2018, we exited our investment in NDLI, Inc. and recorded a realized loss of \$3.6 million. **Recent Developments** 

#### **Registration Statement**

On June 5, 2018, we filed a registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-225447), which the SEC declared effective on July 13, 2018. The registration statement permits us to issue, through one or more transactions, up to

an aggregate of \$300.0 million in securities, consisting of common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights, debt securities, and warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock, or debt securities, including through concurrent, separate offerings of such securities. As of July 31, 2018, we had the ability to issue up to \$300.0 million in securities under the registration statement.

## At-the-Market Program

In February 2018, we entered into sales agreements (commonly referred to as at-the-market (ATM) programs) with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. (Cantor), Ladenburg Thalmann & Co., Inc., and Wedbush Securities Inc. (each a Sales Agent), under which we have the ability to issue and sell shares of our common stock, from time to time, through the Sales Agents, up to an aggregate offering price of \$35.0 million. Pursuant to our prior registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204996), during the three months ended June 30, 2018, we sold 168,824 shares of our common stock under the ATM program with Cantor at a weighted-average gross price of \$11.09 per share and raised approximately \$1.9 million of gross proceeds. The weighted-average net price per share, after deducting commissions and offering costs borne by us, was \$10.87 and resulted in total net proceeds of approximately \$1.8 million. Certain of these sales were below our then-current estimated NAV per share during the sales period, with a discount of \$0.002 per share; however, the net dilutive effect (after commissions and offering costs borne by us) of these sales was \$0.00 per common share as a result of the small number of shares sold at a slight discount to NAV per share and resulting rounding. In aggregate, the sales during the three months ended June 30, 2018 were above our then-current estimated NAV per share. As of June 30, 2018, we had remaining capacity to sell up to \$31.8 million of common stock under the ATM program pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

## Distributions and Dividends

In July 2018, our Board of Directors declared the following monthly distributions to common stockholders and monthly dividends to holders of our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock and Series D Term Preferred Stock:

|                    |                        | ]<br>Distribution per<br>Common |       |     | Dividend per<br>Share of<br>Series B<br>Term |      | Dividend<br>per<br>Share of<br>Series C<br>Term |     | ividend per<br>Share of<br>Series D<br>Term |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-----|--|------|---|-----|---|
| <b>Record Date</b> | <b>Payment Date</b>    | S                               | Share | Pre | ferred Stock                                 | Pref | ferred Stock                                    | Pre | eferred Stock                               |
| July 20, 2018      | July 31, 2018          | \$                              | 0.067 | \$  | 0.140625                                     | \$   | 0.135417  | \$  | 0.13020833                                  |
| August 21, 2018    | August 31, 2018        |                                 | 0.067 |     | 0.140625                                     |      | 0.135417  |     | 0.13020833                                  |
| September 19, 2018 | September 28, 2018     |                                 | 0.067 |     | 0.140625                                     |      | 0.135417  |     | 0.13020833                                  |
|                    | Total for the Quarter: | : \$                            | 0.201 | \$  | 0.421875                                     | \$   | 0.406251  | \$  | 0.39062499                                  |

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

## Comparison of the Three Months Ended June 30, 2018 to the Three Months Ended June 30, 2017

|   | For th    | ne Three Mo | nths Ended J<br>\$ | une 30,  |
|---|-----------|-------------|--------------------|----------|
|   | 2018      | 2017        | Change             | % Change |
| INVESTMENT INCOME                                       |           |             |                    |          |
| Interest income   | \$ 13,314 | \$ 10,746   | \$ 2,568           | 23.9%    |
| Dividend, success fee, and other income                 | 2,190     | 2,874       | (684)              | (23.8)   |
| Total investment income                                 | 15,504    | 13,620      | 1,884              | 13.8     |
| EXPENSES  |           |             |                    |          |
| Base management fee                                     | 3,111     | 2,516       | 595                | 23.6     |
| Loan servicing fee                                      | 1,740     | 1,564       | 176                | 11.3     |
| Incentive fee   | 7,586     | 1,172       | 6,414              | 547.3    |
| Administration fee                                      | 285       | 307         | (22)               | (7.2)    |
| Interest and dividend expense                           | 3,993     | 2,980       | 1,013              | 34.0     |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs and discounts  | 367       | 367         |                    |          |
| Other   | 1,064     | 1,391       | (327)              | (23.5)   |
| Expenses before credits from Adviser                    | 18,146    | 10,297      | 7,849              | 76.2     |
| Credits to fees from Adviser                            | (2,700)   | (2,112)     | (588)              | 27.8     |
| Total expenses, net of credits to fees                  | 15,446    | 8,185       | 7,261              | 88.7     |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME                                   | 58        | 5,435       | (5,377)            | (98.9)   |
| REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)                     |           |             |                    |          |
| Net realized gain on investments                        | 14,108    | 1,165       | 12,943             | 1,111.0  |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments              | 18,068    | 1,541       | 16,527             | 1,072.5  |
| Net unrealized depreciation of other                    | 93        |             | 93                 | NM       |
| Net realized and unrealized gain                        | 32,269    | 2,706       | 29,563             | 1,092.5  |
| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM<br>OPERATIONS | \$ 32,327 | \$ 8,141    | \$ 24,186          | 297.1    |
| BASIC AND DILUTED PER COMMON SHARE:                     |           |             |                    |          |
| Net investment income                                   | \$        | \$ 0.17     | \$ (0.17)          | (100.0)% |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations    | \$ 0.99   | \$ 0.26     | \$ 0.73            | 280.8    |

*NM* = *Not Meaningful* 

#### **Investment Income**

Total investment income increased by 13.8% for the three months ended June 30, 2018, as compared to the prior year period. This increase was primarily due to an increase in interest income, partially offset by a decline in dividend, success fee, and other income, for the three months ended June 30, 2018, as compared to the prior year period.

Interest income from our investments in debt securities increased 23.9% for the three months ended June 30, 2018, as compared to the prior year period. Generally, the level of interest income from investments is directly related to the principal balance of our interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the period multiplied by the weighted-average yield. The weighted-average principal balance of our interest-bearing investment portfolio during the three months ended June 30, 2018 was \$409.9 million, compared to \$340.5 million for the prior year period. This increase was primarily due to \$71.4 million in new debt investments and

\$59.4 million in follow-on debt investments to existing portfolio companies originated after June 30, 2017 and \$25.2 million of loans placed back on accrual status, partially offset by the pay-off or restructure of \$57.7 million of debt investments and \$55.1 million of loans placed on non-accrual status, and their respective impact on the weighted-average principal balance when considering timing of new investments, pay-offs, restructures, and non-accruals, as applicable. The weighted-average yield on our interest-bearing investments, excluding cash and cash equivalents and receipts recorded as dividend, success fee, and other income, was 13.0% for the three months ended June 30, 2018, compared to 12.6% for the prior year period. The weighted-average yield may vary from period to period, based on the current stated interest rate on interest-bearing investments.

At June 30, 2018, certain of our loans to three portfolio companies, B-Dry, LLC, The Mountain Corporation, and PSI Molded Plastics, Inc., were on non-accrual status, with an aggregate debt cost basis of \$55.1 million. At June 30, 2017, certain of our loans to three portfolio companies, Alloy Die Casting Co., Precision Southeast, Inc., and Tread Corporation, were on non-accrual status, with an aggregate debt cost basis of \$25.2 million.

Dividend, success fee, and other income for the three months ended June 30, 2018 decreased 23.8% from the prior year period. During the three months ended June 30, 2018, dividend, success fee, and other income primarily consisted of \$2.1 million of success fee income and \$0.1 million of dividend income. During the three months ended June 30, 2017, dividend, success fee, and other income primarily consisted of \$2.0 million of success fee income and \$0.9 million of \$2.0 million of success fee income and \$0.9 million of \$2.0 million of success fee income and \$0.9 million of \$2.0 million of success fee income and \$0.9 million of \$2.0 million \$2.0 milli

The following table lists the investment income for our five largest portfolio company investments, at fair value, during the respective periods:

|   | As of June    | e 30, 2018        |                      | nths ended<br>60, 2018<br>% of<br>Total |
|---|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| Portfolio Company                       | Fair<br>Value | % of<br>Portfolio | Investment<br>Income | Investment<br>Income                    |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.        | \$ 54,732     | 8.7%              | \$ 526               | 3.4%                                    |
| Nth Degree, Inc.                        | 44,306        | 7.0               | 451                  | 2.9                                     |
| Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.        | 38,250        | 6.1               | 537                  | 3.5                                     |
| J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LLC             | 36,031        | 5.7               | 713                  | 4.6                                     |
| ImageWorks Display and Marketing Group, |               |                   |                      |   |
| Inc.                                    | 31,410        | 5.0               | 723                  | 4.6                                     |
| Subtotal five largest investments       | 204,729       | 32.5              | 2,950                | 19.0                                    |
| Other portfolio companies               | 424,589       | 67.5              | 12,544               | 81.0                                    |
| Total investment portfolio              | \$ 629,318    | 100.0%            | \$ 15,494            | 100.0%                                  |

|                   |           |               | Three mo   | onths ended |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|-------------|
|                   | As of Jun | June 30, 2017 |            |             |
| Portfolio Company | Fair      | % of          | Investment | % of        |
|                   | Value     | Portfolio     | Income     | Total       |
|                   |           |               |            | Investment  |

|                                   |            |        |           | Income |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.  | \$ 33,233  | 6.8%   | \$ 526    | 3.9%   |
| J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LLC       | 31,305     | 6.4    | 787       | 5.8    |
| Nth Degree, Inc.                  | 29,560     | 6.1    | 421       | 3.1    |
| Counsel Press, Inc.               | 28,434     | 5.8    | 778       | 5.7    |
| Old World Christmas, Inc.         | 26,830     | 5.5    | 528       | 3.9    |
|                                   |            |        |           |        |
| Subtotal five largest investments | 149,362    | 30.6   | 3,040     | 22.4   |
| Other portfolio companies         | 337,408    | 69.4   | 10,578    | 77.6   |
|                                   |            |        |           |        |
| Total investment portfolio        | \$ 486,770 | 100.0% | \$ 13,618 | 100.0% |

#### Expenses

Total expenses, net of any non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits from the Adviser, increased 88.7% during the three months ended June 30, 2018, as compared to the prior year period, primarily as a result of an increase in the capital gains-based incentive fee, interest expense, and the base management fee, partially offset by an increase in non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits from the Adviser.

In accordance with GAAP, we recorded a capital gains-based incentive fee of \$6.5 million during the three months ended June 30, 2018, which is not yet contractually due. There was no capital gains-based incentive fee during the prior year period.

The base management fee increased for the three months ended June 30, 2018, as compared to the prior year period, as average total assets increased over the respective periods as a result of an increase in investments.

The base management fee, loan servicing fee, incentive fee, and their related non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits are computed quarterly, as described under *Transactions with the Adviser* in Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* and are summarized in the following table:

|  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |         | nded |         |
|--|--------------------------------|---------|------|---------|
|  | 2                              | 2018    |      | 2017    |
| Average total assets subject to base management fee <sup>(A)</sup> | \$6                            | 22,200  | \$ 5 | 503,200 |
| Multiplied by prorated annual base management fee of 2.0%          |                                | 0.5%    |      | 0.5%    |
| Base management fee <sup>(B)</sup>                                 |                                | 3,111   |      | 2,516   |
| Credits to fees from Adviser other                                 |                                | (960)   |      | (548)   |
| Net base management fee  | \$                             | 2,151   | \$   | 1,968   |
| Loan servicing fee <sup>(B)</sup>                                  | \$                             | 1,740   | \$   | 1,564   |
| Credits to base management fee loan servicing $fe^{(B)}$           |                                | (1,740) |      | (1,564) |
| Net loan servicing fee   | \$                             |         | \$   |         |
| Incentive fee income-based   | \$                             | 1,078   | \$   | 1,172   |
| Incentive fee capital gains-base(f)                                |                                | 6,508   |      |         |
| Total incentive fee <sup>(B)</sup>                                 |                                | 7,586   |      | 1,172   |
| Credits to fees from Adviser other                                 |                                |         |      |         |
| Net total incentive fee  | \$                             | 7,586   | \$   | 1,172   |

(A) Average total assets subject to the base management fee is defined in the Advisory Agreement as total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings, valued at the end of the applicable quarters within the respective periods and adjusted

appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the periods.

<sup>(B)</sup> Reflected as a line item on our accompanying *Consolidated Statement of Operations*.

<sup>(C)</sup> The capital gains-based incentive fee is not yet contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement. Interest and dividend expense increased 34.0% during the three months ended June 30, 2018, as compared to the prior year period, due to a higher weighted-average balance outstanding on the Credit Facility, partially offset by a lower effective interest rate. The weighted-average balance outstanding on the Credit Facility during the three

months ended June 30, 2018 was \$123.3 million, as compared to \$42.1 million in the prior year period. The effective interest rate on the Credit Facility, excluding the impact of deferred financing costs, during the three months ended June 30, 2018 was 5.4%, as compared to 6.1% in the prior year period.

#### **Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)**

#### Net Realized Gain on Investments

During the three months ended June 30, 2018, we recorded net realized gains on investments of \$14.1 million, primarily related to a \$13.8 million realized gain from the exit of Drew Foam, as compared to net realized gains on investments of \$1.2 million during the prior year period, primarily related to a \$1.0 million realized gain from the exit of Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.

#### Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) of Investments

During the three months ended June 30, 2018, we recorded net unrealized appreciation of investments of \$18.1 million. The realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the three months ended June 30, 2018, were as follows:

|                                  | Three Months Ended June 30, 2018<br>Reversal of |  |  |                       |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------|
| Portfolio Company                | Realized<br>Gain<br>(Loss)                      | Unrealized<br>Appreciation<br>(Depreciation) | Unrealized<br>(Appreciation)<br>Depreciation | Net<br>Gain<br>(Loss) |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc. | \$  | \$ 12,554                                    | \$   | \$12,554              |
| Nth Degree, Inc.                 |   | 4,592  |  | 4,592                 |
| Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc. |   | 3,935  |  | 3,935                 |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation  |   | 3,238  |  | 3,238                 |
| Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc.    |   | 2,327  |  | 2,327                 |
| Schylling, Inc.                  |   | 2,080  |  | 2,080                 |
| Alloy Die Casting Co.            |   | 1,995  |  | 1,995                 |
| Pioneer Square Brands, Inc.      |   | 1,809  |  | 1,809                 |
| Star Seed, Inc.                  |   | 1,650  |  | 1,650                 |
| Counsel Press, Inc.              |   | 1,396  |  | 1,396                 |
| Tread Corporation                |   | 1,215  |  | 1,215                 |
| Jackrabbit, Inc.                 |   | 886  |  | 886                   |
| D.P.M.S., Inc.                   |   | 816  |  | 816                   |
| Logo Sportswear, Inc.            |   | 697  |  | 697                   |
| Old World Christmas, Inc.        |   | 565  |  | 565                   |
| J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LLC      |   | 551  |  | 551                   |
| Funko Acquisition Holdings, LLC  |   | 518  |  | 518                   |
| Behrens Manufacturing, LLC       | 322   |  |  | 322                   |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.      |   | 289  |  | 289                   |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC    |   | (223)  |  | (223)                 |
| Diligent Delivery Systems        |   | (437)  |  | (437)                 |
| B-Dry, LLC                       |   | (837)  |  | (837)                 |
| Drew Foam Companies, Inc.        | 13,786  |  | (14,755)                                     | (969)                 |
| Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.     |   | (1,092)                                      |  | (1,092)               |

| PSI Molded Plastics, Inc.<br>Other, net (<\$250 Net) |           | (3,016)<br>(126) |                | (3,016)<br>(126) |
|--|-----------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Total  | \$ 14,108 | \$<br>32,823     | \$<br>(14,755) | \$ 32,176        |

The primary drivers of net unrealized appreciation of \$18.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018, were increased performance of certain of our portfolio companies and an increase in comparable multiples used to estimate the fair value of certain of our portfolio companies, which were partially offset by the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation upon the exit of our investment in Drew Foam and a decline in performance of certain of our other portfolio companies.

During the three months ended June 30, 2017, we recorded net unrealized appreciation of investments of \$1.5 million. The realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the three months ended June 30, 2017, were as follows:

|                                   | Realized | Three Months Ended June 30, 2017<br>Reversal of<br>ed Unrealized Unrealized Net |                |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---|----------------|----------|
|                                   | Gain     | Appreciation  | (Appreciation) | Gain     |
| Portfolio Company                 | (Loss)   | (Depreciation)  | Depreciation   | (Loss)   |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.  | \$       | \$ 6,187  | \$             | \$ 6,187 |
| Old World Christmas, Inc.         |          | 3,926   |                | 3,926    |
| Nth Degree, Inc.                  |          | 3,799   |                | 3,799    |
| B+T Group Acquisition, Inc.       |          | 3,205   |                | 3,205    |
| Mathey Investments, Inc.          |          |   | 2,658          | 2,658    |
| Precision Southeast, Inc.         |          | 1,627   |                | 1,627    |
| SBS Industries, LLC               |          | 1,466   |                | 1,466    |
| Tread Corporation                 |          | 1,199   |                | 1,199    |
| Logo Sportswear, Inc.             |          | 867   |                | 867      |
| Star Seed, Inc.                   |          | 764   |                | 764      |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc.          |          | 738   |                | 738      |
| J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LLC       |          | 435   |                | 435      |
| Drew Foam Company, Inc.           |          | 370   |                | 370      |
| Diligent Delivery Systems         |          | 314   |                | 314      |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.       |          | (185)   |                | (185)    |
| Schylling, Inc.                   |          | (262)   |                | (262)    |
| D.P.M.S., Inc.                    |          | (304)   |                | (304)    |
| B-Dry, LLC                        |          | (434)   |                | (434)    |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC |          | (711)   |                | (711)    |
| Counsel Press, Inc.               |          | (1,183)   |                | (1,183)  |
| Jackrabbit, Inc.                  |          | (1,258)   |                | (1,258)  |
| Head Country, Inc.                |          | (1,498)   |                | (1,498)  |
| Alloy Die Casting Co.             |          | (1,540)   |                | (1,540)  |
| Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.    | 957      |   | (2,783)        | (1,826)  |
| GI Plastek, Inc.                  |          | (1,851)   |                | (1,851)  |
| Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.      |          | (1,902)   |                | (1,902)  |
| Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc.     |          | (2,207)   |                | (2,207)  |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation   |          | (2,625)   |                | (2,625)  |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC     |          | (3,219)   |                | (3,219)  |
| Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.  |          | (3,747)   |                | (3,747)  |
| Other, net (<\$250 Net)           | 208      | (284)   | (21)           | (97)     |
| Total                             | \$ 1,165 | \$ 1,687  | \$ (146)       | \$ 2,706 |

The primary drivers of net unrealized appreciation of \$1.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017, were increased performance of certain of our portfolio companies and an increase in comparable multiples used to estimate the fair value of certain of our portfolio companies, which were partially offset by a decline in performance of certain of our other portfolio companies.

Across our entire investment portfolio, we recorded \$0.5 million of net unrealized depreciation on our debt positions and \$18.6 million of net unrealized appreciation on our equity positions for the three months ended June 30, 2018. At June 30, 2018, the fair value of our investment portfolio was greater than our cost basis by \$32.4 million, as compared to \$14.3 million at March 31, 2018, representing net unrealized appreciation of \$18.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018.

#### Net Unrealized Depreciation on Other

During the three months ended June 30, 2018, we recorded net unrealized depreciation of other of \$0.1 million related to the Credit Facility recorded at fair value. There was no unrealized appreciation or depreciation on other during the three months ended June 30, 2017.

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

#### **Operating Activities**

Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended June 30, 2018 was \$10.7 million, as compared to \$26.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017. This change was primarily due to an increase in the purchase of investments, partially offset by higher repayments and net proceeds from the sale of investments period over period.

Purchases of investments were \$30.1 million during the three months ended June 30, 2018, compared to \$2.1 million during the three months ended June 30, 2017. Repayments and net proceeds from the sale of investments totaled \$32.1 million during the three months ended June 30, 2018, compared to \$19.5 million during the three months ended June 30, 2018, compared to \$19.5 million during the three months ended June 30, 2017.

As of June 30, 2018, we had equity investments in or loans to 33 portfolio companies with an aggregate cost basis of \$596.9 million. As of June 30, 2017, we had equity investments in or loans to 33 portfolio companies with an aggregate cost basis of \$508.8 million. The following table summarizes our total portfolio investment activity during the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

|  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |           |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|
|  | 2018                           | 2017      |
| Beginning investment portfolio, at fair value          | \$ 599,147                     | \$501,579 |
| New investments  | 29,202                         |           |
| Disbursements to existing portfolio companies          | 850                            | 2,148     |
| Unscheduled principal repayments                       | (14,514)                       | (13,660)  |
| Net proceeds from sales of investments                 | (17,226)                       | (5,797)   |
| Net realized gain on investments                       | 13,786                         | 957       |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments             | 32,823                         | 1,687     |
| Reversal of net unrealized appreciation of investments | (14,755)                       | (146)     |
| Amortization of premiums, discounts, and acquisition   |                                |           |
| costs, net   | 5                              | 2         |
| Ending investment portfolio, at fair value             | \$ 629,318                     | \$486,770 |

The following table summarizes the contractual principal repayment and maturity of our investment portfolio by fiscal year, assuming no voluntary prepayments, as of June 30, 2018:

|  |   | Amount     |
|--|---|------------|
| For the remaining nine months ending March 31: | 2019  | \$ 63,881  |
| For the fiscal years ending March 31:          | 2020  | 102,913    |
|  | 2021  | 60,410     |
|  | 2022  | 80,696     |
|  | 2023  | 86,990     |
|  | Thereafter                                    | 47,618     |
|  |   |            |
|  | Total contractual repayments                  | \$ 442,508 |
|  | Adjustments to cost basis of debt investments | (80)       |
|  | Investments in equity securities              | 154,521    |
|  |   |            |
|  |   |            |

# Total cost basis of investments held as of June 30, 2018:

## **Financing Activities**

Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended June 30, 2018 was \$11.3 million, which consisted primarily of \$4.5 million of net repayments on the Credit Facility and \$8.6 million in distributions to common stockholders, partially offset by \$1.8 million of net proceeds from the issuance of common stock under the ATM program.

Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended June 30, 2017 was \$23.7 million, which consisted primarily of \$35.7 million of net repayments on the Credit Facility and \$8.0 million in distributions to common stockholders, partially offset by \$20.1 million of net proceeds from the issuance of common stock in May 2017, including the partial exercise of the underwriters over-allotment option in June 2017.

## **Distributions and Dividends to Stockholders**

#### **Common Stock Distributions**

To qualify to be taxed as a RIC and thus avoid corporate level federal income tax on the income we distribute to our stockholders, we are required to distribute to our stockholders on an annual basis at least 90% of our taxable ordinary income plus the excess of our net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses (Investment Company Taxable Income). Additionally, the Credit Facility generally restricts the amount of distributions to stockholders that we can pay out to be no greater than the sum of certain amounts, including, but not limited to, our net investment income, plus net capital gains, plus amounts elected by the Company to be considered as having been paid during the prior fiscal year in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code. In accordance with these requirements, our Board of Directors declared, and we paid, monthly cash distributions of \$0.067 per common share for each of the three months from April through June 2018 and a supplemental distribution of \$0.06 per common share for June 2018.

The federal income tax characteristics of distributions paid to our common stockholders is generally reported to stockholders on Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 after the end of the calendar year based on tax information for the full fiscal year. Any characterization made on an interim, quarterly basis may not be representative of the actual tax characterization for the full year.

Amount

\$ 596,949

For the year ended March 31, 2018, distributions to common stockholders totaled \$28.9 million and were less than our taxable income for the same year, after also taking into account spillover amounts under Section 855(a) of the Code with respect to the prior year. At March 31, 2018, we elected to treat \$8.4 million of the first

distributions paid after fiscal year-end as having been paid in the prior fiscal year, in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code. In addition, for the year ended March 31, 2018, we recorded \$1.6 million of net estimated adjustments for permanent book-tax differences to reflect tax character, which decreased Capital in excess of par value and Accumulated net realized gain in excess of distributions and increased Net investment income in excess of distributions on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities*. For the three months ended June 30, 2018, we recorded \$0.7 million of net estimated adjustments for permanent book-tax differences to reflect tax character, which decreased Capital in excess of distributions and increased Net realized gain in excess of distributions and increased Net realized gain in excess of distributions and increased Net realized gain in excess of distributions and increased Net realized gain in excess of distributions and increased Net realized gain in excess of distributions and increased Net realized gain in excess of distributions and increased Net realized gain in excess of distributions and increased Capital in excess of par value and Accumulated net realized gain in excess of distributions and increased Overdistributed net investment income on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities*.

## **Preferred Stock Dividends**

Our Board of Directors declared and we paid monthly cash dividends of (i) \$0.140625 per share to holders of our Series B Term Preferred Stock, (ii) \$0.135417 per share to holders of our Series C Term Preferred Stock, and (iii) \$0.13020833 per share to holders of our Series D Term Preferred Stock for each of the three months from April through June 2018. In accordance with GAAP, we treat these monthly dividends as an operating expense. The federal income tax characteristics of dividends paid to our preferred stockholders generally constitute ordinary income or capital gains to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits and is reported after the end of the calendar year based on tax information for the full fiscal year. Such a characterization made on an interim, quarterly basis may not be representative of the actual tax characterization for the full year.

## Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Our common stockholders who hold their shares through our transfer agent, Computershare, Inc. ( Computershare ), have the option to participate in a dividend reinvestment plan offered by Computershare, as the plan agent. This is an

opt in dividend reinvestment plan, meaning that common stockholders may elect to have their cash distributions automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock. Common stockholders who do not make such election will receive their distributions in cash. Common stockholders who receive distributions in the form of stock will be subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as stockholders who elect to receive their distributions in cash. The common stockholder will have an adjusted basis in the additional common shares purchased through the plan equal to the amount of the reinvested distribution. The additional shares will have a new holding period commencing on the day following the date on which the shares are credited to the common stockholder s account. Computershare purchases shares in the open market in connection with the obligations under the plan. The Computershare dividend reinvestment plan is not open to holders of our preferred stock.

# <u>Equity</u>

## **Registration Statement**

On June 5, 2018, we filed a registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-225447), which the SEC declared effective on July 13, 2018. The registration statement permits us to issue, through one or more transactions, up to an aggregate of \$300.0 million in securities, consisting of common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights, debt securities, and warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock, or debt securities, including through concurrent, separate offerings of such securities. As of July 31, 2018, we had the ability to issue up to \$300.0 million in securities under the registration statement.

# Common Stock

In February 2018, we entered into equity distribution agreements with Sales Agents, under which we have the ability to issue and sell shares of our common stock, from time to time, through the Sales Agents, up to an aggregate offering

price of \$35.0 million. Pursuant to our prior registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204996), during the three months ended June 30, 2018, we sold 168,824 shares of our common

stock under the ATM program with Cantor at a weighted-average gross price of \$11.09 per share and raised approximately \$1.9 million of gross proceeds. The weighted-average net price per share, after deducting commissions and offering costs borne by us, was \$10.87 and resulted in total net proceeds of approximately \$1.8 million. Certain of these sales were below our then-current estimated NAV per share during the sales period, with a discount of \$0.002 per share, when comparing the sales price per share, after deducting commissions, to the then-current estimated NAV per share; however, the net dilutive effect (after commissions and offering costs borne by us) of these sales was \$0.00 per common share as a result of the small number of shares sold at a slight discount to NAV per share and resulting rounding. In aggregate, the sales during the three months ended June 30, 2018 were above our then-current estimated NAV per share. As of July 31, 2018, we had remaining capacity to sell up to \$31.8 million of common stock under the ATM program.

Pursuant to our prior registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204996), in March 2018, we sold 127,412 shares of our common stock under the ATM program with Cantor at a weighted-average gross price of \$10.45 per share and raised approximately \$1.3 million of gross proceeds. The weighted-average net price per share, after deducting commissions and offering costs borne by us, was \$10.24 and resulted in total net proceeds of approximately \$1.3 million. These sales were below our then-current estimated NAV per share during the sales period, with such discounts ranging from \$0.01 per share to \$0.07 per share, when comparing the sales price per share, after deducting commissions, to the then-current estimated NAV per share; however, the net dilutive effect (after commissions and offering costs borne by us) of these sales was \$0.00 per common share as a result of the small number of shares sold at a slight discount to NAV per share and resulting rounding.

Also pursuant to our prior registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204996), in May 2017, we completed a public offering of 2.1 million shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$9.38 per share, which was below our then-current NAV of \$9.95 per share. Gross proceeds totaled \$19.7 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering costs borne by us, were \$18.7 million, which were used to repay borrowings under the Credit Facility and for other general corporate purposes. In June 2017, the underwriters partially exercised their over-allotment option and purchased an additional 155,265 shares at the public offering price of \$9.38 per share and on the same terms and conditions solely to cover over-allotments, which resulted in gross proceeds of \$1.5 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering costs borne by us, of \$1.4 million.

We anticipate issuing equity securities to obtain additional capital in the future. However, we cannot determine the timing or terms of any future equity issuances or whether we will be able to issue equity on terms favorable to us, or at all. When our common stock is trading at a price below NAV per share, the 1940 Act places regulatory constraints on our ability to obtain additional capital by issuing common stock. Generally, the 1940 Act provides that we may not issue and sell our common stock at a price below our NAV per common share, other than to our then-existing common stockholders pursuant to a rights offering, without first obtaining approval from our stockholders and our independent directors and meeting other stated requirements. On July 31, 2018, the closing market price of our common stock was \$11.30 per share, representing a 2.3% discount to our NAV per share of \$11.57 as of June 30, 2018. At our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on August 24, 2017, our stockholders approved a proposal authorizing us to issue and sell shares of our common stock at a price below our that our Board of Directors makes certain determinations prior to any such sale. At our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on August 2, 2018, our stockholders held on August 2, 2018, our stockholders were a similar proposal, which is effective for one year from such date of approval.

## Term Preferred Stock

Pursuant to an earlier registration statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-181879), in November 2014, we completed a public offering of 1,656,000 shares of our Series B Term Preferred Stock at a public offering price of \$25.00 per share. Gross proceeds totaled \$41.4 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting

discounts and offering costs borne by us, were \$39.7 million. Total underwriting discounts and offering costs related to this offering were \$1.7 million, which have been recorded as discounts to the liquidation value on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* and are being amortized over the period ending December 31, 2021, the mandatory redemption date.

Our Series B Term Preferred Stock is not convertible into our common stock or any other security. Our Series B Term Preferred Stock provides for a fixed dividend equal to 6.75% per year, payable monthly (which equates to \$2.8 million per year). We are required to redeem all shares of our outstanding Series B Term Preferred Stock on December 31, 2021, for cash at a redemption price equal to \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption. In addition, two other potential mandatory redemption triggers are as follows: (1) upon the occurrence of certain events that would constitute a change in control of us, we would be required to redeem all of our outstanding Series B Term Preferred Stock, and (2) if we fail to maintain asset coverage of at least 200%, we are required to redeem a portion of our outstanding Series B Term Preferred Stock or otherwise cure the asset coverage redemption trigger (and we may also redeem additional securities to cause the asset coverage to be 215%). We may also voluntarily redeem all or a portion of our Series B Term Preferred Stock at our sole option at the redemption price at any time.

Also, pursuant to an earlier registration statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-181879), in May 2015, we completed a public offering of 1,610,000 shares of our Series C Term Preferred Stock at a public offering price of \$25.00 per share. Gross proceeds totaled \$40.3 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering costs borne by us, were \$38.6 million. Total underwriting discounts and offering costs related to this offering were \$1.6 million, which have been recorded as discounts to the liquidation value on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* and are being amortized over the period ending May 31, 2022, the mandatory redemption date.

Our Series C Term Preferred Stock is not convertible into our common stock or any other security. Our Series C Term Preferred Stock provides for a fixed dividend equal to 6.50% per year, payable monthly (which equates to \$2.6 million per year). We are required to redeem all shares of our outstanding Series C Term Preferred Stock on May 31, 2022, for cash at a redemption price equal to \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption. In addition, two other potential mandatory redemption triggers are as follows: (1) upon the occurrence of certain events that would constitute a change in control of us, we would be required to redeem all of our outstanding Series C Term Preferred Stock, and (2) if we fail to maintain asset coverage of at least 200%, we are required to redeem a portion of our outstanding Series C Term Preferred Stock or otherwise cure the asset coverage redemption trigger (and we may also redeem additional securities to cause the asset coverage to be 215%). We may also voluntarily redeem all or a portion of our Series C Term Preferred Stock at our sole option at the redemption price at any time.

Pursuant to our prior registration statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-204996), in September 2016, we completed a public offering of 2,300,000 shares of our Series D Term Preferred Stock at a public offering price of \$25.00 per share. Gross proceeds totaled \$57.5 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering costs borne by us, were \$55.4 million. Total underwriting discounts and offering costs related to this offering were \$2.1 million, which have been recorded as discounts to the liquidation value on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* and are being amortized over the period ending September 30, 2023, the mandatory redemption date.

Our Series D Term Preferred Stock is not convertible into our common stock or any other security. Our Series D Term Preferred Stock provides for a fixed dividend equal to 6.25% per year, payable monthly (which equates to \$3.6 million per year). We are required to redeem all shares of our outstanding Series D Term Preferred Stock on September 30, 2023, for cash at a redemption price equal to \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption. In addition, two other potential mandatory redemption

triggers are as follows: (1) upon the occurrence of certain events that would

constitute a change in control of us, we would be required to redeem all of our outstanding Series D Term Preferred Stock, and (2) if we fail to maintain asset coverage of at least 200% and are unable to correct such failure within a specific amount of time, we are required to redeem a portion of our outstanding Series D Term Preferred Stock or otherwise cure the asset coverage redemption trigger (and we may also redeem additional securities to cause the asset coverage to be 240%). We may also voluntarily redeem all or a portion of our Series D Term Preferred Stock at our sole option at the redemption price at any time on or after September 30, 2018.

Each series of our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock has a preference over our common stock with respect to dividends, whereby no distributions are payable on our common stock unless the stated dividends, including any accrued and unpaid dividends, on the mandatorily redeemable preferred stock have been paid in full. The Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series D Term Preferred Stock are considered liabilities in accordance with GAAP and, as such, affect our asset coverage, exposing us to additional leverage risks. The asset coverage on our senior securities that are stock (our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series D Term Preferred Stock) as of June 30, 2018 was 250.2%, calculated pursuant to Sections 18 and 61 of the 1940 Act. See *Prospectus Supplement Summary Recent Developments* of this prospectus supplement for a discussion of our recent capital raising activities completed subsequent to the quarter ended June 30, 2018.

# **Revolving Line of Credit**

On November 16, 2016, we, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Business Investment, entered into Amendment No. 2 to the Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, originally entered into on April 30, 2013 and as previously amended on June 26, 2014, with KeyBank, as administrative agent, lead arranger, managing agent and lender, the Adviser, as servicer, and certain other lenders party thereto. The revolving period was extended to November 15, 2019, and if not renewed or extended by such date, all principal and interest will be due and payable on or before November 15, 2021 (two years after the revolving period end date). The amended Credit Facility provides a one-year extension option that may be exercised on or before the second anniversary of the November 16, 2016 amendment date, subject to approval by all lenders. Additionally, the Credit Facility commitment amount was changed from \$185.0 million to \$165.0 million and, subject to certain terms and conditions, can be expanded to a total facility amount of \$250.0 million through additional commitments of existing or new lenders. Advances under the Credit Facility generally bear interest at 30-day LIBOR plus 3.15% per annum until November 15, 2019, with the margin then increasing to 3.40% for the period from November 15, 2019 to November 15, 2020, and increasing further to 3.65% thereafter. The Credit Facility has an unused commitment fee of 0.50% per annum on the portion of the total unused commitment amount that is less than or equal to 45.0% of the total commitment amount and 0.80% per annum on the total unused commitment amount that is greater than 45.0%. We incurred fees of approximately \$1.4 million in connection with this amendment.

On January 20, 2017, we entered into Amendment No. 3 to the Credit Facility, which clarified a definition in the Company s performance guaranty under the Credit Facility. See *Prospectus Supplement Summary Recent Developments* of this prospectus supplement for a discussion of the latest amendment to the Credit Facility entered into subsequent to the quarter ended June 30, 2018.

Interest is payable monthly during the term of the Credit Facility. Available borrowings are subject to various constraints and applicable advance rates, which are generally based on the size, characteristics, and quality of the collateral pledged by Business Investment. The Credit Facility also requires that any interest and principal payments on pledged loans be remitted directly by the borrower into a lockbox account with KeyBank. KeyBank is also the trustee of the account and generally remits the collected funds to us once a month.

Among other things, the Credit Facility contains covenants that require Business Investment to maintain its status as a separate legal entity, prohibit certain significant corporate transactions (such as mergers, consolidations, liquidations or dissolutions) and restrict certain material changes to our credit and collection policies without the

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lenders consent. The Credit Facility also generally seeks to restrict distributions to stockholders to the sum of (i) our net investment income, (ii) net capital gains, and (iii) amounts deemed by the Company to be considered as having been paid during the prior fiscal year in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code. Loans eligible to be pledged as collateral are subject to certain limitations, including, among other things, restrictions on geographic concentrations, industry concentrations, loan size, payment frequency and status, average life, portfolio company leverage, and lien property. The Credit Facility also requires Business Investment to comply with other financial and operational covenants, which obligate Business Investment to, among other things, maintain certain financial ratios, including asset and interest coverage and a minimum number of obligors required in the borrowing base. Additionally, the Credit Facility contains a performance guaranty that requires the Company to maintain (i) a minimum net worth (defined in the Credit Facility to include our mandatory redeemable term preferred stock) of the greater of \$210.0 million or \$210.0 million plus 50% of all equity and subordinated debt raised minus 50% of any equity or subordinated debt redeemed or retired after November 16, 2016, which equated to \$222.2 million as of June 30, 2018, (ii) asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness of at least 200% (or such higher percentage as may be set forth in Section 61 of the 1940 Act), and (iii) our status as a BDC under the 1940 Act and as a RIC under the Code. As of June 30, 2018, and as defined in the performance guaranty of the Credit Facility, we had a net worth of \$514.7 million, asset coverage on our senior securities representing indebtedness of 566.8%, calculated in compliance with the requirements of Sections 18 and 61 of the 1940 Act, and an active status as a BDC and RIC. As of June 30, 2018, we had availability, after adjustments for various constraints based on collateral quality, of \$59.5 million under the Credit Facility and were in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Facility. As of July 31, 2018, we had availability, before adjustments for various constraints based on collateral quality, of \$62.0 million under the Credit Facility.

# **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

Unlike PIK income, we generally do not recognize success fees as income until payment has been received. Due to the contingent nature of success fees, there are no guarantees that we will be able to collect any or all of these success fees or know the timing of any such collections. As a result, as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, we had unrecognized, contractual off-balance sheet success fee receivables of \$29.3 million and \$28.3 million (or approximately \$0.89 and \$0.87 per common share), respectively, on our debt investments. Consistent with GAAP, we generally have not recognized success fee receivables and related income in our *Consolidated Financial Statements* until earned.

# **CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

We have line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments to certain of our portfolio companies that have not been fully drawn. Since these line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments have expiration dates and we expect many will never be fully drawn, the total line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. We estimate the fair value of the combined unused line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments as of June 30, 2018 to be immaterial.

We have also extended a guaranty on behalf of one of our portfolio companies, whereby we have guaranteed \$2.0 million of obligations of Country Club Enterprises, LLC. The guaranty expires in February 2019, unless renewed. As of June 30, 2018, we have not been required to make payments on this or any previous guaranties, and we consider the credit risks to be remote and the fair value of this guaranty to be immaterial.

The following table shows our contractual obligations as of June 30, 2018, at cost:

|   | Payments Due by Period |           |           |            |           |
|---|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
|   |                        | Less than |           |            | More than |
| Contractual Obligations <sup>(A)</sup>          | Total                  | 1 Year    | 1-3 Years | 3-5 Years  | 5 Years   |
| Credit Facility <sup>(B)</sup>                  | \$102,500              | \$        | \$        | \$ 102,500 | \$        |
| Mandatorily redeemable preferred stock          | 139,150                |           |           | 81,650     | 57,500    |
| Secured borrowing                               | 5,096                  |           | 5,096     |            |           |
| Interest payments on obligations <sup>(C)</sup> | 59,287                 | 15,129    | 30,098    | 13,162     | 898       |
|   |                        |           |           |            |           |
| Total   | \$ 306,033             | \$ 15,129 | \$ 35,194 | \$ 197,312 | \$ 58,398 |

- <sup>(A)</sup> Excludes unused line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments and guaranties to our portfolio companies in the aggregate principal amount of \$6.2 million.
- <sup>(B)</sup> Principal balance of borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility, based on the maturity date following the current contractual revolving period end date.
- (C) Includes interest payments due on the Credit Facility and secured borrowing and dividend obligations on each series of our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock. The amount of interest expense calculated for purposes of this table was based upon rates and outstanding balances as of June 30, 2018. Dividend obligations on our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock assume quarterly declarations and monthly dividend payments through the respective mandatory redemption dates of each series.

# **Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported consolidated amounts of assets and liabilities, including disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the period reported. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We have identified our investment valuation policy (which has been approved by our Board of Directors) as our most critical accounting policy, which is described in Note 2 *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement. Additionally, refer to Note 3 *Investments* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement for additional information regarding fair value measurements and our application of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. We have also identified our revenue recognition policy as a critical accounting policy, which is described in Note 2 *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included *Elsewhere in the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* and our application of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Policies in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement for additional information regarding fair value measurements and our application of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Policies in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

# Investment Valuation

# Credit Monitoring and Risk Rating

The Adviser monitors a wide variety of key credit statistics that provide information regarding our portfolio companies to help us assess credit quality and portfolio performance and, in some instances, are used as inputs in our valuation techniques. Generally, we, through the Adviser, participate in periodic board meetings of our portfolio companies in which we hold board seats and also require them to provide annual audited and monthly unaudited

financial statements. Using these statements or comparable information and board discussions, the Adviser calculates and evaluates certain credit statistics.

The Adviser risk rates all of our investments in debt securities. The Adviser does not risk rate equity securities. For loans that have been rated by an SEC-registered Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO), the Adviser generally uses the average of two corporate level NRSRO s risk ratings for such security. For all other debt securities, the Adviser uses a proprietary risk rating system. While the Adviser seeks

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to mirror the NRSRO systems, we cannot provide any assurance that the Adviser s risk rating system will provide the same risk rating as an NRSRO for these securities. The Adviser s risk rating system is used to estimate the probability of default on debt securities and the expected loss, if there is a default. The Adviser s risk rating system uses a scale of 0 to >10, with >10 being the lowest probability of default. It is the Adviser s understanding that most debt securities of Lower Middle Market companies do not exceed the grade of BBB on an NRSRO scale, so there would be no debt securities in the Lower Middle Market that would meet the definition of AAA, AA or A. Therefore, the Adviser s scale begins with the designation >10 as the best risk rating which may be equivalent to a BBB from an NRSRO; however, no assurance can be given that a >10 on the Adviser s scale is equal to a BBB or Baa2 on an NRSRO scale. The Adviser s risk rating system covers both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the business and the securities we hold.

The following table reflects risk ratings for all loans in our portfolio as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018:

|                  | June 30, | March 31, |
|------------------|----------|-----------|
| Rating           | 2018     | 2018      |
| Highest          | 9.0      | 10.0      |
| Average          | 6.9      | 6.4       |
| Weighted-Average | 7.2      | 6.5       |
| Lowest           | 3.0      | 4.0       |

#### Tax Status

We intend to continue to maintain our qualification as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code for federal income tax purposes. As a RIC, we generally are not subject to federal income tax on the portion of our taxable income and gains distributed to our stockholders. To maintain our qualification as a RIC, we must maintain our status as a BDC and meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements. In addition, in order to qualify to be taxed as a RIC, we must distribute to stockholders at least 90% of our Investment Company Taxable Income. Our policy generally is to make distributions to our stockholders in an amount up to 100% of our Investment Company Taxable Income. We may retain some or all of our net long-term capital gains, if any, retain and designate them as deemed distributions, or distribute such gains to stockholders in cash.

In an effort to limit federal excise taxes imposed on RICs, a RIC has to distribute to stockholders, during each calendar year, an amount close to the sum of: (1) 98% of our ordinary income for the calendar year, (2) 98.2% of our capital gains in excess of capital losses for the one-year period ending on October 31 of the calendar year, and (3) any ordinary income and capital gains in excess of capital losses from preceding years that were not distributed during such years. Under the RIC Modernization Act, we are permitted to carryforward any capital losses that we may incur for an unlimited period, and such capital loss carryforwards will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses. Our capital loss carryforward balance was \$0 as of both June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Refer to Note 2 *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement for a description of recent accounting pronouncements.

#### SALES OF COMMON STOCK BELOW NET ASSET VALUE

At our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, our stockholders approved our ability to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock at a price below the then-current NAV per common share (such approval, the Stockholder Approval ), during a period beginning on August 9, 2018 and expiring on the first anniversary of such date. We intend to seek a similar approval at our 2019 annual meeting of stockholders in August 2019. To sell shares of common stock pursuant to this authorization, no further authorization from our stockholders will be solicited but a majority of our directors who have no financial interest in the sale and a majority of our independent directors must (i) find that the sale is in our best interests and in the best interests of our stockholders and (ii) in consultation with any underwriter or underwriters of the offering, make a good faith determination as of a time either immediately prior to the first solicitation by us or on our behalf of firm commitments to purchase such shares of common stock, or immediately prior to the issuance of such common stock, that the price at which such shares of common stock are to be sold is not less than a price which closely approximates the market value of those shares of common stock, less any distributing commission or discount. Further, the total number of shares issued and sold pursuant to such Stockholder Approval may not exceed 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such sale, aggregated over a period of one year from the date of such Stockholder Approval. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Business Capital Raising Efforts for details on prior stockholder approval for the issuance and sale of shares of our common stock at a price below NAV per share.

Any offering of common stock below its NAV per share will be designed to raise capital for investment in accordance with our investment objectives. In making a determination that an offering of common stock below its NAV per share is in our and our stockholders best interests, our Board of Directors will consider a variety of factors including:

the effect that an offering below NAV per common share would have on our common stockholders, including the potential dilution they would experience as a result of the offering;

the amount per common share by which the offering price per share and the net proceeds per share are less than our most recently determined NAV per common share;

the relationship of recent market prices of common stock to NAV per share and the potential impact of the offering on the market price per share of our common stock;

whether the estimated offering price would closely approximate the market value of shares of our common stock;

the potential market impact of being able to raise capital during financial market difficulties;

the nature of any new investors anticipated to acquire shares of our common stock in the offering;

the anticipated rate of return on and quality, type and availability of investments; and

the leverage available to us.

Our Board of Directors will also consider the fact that sales of shares of common stock at a discount will benefit the Adviser as the Adviser will earn additional investment management fees on the proceeds of such offerings, as it would from the offering of any other of our securities or from the offering of common stock at a premium to NAV per share. For additional information related to the sale of our common stock below NAV see also *Sales of Common Stock Below Net Asset Value* in the accompanying prospectus.

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# PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We previously entered into the Sales Agreements with the Sales Agents on February 22, 2018, pursuant to which we may issue and sell shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, from time to time through the Sales Agents that have an aggregate offering price of up to \$35.0 million. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we have sold 296,236 shares of common stock and have \$31.8 million remaining availability under the Sales Agreements.

Upon delivery of a placement notice and subject to the terms and conditions of the Sales Agreement, the Sales Agents will use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its sales and trading practices to sell by any method permitted by law deemed to be part of an at the market offering as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) promulgated under the Securities Act, by means of ordinary brokers transactions that qualify for delivery of a prospectus to Nasdaq in accordance with Rule 153 under the Securities Act or such other sales as may be agreed by us and the Sales Agents, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. We will instruct the Sales Agents as to the amount of common stock to be sold; provided, however, that, subject to the terms of the Sales Agent on any single given day, but in no event by more than one Sales Agent. We may instruct the Sales Agents not to sell common stock if the sales cannot be effected at or above the price designated by us in any instruction. We or the Sales Agents may suspend the offering of shares of common stock upon proper notice and subject to other conditions.

The Sales Agents will provide written confirmation of a sale to us no later than the opening of the trading day on Nasdaq following each trading day in which shares of our common stock are sold under the Sales Agreements. Each confirmation will include the number of shares of common stock sold on the preceding day, the net proceeds to us and the compensation payable by us to the Sales Agents in connection with the sales.

The Sales Agents will receive from us a commission to be negotiated from time to time but in no event in excess of 2.0% of the gross sales price of all shares of common stock sold through it as sales agent under the Sales Agreements. We estimate that the total expenses for the offering, excluding compensation payable to the Sales Agents under the terms of the Sales Agreements, will be approximately \$0.2 million, which includes our legal, accounting and printing costs and various other fees associated with the offering, assuming all \$35.0 million shares of common stock are sold pursuant to this prospectus supplement.

Settlement for sales of shares of common stock will occur on the second trading day following the date on which such sales are made, or on some other date that is agreed upon by the Company and the Sales Agents in connection with a particular transaction, in each case in accordance with applicable rules and regulations, in return for payment of the net proceeds to the Company. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in an escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

In connection with the sale of the common stock on our behalf, the Sales Agents will be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, and the compensation of the Sales Agents will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to the Sales Agents against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act and the 1940 Act.

The offering of our shares of common stock pursuant to the Sales Agreements will terminate upon the earlier of (i) the sale of all common stock subject to the Sales Agreements, (ii) the termination of the Sales Agreements by us or the Sales Agreements in accordance with their terms or (iii) the date six years from the date of the Sales Agreements. The Sales Agreements may be terminated by us in our sole discretion under the circumstances specified in the Sales Agreements by giving five days notice to the Sales Agreement by giving five days notice to the Sales Agreement by giving five days notice to us.

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The Sales Agents and their affiliates may in the future provide various investment banking, commercial banking and other financial services for us and our affiliates, for which services they may in the future receive customary fees. In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the Sales Agents and its affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers.

The principal business address of each of our Sales Agents are as follows: Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. is 499 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022; Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. is 277 Park Avenue, 26<sup>th</sup> floor, New York, NY 10172; and Wedbush Securities Inc. is 1000 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

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#### CUSTODIAN, TRANSFER AGENT, DIVIDEND DISBURSING AGENT AND PAYING AGENT

The custodian of our assets is The Bank of New York Mellon Corp. The custodian s address is: 500 Ross Street, Suite 935, Pittsburgh, PA 15262. Our assets are held under bank custodianship in compliance with the 1940 Act. Securities held through our wholly owned subsidiary, Gladstone Business Investment, are held under a custodian agreement with The Bank of New York Mellon Corp., which acts as collateral custodian pursuant to the Credit Facility. The address of the collateral custodian is 500 Ross Street, Suite 935, Pittsburgh, PA 15262. Computershare, Inc. acts as our transfer and dividend paying agent and registrar. The principal business address of Computershare Inc. is 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021, telephone number 781-575-2000. Computershare also maintains an internet website at *www.computershare.com*.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters including, Delaware law and the validity of the common stock to be issued in connection with this offering, will be passed upon for us by Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Nashville, Tennessee. The Sales Agents are being represented in connection with this offering by Cooley LLP, New York, New York.

#### EXPERTS

The financial statements as of March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2017 and for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2018 and management s assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management s Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) as of March 31, 2018, included in the accompanying prospectus have been so included in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), and are required to file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. These documents may be inspected and copied for a fee at the SEC s public reference room, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information about the operation of the public reference facilities by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding registrants, including us, that file such information electronically with the SEC. The address of the SEC s website is *www.sec.gov*. You may also obtain copies of such material from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates.

You may request a free copy of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, our annual reports to stockholders, when available, and other information about us, and make stockholder inquiries by calling (866) 366-5745 or by writing to us at 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100, McLean, Virginia 22102, or from our website (*www.GladstoneInvestment.com*). The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, our website is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. We make available free of charge on our website our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and all amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. We also furnish to our stockholders annual reports, which include annual financial information that has been examined and reported on, with an opinion expressed, by our independent registered public accounting firm.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not contain all of the information in our registration statement, including amendments, exhibits and schedules. Statements in this prospectus supplement

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and in the accompanying prospectus about the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of the contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by this reference.

Additional information about the Company may be found in our registration statement on Form N-2 (including the related amendments, exhibits and schedules thereto) filed with the SEC. The SEC maintains a web site (*www.sec.gov*) that contains our registration statement, other documents incorporated by reference in the registration statement and other information that we have filed electronically with the SEC, including proxy statements and reports filed under the Exchange Act.

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### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

# (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

|  | June 30,<br>2018 | March 31,<br>2018                   |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ASSETS   |                  |                                     |
| Investments at fair value  |                  |                                     |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments (Cost of <b>\$234,640</b> and \$220,087, respectively) | \$ 258,109       | \$ 247,297                          |
| Affiliate investments (Cost of <b>\$340,797</b> and \$343,247, respectively)                 | 355,514          | 339,393                             |
| Control investments (Cost of <b>\$21,512</b> and \$21,512 respectively)                      | 15,695           | 12,457                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 2,080            | 3,639                               |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents   | 1,234            | 328                                 |
| Interest receivable  | 3,134            | 3,532                               |
| Due from administrative agent  | 1,740            | 2,324                               |
| Deferred financing costs, net  | 879              | 976                                 |
| Other assets, net  | 653              | 953                                 |
| TOTAL ASSETS   | \$ 639,038       | \$ 610,899                          |
| LIABILITIES  |                  |                                     |
| Borrowings:  |                  |                                     |
| Line of credit at fair value (Cost of <b>\$102,500</b> and \$107,000, respectively)          | \$102,907        | \$ 107,500                          |
| Secured borrowing  | 5,096            | 5,096                               |
| Total borrowings   | 108,003          | 112,596                             |
| Mandatorily redeemable preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, \$25 liquidation preference;      | ,                |                                     |
| 6,356,000 shares authorized; 5,566,000 shares issued and outstanding, net                    | 135,811          | 135,615                             |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses  | 832              | 916                                 |
| Fees due to Adviser <sup>(A)</sup>   | 12,786           | 6,671                               |
| Fee due to Administrator <sup>(A)</sup>  | 285              | 317                                 |
| Other liabilities  | 1,513            | 584                                 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES  | \$ 259,230       | \$ 256,699                          |
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| Commitments and contingencies <sup>(B)</sup>   |                  |                                     |
| NET ASSETS   | \$ 379,808       | \$ 354,200                          |
|  | , ,              | ,,                                  |
| ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS   |                  |                                     |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 32,822,459         |                  |                                     |
| and 32,653,635 shares issued and outstanding, respectively                                   | \$ 33            | \$ 33                               |
| Capital in excess of par value   | 332,301          | 330,661                             |
| Cumulative net unrealized appreciation of investments  | 32,369           | 14,301                              |
| Cumulative net unrealized appreciation of other  | (407)            | (500)                               |

| (Overdistributed) underdistributed net investment income | (2,509)    | 3,660      |
|--|------------|------------|
| Accumulated net realized gain in excess of distributions | 18,021     | 6,045      |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS   | \$ 379,808 | \$ 354,200 |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AT END OF PERIOD               | \$ 11.57   | \$ 10.85   |

<sup>(A)</sup> Refer to Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information.

(B) Refer to Note 10 Commitments and Contingencies in the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

# (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

|   | Three Mor<br>June |          |
|---|-------------------|----------|
|   | 2018              | 2017     |
| INVESTMENT INCOME   |                   |          |
| Interest income   |                   |          |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments   | \$ 6,266          | \$ 4,466 |
| Affiliate investments   | 6,829             | 6,072    |
| Control investments   | 209               | 206      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 10                | 2        |
| Total interest income   | 13,314            | 10,746   |
| Dividend income   |                   |          |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments   | 66                |          |
| Affiliate investments   |                   | 865      |
| Total dividend income   | 66                | 865      |
| Success fee income  |                   |          |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments   | 124               | 2,009    |
| Control investments   | 2,000             |          |
| Total success fee income  | 2,124             | 2,009    |
| Total investment income   | 15,504            | 13,620   |
| EXPENSES  |                   |          |
| Base management fee <sup>(A)</sup>  | 3,111             | 2,516    |
| Loan servicing fee <sup>(A)</sup>   | 1,740             | 1,564    |
| Incentive fee <sup>(A)</sup>  | 7,586             | 1,172    |
| Administration fee <sup>(A)</sup>   | 285               | 307      |
| Interest expense on borrowings  | 1,742             | 729      |
| Dividends on mandatorily redeemable preferred stock   | 2,251             | 2,251    |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs and discounts  | 367               | 367      |
| Professional fees   | 411               | 319      |
| Other general and administrative expenses   | 653               | 1,072    |
| Expenses before credits from Adviser  | 18,146            | 10,297   |
| Credits to have management for loop convising $f(A)$  | (1.740)           | (1 564)  |
| Credits to base management fee loan servicing fe <sup>(A)</sup><br>Credits to fees from Adviser othe <sup>(A)</sup> | (1,740)<br>(960)  | (1,564)  |
| Creans to rees from Adviser other   | (900)             | (548)    |

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| Total expenses, net of credits to fees                                 | 15,446        | 8,185    |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME  | <b>\$ 58</b>  | \$ 5,435 |
| REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)                                    |               |          |
| Net realized gain (loss):<br>Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments     | 13,786        | 941      |
| Affiliate investments  | 322           | 224      |
| Total net realized gain<br>Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation): | 14,108        | 1,165    |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments                                  | (3,741)       | 1,831    |
| Affiliate investments  | 18,571        | 2,335    |
| Control investments  | 3,238         | (2,625)  |
| Other  | 93            |          |
| Total net unrealized appreciation                                      | 18,161        | 1,541    |
| Net realized and unrealized gain                                       | 32,269        | 2,706    |
| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS                   | \$ 32,327     | \$ 8,141 |

 (A) Refer to Note 4 Related Party Transactions in the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information. THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

# (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

# (UNAUDITED)

|  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |    |               |
|--|--------------------------------|----|---------------|
|  | 2018                           | 2  | 017           |
| BASIC AND DILUTED PER COMMON SHARE:  |                                |    |               |
| Net investment income  | \$                             | \$ | 0.17          |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations   | \$<br>0.99                     | \$ | 0.26          |
| Distributions  | \$<br>0.26                     | \$ | 0.25          |
| WEIGHTED-AVERAGE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK<br>OUTSTANDING:  |                                |    |               |
| Basic and diluted<br><i>THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE</i><br><i>STATEMENTS.</i> | , <b>762,848</b><br>LIDATED F  |    | 474,284<br>AL |

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

# (IN THOUSANDS)

# (UNAUDITED)

|   | Th | ree Months l<br>2018 | Endec | l June 30,<br>2017 |
|---|----|----------------------|-------|--------------------|
| OPERATIONS  |    |                      |       |                    |
| Net investment income   | \$ | 58                   | \$    | 5,435              |
| Net realized gain on investments  |    | 14,108               |       | 1,165              |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments                              |    | 18,068               |       | 1,541              |
| Net unrealized depreciation of other                                    |    | 93                   |       |                    |
| Net increase in net assets from operations                              |    | 32,327               |       | 8,141              |
| DISTRIBUTIONS   |    |                      |       |                    |
| Distributions to common stockholders from net investment income         |    | (6,914)              |       | (6,091)            |
| Distributions to common stockholders from realized gains                |    | (1,641)              |       | (1,951)            |
| Net decrease in net assets from distributions                           |    | (8,555)              |       | (8,042)            |
| CAPITAL ACTIVITY  |    |                      |       |                    |
| Issuance of common stock  |    | 1,873                |       | 21,154             |
| Discounts, commissions, and offering costs for issuance of common stock |    | (37)                 |       | (1,100)            |
| Net increase in net assets from capital activity                        |    | 1,836                |       | 20,054             |
| TOTAL INCREASE IN NET ASSETS  |    | 25,608               |       | 20,153             |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD   |    | 354,200              |       | 301,082            |
| NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD   | \$ | 379,808              | \$    | 321,235            |

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

# (IN THOUSANDS)

|  | Three Month<br>2018 | s Ended June 30,<br>2017 |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES   |                     |                          |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations                             | \$ 32,327           | \$ 8,141                 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from operations to |                     |                          |
| net cash provided by operating activities:                                       |                     |                          |
| Purchase of investments  | (30,052)            | (2,148)                  |
| Principal repayments of investments  | 14,514              | 13,660                   |
| Net proceeds from the sale of investments  | 17,548              | 5,797                    |
| Net realized gain on investments   | (14,108)            | (1,176)                  |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments                                       | (18,068)            | (1,541)                  |
| Net unrealized depreciation of other   | (93)                |                          |
| Amortization of premiums, discounts, and acquisition costs, net                  | (5)                 | (2)                      |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs and discounts                           | 367                 | 367                      |
| Bad debt expense, net of recoveries  | 251                 | 539                      |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:   |                     |                          |
| Decrease in interest receivable  | 367                 | 235                      |
| Decrease (increase) in due from administrative agent                             | 584                 | (435)                    |
| Decrease in other assets, net  | 166                 | 2,292                    |
| (Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses                     | (127)               | 498                      |
| Increase in fees due to Adviser <sup>(A)</sup>                                   | 6,115               | 291                      |
| (Decrease) increase in fee due to Administrator <sup>(A)</sup>                   | (32)                | 11                       |
| Increase (decrease) in other liabilities   | 929                 | (185)                    |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 10,683              | 26,344                   |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES   |                     |                          |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock   | 1,873               | 21,154                   |
| Discounts, commissions, and offering costs for issuance of common stock          | (28)                | (1,084)                  |
| Proceeds from line of credit   | 37,900              | 9,400                    |
| Repayments on line of credit   | (42,400)            | (45,100)                 |
| Deferred financing and offering costs  | (126)               | (75)                     |
| Distributions paid to common stockholders  | (8,555)             | (8,042)                  |
| Net cash used in financing activities  | (11,336)            | (23,747)                 |
| NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS,                               |                     | 0.507                    |
| RESTRICTED CASH, AND RESTRICTED CASH EQUIVALENTS                                 | (653)               | 2,597                    |

| CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, RESTRICTED CASH, AND<br>RESTRICTED CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD | 3,967       | 4,099       |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, RESTRICTED CASH, AND<br>RESTRICTED CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD       | \$<br>3,314 | \$<br>6,696 |
| CASH PAID FOR INTEREST   | \$<br>1,743 | \$<br>626   |
| NON-CASH ACTIVITIES <sup>(B)</sup>   | \$          | \$<br>9,379 |

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

#### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)**

#### (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

#### (UNAUDITED)

- <sup>(A)</sup> Refer to Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information.
- <sup>(B)</sup> 2017: Significant non-cash operating activities consisted principally of the following transaction:

In June 2017, one of our portfolio companies, Mathey Investments, Inc. (Mathey) merged with and into another one of our portfolio companies, SBS Industries, LLC (SBS). As a result of this transaction, our debt investments in Mathey, which totaled \$8.6 million at principal and cost, were assumed by SBS and combined with our existing debt investment in SBS, which totaled \$11.4 million at principal and cost, into a new secured first lien term loan totaling \$20.0 million. Our common equity investment in Mathey, with a cost basis of \$0.8 million, was converted into a preferred equity investment in SBS with the same cost basis.

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

#### CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

# JUNE 30, 2018

# (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

# (UNAUDITED)

| Company and Investment( $^{(0,00)}(D)$ Units( $^{(F)}(D)$ Cost         Fair Value           NON-CONTROL/NON-AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS(N)         68.0%         Secured First Lien Debt 36.7%         Secured First Lien Debt 36.7%           Containers, Packaging, and Glass         2.5%         Frontier Packaging, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.1% Cash, Due 12/2019)         9,500         \$ 9,500         9,500           Diversified/Conglomerate Services         15.8%         Bassett Creck Restoration, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.1% Cash, Due 3/2020)         23,000         23,000         23,000           Counsel Press, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.8%, 13.8% Cash, Due 3/2020)         5,500  | $C_{1} = (A)(B)(D)(F)$   | Principal/Shares,<br>Units <sup>(F)(J)</sup> |        | <b>F</b> - <b>* X</b> /- <b>!</b> |
|---|--|--|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Secured First Lien Debt 36.7%         Containers, Packaging, and Glass 2.5%         Frontier Packaging, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.1% Cash, Due 12/2019) <sup>1</sup> )       9,500 \$ 9,500 \$ 9,500         Diversified/Conglomerate Services 15.8%       23,000       23,000       23,000         Counsel Press, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.8%, 13.8% Cash, Due 3/2020) <sup>1</sup> 18,000       18,000       18,000         Counsel Press, Inc. Term Debt (L+13.0%, 15.1% Cash, Due 3/2023) <sup>11</sup> 13,290       13,290       13,290         Nth Degree, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 3/2023) <sup>11</sup> 13,290       13,290       13,290         Farming and Agriculture 4.2%       59,790       59,790       59,790         Farming and Agriculture 4.2%       11,000       11,000       11,000         Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 10/2018) <sup>11</sup> 11,000       11,000       11,000         Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.1%, Due 11/2018) <sup>11</sup> 5,000       5,000       5,000       5,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.1%, Due 11/2018) <sup>11</sup> 13,081       13,081       13,081       13,081         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.1%, Due 11/2018) <sup>11</sup> 6,000       6,000       6,000       6,000       6,000       6,000       6,000       6,000       6,000       5,3%       5,  | 1 0  | Units(P)(J)                                  | Cost   | Fair value                        |
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| SBS Industries, LLC Term Debt (L+12.0%, 14.1% Cash, Due 6/2020)       19,957       19,957       19,957         Oil and Gas 0.8%       Tread Corporation Line of Credit, \$634 available (L+10.0%, 12.5% Cash, Due 3/2021) <sup>(L)</sup> 3,216       3,216         Personal, Food, and Miscellaneous Services 0.8%       3,216       3,216       3,216         B-Dry, LLC Line of Credit, \$100 available (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash (0.8% Unused Fee), Due 12/2018) <sup>(G)(L)</sup> 4,550       4,550       3,045         B-Dry, LLC Term Debt (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash, Due 12/2019 <sup>(G)(L)</sup> 6,443       6,443   | • • •  |  |        |                                   |
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| Tread Corporation Line of Credit, \$634 available (L+10.0%, 12.5% Cash, Due       3,216       3,216       3,216         3/2021) <sup>(L)</sup> 3,216       3,216       3,216       3,216         Personal, Food, and Miscellaneous Services 0.8%       3       3       3       3         B-Dry, LLC Line of Credit, \$100 available (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash (0.8% Unused       4,550       4,550       3,045         Fee), Due 12/2018) <sup>(G)(L)</sup> 4,550       4,550       3,045         B-Dry, LLC Term Debt (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash, Due 12/2019) <sup>(L)</sup> 6,443       6,443   |  | _,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,      |        |                                   |
| 3/2021) <sup>(L)</sup> 3,216       3,216       3,216         Personal, Food, and Miscellaneous Services 0.8%       3       3       3         B-Dry, LLC       Line of Credit, \$100 available (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash (0.8% Unused       4,550       4,550       3,045         Fee), Due 12/2018) <sup>(G)(L)</sup> 4,550       4,550       3,045         B-Dry, LLC       Term Debt (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash, Due 12/2019) <sup>(L)</sup> 6,443       6,443   |  | Due  |        |                                   |
| B-Dry, LLC         Line of Credit, \$100 available (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash (0.8% Unused           Fee), Due 12/2018) <sup>(G)(L)</sup> 4,550         4,550         3,045           B-Dry, LLC         Term Debt (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash, Due 12/2019 <sup>(G)(L)</sup> )         6,443         6,443  |  |  | 3,216  | 3,216                             |
| Fee), Due 12/2018)(G)(L)4,5504,5503,045B-Dry, LLCTerm Debt (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash, Due 12/2019)(L)6,4436,443  | Personal, Food, and Miscellaneous Services 0.8%                                      |  | , í    | ,<br>,                            |
| B-Dry, LLC Term Debt (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash, Due 12/2019)(L) 6,443 6,443  | B-Dry, LLC Line of Credit, \$100 available (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash (0.8% Unu              | ised   |        |                                   |
| •   | Fee), Due 12/2018) <sup>(G)(L)</sup>   | 4,550  | 4,550  | 3,045                             |
| B-Dry, LLC Term Debt (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash, Due 12/2019)(L) 840 840  | B-Dry, LLC Term Debt (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash, Due 12/2019 <sup>(6)</sup> ) <sup>(L)</sup> | 6,443  | 6,443  |                                   |
|   | B-Dry, LLC Term Debt (L+0.3%, 2.3% Cash, Due 12/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>                 | 840  | 840    |                                   |

11,833 3,045

| Total Secured First Lien Debt  |    |          | \$1 | 147,877 | <b>\$</b> 1 | 139,089 |
|--|----|----------|-----|---------|-------------|---------|
| Secured Second Lien Debt 8.0%  |    |          |     |         |             |         |
| Automobile 1.1%  |    |          |     |         |             |         |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC Term Debt (L+11.0%, 18.7% Cash, Due 5/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>     | \$ | 4,000    | \$  | 4,000   | \$          | 4,000   |
| Cargo Transport 3.4%   |    |          |     |         |             |         |
| Diligent Delivery Systems Term Debt (L+9.0%, 11.1% Cash,<br>Due 11/2022) <sup>(Q)</sup>      |    | 13,000   |     | 12,920  |             | 13,000  |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer<br>Products 3.5%               |    |          |     |         |             |         |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due $1/2021$ ) <sup>(H)(L)</sup> |    | 13,300   |     | 13,300  |             | 13,300  |
| Total Secured Second Lien Debt   |    |          | \$  | 30,220  | \$          | 30,300  |
| Preferred Equity 19.2%   |    |          |     |         |             |         |
| Automobile 0.2%  |    |          |     |         |             |         |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC Preferred Stoc <sup>(€)(L)</sup>                               | 7  | ,304,792 | \$  | 7,725   | \$          | 786     |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC Guaranty (\$2,000 <sup>y</sup> )                               |    |          |     |         |             |         |

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# (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

|   | Principal/Shares/       |           |            |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Company and Investment <sup>(A)(B)(D)(E)</sup>  | Units <sup>(F)(J)</sup> | Cost      | Fair Value |
| Containers, Packaging, and Glass 0.4%   | 1 272                   | \$ 1,373  | \$ 1,456   |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup>  | 1,373                   | \$ 1,373  | \$ 1,456   |
| <b>Diversified/Conglomerate Services</b> 11.5%<br>Bassett Creek Restoration, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(T)</sup> | 4 000                   | 4 000     | 4 000      |
| Counsel Press, Inc. Preferred Stock $^{(L)}$  | 4,900                   | 4,900     | 4,900      |
|   | 6,995                   | 6,995     | 7,699      |
| Nth Degree, Inc. Preferred $\text{Stoc}(\mathbb{R}^{)(L)}$  | 5,660                   | 5,660     | 31,016     |
|   |                         | 17,555    | 43,615     |
| Farming and Agriculture 1.5%  |                         | 17,000    | 40,010     |
| Jackrabbit, Inc. Preferred Stock $(L)$  | 3,556                   | 3,556     | 3,404      |
| Star Seed, Inc. Preferred Stock $(L)$   | 1,499                   | 1,499     | 2,431      |
| Star Seed, me. Therefied Stock  | 1,199                   | 1,199     | 2,131      |
|   |                         | 5,055     | 5,835      |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable  |                         | ,         | ,          |
| Consumer Products 3.4%  |                         |           |            |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc. Preferred Stoc <sup>(€)(L)</sup>  | 19,280                  | 9,583     | 12,845     |
| Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment  |                         |           |            |
| 0.5%  |                         |           |            |
| Schylling, Inc. Preferred $\text{Stoc} \mathbb{C}^{(L)}$  | 4,000                   | 4,000     | 2,080      |
| Machinery (Non-Agriculture, Non-Construction, and Non-Electro   | nic) 0.5%               |           |            |
| SBS Industries, LLC Preferred Stoc <sup>(€)(L)</sup>  | 27,705                  | 2,771     | 1,838      |
| Oil and Gas 1.2%  |                         |           |            |
| Tread Corporation Preferred Stoc <sup>(</sup> €)(L)   | 12,998,639              | 3,768     | 4,550      |
| Personal, Food, and Miscellaneous Services 0.0%   |                         |           |            |
| B-Dry, LLC Preferred $\text{Stoc}(\mathbb{R})^{(L)}$  | 2,500                   | 2,516     |            |
| Total Preferred Equity  |                         | \$ 54,346 | \$ 73,005  |
| Common Equity 4.1%  |                         |           |            |
| Cargo Transport 0.6%  |                         |           |            |
| Diligent Delivery Systems Common Stock Warrant <sup>(C)(Q)</sup>  | 8%                      | \$ 500    | \$ 2,384   |
| Containers, Packaging, and Glass 2.7%   |                         |           | ,          |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc. Common Stock (C)(L)  | 152                     | 152       | 10,435     |
| Farming and Agriculture 0.6%  |                         |           |            |
| Jackrabbit, Inc. Common Stock <sup>(L)</sup>  | 548                     | 94        |            |
| Star Seed, Inc. Common $\operatorname{Stoc} \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}(L)}$   | 600                     | 1         | 2,184      |

|  |              | 95              | 2,184 |  |
|--|--------------|-----------------|-------|--|
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Pro-           | oducts       |                 |       |  |
| 0.0%   |              |                 |       |  |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc. Common Stock <sup>()(L)</sup>                    | 63,747       | 8               |       |  |
| Machinery (Non-Agriculture, Non-Construction, and Non-Electronic)            | 0.0%         |                 |       |  |
| SBS Industries, LLC Common Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup>                            | 221,500      | 222             |       |  |
| Oil and Gas 0.0%   |              |                 |       |  |
| Tread Corporation Common Stock <sup>()(L)</sup>                              | 10,089,048   | 753             |       |  |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing Only) 0.2%         |              |                 |       |  |
| Funko Acquisition Holdings, LLC <sup>(M)</sup> Common Unit <sup>(S)(S)</sup> | 67,873       | 167             | 712   |  |
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# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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# (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

| Company and Investment <sup>(A)(B)(D)(E)</sup><br>Personal, Food, and Miscellaneous Services 0.0%                              | Principal/Shares/<br>Units <sup>(F)(J)</sup> | Cost       | Fair Value |
|--|--|------------|------------|
| B-Dry, LLC Common Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup>   | 2,500  | \$ 300     | \$         |
| Total Common Equity  |  | \$ 2,197   | \$ 15,715  |
| Total Non-Control/Non-Affiliate Investments  |  | \$ 234,640 | \$ 258,109 |
| AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS <sup>(O)</sup> 93.6%   |  |            |            |
| Secured First Lien Debt 45.3%  |  |            |            |
| Automobile 2.0%  |  |            |            |
| Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.6% Cash Due $6/2019$ ) <sup>(K)</sup>                       | ,<br>\$                                      | \$ 9,660   | \$ 7,728   |
| Beverage, Food, and Tobacco 2.4%   |  |            |            |
| Head Country, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.5%, 12.6% Cash, Due 2/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>  | 9,050  | 9,050      | 9,050      |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing 5.1%  |  |            |            |
| D.P.M.S., Inc. Term Debt (10.0% Cash, Due 10/2021) <sup>(L)</sup>  | 8,795  | 8,795      | 7,844      |
| Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+10.5%, 12.6% Cash, Due 2/2019) <sup>(K)</sup>                        | 9,300  | 9,300      | 9,068      |
| Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+11.8%, 13.8% Cash, Due $2/2019$ ) <sup>(K)</sup>                     | 2,400  | 2,400      | 2,352      |
|  |  | 20,495     | 19,264     |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Services 11.3%  |  |            |            |
| ImageWorks Display and Marketing Group, Inc. Line of Credit, \$3,000 available (L+9.0%, 11.1% Cash, Due 8/2018) <sup>(L)</sup> |  |            |            |
| ImageWorks Display and Marketing Group, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.1% Cash, Due 11/2022) <sup>(L)</sup>                       | 22,000                                       | 22,000     | 22,000     |
| J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LLC Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.6% Cash,<br>Due 2/2022) <sup>(L)</sup>                                      | 21,000                                       | 21,000     | 21,000     |
| Due 2/2022)(=/   | 21,000                                       | 21,000     | 21,000     |
|  |  | 43,000     | 43,000     |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consume 8.9%  | er Products                                  |            |            |
| Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.1% Cash, Due 1/2023) <sup>(L)</sup>                                    | 17,700                                       | 17,700     | 17,700     |

| Old World Christmas, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.3%, 13.3% Cash, Due              |        |            |            |
|--|--------|------------|------------|
| 10/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>  | 15,770 | 15,770     | 15,770     |
|  |        | 33,470     | 33,470     |
| Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 4.0%                |        | , i        |            |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC Term Debt (L+7.3%, 9.3%                  |        |            |            |
| Cash, Due 8/2020) <sup>(L)</sup>   | 6,200  | 6,200      | 6,200      |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC Term Debt (L+8.3%, 10.3%                 |        |            |            |
| Cash, Due 8/2020) <sup>(L)</sup>   | 12,200 | 12,200     | 8,883      |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC Term Debt (Due 8/2020)(R)                | 538    | 538        | 441        |
|  |        |            |            |
|  |        | 18,938     | 15,524     |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing<br>Only) 5.5%    |        |            |            |
| Pioneer Square Brands, Inc. Term Debt (L+12.0%, 14.1% Cash, Due            |        |            |            |
| 8/2022) <sup>(L)</sup>   | 21,000 | 21,000     | 21,000     |
| Telecommunications 3.7%  | _1,000 |            | ,          |
| B+T Group Acquisition, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.1% Cash, |        |            |            |
| Due 12/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>  | 14,000 | 14,000     | 14,000     |
| Textiles and Leather 2.4%  |        | ,          | ,          |
| Logo Sportswear, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.5%, 12.6% Cash, Due                  |        |            |            |
| 3/2020) <sup>(L)</sup>   | 9,200  | 9,200      | 9,200      |
|  |        |            |            |
| Total Secured First Lien Debt  |        | \$ 178,813 | \$ 172,236 |

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# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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# (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

|   | Principal/Shar          |           |            |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Company and Investment <sup>(A)(B)(D)(E)</sup>  | Units <sup>(F)(J)</sup> | Cost      | Fair Value |
| Secured Second Lien Debt 16.3%  |                         |           |            |
| Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber 6.5%  |                         |           |            |
| PSI Molded Plastics, Inc. Term Debt (L+12.0%, 14.1% Cash, Due $1/2024$ ) <sup>(L)</sup> | \$ 24,618               | \$ 24,618 | \$ 24,618  |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing 3.2%   |                         |           |            |
| Alloy Die Casting Co. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+4.0%, 6.1% Cash, Due 4/2021)          | 12,215                  | 12,215    | 10,993     |
| Alloy Die Casting Co. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+4.0%, 6.1% Cash, Due $4/2021$ )       | 175                     | 175       | 158        |
| Alloy Die Casting Co. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+4.0%, 6.1% Cash, Due 4/2021)          | 910                     | 910       | 824        |
|   |                         |           |            |
|   |                         | 13,300    | 11,975     |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Produc                    | ts 4.2%                 |           |            |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.1% Cash, Due                    |                         |           |            |
| 8/2021) <sup>(L)</sup>  | 16,000                  | 16,000    | 16,000     |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing Only) 2.4                     |                         |           |            |
| The Mountain Corporation Term Debt (L+4.0%, 7.0% Cash, Due 8/2021) <sup>(L)</sup>       | 18,600                  | 18,600    | 6,133      |
| The Mountain Corporation Term Debt (Due 8/2021)(R)                                      | 1,000                   | 1,000     | 1,000      |
| The Mountain Corporation Term Debt (Due 8/2021)(R)                                      | 1,500                   | 1,500     | 1,500      |
| The Mountain Corporation Delayed Draw Term Debt, \$500 available (Due                   |                         |           |            |
| 8/2021) <sup>(L)(R)</sup>   | 500                     | 500       | 500        |
|   |                         | 21 (00    | 0 1 2 2    |
|   |                         | 21,600    | 9,133      |
| Total Secured Second Lien Debt  |                         | \$75,518  | \$ 61,726  |
| Preferred Equity 32.0%  |                         |           |            |
| Automobile 0.0%   |                         |           |            |
| Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup>           | 3,381                   | \$ 3,381  | \$         |
| Beverage, Food, and Tobacco 0.7%  | 5,501                   | φ 5,501   | ψ          |
| Head Country, Inc. Preferred $\operatorname{Stock}^{(L)}$                               | 4,000                   | 4,000     | 2,499      |
| Cargo Transport 0.0%  | 4,000                   | -1,000    | 2,777      |
| NDLI, Inc. Preferred Stock $(L)(V)$   | 3,600                   | 3,600     |            |
| Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber 0.0%  | 5,000                   | 0,000     |            |
| PSI Molded Plastics, Inc. Preferred $Stock^{(L)}$                                       | 51,098                  | 8,980     |            |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing 1.0%   | 21,090                  | 5,200     |            |
| Alloy Die Casting Co. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stock $(L)$                              | 5,114                   | 5,114     |            |
| Channel Technologies Group, LLC Preferred Stock <sup>(L)</sup>                          | 2,279                   | 1,841     |            |
| Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stock <sup>(C)</sup>             | 3,774                   | 3,774     | 3,842      |
|   | 2,771                   | 2,771     | 2,012      |

|  |            | 10,729    | 3,842  |
|--|------------|-----------|--------|
| Diversified/Conglomerate Services 6.4%   |            |           |        |
| ImageWorks Display and Marketing Group, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>()(L)</sup>        | 67,490     | 6,750     | 9,410  |
| J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LLC Preferred Stoek <sup>(L)</sup>                           | 5,920      | 5,920     | 15,031 |
|  |            |           |        |
|  |            | 12,670    | 24,441 |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Products               | 18.5%      |           |        |
| Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(L)</sup>                      | 4,943      | 4,943     | 20,550 |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(L)</sup>                      | 4,500      | 4,500     | 38,732 |
| Old World Christmas, Inc. Preferred Stock ()(L)                                      | 6,180      | 6,180     | 10,976 |
|  |            |           |        |
|  |            | 15,623    | 70,258 |
| Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 0.0%                          |            |           |        |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup>                  | 9,749      | 9,749     |        |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing Only) 2.5%                 |            |           |        |
| The Mountain Corporation Preferred $\text{Stock}^{(L)}$                              | 6,899      | 6,899     |        |
| Pioneer Square Brands, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup>                        | 5,502      | 5,500     | 9,609  |
|  |            |           |        |
|  |            | 12,399    | 9,609  |
| Telecommunications 0.0%  |            |           |        |
| B+T Group Acquisition, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred $\text{Stoc}(\mathbb{K})^{(L)}$ | 12,841     | 4,196     |        |
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# (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

| Company and Investment <sup>(A)(B)(D)(E)</sup>  | Principal/Sharo<br>Units <sup>(F)(J)</sup> | es/<br>Cost | Fair Value |
|---|--|-------------|------------|
| Textiles and Leather 2.9%   | emus                                       | 0050        | i un vuide |
| Logo Sportswear, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(L)</sup>                                      | 1,550                                      | \$ 1,096    | \$ 10,903  |
| Total Preferred Equity  |  | \$ 86,423   | \$121,552  |
|   |  | . ,         | . ,        |
| Common Equity 0.0%  |  |             |            |
| Cargo Transport 0.0%  |  |             |            |
| NDLI, Inc. Common Stock $(L)(V)$  | 545  | \$          | \$         |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing 0.0%   |  |             |            |
| Alloy Die Casting Co. <sup>(M)</sup> Common Stoc $(\mathbb{C})^{(L)}$                     | 630  | 41          |            |
| Channel Technologies Group, LLC Common Stock <sup>()(L)</sup>                             | 2,319,184                                  |             |            |
| D.P.M.S., Inc. Common $\operatorname{Stoc}(\mathbb{K})^{(L)}$                             | 627  | 1           |            |
|   |  |             |            |
|   |  | 42          |            |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing Only) 0.0%                      |  |             |            |
| The Mountain Corporation Common $\operatorname{Stoc}(\mathbb{K})^{(L)}$                   | 751  | 1           |            |
| Total Common Equity   |  | \$ 43       | \$         |
| Total Affiliate Investments   |  | \$ 340,797  | \$ 355,514 |
|   |  |             |            |
| CONTROL INVESTMENTS <sup>(P)</sup> 4.1%:  |  |             |            |
| Secured First Lien Debt 1.3%  |  |             |            |
| Aerospace and Defense 1.3%  |  |             |            |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation Line of Credit, \$0 available (L+4.5%, 6.6%               |  |             |            |
| Cash (1.0% Unused Fee), Due 8/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>  | \$ 5,000                                   | \$ 5,000    | \$ 5,000   |
| Secured Second Lien Debt 1.3%   |  |             |            |
| Aerospace and Defense 1.3%  |  |             |            |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation Term Debt (L+6.0%, 10.0% Cash, Due 8/2019) <sup>(L)</sup> | \$ 5,000                                   | \$ 5,000    | \$ 5,000   |
| Preferred Equity 1.5%   |  | ,           |            |
| Aerospace and Defense 1.5%  |  |             |            |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation Preferred Stock <sup>(L)</sup>                            | 5,517,444                                  | \$ 11,464   | \$ 5,695   |
| Common Equity 0.0%  |  |             |            |
| Aerospace and Defense 0.0%  |  |             |            |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation Common $\operatorname{Stoc}(\mathbb{K})^{(L)}$            | 88,843                                     | \$ 48       | \$         |

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|-------|---------|-------------|
| TOTAL | CONTROL | Investments |

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\$596,949 \$629,318

#### TOTAL INVESTMENTS 165.7%

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#### CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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#### (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

- (A) Certain of the securities listed are issued by affiliate(s) of the indicated portfolio company. The majority of the securities listed, totaling \$533.0 million at fair value, are pledged as collateral to our revolving line of credit, as described further in Note 5 *Borrowings* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*. Additionally, under Section 55 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ), we may not acquire any non-qualifying assets unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of our total assets. As of June 30, 2018, our investment in Funko Acquisition Holdings, LLC (Funko) is considered a non-qualifying asset under Section 55 of the 1940 Act and represents less than 0.2% of total investments, at fair value.
- <sup>(B)</sup> Unless indicated otherwise, all cash interest rates are indexed to 30-day London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L), which was 2.1% as of June 30, 2018. If applicable, paid-in-kind (PIK) interest rates are noted separately from the cash interest rate. Certain securities are subject to an interest rate floor. The cash interest rate is the greater of the floor or LIBOR plus a spread. Due dates represent the contractual maturity date.
- <sup>(C)</sup> Security is non-income producing.
- <sup>(D)</sup> Category percentages represent the fair value of each category and subcategory as a percentage of net assets as of June 30, 2018.
- (E) Unless indicated otherwise, all of our investments are valued using Level 3 inputs within the FASB Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820) fair value hierarchy. Refer to Note 3 *Investments* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information.
- (F) Where applicable, aggregates all shares of a class of stock owned without regard to specific series owned within such class (some series of which may or may not be voting shares) or aggregates all warrants to purchase shares of a class of stock owned without regard to specific series of such class of stock such warrants allow us to purchase.
- (G) Debt security is on non-accrual status.
- (H) \$5.1 million of the debt security was participated to a third party, but is accounted for as collateral for a secured borrowing under accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. and presented as Secured borrowing on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* as of June 30, 2018.
- <sup>(I)</sup> Debt security has a fixed interest rate.
- <sup>(J)</sup> Represents the principal balance for debt investments and the number of shares/units held for equity investments. Warrants are represented as a percentage of ownership, as applicable.
- <sup>(K)</sup> Fair value was based on internal yield analysis or on estimates of value submitted by ICE Data Pricing and Reference Data, LLC (formerly Standard and Poor s Securities Evaluations, Inc.). Refer to Note 3 *Investments* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information.
- <sup>(L)</sup> Fair value was based on the total enterprise value of the portfolio company, which is generally allocated to the portfolio company s securities in order of their relative priority in the capital structure. Refer to Note 3 *Investments* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information.
- <sup>(M)</sup> One of our affiliated funds, Gladstone Capital Corporation, co-invested with us in this portfolio company pursuant to an exemptive order granted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments, as defined by the 1940 Act, are those that are neither Control nor Affiliate investments and in which we own less than 5.0% of the issued and outstanding voting securities.

- <sup>(O)</sup> Affiliate investments, as defined by the 1940 Act, are those that are not Control investments and in which we own, with the power to vote, between and inclusive of 5.0% and 25.0% of the issued and outstanding voting securities.
- (P) Control investments, as defined by the 1940 Act, are those where we have the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of the portfolio company, which may include owning, with the power to vote, more than 25.0% of the issued and outstanding voting securities.
- <sup>(Q)</sup> Fair value was based on the expected exit or payoff amount, where such event has occurred or is expected to occur imminently.
- <sup>(R)</sup> Debt security does not have a stated current interest rate.
- <sup>(S)</sup> Our investment in Funko was valued using Level 2 inputs within the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy. Our common units in Funko are convertible into class A common stock in Funko, Inc. upon meeting certain requirements. Fair value was based on the closing market price of shares of Funko, Inc. as of the reporting date, less a discount for lack of marketability. Funko, Inc. is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the trading symbol FNKO. Refer to Note 3 *Investments* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information.
- (T) New portfolio investment valued at cost, as it was determined that the price paid during the three months ended June 30, 2018 best represents fair value as of June 30, 2018.
- <sup>(U)</sup> Refer to Note 11 *Commitments and Contingencies* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information regarding this guaranty.
- (V) Investment was exited subsequent to June 30, 2018. Refer to Note 13 Subsequent Events in the accompanying Notes t
- *o* Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

### **GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

### CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

### MARCH 31, 2018

### (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

| Company and Investment <sup>(ARB/DR5)</sup> Units <sup>(P)(J)</sup> Cost         Fair Value           NON-CONTROL/NON-AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS <sup>(N)</sup> 69.8%         Secured First Lien Debt 35.8%         Secured First Lien Debt 35.8%           Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber         2.8%         9.913         \$ 9,913         \$ 5,00         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000   |  | Principal/Shares        | 5/           |            |
|--|--|-------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Secured First Lien Debt 35.8%           Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber 2.8%           Drew Foam Companies, Inc. Term Debt (1.410.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 7/2018%)         \$ 9,913 \$ 9,937           Containers, Packaging, and Glass 2.7%         500           Frontier Packaging, Inc. Term Debt (1.410.0%, 12.0% Cash, Due 12/2019 <sup>k</sup> )         9,500         9,500           Diversified/Conglomerate Services 10.4%         8,000         18,000           Counsel Press, Inc. Term Debt (1.411.8%, 13.6% Cash, Due 3/2020 <sup>k</sup> )         5,500         5,500           Counsel Press, Inc. Term Debt (1.411.8%, 13.6% Cash, Due 3/2020 <sup>k</sup> )         5,500         5,500           Nth Degree, Inc. Term Debt (1.411.8%, 13.4% Cash, Due 3/2020 <sup>k</sup> )         13,290         13,290           Jackrabbit, Inc. Term Debt (1.410.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 4/2018 <sup>k</sup> )         11,000         11,000           Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (1.410.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 4/2018 <sup>k</sup> )         11,000         11,000           Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 7.8%         16,000         6,000         6,000           Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (1.411.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018 <sup>k</sup> )         13,081         13,081         13,081           Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (1.411.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018 <sup>k</sup> )         6,000         6,000         6,000           Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (1.411.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018 <sup>k</sup> )         13,081 <td< td=""><td></td><td>Units<sup>(F)(J)</sup></td><td>Cost</td><td>Fair Value</td></td<>  |  | Units <sup>(F)(J)</sup> | Cost         | Fair Value |
| Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber 2.8%         Drew Foam Companies, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 7/20189)       9.913       9.913       9.987         Containers, Packaging, and Glass 2.7%         Frontier Packaging, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.0% Cash, Due 1/2019)       9,500       9,500       9,500         Diversified/Conglomerate Services       10.4%       18,000       18,000       18,000         Counsel Press, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.3%, 14.9% Cash, Due 3/2020)       13,290       13,290       13,290         Nth Degree, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.3%, 13.4% Cash, Due 3/2020)       13,290       13,290       13,290         Sector |  |                         |              |            |
| Drew Foam Companies, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 7/2018)       \$ 9,913 \$ 9,913 \$ 9,987         Containers, Packaging, and Glass 2.7%   |  |                         |              |            |
| Containers, Packaging, and Glass 2.7%         Frontiier Packaging, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.0% Cash, Due 12/2019))       9,500       9,500       9,500         Diversified/Conglomerate Services 10.4%       0       18,000       18,000         Counsel Press, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.3%, 13.6% Cash, Due 3/2020))       5,500       5,500       5,500         Nth Degree, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.4% Cash, Due 3/2020))       13,290       13,290       13,290         Schyling, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 4/2018)       11,000       11,000       11,000         Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 5/2020)       5,000       5,000       5,000         Schyling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       13,081       13,081       13,081         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 14.0% Cash, Due 6/2020%)       19,957       19,957       19,957         SBS Industries, LLC Line of Credit, \$1,500 available (L+8.  |  |                         |              |            |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc.       Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.0% Cash, Due 12/2019)       9,500       9,500         Diversified/Conglomerate Services       10.4%       18,000       18,000       18,000         Counsel Press, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.3%, 13.6% Cash, Due 3/2020)       5,500       5,500       5,500         Nth Degree, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.4% Cash, Due 3/2020)       13,290       13,290       13,290         Second Press, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.4% Cash, Due 12/2020)       13,290       13,290       13,290         Second Press, Inc.       Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 4/2018)       11,000       11,000       11,000         Star Seed, Inc.       Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.5% Cash, Due 5/2020)       5,000       5,000       5,000         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       13,081       13,081       13,081         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Star Seed, Due 6/2018) <sup>(L)</sup> SBS Industries, LLC       Line of Credit, \$1,500 available (L+8.5%, 10.4% Cash (1.0%)  |  | \$ 9,913                | <b>9,913</b> | \$ 9,987   |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Services 10.4%           Counsel Press, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.8%, 13.6% Cash, Due 3/2020) <sup>5</sup> )         18,000         18,000           Counsel Press, Inc. Term Debt (L+13.0%, 14.9% Cash, Due 3/2020) <sup>5</sup> 5,500         5,500           Nth Degree, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.4% Cash, Due 12/2020) <sup>5</sup> 13,290         13,290         13,290           Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.4% Cash, Due 12/2020) <sup>5</sup> 13,290         13,290         13,290           Farming and Agriculture 4.5%         Jacktrabbit, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 4/2018) <sup>5</sup> 11,000         11,000           Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 4/2018) <sup>5</sup> 5,000         5,000         5,000           Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 7.8%         16,000         16,000         16,000           Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 7.8%         8,500         8,500         8,500           Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018) <sup>5</sup> 8,500         8,500         8,500           Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018) <sup>5</sup> 6,000         6,000         6,000           Subs Industries, LLC         Line of Credit, \$1,500 available (L+8.5%, 10.4% Cash (1.0%         19,957         19,957           SBS Industries, LLC         Term Debt (L+12.0%, 14.0% Cash, Due 6/2020) <sup>5</sup> <t< td=""><td>Containers, Packaging, and Glass 2.7%</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></t<>  | Containers, Packaging, and Glass 2.7%                                  |                         |              |            |
| Counsel Press, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.8%, 13.6% Cash, Due 3/2020)       18,000       18,000         Counsel Press, Inc.       Term Debt (L+13.0%, 14.9% Cash, Due 3/2020)       5,500       5,500         Nth Degree, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.4% Cash, Due 12/2020)       13,290       13,290       13,290         Star Seed, Inc.       Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 4/2018)       11,000       11,000       11,000         Star Seed, Inc.       Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.5% Cash, Due 5/2020)       5,000       5,000       5,000         Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 7.8%       13,081       13,081       13,081       13,081         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 10.2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 10.2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500 <tr< td=""><td></td><td>9,500</td><td>9,500</td><td>9,500</td></tr<>   |  | 9,500                   | 9,500        | 9,500      |
| Counsel Press, Inc. Term Debt (L+13.0%, 14.9% Cash, Due $3/2020^{h}$ )       5,500       5,500       5,500         Nth Degree, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.4% Cash, Due $12/2020^{h}$ )       13,290       13,290       13,290         Farming and Agriculture 4.5%       36,790       36,790       36,790         Farming and Agriculture 4.5%       11,000       11,000       11,000         Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due $4/2018^{h}$ )       5,000       5,000       5,000         Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.5% Cash, Due $5/2020^{h}$ )       5,000       5,000       5,000         Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 7.8%       5,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       13,081       13,081       13,081         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 10.2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 10.2018)       9,500       19,957       19,957         Machinery (Non-  |  |                         |              |            |
| Nth Degree, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.4% Cash, Due 12/2020)       13,290       13,290       13,290         Farming and Agriculture 4.5%       36,790       36,790       36,790         Jackrabbit, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 4/2018)       11,000       11,000       11,000         Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.5% Cash, Due 5/2020)       5,000       5,000       5,000         Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 7.8%       16,000       16,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       13,081       13,081       13,081         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Machinery (Non-Agriculture, Non-Construction, and Non-Electronic) 5.6%       5,500       19,957       19,957         SBS Industries, LLC Line of Credit, \$1,500 available (L+8.5%, 10.4% Cash (1.0%       19,957       19,957       19,957         Oil and Gas 0.9%       7       3,216       3,216       3,216         Tread Corporation Li  |  |                         |              |            |
| Sector       36,790       36,790         Farming and Agriculture 4.5%       11,000       11,000       11,000         Jackrabbit, Inc.       Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 4/2018)       11,000       11,000       11,000         Star Seed, Inc.       Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.5% Cash, Due 5/2020)       5,000       5,000       5,000         Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment       7.8%       13,081       13,081       13,081       13,081         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       13,081       13,081       13,081       13,081         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Substantistic, LLC       Line of Credit, \$1,500 available (L+8.5%, 10.4% Cash (1.0%       19,957       19,957       19,957         SBS Industries, LLC   | Counsel Press, Inc. Term Debt (L+13.0%, 14.9% Cash, Due 3/2020)        | 5,500                   | 5,500        | 5,500      |
| Farming and Agriculture 4.5%       11,000       11,000       11,000         Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 4/2018)       11,000       5,000       5,000         Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 5/2020)       5,000       5,000       5,000         Leisure, Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 5/2020)       5,000       16,000       16,000         Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 7.8%       13,081       13,081       13,081         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         SBS Industries, LLC L ine of Credit, \$1,500 available (L+8.5%, 10.4% Cash (1.0%       19,957       19,957         SBS Industries, LLC Term Debt (L+12.0%, 14.0% Cash, Due 6/2020)       19,957       19,957       19,957         SI and Gas 0.9%       19,957       3,216       3,216       3,216         Si and Cas 0.9%       3,216  | Nth Degree, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.4% Cash, Due 12/2020)          | 13,290                  | 13,290       | 13,290     |
| Farming and Agriculture 4.5%       11,000       11,000       11,000         Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 4/2018)       11,000       5,000       5,000         Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 5/2020)       5,000       5,000       5,000         Leisure, Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 5/2020)       5,000       16,000       16,000         Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 7.8%       13,081       13,081       13,081         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         SBS Industries, LLC L ine of Credit, \$1,500 available (L+8.5%, 10.4% Cash (1.0%       19,957       19,957         SBS Industries, LLC Term Debt (L+12.0%, 14.0% Cash, Due 6/2020)       19,957       19,957       19,957         SI and Gas 0.9%       19,957       3,216       3,216       3,216         Si and Cas 0.9%       3,216  |  |                         |              |            |
| Jackrabbit, Inc.       Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 4/2018)       11,000       11,000       11,000         Star Seed, Inc.       Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.5% Cash, Due 5/2020)       5,000       5,000       5,000         Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment       7.8%       16,000       16,000         Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment       7.8%       5       5,000       5,000       5,000         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       13,081       13,081       13,081       13,081         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc.       Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Substries, LLC       Line of Credit, \$1,500 available (L+8.5%, 10.4% Cash (1.0%       19,957       19,957       19,957         SBS Industries, LLC       Term Debt (L+12.0%, 14.0% Cash, Due 6/2020)       19,957       19,957       19,957         Oli and Gas       0.9%       3,216       3,216       3,   |  |                         | 36,790       | 36,790     |
| Star Seed, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.5% Cash, Due 5/2020)       5,000       5,000         Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 7.8%       16,000       16,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       13,081       13,081       13,081         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       6,000       6,000       6,000         Schylling, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       8,500       8,500       8,500         Star Sead, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0%, Due 11/2018)       27,581       27,581       27,581         Machinery (Non-Agriculture, Non-Construction, and Non-Electronic) 5.6%       56%       55       55         SBS Industries, LLC Line of Credit, \$1,500 available (L+8.5%, 10.4% Cash (1.0%       19,957       19,957       19,957         SBS Industries, LLC Term Debt (L+12.0%, 14.0% Cash, Due 6/2020)       19,957       19,957       19,957       19,957      <   | Farming and Agriculture 4.5%   |                         |              |            |
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| 3/2021) <sup>(G)(L)</sup> 3,216       3,216       3,216         Personal, Food, and Miscellaneous Services 1.1%       3       3       3         B-Dry, LLC       Line of Credit, \$100 available (L+0.3%, 2.1% Cash (0.8% Unused Fee),       4,550       4,550       3,882   |  |                         |              |            |
| Personal, Food, and Miscellaneous Services         1.1%           B-Dry, LLC         Line of Credit, \$100 available (L+0.3%, 2.1% Cash (0.8% Unused Fee),           Due 12/2018) <sup>(L)</sup> 4,550         4,550         3,882   |  | 3.216                   | 3.216        | 3.216      |
| B-Dry, LLC         Line of Credit, \$100 available (L+0.3%, 2.1% Cash (0.8% Unused Fee),           Due 12/2018) <sup>(L)</sup> 4,550         4,550         3,882   |  | -,0                     | - ,0         | - ,        |
| Due 12/2018) <sup>(L)</sup> 4,550       3,882  |  | Fee).                   |              |            |
|  |  |                         | 4.550        | 3.882      |
| $D^{-}D_{1}\gamma$ , ELC 10111 DUU (LTU, J/0, 2.170 Cash, DuU 12/2017) 0.44.)  | B-Dry, LLC Term Debt (L+0.3%, 2.1% Cash, Due $12/2019^{-1}$ )          | 6,443                   | 6,443        |            |
| B-Dry, LLC Term Debt (L+0.3%, 2.1% Cash, Due 12/2019) 840 840  |  |                         |              |            |

|  |      |           |             | 11,833  |     | 3,882  |
|--|------|-----------|-------------|---------|-----|--------|
| Total Secured First Lien Debt  |      |           | <b>\$</b> [ | 134,790 | \$1 | 26,913 |
| Secured Second Lien Debt 8.6%  |      |           |             |         |     |        |
| Automobile 1.1%  |      |           |             |         |     |        |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC Term Debt (L+11.0%, 18.7% Cash, Due 5/2018)  | ) \$ | 4,000     | \$          | 4,000   | \$  | 4,000  |
| Cargo Transport 3.7%   |      |           |             |         |     |        |
| Diligent Delivery Systems Term Debt (L+8.0%, 10.0% Cash, Due 11/2022)      |      | 13,000    |             | 12,916  |     | 13,000 |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer              |      |           |             |         |     |        |
| Products 3.8%  |      |           |             |         |     |        |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 13.5% Cash, Due 1/2021)(L) | )    | 13,300    |             | 13,300  |     | 13,300 |
| Total Secured Second Lien Debt   |      |           | \$          | 30,216  | \$  | 30,300 |
| Preferred Equity 17.3%   |      |           |             |         |     |        |
| Automobile 0.3%  |      |           |             |         |     |        |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC Preferred Stoc <sup>(€)(L)</sup>             |      | 7,304,792 | \$          | 7,725   | \$  | 1,010  |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC Guaranty (\$2,000 <sup>(J)</sup> )           |      |           |             |         |     |        |
|  |      |           |             | 7,725   |     | 1,010  |
|  |      |           |             | 7,725   |     |        |

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### **GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

### CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

### MARCH 31, 2018

### (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

| Company and Investment <sup>(A)(B)(D)(E)</sup>                   | Principal/Shares/<br>Units <sup>(F)(J)</sup> | Cost      | Fair Value |
|--|--|-----------|------------|
| Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber 1.0%                             |  |           |            |
| Drew Foam Companies, Inc. Preferred Stock (Q)                    | 34,045                                       | \$ 3,375  | \$ 3,375   |
| Containers, Packaging, and Glass 0.4%                            |  |           |            |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc. Preferred Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup>        | 1,373  | 1,373     | 1,428      |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Services 9.2%                           |  |           |            |
| Counsel Press, Inc. Preferred $\text{Stoc}(\mathbb{K})^{(L)}$    | 6,995  | 6,995     | 6,303      |
| Nth Degree, Inc. Preferred $\text{Stoc}(\mathbb{R}^{)(L)}$       | 5,660  | 5,660     | 26,424     |
|  |  |           |            |
|  |  | 12,655    | 32,727     |
| Farming and Agriculture 1.4%                                     |  |           |            |
| Jackrabbit, Inc. Preferred $\text{Stoc}(\mathbb{K})^{(L)}$       | 3,556  | 3,556     | 2,518      |
| Star Seed, Inc. Preferred $\text{Stoc}(\mathbb{K})^{(L)}$        | 1,499  | 1,499     | 2,376      |
|  |  |           |            |
|  |  | 5,055     | 4,894      |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable             |  |           |            |
| Consumer Products 3.5%   |  |           |            |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc. Preferred Stoc <sup>(€)(L)</sup>     | 19,280                                       | 9,583     | 12,555     |
| Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 0.0%      |  |           |            |
| Schylling, Inc. Preferred $\text{Stoc}(\mathbb{K})^{(L)}$        | 4,000  | 4,000     |            |
| Machinery (Non-Agriculture, Non-Construction, and                |  |           |            |
| Non-Electronic) 0.6%   |  |           |            |
| SBS Industries, LLC Preferred Stoc <sup>(€)(L)</sup>             | 27,705                                       | 2,771     | 1,958      |
| Oil and Gas 0.9%   |  | , i       |            |
| Tread Corporation Preferred Stock (C)                            | 12,998,639                                   | 3,768     | 3,335      |
| Personal, Food, and Miscellaneous Services 0.0%                  |  |           |            |
| B-Dry, LLC Preferred Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup>                      | 2,500  | 2,516     |            |
|  |  | , i       |            |
|  |  |           |            |
| Total Preferred Equity   |  | \$ 52,821 | \$ 61,282  |
|  |  |           | ,          |
| Common Equity 8.1%   |  |           |            |
| Cargo Transport 0.7%   |  |           |            |
| Diligent Delivery Systems Common Stock Warrant <sup>(C)(Q)</sup> | 8%   | \$ 500    | \$ 2,816   |
| Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber 4.1%                             |  |           |            |
| Drew Foam Companies, Inc. Common Stoc <sup>(€)(Q)</sup>          | 5,372  | 63        | 14,744     |
| Containers, Packaging, and Glass 3.0%                            |  |           |            |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc. Common $\text{Stoc}(\mathbb{R})^{(L)}$  | 152  | 152       | 10,459     |
| Farming and Agriculture 0.2%                                     |  |           |            |
|  |  |           |            |

| Jackrabbit, Inc. Common Stoc <sup>(€)(L)</sup>                 | 548               | 94         |     |
|--|-------------------|------------|-----|
| Star Seed, Inc. Common $\operatorname{Stoc}(\mathbb{K})^{(L)}$ | 600               | 1          | 589 |
|  |                   |            |     |
|  |                   | 95         | 589 |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable           |                   |            |     |
| Consumer Products 0.0%   |                   |            |     |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc. Common Stoc <sup>(€)(L)</sup>      | 63,747            | 8          |     |
| Machinery (Non-Agriculture, Non-Construction, and              |                   |            |     |
| Non-Electronic) 0.0%   |                   |            |     |
| SBS Industries, LLC Common Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup>              | 221,500           | 222        |     |
| Oil and Gas 0.0%   |                   |            |     |
| Tread Corporation Common Stoc <sup>(</sup> € <sup>)</sup> (L)  | 10,089,048        | 753        |     |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing      |                   |            |     |
| <b>Only</b> ) <b>0.1%</b>                                      |                   |            |     |
| Funko Acquisition Holdings, LLC <sup>(M)</sup> Common Unit     | 67,873            | 167        | 194 |
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### **GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

### CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

### MARCH 31, 2018

### (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

| Company and Investment <sup>(A)(B)(D)(E)</sup>   | rincipal/Sha<br>Units <sup>(F)(J)</sup> |            | Fair Value |
|--|---|------------|------------|
| Personal, Food, and Miscellaneous Services 0.0%  | emus                                    | 0050       | i un vuide |
| B-Dry, LLC Common Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup>  | 2,500                                   | \$ 300     | \$         |
| Total Common Equity  |   | \$ 2,260   | \$ 28,802  |
| Total Non-Control/Non-Affiliate Investments  |   | \$ 220,087 | \$ 247,297 |
| AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS <sup>(O)</sup> 95.8%   |   |            |            |
| Secured First Lien Debt 49.1%  |   |            |            |
| Automobile 2.3%  |   |            |            |
| Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.5% Cash, Due $4/2019$ ) <sup>(K)</sup>  | \$ 9,660                                | \$ 9,660   | \$ 8,018   |
| Beverage, Food, and Tobacco 2.6%   |   |            |            |
| Head Country, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.5%, 12.5% Cash, Due 2/2019)   | 9,050                                   | 9,050      | 9,050      |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing 5.0%  |   |            |            |
| D.P.M.S., Inc. Term Debt (10.0% Cash, Due $10/2021$ ) <sup>(L)</sup>                                       | 8,795                                   | 8,795      | 7,028      |
| Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+10.5%, 12.5% Cash, Due $2/2019$ ) <sup>(K)</sup> | 9,300                                   | 9,300      | 8,742      |
| Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+11.8%, 13.8% Cash, Due $2/2019$ ) <sup>(K)</sup> | 2,400                                   | 2,400      | 2,268      |
|  |   | 20 405     | 10 020     |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Services 12.2%  |   | 20,495     | 18,038     |
| ImageWorks Display and Marketing Group, Inc. Line of Credit, \$2,700 available                             |   |            |            |
| $(L+9.0\%, 10.9\% \text{ Cash, Due 5/2018})^{(L)}$   | 300                                     | 300        | 300        |
| ImageWorks Display and Marketing Group, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0% Cash, D                             |   | 500        | 500        |
| 11/2022) <sup>(L)</sup>  | 22,000                                  | 22,000     | 22,000     |
| J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LLC Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.4% Cash, Due 2/2022)                                    | 21,000                                  | 21,000     | 21,000     |
|  |   |            |            |
|  |   | 43,300     | 43,300     |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Products 9.49                                | 6                                       |            |            |
| Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.0%, 12.0% Cash, Due 1/2023)                               | 17,700                                  | 17,700     | 17,700     |
| Old World Christmas, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.3%, 13.3% Cash, Due 10/2019)                                     | 15,770                                  | 15,770     | 15,770     |
|  |   |            |            |
|  |   | 33,470     | 33,470     |
| Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 4.4%  |   |            |            |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC Term Debt (L+7.3%, 9.3% Cash, Due 8/2020) <sup>(L)</sup>                 | 6,200                                   | 6,200      | 6,200      |
|  |   |            | 113        |

| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC Term Debt (L+8.3%, 10.3% Cash,                      |        |            |            |
|---|--------|------------|------------|
| Due 8/2020) <sup>(L)</sup>  | 12,200 | 12,200     | 8,827      |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC Term Debt (Due 8/2020) <sup>(R)</sup>               | 538    | 538        | 440        |
|   |        | 18,938     | 15,467     |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing Only) 6.6%                  |        |            |            |
| Pioneer Square Brands, Inc. Line of Credit, \$600 available (L+9.0%, 10.9% Cash (1.0% |        |            |            |
| Unused Fee), Due 4/2018) <sup>(L)</sup>   | 2,400  | 2,400      | 2,400      |
| Pioneer Square Brands, Inc. Term Debt (L+12.0%, 13.9% Cash, Due 8/2022)               | 21,000 | 21,000     | 21,000     |
|   |        |            |            |
|   |        | 23,400     | 23,400     |
| Telecommunications 4.0%   |        |            |            |
| B+T Group Acquisition, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0% Cash,            |        |            |            |
| Due 12/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>   | 14,000 | 14,000     | 14,000     |
| Textiles and Leather 2.6%   |        |            |            |
| Logo Sportswear, Inc. Term Debt (L+10.5%, 12.5% Cash, Due 3/2020)                     | 9,200  | 9,200      | 9,200      |
|   |        |            |            |
| Total Secured First Lien Debt   |        | \$ 181,513 | \$ 173,943 |

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### **GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

### CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

### MARCH 31, 2018

### (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

| Company and Investment <sup>(A)(B)(D)(E)</sup>   | Principal/Sha<br>Units <sup>(F)(J)</sup>   |  | Fair Value       |
|--|--|--|------------------|
| Secured Second Lien Debt 17.5%   | Units                                      | Cust   | rair value       |
| Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber 7.0%   |  |  |                  |
| PSI Molded Plastics, Inc. Term Debt $(L+12.0\%, 13.9\% \text{ Cash, Due } 1/2024)^{\circ}$   | \$ 24 618                                  | \$ 24 618  | \$ 24,618        |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing 2.8%  | φ 24,010                                   | φ <b>2-</b> ,010   | φ <b>24</b> ,010 |
| Alloy Die Casting Co. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.5% Cash, Due $4/2021^{(K)}$  | 12,215                                     | 12,215   | 9,161            |
| Alloy Die Casting Co. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (L+11.5%, 13.5% Cash, Due $4/2021^{\text{(K)}}$   | 175  | 175  |                  |
| Alloy Die Casting Co. <sup>(M)</sup> Term Debt (Due $4/2021$ ) <sup>(R)</sup>  | 910  | 910  |                  |
|  | ,10  | 110  | 007              |
|  |  | 13,300   | 9,979            |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Products 4.5%  | 70   |  | - )              |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc. Term Debt (L+11.0%, 13.0% Cash, Due 8/2021)   |  | 16,000   | 16,000           |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing Only) 3.2%   | ,  | ,  | ,                |
| The Mountain Corporation Term Debt (L+4.0%, 7.0% Cash, Due 8/2021)   | 18,600                                     | 18,600   | 8,692            |
| The Mountain Corporation Term Debt (Due 8/2021 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> )(R)  | 1,000                                      | 1,000  | 1,000            |
| The Mountain Corporation Term Debt (Due 8/2021 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>L</sub> )(R)  | 1,500                                      | 1,500  |                  |
| The Mountain Corporation Delayed Draw Term Debt, \$750 available   |  |  |                  |
| (Due 8/2021) <sup>(L)(R)</sup>   | 250  | 250  | 250              |
|  |  |  |                  |
|  |  | 21,350   | 11,442           |
| Total Secured Second Lien Debt   |  | \$75,268   | \$ 62,039        |
|  |  |  |                  |
| Preferred Equity 29.2%   |  |  |                  |
| Preferred Equity 29.2%<br>Automobile 0.2%  |  |  |                  |
| Automobile 0.2%  | 3 381                                      | \$ 3.381   | \$ 802           |
| Automobile $0.2\%$ Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stoc $(\mathbb{C})^{(L)}$   | 3,381                                      | \$ 3,381   | \$ 802           |
| Automobile0.2%Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stoc <sup>((L)</sup> )Beverage, Food, and Tobacco0.7%  |  |  |                  |
| Automobile       0.2%         Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Beverage, Food, and Tobacco       0.7%         Head Country, Inc.       Preferred Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup>  | 3,381<br>4,000                             | \$ 3,381<br>4,000  |                  |
| Automobile       0.2%         Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Beverage, Food, and Tobacco       0.7%         Head Country, Inc.       Preferred Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Cargo Transport       0.0%   | 4,000                                      | 4,000  | 2,555            |
| Automobile       0.2%         Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stoc <sup>(ℝ)(L)</sup> Beverage, Food, and Tobacco       0.7%         Head Country, Inc.       Preferred Stoc <sup>(ℝ)(L)</sup> Cargo Transport       0.0%         NDLI, Inc.       Preferred Stoc <sup>(ℝ)(L)</sup>   |  |  | 2,555            |
| Automobile       0.2%         Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Beverage, Food, and Tobacco       0.7%         Head Country, Inc.       Preferred Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Cargo Transport       0.0%   | 4,000                                      | 4,000  | 2,555            |
| Automobile $0.2\%$ Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Beverage, Food, and Tobacco $0.7\%$ Head Country, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Cargo Transport $0.0\%$ NDLI, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber $0.9\%$ PSI Molded Plastics, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup>   | 4,000<br>3,600                             | 4,000<br>3,600   | 2,555            |
| Automobile $0.2\%$ Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Beverage, Food, and Tobacco $0.7\%$ Head Country, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Cargo Transport $0.0\%$ NDLI, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber $0.9\%$ PSI Molded Plastics, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup>   | 4,000<br>3,600                             | 4,000<br>3,600   | 2,555<br>3,016   |
| Automobile       0.2%         Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Beverage, Food, and Tobacco       0.7%         Head Country, Inc. Preferred Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Cargo Transport       0.0%         NDLI, Inc. Preferred Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber       0.9%         PSI Molded Plastics, Inc. Preferred Stoc <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing       0.5%   | 4,000<br>3,600<br>51,098                   | 4,000<br>3,600<br>8,980  | 2,555<br>3,016   |
| Automobile $0.2\%$ Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Beverage, Food, and Tobacco $0.7\%$ Head Country, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Cargo Transport $0.0\%$ NDLI, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber $0.9\%$ PSI Molded Plastics, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing $0.5\%$ Alloy Die Casting Co. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup>   | 4,000<br>3,600<br>51,098<br>5,114          | 4,000<br>3,600<br>8,980<br>5,114                               | 2,555<br>3,016   |
| Automobile $0.2\%$ Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Beverage, Food, and Tobacco $0.7\%$ Head Country, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Cargo Transport $0.0\%$ NDLI, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber $0.9\%$ PSI Molded Plastics, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing $0.5\%$ Alloy Die Casting Co. <sup>(M)</sup> Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> Channel Technologies Group, LLC Preferred Stock <sup>(C)(L)</sup> | 4,000<br>3,600<br>51,098<br>5,114<br>2,279 | <b>4,000</b><br><b>3,600</b><br><b>8,980</b><br>5,114<br>1,841 | 2,555<br>3,016   |

| ImageWorks Display and Marketing Group, Inc. Preferred Stoc€ <sup>(L)</sup>                    | 67,490         | 6,750          | 9,422                 |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LLC Preferred Stock <sup>L)</sup>                                      | 5,920          | 5,920          | 14,480                |
|  |                | 12,670         | 23,902                |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Products 15.0                    | %              |                |                       |
| Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc. Preferred Stock <sup>()(L)</sup>                              | 4,943          | 4,943          | 16,615                |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc. Preferred Stoc <sup>(ℓ)(L)</sup>                              | 4,500          | 4,500          | 26,178                |
| Old World Christmas, Inc. Preferred Stoc <sup>(€)(L)</sup>                                     | 6,180          | 6,180          | 10,411                |
|  |                |                |                       |
|  |                | 15,623         | 53,204                |
| Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment 0.0%                                    |                |                |                       |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC Preferred Stock <sup>(L)</sup>                               | 9,749          | 9,749          |                       |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing Only) 2.2%                           |                |                |                       |
|  |                |                |                       |
| The Mountain Corporation Preferred Stoc $(\mathbb{K})^{(L)}$                                   | 6,899          | 6,899          |                       |
| The Mountain CorporationPreferred Stock $(L)$ Pioneer Square Brands, Inc.Preferred Stock $(L)$ | 6,899<br>5,502 | 6,899<br>5,500 | 7,800                 |
| A  | ,              |                | 7,800                 |
|  | ,              |                | 7,800<br><b>7,800</b> |
|  | ,              | 5,500          |                       |
| Pioneer Square Brands, Inc. Preferred Stoc <sup>(K)(L)</sup>                                   | ,              | 5,500          |                       |

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### **GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

### CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

### MARCH 31, 2018

### (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

|   | rincipal/Shar           |     | Cent    | Б-         |         |
|---|-------------------------|-----|---------|------------|---------|
| Company and Investment <sup>(A)(B)(D)(E)</sup><br>Textiles and Leather 2.9%   | Units <sup>(F)(J)</sup> |     | Cost    | Fai        | r Value |
| Logo Sportswear, Inc. Preferred $\operatorname{Stoc}(\mathbb{R}^{2})^{(L)}$   | 1,550                   | \$  | 1,096   | \$         | 10,207  |
| Total Preferred Equity  |                         | \$  | 86,423  | \$1        | 03,411  |
|   |                         |     |         |            |         |
| Common Equity 0.0%  |                         |     |         |            |         |
| Cargo Transport 0.0%  |                         | *   |         | *          |         |
| NDLI, Inc. Common Stoc <sup>(€)(L)</sup>                                      | 545                     | \$  |         | \$         |         |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing 0.0%                                   |                         |     |         |            |         |
| Alloy Die Casting Co. <sup>(M)</sup> Common Stoc $(\mathbb{C})^{(L)}$         | 630                     |     | 41      |            |         |
| Channel Technologies Group, LLC Common Stock (C)(L)                           | 2,319,184               |     |         |            |         |
| D.P.M.S., Inc. Common $\text{Stoc}(\mathbb{K})^{(L)}$                         | 627                     |     | 1       |            |         |
|   |                         |     | 42      |            |         |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing Only) 0.0%          |                         |     |         |            |         |
| The Mountain Corporation Common $\operatorname{Stoc}(\mathbb{R}^{2})^{(L)}$   | 751                     |     | 1       |            |         |
| The Mountain Corporation Common Stock   | 751                     |     | -       |            |         |
| Total Common Equity   |                         | \$  | 43      | \$         |         |
|   |                         | ሰ ኅ |         | ф <b>1</b> | 20.202  |
| Total Affiliate Investments   |                         | \$3 | 343,247 | \$3        | 59,595  |
| CONTRACT INTEGRATION $(\mathbf{D}) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r})$        |                         |     |         |            |         |
| CONTROL INVESTMENTS <sup>(P)</sup> 3.5%:                                      |                         |     |         |            |         |
| Secured First Lien Debt 1.4%  |                         |     |         |            |         |
| Aerospace and Defense 1.4%  |                         |     |         |            |         |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation Line of Credit, \$0 available (L+4.5%, 6.5%   |                         |     |         |            |         |
| Cash (1.0% Unused Fee), Due 8/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>                            | \$ 5,000                | \$  | 5,000   | \$         | 5,000   |
| Secured Second Lien Debt 1.4%   |                         |     |         |            |         |
| Aerospace and Defense 1.4%  |                         |     |         |            |         |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation Term Debt (L+6.0%, 10.0% Cash, Due            |                         |     |         |            |         |
| 8/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>  | \$ 5,000                | \$  | 5,000   | \$         | 5,000   |
| Preferred Equity 0.7%   |                         |     |         |            |         |
| Aerospace and Defense 0.7%  |                         |     |         |            |         |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation Preferred Stock <sup>()(L)</sup>              | 5,517,444               | \$  | 11,464  | \$         | 2,457   |
| Common Equity 0.0%  |                         |     |         |            |         |
| Aerospace and Defense 0.0%  |                         |     |         |            |         |
|   |                         |     | 40      |            |         |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation Common $\operatorname{Stoc} \mathbb{K}^{(L)}$ | 88,843                  | \$  | 48      | \$         |         |

### TOTAL INVESTMENTS 169.2%)

\$584,846 \$599,147

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### **GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

### CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

### MARCH 31, 2018

### (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

- (A) Certain of the securities listed are issued by affiliate(s) of the indicated portfolio company. The majority of the securities listed, totaling \$504.0 million at fair value, are pledged as collateral to our revolving line of credit, as described further in Note 5 *Borrowings* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*. Additionally, under Section 55 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ), we may not acquire any non-qualifying assets unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of our total assets. As of March 31, 2018, our investment in Funko Acquisition Holdings, LLC (Funko ) is considered a non-qualifying asset under Section 55 of the 1940 Act and represents less than 0.1% of total investments, at fair value.
- <sup>(B)</sup> Unless indicated otherwise, all cash interest rates are indexed to 30-day London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L), which was 1.9% as of March 31, 2018. If applicable, paid-in-kind (PIK) interest rates are noted separately from the cash interest rate. Certain securities are subject to an interest rate floor. The cash interest rate is the greater of the floor or LIBOR plus a spread. Due dates represent the contractual maturity date.
- <sup>(C)</sup> Security is non-income producing.
- (D) Category percentages represent the fair value of each category and subcategory as a percentage of net assets as of March 31, 2018.
- (E) Unless indicated otherwise, all of our investments are valued using Level 3 inputs within the FASB Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820) fair value hierarchy. Refer to Note 3 *Investments* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information.
- (F) Where applicable, aggregates all shares of a class of stock owned without regard to specific series owned within such class (some series of which may or may not be voting shares) or aggregates all warrants to purchase shares of a class of stock owned without regard to specific series of such class of stock such warrants allow us to purchase.
- <sup>(G)</sup> Debt security is on non-accrual status.
- (H) \$5.1 million of the debt security was participated to a third party, but is accounted for as collateral for a secured borrowing under accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. and presented as Secured borrowing on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* as of March 31, 2018.
- <sup>(I)</sup> Debt security has a fixed interest rate.
- <sup>(J)</sup> Represents the principal balance for debt investments and the number of shares/units held for equity investments. Warrants are represented as a percentage of ownership, as applicable.
- <sup>(K)</sup> Fair value was based on internal yield analysis or on estimates of value submitted by ICE Data Pricing and Reference Data, LLC (formerly Standard and Poor s Securities Evaluations, Inc.). Refer to Note 3 *Investments* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information.
- <sup>(L)</sup> Fair value was based on the total enterprise value of the portfolio company, which is generally allocated to the portfolio company s securities in order of their relative priority in the capital structure. Refer to Note 3 *Investments* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information.
- <sup>(M)</sup>One of our affiliated funds, Gladstone Capital Corporation, co-invested with us in this portfolio company pursuant to an exemptive order granted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).
- <sup>(N)</sup> Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments, as defined by the 1940 Act, are those that are neither Control nor Affiliate investments and in which we own less than 5.0% of the issued and outstanding voting securities.

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Affiliate investments, as defined by the 1940 Act, are those that are not Control investments and in which we own, with the power to vote, between and inclusive of 5.0% and 25.0% of the issued and outstanding voting securities.

- (P) Control investments, as defined by the 1940 Act, are those where we have the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of the portfolio company, which may include owning, with the power to vote, more than 25.0% of the issued and outstanding voting securities.
- <sup>(Q)</sup> Fair value was based on the expected exit or payoff amount, where such event has occurred or is expected to occur imminently.
- $^{(\mbox{R})}$  Debt security does not have a stated current interest rate.
- <sup>(S)</sup> Our investment in Funko was valued using Level 2 inputs within the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy. Our common units in Funko are convertible into class A common stock in Funko, Inc. upon the expiration of a lock-up agreement and meeting certain other requirements. Fair value was based on the closing market price of shares of Funko, Inc. as of the reporting date, less a discount for lack of marketability. Funko, Inc. is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the trading symbol FNKO. Refer to Note 3 *Investments* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information.
- (T) New portfolio investment valued at cost, as it was determined that the price paid during the three months ended March 31, 2018 best represents fair value as of March 31, 2018.
- <sup>(U)</sup> Refer to Note 11 *Commitments and Contingencies* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information regarding this guaranty.
- (V) Cumulative gross unrealized depreciation for federal income tax purposes is \$95.2 million; cumulative gross unrealized appreciation for federal income tax purposes is \$113.6 million. Cumulative net unrealized appreciation is \$18.4 million, based on a tax cost of \$580.8 million.

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### **GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **JUNE 30, 2018**

# (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA AND AS OTHERWISE INDICATED)

#### (UNAUDITED)

#### NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION

Gladstone Investment Corporation ( Gladstone Investment ) was incorporated under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware on February 18, 2005, and completed an initial public offering on June 22, 2005. The terms the our and us all refer to Gladstone Investment and its consolidated subsidiaries. We are an externally Company, we, advised, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), and is applying the guidance of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 946 Financial Services-Investment Companies (ASC 946). In addition, we have elected to be treated for tax purposes as a regulated investment company (RIC) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). We were established for the purpose of investing in debt and equity securities of established private businesses in the United States (U.S.). Debt investments primarily take the form of two types of loans: secured first lien loans and secured second lien loans. Equity investments primarily take the form of preferred or common equity (or warrants or options to acquire the foregoing), often in connection with buyouts and other recapitalizations. Our investment objectives are to: (i) achieve and grow current income by investing in debt securities of established businesses that we believe will provide stable earnings and cash flow to pay expenses, make principal and interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness and make distributions to stockholders that grow over time, and (ii) provide our stockholders with long-term capital appreciation in the value of our assets by investing in equity securities of established businesses, generally in combination with the aforementioned debt securities, that we believe can grow over time to permit us to sell our equity investments for capital gains. We intend that our investment portfolio over time will consist of approximately 75.0% in debt investments and 25.0% in equity investments, at cost.

Gladstone Business Investment, LLC (Business Investment), a wholly-owned subsidiary of ours, was established on August 11, 2006 for the sole purpose of owning our portfolio of investments in connection with our line of credit. The financial statements of Business Investment are consolidated with those of Gladstone Investment. We also have significant subsidiaries (as defined under Rule 1-02(w) of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission s (SEC) Regulation S-X) whose financial statements are not consolidated with ours. Refer to Note 12 Unconsolidated Significant Subsidiaries for additional information regarding our unconsolidated significant subsidiaries.

We are externally managed by Gladstone Management Corporation (the Adviser ), an affiliate of ours and an SEC registered investment adviser, pursuant to an investment advisory agreement and management agreement (the

Advisory Agreement ). Administrative services are provided by Gladstone Administration, LLC (the Administrator ), an affiliate of ours and the Adviser, pursuant to an administration agreement (the Administration Agreement ). Refer to Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* for more information regarding these arrangements.

### NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Unaudited Interim Financial Statements and Basis of Presentation

We prepare our interim financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (GAAP) for interim financial information and pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-Q and Articles 6 and 10 of SEC Regulation S-X under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Accordingly, we have not included in this quarterly report all of the information and notes required by GAAP for annual financial statements. The accompanying *Consolidated Financial Statements* include our accounts and those of our wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. In accordance with Article 6 of Regulation S-X, under the Securities Act of 1933, we do not consolidate portfolio company investments. Under the investment company rules and regulations pursuant to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ( AICPA ) Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies, codified in ASC 946, we are precluded from consolidating any entity other than another investment company, except that ASC 946 provides for the consolidated subsidiaries. In our opinion, all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring accruals, necessary for the fair statement of financial statements for the interim periods have been included. The results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2018 are not necessarily indicative of results that ultimately may be achieved for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 or any future interim period. The interim financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, as filed with the SEC on May 15, 2018.

### Use of Estimates

Preparing financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### Reclassifications

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation in the *Consolidated Financial Statements* and the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*. Reclassifications did not impact net increase in net assets resulting from operations, total assets, total liabilities, or total net assets, or Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Statement of Cash Flows classifications.

### Investment Valuation Policy

### Accounting Recognition

We record our investments at fair value in accordance with the FASB ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820) and the 1940 Act. Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains or losses are generally measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the cost basis of the investment, without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the period, net of recoveries. Unrealized appreciation or depreciation primarily reflects the change in investment fair values, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses are realized.

### Board Responsibility

In accordance with the 1940 Act, our Board of Directors has the ultimate responsibility for reviewing and approving, in good faith, the fair value of our investments based on our investment valuation policy (which has been approved by our Board of Directors) (the Policy ). Such review occurs in three phases. First, prior to its quarterly meetings, the Board of Directors receives written valuation recommendations and supporting materials provided by professionals of the Adviser and Administrator with oversight and direction from the chief valuation officer (the Valuation Team ). Second, the Valuation Committee of our Board of Directors (comprised entirely of independent directors) meets to review the valuation recommendations and supporting materials, presented by the chief valuation officer. Third, after the Valuation Committee concludes its meeting, it and the chief valuation officer present the Valuation Committee s

findings to the entire Board of Directors so that the full Board of Directors may review and approve the fair value of our investments in accordance with the Policy.

There is no single standard for determining fair value (especially for privately-held businesses), as fair value depends upon the specific facts and circumstances of each individual investment. In determining the fair value of our investments, the Valuation Team, led by the chief valuation officer, uses the Policy and each quarter the Valuation Committee and Board of Directors review the Policy to determine if changes thereto are advisable and also review whether the Valuation Team has applied the Policy consistently.

### Use of Third Party Valuation Firms

The Valuation Team engages third party valuation firms to provide independent assessments of fair value of certain of our investments.

ICE Data Pricing and Reference Data, LLC (ICE) (formerly Standard and Poor's Securities Evaluations, Inc.), a valuation specialist, generally provides estimates of fair value on our debt investments. The Valuation Team generally assigns ICE's estimates of fair value to our debt investments where we do not have the ability to effectuate a sale of the applicable portfolio company. The Valuation Team corroborates ICE's estimates of fair value using one or more of the valuation techniques discussed below. The Valuation Team's estimate of value on a specific debt investment may significantly differ from ICE's. When this occurs, our Valuation Committee and Board of Directors review whether the Valuation Team has followed the Policy and whether the Valuation Team's recommended fair value is reasonable in light of the Policy and other facts and circumstances and then votes to accept or reject the Valuation Team's recommended fair value.

We may engage other independent valuation firms to provide earnings multiple ranges, as well as other information, and evaluate such information for incorporation into the total enterprise value (TEV) of certain of our investments. Generally, at least once per year, we engage an independent valuation firm to value or review the valuation of our significant equity investments, which includes providing the information noted above. The Valuation Team evaluates such information for incorporation into our TEV, including review of all inputs provided by the independent valuation firm. The Valuation Team then makes a recommendation to our Valuation Committee and Board of Directors as to the fair value. Our Board of Directors reviews the recommended fair value and whether it is reasonable in light of the Policy and other relevant facts and circumstances and then votes to accept or reject the Valuation Team s recommended fair value.

### Valuation Techniques

In accordance with ASC 820, the Valuation Team uses the following techniques when valuing our investment portfolio:

*Total Enterprise Value* In determining the fair value using a TEV, the Valuation Team first calculates the TEV of the portfolio company by incorporating some or all of the following factors: the portfolio company s ability to make payments and other specific portfolio company attributes; the earnings of the portfolio company (the trailing or projected twelve month revenue or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA )); EBITDA obtained from our indexing methodology whereby the original transaction EBITDA at the time of our closing is indexed to a general subset of comparable disclosed transactions and EBITDA from recent sales to third parties of similar securities in similar industries; a comparison to publicly traded securities in similar industries, and other pertinent factors. The Valuation Team generally reviews industry statistics and may use outside experts when gathering this information. Once the TEV is determined for a portfolio company, the Valuation Team generally allocates the TEV to the portfolio company s securities based on the facts and circumstances of the securities, which typically results in the allocation of fair value to securities based on the order of their relative priority in the capital structure.

Generally, the Valuation Team uses TEV to value our equity investments and, in the circumstances where we have the ability to effectuate a sale of a portfolio company, our debt investments. TEV is primarily calculated using EBITDA; however, TEV may also be calculated using revenue multiples or a discounted cash flow ( DCF ) analysis whereby future expected cash flows of the

portfolio company are discounted to determine a net present value using estimated risk-adjusted discount rates, which incorporate adjustments for nonperformance and liquidity risks. Generally, the Valuation Team uses a DCF analysis to calculate TEV to corroborate estimates of value for our equity investments where we do not have the ability to effectuate a sale of a portfolio company or for debt of credit impaired portfolio companies.

*Yield Analysis* The Valuation Team generally determines the fair value of our debt investments (where we do not have the ability to effectuate a sale of a portfolio company) using the yield analysis, which includes a DCF calculation and assumptions that the Valuation Team believes market participants would use, including, but not limited to: estimated remaining life; current market yield; current leverage; and interest rate spreads. This technique develops a modified discount rate that incorporates risk premiums including, among other things, increased probability of default, increased loss upon default and increased liquidity risk. Generally, the Valuation Team uses the yield analysis to corroborate both estimates of value provided by ICE and market quotes.

*Market Quotes* For our investments for which a limited market exists, we generally base fair value on readily available and reliable market quotations, which are corroborated by the Valuation Team (generally by using the yield analysis explained above). In addition, the Valuation Team assesses trading activity for similar investments and evaluates variances in quotations and other market insights to determine if any available quoted prices are reliable. Typically, the Valuation Team uses the lower indicative bid price (IBP) in the bid-to-ask price range obtained from the respective originating syndication agent s trading desk on or near the valuation date. The Valuation Team may take further steps to consider additional information to validate that price in accordance with the Policy. For securities that are publicly traded, we generally base fair value on the closing market price of our shares as of the reporting date. For restricted securities that are publicly traded, we generally base fair value on the closing market price of our shares as of the reporting date. For restricted securities that are publicly traded, we generally base fair value on the closing market price of our shares as of the reporting date. For restricted securities that are publicly traded, we generally base fair value on the closing market price of our shares as of the reporting date less a discount for the restriction, which includes consideration of the nature and term to expiration of the restriction.

*Investments in Funds* For equity investments in other funds, where we cannot effectuate a sale, the Valuation Team generally determines the fair value of our uninvested capital at par value and of our invested capital at the Net Asset Value ( NAV ) provided by the fund. The Valuation Team may also determine fair value of our investments in other investment funds based on the capital accounts of the underlying entity.

In addition to the valuation techniques listed above, the Valuation Team may also consider other factors when determining the fair value of our investments, including but not limited to: the nature and realizable value of the collateral, including external parties guaranties; any relevant offers or letters of intent to acquire the portfolio company; timing of expected loan repayments; and the markets in which the portfolio company operates. New and follow-on debt and equity investments made during the current reporting quarter are generally valued at our original cost basis, as appropriate, as near-measurement date transaction value generally is a reasonable indicator of fair value.

Fair value measurements of our investments may involve subjective judgments and estimates and, due to the uncertainty inherent in valuing these securities, the determinations of fair value may fluctuate from period to period and may differ materially from the values that could be obtained if a ready market for these securities existed. Our NAV could be materially affected if the determinations regarding the fair value of our investments are materially different from the values that we ultimately realize upon our disposal of such securities. Additionally, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investment may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the valuations currently assigned. Further, such investments are generally subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or otherwise are less liquid than publicly

traded securities. If we were required to liquidate a portfolio investment in a forced or liquidation sale, we could realize significantly less than the value at which it is recorded.

Refer to Note 3 *Investments* for additional information regarding fair value measurements and our application of ASC 820.

### Revenue Recognition

### Interest Income Recognition

Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premiums, amendment fees and acquisition costs and the accretion of discounts, is recorded on the accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. Generally, when a loan becomes 90 days or more past due, or if our qualitative assessment indicates that the debtor is unable to service its debt or other obligations, we will place the loan on non-accrual status and cease recognizing interest income on that loan until the borrower has demonstrated the ability and intent to pay contractual amounts due. However, we remain contractually entitled to this interest. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to the cost basis, depending upon management s judgment. Generally, non-accrual loans are restored to accrual status when past-due principal and interest are paid and, in management s judgment, are likely to remain current, or, due to a restructuring, the interest income is deemed to be collectible. As of June 30, 2018, certain of our loans to B-Dry, LLC, The Mountain Corporation, and PSI Molded Plastics, Inc. were on non-accrual status, with an aggregate debt cost basis of \$55.1 million, or 12.4% of the cost basis of all debt investments in our portfolio, and an aggregate fair value of \$33.8 million, or 8.2% of the fair value of all debt investments in our portfolio. As of March 31, 2018, certain of our loans to Alloy Die Casting Co. and Tread Corporation were on non-accrual status, with an aggregate debt cost basis of \$15.6 million, or 3.6% of the cost basis of all debt investments in our portfolio, and an aggregate fair value of \$12.5 million, or 3.1% of the fair value of all debt investments in our portfolio.

Paid-in-kind ( PIK ) interest, computed at the contractual rate specified in the loan agreement, is added to the principal balance of the loan and recorded as interest income. As of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, we did not have any loans with a PIK interest component.

### Success Fee Income Recognition

We record success fees as income when earned, which often occurs upon receipt of cash. Success fees are generally contractually due upon a change of control in a portfolio company, typically resulting from an exit or sale.

### **Dividend Income Recognition**

We accrue dividend income on preferred and common equity securities to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected and if we have the option to collect such amounts in cash or other consideration.

### Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents

Restricted cash is generally cash held in escrow received as part of an investment exit. Restricted cash is carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

### Deferred Financing and Offering Costs

Deferred financing and offering costs consist of costs incurred to obtain financing, including lender fees and legal fees. Certain costs associated with our revolving line of credit are deferred and amortized using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method, over the term of the revolving line of credit. Costs associated with the issuance of our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock are presented as discounts to the liquidation value of the mandatorily redeemable preferred stock and are amortized using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method, over the terms of the respective financings. Refer to Note 5 *Borrowings* and Note 6 *Mandatorily Redeemable Preferred Stock* for further discussion.

### Related Party Fees

We are party to the Advisory Agreement with the Adviser, which is owned and controlled by our chairman and chief executive officer. In accordance with the Advisory Agreement, we pay the Adviser fees as compensation

for its services, consisting of a base management fee and an incentive fee. Additionally, we pay the Adviser a loan servicing fee as compensation for its services as servicer under the terms of the Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated April 30, 2013, as amended (the Credit Facility ).

We are also party to the Administration Agreement with the Administrator, which is owned and controlled by our chairman and chief executive officer, whereby we pay separately for administrative services.

Refer to Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* for additional information regarding these related party fees and agreements.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In November 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-18, *Restricted Cash (a consensus of the Emerging Issues Task Force)* (ASU 2016-18), which requires that the statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. ASU 2016-18 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted, and we adopted ASU 2016-18 effective April 1, 2018. The adoption of ASU 2016-18 did not have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In August 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-15, *Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments (a consensus of the Emerging Issues Task Force)* (ASU 2016-15), which is intended to reduce diversity in practice in how certain transactions are classified in the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-15 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted, and we adopted ASU 2016-15 effective April 1, 2018. The adoption of ASU 2016-15 did not have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In January 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-01, *Financial Instruments Overall: Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* (ASU 2016-01), which changes how entities measure certain equity investments and how entities present changes in the fair value of financial liabilities measured under the fair value option that are attributable to instrument-specific credit risk. ASU 2016-01 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted for certain aspects of ASU 2016-01 relating to the recognition of changes in fair value of financial liabilities when the fair value option is elected, and we adopted ASU 2016-01 effective April 1, 2018. The adoption of ASU 2016-01 did not have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (ASU 2014-09), which was amended in March 2016 by FASB Accounting Standards Update 2016-08, *Principal versus Agent Considerations* (ASU 2016-08), in April 2016 by FASB Accounting Standards Update 2016-10, *Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing* (ASU 2016-10), in May 2016 by FASB Accounting Standards Update 2016-10, *Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing* (ASU 2016-10), in May 2016 by FASB Accounting Standards Update 2016-12, *Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients* (ASU 2016-12), and in December 2016 by FASB Accounting Standards Update 2016-20, *Technical Corrections and Improvements to Topic 606* (ASU 2016-20). ASU 2014-09, as amended, supersedes or replaces nearly all GAAP revenue recognition guidance. The new guidance establishes a new control-based revenue recognition model, changes the basis for deciding when revenue is recognized over time or at a point in time, and will expand disclosures about revenue. In July 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2015-14, *Deferral of the Effective Date*, which deferred the effective date of ASU 2014-09. ASU 2014-09, as amended by ASU 2015-14, ASU 2016-08, ASU 2016-10, ASU 2016-12, and ASU 2016-20, is now effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and interim periods within those years, with early adoption permitted for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016 and interim periods within

those years. We adopted ASU 2014-09, as amended, effective April 1, 2018. The adoption of ASU 2014-09, as amended, did not result in a material change in the timing of revenue recognition or a material impact on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows from adopting this standard.

### NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS

### Fair Value

In accordance with ASC 820, we determine the fair value of our investments to be the price that would be received for an investment in a current sale, which assumes an orderly transaction between willing market participants on the measurement date. This fair value definition focuses on exit price in the principal, or most advantageous, market and prioritizes, within a measurement of fair value, the use of market-based inputs over entity-specific inputs. ASC 820 also establishes the following three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of a financial instrument as of the measurement date.

*Level 1* inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical financial instruments in active markets;

*Level 2* inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar financial instruments in active or inactive markets, and inputs that are observable for the financial instrument, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Level 2 inputs are in those markets for which there are few transactions, the prices are not current, little public information exists, or instances where prices vary substantially over time or among brokered market makers; and

*Level 3* inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs are those inputs that reflect assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the financial instrument and can include the Valuation Team s assumptions based upon the best available information.

When a determination is made to classify our investments within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy, such determination is based upon the significance of the unobservable factors to the overall fair value measurement. However, Level 3 financial instruments typically include, in addition to the unobservable, or Level 3, inputs, observable inputs (or, components that are actively quoted and can be validated to external sources). The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

As of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, all of our investments were valued using Level 3 inputs within the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy, except for our investment in Funko Acquisition Holdings, LLC (Funko), which was valued using Level 2 inputs.

We transfer investments in and out of Level 1, 2 and 3 of the valuation hierarchy as of the beginning balance sheet date, based on changes in the use of observable and unobservable inputs utilized to perform the valuation for the period. There were no transfers in or out of Level 1, 2 and 3 during the three months ended June 30, 2018. During the three months ended June 30, 2017, we transferred our investment in AquaVenture Holdings Limited, f/k/a Quench Holdings Corp., (AquaVenture) from Level 2 to Level 1 as a result of the expiration of the lock-up period from the initial public offering in October 2016 and subsequently sold our investment.

As of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, our investments, by security type, at fair value were categorized as follows within the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy:

|                                    | Qu<br>Fair<br>Value | oted Prices<br>Active<br>Markets<br>for<br>Identical<br>Assets<br>(Level<br>1) | s in<br>Sign<br>O<br>Obso<br>In | Value Meas<br>ifficant<br>ther<br>ervable<br>puts<br>evel 2) | Si<br>Unc | nts<br>gnificant<br>observable<br>Inputs<br>Level 3) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|-----------|--|
| As of June 30, 2018:               |                     | _,   | (                               |  | (-        |  |
| Secured first lien debt            | \$316,325           | \$   | \$                              |  | \$        | 316,325  |
| Secured second lien debt           | 97,026              |  |                                 |  |           | 97,026   |
| Preferred equity                   | 200,252             |  |                                 |  |           | 200,252  |
| Common equity/equivalents          | 15,715              |  |                                 | 712 <sup>(A)</sup>   |           | 15,003   |
| Total Investments at June 30, 2018 | \$ 629,318          | \$   | \$                              | 712  | \$        | 628,606  |

|                                     | Qu<br>Fair<br>Value | oted Prices<br>Active<br>Markets<br>for<br>Identical<br>Assets<br>(Level<br>1) | tive<br>rkets<br>or Significant<br>ntical Other Si<br>sets Observable Une |                   |    | nts<br>gnificant<br>observable<br>Inputs<br>Level 3) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|-------------------|----|--|
| As of March 31, 2018:               |                     | ,  | (Level  | ĺ.                | Ì  | ,  |
| Secured first lien debt             | \$ 305,856          | \$   | \$  |                   | \$ | 305,856  |
| Secured second lien debt            | 97,339              |  |   |                   |    | 97,339   |
| Preferred equity                    | 167,150             |  |   |                   |    | 167,150  |
| Common equity/equivalents           | 28,802              |  | 1   | 94 <sup>(B)</sup> |    | 28,608   |
| Total Investments at March 31, 2018 | \$ 599,147          | \$   | \$ 1  | 94                | \$ | 598,953  |

- (A) Fair value was determined based on the closing market price of shares of Funko, Inc. (our units in Funko can be converted into shares of Funko, Inc.) at the reporting date less a discount for lack of marketability, as our investment was subject to certain restrictions.
- (B) Fair value was determined based on the closing market price of shares of Funko, Inc. (our units in Funko can be converted into shares of Funko, Inc.) at the reporting date less a discount for lack of marketability, as our investment was subject to a 180-day lock-up period, which expired in May 2018, and other restrictions.

The following table presents our investments, valued using Level 3 inputs within the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy, and carried at fair value as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, by caption on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities*, and by security type:

|  | Total Recurring Fair Value Measureme<br>Reported in <i>Consolidated Statements</i><br>of Assets and Liabilities<br>Valued Using Level 3 Inputs<br>June 30, 2018 March 31, 2018 |             |     |             |
|--|--|-------------|-----|-------------|
| Non Control/Non Affiliate Investments                            | Jur  | ne 30, 2018 | Mar | ch 31, 2018 |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate Investments<br>Secured first lien debt | \$   | 120.000     | \$  | 126.012     |
|  | Þ  | 139,089     | \$  | 126,913     |
| Secured second lien debt   |  | 30,300      |     | 30,300      |
| Preferred equity   |  | 73,005      |     | 61,282      |
| Common equity/equivalents <sup>(A)</sup>                         |  | 15,003      |     | 28,608      |
| Total Non-Control/Non-Affiliate Investments                      |  | 257,397     |     | 247,103     |
| Affiliate Investments  |  |             |     |             |
| Secured first lien debt  |  | 172,236     |     | 173,943     |
| Secured second lien debt   |  | 61,726      |     | 62,039      |
| Preferred equity   |  | 121,552     |     | 103,411     |
| Common equity/equivalents  |  |             |     |             |
| Total Affiliate Investments                                      |  | 355,514     |     | 339,393     |
| Control Investments  |  |             |     |             |
| Secured first lien debt  |  | 5,000       |     | 5,000       |
| Secured second lien debt   |  | 5,000       |     | 5,000       |
| Preferred equity   |  | 5,695       |     | 2,457       |
| Common equity/equivalents  |  |             |     |             |
| Total Control Investments  |  | 15,695      |     | 12,457      |
| Total investments at fair value using Level 3 inputs             | \$   | 628,606     | \$  | 598,953     |

(A) Excludes our investment in Funko with a fair value of \$0.7 million and \$0.2 million as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, respectively, which was valued using Level 2 inputs.

In accordance with ASC 820, the following table provides quantitative information about our investments valued using Level 3 fair value measurements as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018. The table below is not intended to be all-inclusive, but rather provides information on the significant Level 3 inputs as they relate to our fair value measurements. The weighted-average calculations in the table below are based on the principal balances for all debt-related calculations and on the cost basis for all equity-related calculations for the particular input.

|                                      | Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements<br>Fair Value Fair Value |                            |  |                       |   |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|
|                                      | as of<br>June 30,<br>2018   | as of<br>March 31,<br>2018 | Valuation<br>Technique/<br>Methodology | Unobservable<br>Input | Range / Weighted-<br>Average as of<br>June 30, 2018 | Range / Weighted-<br>Average as of<br>March 31, 2018 |  |  |
| Secured first lien debt              | <b>\$297,177</b> <sup>(A)</sup>   | \$286,828 <sup>(A)</sup>   | TEV                                    | EBITDA<br>multiple    | 4.9x 8.0x / 6.2x                                    | 4.7x 8.3x / 6.1x                                     |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  |                       | \$1,439 \$16,767 /                                  | \$1,298 \$14,085 /                                   |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | EBITDA                | \$5,965   | \$5,575  |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | Revenue<br>multiple   | 0.2x 0.7x / 0.5x                                    | 0.3x 0.7x / 0.6x                                     |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | -                     | \$15,223 \$30,502 /                                 | \$15,528 \$30,561 /                                  |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | Revenue               | \$24,626  | \$24,780   |  |  |
|                                      | 19,148  | 19,028                     |  | Discount Rate         |   |  |  |  |
| Secured second lien debt             | <b>85,051</b> <sup>(B)</sup>  | 87,360 <sup>(B)</sup>      | TEV                                    | EBITDA multiple       | 3.4x 8.0x / 6.7x                                    | 3.3x 6.8x / 6.2x                                     |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  |                       | \$2,434 \$9,597 /                                   | \$2,683 \$8,795 /                                    |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | EBITDA                | \$6,580   | \$6,827  |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | Revenue               |   |  |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | multiple              | 0.9x 0.9x / 0.9x                                    | 0.9x 0.9x / 0.9x                                     |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | Revenue               | \$19,765    \$19,765 /<br>\$19,765                  | \$21,439 \$21,439 /<br>\$21,439                      |  |  |
|                                      | 11,975  | 9,979                      | Yield Analysis                         | Discount Rate         | 11.3% 11.3% / 11.3%                                 |  |  |  |
| Preferred equity <sup>(C)</sup>      | 200,252   | 167,150                    | TEV                                    | EBITDA multiple       | 3.4x 8.0x / 6.2x                                    | 3.3x 8.3x / 6.0x                                     |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | EBITDA                | \$1,439   \$16,767 /<br>\$5,674                     | \$1,298 \$14,085 /<br>\$5,344                        |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | Revenue               |   |  |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | multiple              | 0.2x 0.9x / 0.7x                                    | 0.3x 0.9x / 0.7x                                     |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | Revenue               | \$15,223 \$30,502 /<br>\$24,631                     | \$15,528 \$30,561 /<br>\$25,303                      |  |  |
| Common                               |   |                            |  | EBITDA                |   |  |  |  |
| equity/equivalents <sup>(D)(E)</sup> | 15,003  | 28,608                     | TEV                                    | multiple              | 5.1x 6.4x / 5.8x                                    | 4.9x 6.2x / 5.6x                                     |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | EBITDA                | \$1,439   \$5,705 /<br>\$2,613                      | \$1,298   \$5,842 /<br>\$2,491                       |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | Revenue               |   |  |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | multiple              | 0.2x 0.9x / 0.2x                                    | 0.3x 0.9x / 0.3x                                     |  |  |
|                                      |   |                            |  | Revenue               | \$15,223 \$ 19,765 /<br>\$15,234                    | \$15,528 \$21,439 /<br>\$15,543                      |  |  |
| Total                                | \$628,606   | \$598,953                  |  |                       |   |  |  |  |
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- (A) Fair value as of June 30, 2018 includes one new proprietary debt investment of \$23.0 million, which was valued at cost using the transaction price as the unobservable input. Fair value as of March 31, 2018 includes two new proprietary debt investments for a combined \$14.5 million, which were valued at cost using the transaction price as the unobservable input, and one proprietary debt investment of \$10.0 million, which was valued at the expected payoff amount as the unobservable input.
- (B) Fair value as of both June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018 includes one proprietary debt investment of \$13.0 million, which was valued at the expected payoff amount as the unobservable input.

- (C) Fair value as of June 30, 2018 includes one new proprietary equity investment of \$4.9 million, which was valued at cost using the transaction price as the unobservable input. Fair value as of March 31, 2018 includes one proprietary equity investment of \$3.4 million, which was valued at the expected payoff amount as the unobservable input.
- (D) Fair value as of June 30, 2018 includes one proprietary equity investment of \$2.4 million, which was valued at the expected payoff amount as the unobservable input. Fair value as of March 31, 2018 includes two proprietary equity investments for a combined \$17.6 million, which were valued at the expected payoff amount as the unobservable input.
- (E) Fair value as of both June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018 excludes our investment in Funko with a fair value of \$0.7 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, which was valued using Level 2 inputs.

Fair value measurements can be sensitive to changes in one or more of the valuation inputs. Changes in discount rates, EBITDA or EBITDA multiples (or revenue or revenue multiples), each in isolation, may change the fair value of certain of our investments. Generally, an increase/(decrease) in discount rates or a (decrease)/increase in EBITDA or EBITDA multiples (or revenue multiples) may result in a (decrease)/increase in the fair value of certain of our investments.

### Changes in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements of Investments

The following tables provide our portfolio s changes in fair value, broken out by security type, during the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 for all investments for which the Adviser determines fair value using unobservable (Level 3) inputs.

|  | Secured<br>First<br>Lien<br>Debt | Secured<br>Second Lien<br>Debt |        | Preferred<br>Equity | Common<br>d Equity/<br>Equivalents |          | Total      |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Three months ended June 30, 2018:                            |                                  |                                |        |                     |                                    |          |            |
| Fair value as of March 31, 2018                              | \$ 305,856                       | \$                             | 97,339 | \$ 167,150          | \$                                 | 28,608   | \$ 598,953 |
| Total gain (loss):   |                                  |                                |        |                     |                                    |          |            |
| Net realized gain <sup>(A)</sup>                             |                                  |                                |        |                     |                                    | 13,786   | 13,786     |
| Net unrealized appreciation                                  |                                  |                                |        |                     |                                    |          |            |
| (depreciation) <sup>(B)</sup>                                | 155                              |                                | (568)  | 31,578              |                                    | 1,140    | 32,305     |
| Reversal of previously recorded                              |                                  |                                |        |                     |                                    |          |            |
| appreciation upon realization <sup>(B)</sup>                 | (74)                             |                                |        |                     |                                    | (14,681) | (14,755)   |
| New investments, repayments and settlements <sup>(C)</sup> : |                                  |                                |        |                     |                                    |          |            |
| Issuances / originations                                     | 24,902                           |                                | 255    | 4,900               |                                    |          | 30,057     |
| Settlements / repayments                                     | (14,514)                         |                                |        |                     |                                    |          | (14,514)   |
| Sales  |                                  |                                |        | (3,376)             |                                    | (13,850) | (17,226)   |
| Transfers  |                                  |                                |        |                     |                                    |          |            |
| Fair value as of June 30, 2018                               | \$ 316,325                       | \$                             | 97,026 | \$ 200,252          | \$                                 | 15,003   | \$ 628,606 |

### Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)

|  | Secured<br>First<br>Lien<br>Debt | Secured<br>Second<br>Lien<br>Debt | Preferred<br>Equity | E  | ommon<br>Equity/<br>uivalents | Total      |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----|-------------------------------|------------|
| Three months ended June 30, 2017:                            |                                  |                                   |                     |    |                               |            |
| Fair value as of March 31, 2017                              | \$ 268,150                       | \$ 95,040                         | \$ 113,515          | \$ | 21,441                        | \$ 498,146 |
| Total gain (loss):   |                                  |                                   |                     |    |                               |            |
| Net realized gain <sup>(A)</sup>                             |                                  |                                   | 957                 |    |                               | 957        |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) <sup>(B)</sup>    | (638)                            | 212                               | 1,128               |    | 1,105                         | 1,807      |
| Reversal of previously recorded                              |                                  |                                   |                     |    |                               |            |
| (appreciation) depreciation upon realization <sup>(B)</sup>  | 1,881                            | (1,670)                           | (1,113)             |    | 777                           | (125)      |
| New investments, repayments and settlements <sup>(C)</sup> : |                                  |                                   |                     |    |                               |            |
| Issuances / originations                                     | 10,540                           | 2                                 | 987                 |    |                               | 11,529     |
| Settlements / repayments                                     | (8,602)                          | (13,660)                          |                     |    |                               | (22,262)   |
| Sales  |                                  |                                   | (3,748)             |    | (805)                         | (4,553)    |
| Transfers  |                                  |                                   |                     |    |                               |            |
| Fair value as of June 30, 2017                               | \$ 271,331                       | \$ 79,924                         | \$ 111,726          | \$ | 22,518                        | \$ 485,499 |

- <sup>(A)</sup> Included in net realized gain (loss) on investments on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Operations* for the respective periods ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.
- <sup>(B)</sup> Included in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Operations* for the periods ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.
- (C) Includes increases in the cost basis of investments resulting from new portfolio investments, the amortization of discounts, PIK and other non-cash disbursements to portfolio companies, as well as decreases in the cost basis of investments resulting from principal repayments or sales, the amortization of premiums and acquisition costs, and other cost-basis adjustments.

Investment Activity

During the three months ended June 30, 2018, the following significant transactions occurred:

In April 2018, we invested \$29.2 million in Bassett Creek Restoration, Inc. (d/b/a J.R. Johnson, LLC) (Bassett Creek) through a combination of secured first lien debt and preferred equity. Bassett Creek, headquartered in Portland, Oregon, is a leading provider of commercial restoration and renovation services to the Oregon and Southwest Washington region.

In June 2018, we sold our investment in Drew Foam Companies, Inc., which resulted in dividend and success fee income of \$0.2 million and a realized gain of \$13.8 million. In connection with the sale, we received net cash proceeds of \$27.3 million, including the repayment of our debt investment of \$9.9 million at par.

#### Investment Concentrations

As of June 30, 2018, our investment portfolio consisted of investments in 33 portfolio companies located in 16 states across 17 different industries with an aggregate fair value of \$629.3 million. Our investments in Cambridge Sound

Management, Inc., Nth Degree, Inc., Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc., J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LLC, and ImageWorks Display and Marketing Group, Inc. represented our five largest portfolio investments at fair value, and collectively comprised \$204.7 million, or 32.5%, of our total investment portfolio at fair value.

|                          | June 30, 2018 |        |           | March 31, 2018 |           |        |            |        |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------|-----------|----------------|-----------|--------|------------|--------|
|                          | Cost          |        | Fair Va   | lue            | Cost      | ;      | Fair Va    | lue    |
| Secured first lien debt  | \$ 331,690    | 55.6%  | \$316,325 | 50.3%          | \$321,303 | 54.9%  | \$ 305,856 | 51.0%  |
| Secured second lien debt | 110,738       | 18.6   | 97,026    | 15.4           | 110,484   | 18.9   | 97,339     | 16.2   |
|                          |               |        |           |                |           |        |            |        |
| Total debt               | 442,428       | 74.2   | 413,351   | 65.7           | 431,787   | 73.8   | 403,195    | 67.2   |
| Preferred equity         | 152,233       | 25.4   | 200,252   | 31.8           | 150,708   | 25.8   | 167,150    | 28.0   |
| Common                   |               |        |           |                |           |        |            |        |
| equity/equivalents       | 2,288         | 0.4    | 15,715    | 2.5            | 2,351     | 0.4    | 28,802     | 4.8    |
|                          |               |        |           |                |           |        |            |        |
| Total equity/equivalents | 154,521       | 25.8   | 215,967   | 34.3           | 153,059   | 26.2   | 195,952    | 32.8   |
|                          |               |        |           |                |           |        |            |        |
| Total investments        | \$ 596,949    | 100.0% | \$629,318 | 100.0%         | \$584,846 | 100.0% | \$599,147  | 100.0% |

The following table summarizes our investments by security type as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018:

Investments at fair value consisted of the following industry classifications as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018:

|  | Jun                | ne 30, 2018              | March 31, 2018 |                          |  |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--|
|  | Fair Percentage of |                          | Fair           | Percentage of            |  |
|  | Value              | <b>Total Investments</b> | Value          | <b>Total Investments</b> |  |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Services          | \$170,846          | 27.1%                    | \$136,719      | 22.8%                    |  |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares,   |                    |                          |                |                          |  |
| and Durable Consumer Products              | 145,873            | 23.2                     | 128,529        | 21.5                     |  |
| Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, and   |                    |                          |                |                          |  |
| Entertainment                              | 45,185             | 7.2                      | 43,048         | 7.2                      |  |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products |                    |                          |                |                          |  |
| (Manufacturing Only)                       | 40,454             | 6.4                      | 42,836         | 7.1                      |  |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing     | 35,081             | 5.6                      | 29,942         | 5.0                      |  |
| Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber            | 24,618             | 3.9                      | 55,740         | 9.3                      |  |
| Farming and Agriculture                    | 24,019             | 3.8                      | 21,483         | 3.6                      |  |
| Machinery (Non-Agriculture,                |                    |                          |                |                          |  |
| Non-Construction, and Non-Electronic)      | 21,795             | 3.5                      | 21,915         | 3.7                      |  |
| Containers, Packaging, and Glass           | 21,391             | 3.4                      | 21,387         | 3.6                      |  |
| Textiles and Leather                       | 20,103             | 3.2                      | 19,407         | 3.2                      |  |
| Aerospace and Defense                      | 15,695             | 2.5                      | 12,457         | 2.1                      |  |
| Cargo Transport                            | 15,384             | 2.4                      | 15,816         | 2.6                      |  |
| Telecommunications                         | 14,000             | 2.2                      | 14,000         | 2.3                      |  |
| Automobile                                 | 12,514             | 2.0                      | 13,830         | 2.3                      |  |
| Beverage, Food, and Tobacco                | 11,549             | 1.8                      | 11,605         | 1.9                      |  |
| Other < 2.0%                               | 10,811             | 1.8                      | 10,433         | 1.8                      |  |
|  |                    |                          |                |                          |  |
| Total investments                          | \$ 629,318         | 100.0%                   | \$ 599,147     | 100.0%                   |  |

Investments at fair value were included in the following geographic regions of the U.S. as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018:

|                   | Jun        | e 30, 2018               | March 31, 2018 |                          |  |  |
|-------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--|--|
|                   | Fair       | Percentage of            | Fair           | Percentage of            |  |  |
|                   | Value      | <b>Total Investments</b> | Value          | <b>Total Investments</b> |  |  |
| South             | \$ 200,546 | 31.9%                    | \$221,725      | 37.0%                    |  |  |
| Northeast         | 200,378    | 31.8                     | 188,911        | 31.5                     |  |  |
| West              | 164,834    | 26.2                     | 133,774        | 22.3                     |  |  |
| Midwest           | 63,560     | 10.1                     | 54,737         | 9.2                      |  |  |
|                   |            |                          |                |                          |  |  |
| Total investments | \$ 629,318 | 100.0%                   | \$ 599,147     | 100.0%                   |  |  |

The geographic region indicates the location of the headquarters for our portfolio companies. A portfolio company may have additional business locations in other geographic regions.

# Investment Principal Repayments

The following table summarizes the contractual principal repayment and maturity of our investment portfolio by fiscal year, assuming no voluntary prepayments, as of June 30, 2018:

|  |   | Amount     |
|--|---|------------|
| For the remaining nine months ending March 31: | 2019  | \$ 63,881  |
| For the fiscal years ending March 31:          | 2020  | 102,913    |
|  | 2021  | 60,410     |
|  | 2022  | 80,696     |
|  | 2023  | 86,990     |
|  | Thereafter                                    | 47,618     |
|  |   |            |
|  | Total contractual repayments                  | \$442,508  |
|  | Adjustments to cost basis of debt investments | (80)       |
|  | Investments in equity securities              | 154,521    |
|  |   |            |
|  | Total cost basis of investments held as of    |            |
|  | I otal cost basis of investments netu as of   |            |
|  | June 30, 2018:                                | \$ 596,949 |

# Receivables from Portfolio Companies

Receivables from portfolio companies represent non-recurring costs that we incurred on behalf of portfolio companies. Such receivables, net of any allowance for uncollectible receivables, are included in Other assets, net on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities*. We generally maintain an allowance for uncollectible receivables from portfolio companies when the receivable balance becomes 90 days or more past due or if it is determined, based upon management s judgment, that the portfolio company is unable to pay its obligations. We write-off accounts receivable when we have exhausted collection efforts and have deemed the receivables uncollectible. As of both June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, we had gross receivables from portfolio companies of \$0.7 million. The allowance for uncollectible receivables was \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, me had gross receivables from portfolio companies of \$0.7 million. The allowance for uncollectible receivables was \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, me had gross receivables from portfolio companies of \$0.7 million. The allowance for uncollectible receivables was \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, me had gross receivables from portfolio companies of \$0.7 million.

# NOTE 4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

# Transactions with the Adviser

We pay the Adviser certain fees as compensation for its services, such fees consisting of a base management fee and an incentive fee, as provided for in the Advisory Agreement, and a loan servicing fee for the Adviser s role as servicer pursuant to the Credit Facility, each as described below. On July 10, 2018, our Board of Directors, including a majority of the directors who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or interested persons of either party, approved the annual renewal of the Advisory Agreement through August 31, 2019.

Two of our executive officers, David Gladstone (our chairman and chief executive officer) and Terry Lee Brubaker (our vice chairman and chief operating officer) serve as directors and executive officers of the Adviser, which is 100% indirectly owned and controlled by Mr. Gladstone. David Dullum (our president) is also an executive managing

director of the Adviser.

The following table summarizes the base management fees, loan servicing fees, incentive fees, and associated non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits reflected in our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Operations*:

|  | Three Months 2018 | June 30,<br>2017 |         |
|--|-------------------|------------------|---------|
| Average total assets subject to base management fee <sup>(A)</sup> | \$ 622,200        | \$               | 503,200 |
| Multiplied by prorated annual base management fee of 2.0%          | 0.5%              |                  | 0.5%    |
| Base management fee <sup>(B)</sup>                                 | 3,111             |                  | 2,516   |
| Credits to fees from Adviser other                                 | (960)             |                  | (548)   |
| Net base management fee  | \$ 2,151          | \$               | 1,968   |
| Loan servicing fee <sup>(B)</sup>                                  | \$ 1,740          | \$               | 1,564   |
| Credits to base management fee loan servicing $fe^{(B)}$           | (1,740)           |                  | (1,564) |
| Net loan servicing fee   | \$                | \$               |         |
| Incentive fee income-based   | \$ 1,078          | \$               | 1,172   |
| Incentive fee capital gains-base(C)                                | 6,508             |                  |         |
| Total incentive fee <sup>(B)</sup>                                 | 7,586             |                  | 1,172   |
| Credits to fees from Adviser other                                 |                   |                  |         |
| Net total incentive fee  | \$ 7,586          | \$               | 1,172   |

(A) Average total assets subject to the base management fee is defined in the Advisory Agreement as total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings, valued at the end of the applicable quarters within the respective periods and adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the periods.

<sup>(B)</sup> Reflected as a line item on our accompanying *Consolidated Statement of Operations*.

<sup>(C)</sup> The capital gains-based incentive fee is not yet contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement. Base Management Fee

The base management fee is payable quarterly to the Adviser pursuant to our Advisory Agreement and is assessed at an annual rate of 2.0%, computed on the basis of the value of our average gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed quarters (inclusive of the current quarter), which are total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings, and adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the period.

Additionally, pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Adviser makes available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. The Adviser may also provide other services to our portfolio companies under certain agreements and may receive fees for services other than managerial assistance. Such services may include, but are not limited to: (i) assistance obtaining, sourcing or structuring credit facilities, long term loans or additional equity from unaffiliated third parties; (ii) negotiating important contractual financial relationships; (iii) consulting services

regarding restructuring of the portfolio company and financial modeling as it relates to raising additional debt and equity capital from unaffiliated third parties; and (iv) primary role in interviewing, vetting and negotiating employment contracts with candidates in connection with adding and retaining key portfolio company management team members. The Adviser non-contractually, unconditionally, and irrevocably credits 100% of these fees against the base management fee that we would otherwise be required to pay to the Adviser; however, pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement, a small percentage of certain of such fees, totaling \$71 and \$56 for the three month periods ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, was retained by the Adviser in the form of reimbursement, at cost, for tasks completed by personnel of the Adviser, primarily related to the valuation of portfolio companies.

# Loan Servicing Fee

The Adviser also services the loans held by our wholly-owned subsidiary, Business Investment (the borrower under the Credit Facility), in return for which the Adviser receives a 2.0% annual fee based on the monthly aggregate outstanding balance of loans pledged under the Credit Facility. Since Business Investment is a consolidated subsidiary of ours, coupled with the fact that the total base management fee paid to the Adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreement cannot exceed 2.0% of total assets (as reduced by cash and cash equivalents pledged to creditors) during any given calendar year, we treat payment of the loan servicing fee pursuant to the Credit Facility as a pre-payment of the base management fee under the Advisory Agreement. Accordingly, these loan servicing fees are 100% non-contractually, unconditionally, and irrevocably credited back to us by the Adviser.

# **Incentive Fee**

The incentive fee payable to the Adviser under our Advisory Agreement consists of two parts: an income-based incentive fee and a capital gains-based incentive fee.

The income-based incentive fee rewards the Adviser if our quarterly net investment income (before giving effect to any incentive fee) exceeds 1.75% of our net assets, adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the period (the Hurdle Rate ). The income-based incentive fee with respect to our pre-incentive fee net investment income is payable quarterly to the Adviser and is computed as follows:

No incentive fee in any calendar quarter in which our pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the Hurdle Rate (7.0% annualized);

100.0% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds the Hurdle Rate but is less than 2.1875% of our net assets, adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the period, in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized); and

20.0% of the amount of our pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% of our net assets, adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the period, in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized).

The second part of the incentive fee is a capital gains-based incentive fee that is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each fiscal year (or upon termination of the Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), and equals 20.0% of our realized capital gains, less any realized capital losses and unrealized depreciation, calculated as of the end of the preceding calendar year. The capital gains-based incentive fee payable to the Adviser is calculated based on (i) cumulative aggregate realized capital gains since our inception, less (ii) cumulative aggregate realized capital losses since our inception, less (iii) the entire portfolio s aggregate unrealized capital depreciation, if any, as of the date of the calculation. If this number is positive at the applicable calculation date, then the capital gains-based incentive fees paid in respect of our portfolio in all prior years. For calculation purposes, cumulative aggregate realized capital gains, if any, equals the sum of the excess between the net sales price of each investment, when sold, and the original cost of such investment since our inception. Cumulative aggregate realized capital losses equals the sum of the deficit between the net sales price of each investment since our inception is aggregate unrealized capital losses equals the sum of the deficit between the net sales price of each investment since our inception. The entire portfolio is aggregate unrealized capital depreciation, if any, equals the sum of the deficit between the fair value of each investment security as of the applicable calculation date and the original cost of such investment security as of the applicable calculation date and the original cost of such investment to the deficit between the fair value of each investment security as of the applicable calculation date and the original cost of such investment

security. We have not incurred capital gains-based incentive fees from inception through June 30, 2018, as aggregate unrealized capital depreciation has exceeded cumulative realized capital gains net of cumulative realized capital losses.

In accordance with GAAP, accrual of the capital gains-based incentive fee is determined as if our investments had been liquidated at their fair values as of the end of the reporting period. Therefore, GAAP requires that the

capital gains-based incentive fee accrual consider the aggregate unrealized capital appreciation in the calculation, as a capital gains-based incentive fee would be payable if such unrealized capital appreciation were realized. There can be no assurance that any such unrealized capital appreciation will be realized in the future. Accordingly, a GAAP accrual is calculated at the end of the reporting period based on (i) cumulative aggregate realized capital gains since our inception, plus (ii) the entire portfolio s aggregate unrealized capital appreciation, if any, less (iii) cumulative aggregate realized capital losses since our inception, less (iv) the entire portfolio s aggregate unrealized capital gains-based incentive fee equal to 20.0% of such amount is positive at the end of actual capital gains-based incentive fees paid in all prior years, is recorded, regardless of whether such amount is contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement. If such amount is negative, then there is no accrual for such period. During the three months ended June 30, 2018, we recorded a capital gains-based incentive fee of \$6.5 million, which is not contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement. We did not record a capital gains-based incentive fee during the three months ended June 30, 2017.

# Transactions with the Administrator

We pay the Administrator pursuant to the Administration Agreement for our allocable portion of the Administrator s expenses incurred while performing services to us, which are primarily rent and salaries and benefits expenses of the Administrator s employees, including, but not limited to, our chief financial officer and treasurer, chief valuation officer, chief compliance officer, and general counsel and secretary (who also serves as the Administrator s president, general counsel, and secretary), and their respective staffs.

Our allocable portion of the Administrator s expenses is generally derived by multiplying the Administrator s total expenses by the approximate percentage of time during the current quarter the Administrator s employees performed services for us in relation to their time spent performing services for all companies serviced by the Administrator. On July 10, 2018, our Board of Directors, including a majority of the directors who are not parties to the Administration Agreement or interested persons of either party, approved the annual renewal of the Administration Agreement through August 31, 2019.

# Other Transactions

Gladstone Securities, LLC (Gladstone Securities), which is 100% indirectly owned and controlled by Mr. Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, is a privately-held broker-dealer registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and insured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation and, from time to time, provides other services, such as investment banking and due diligence services, to certain of our portfolio companies, for which Gladstone Securities receives a fee. Any such fees paid by portfolio companies to Gladstone Securities do not impact the fees we pay to the Adviser or the non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits against the base management fee. The fees received by Gladstone Securities from portfolio companies totaled \$0.3 million during the three months ended June 30, 2018. Gladstone Securities did not receive any fees from portfolio companies during the three months ended June 30, 2017.

# Related Party Fees Due

Amounts due to related parties on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* were as follows:

|   | f June 30,<br>2018 | <br>March 31<br>2018 |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|
| Base management and loan servicing fee due to Adviser, net of credits | \$<br>800          | \$<br>540            |
| Incentive fee due to Adviser <sup>(A)</sup>                           | 11,986             | 6,122                |
| Other due to Adviser  |                    | 9                    |
|   |                    |                      |
| Total fees due to Adviser   | \$<br>12,786       | \$<br>6,671          |
| Fee due to Administrator  | \$<br>285          | \$<br>317            |
|   |                    |                      |
| Total related party fees due  | \$<br>13,071       | \$<br>6,988          |

(A) Includes a capital gains-based incentive fee of \$10.9 million and \$4.4 million as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, respectively, recorded in accordance with GAAP requirements and which is not contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement. Refer to Note 4 *Related Party Transactions Transactions with the Adviser Incentive Fee* for additional information.

Net expenses receivable from Gladstone Capital Corporation, one of our affiliated funds, for reimbursement purposes, which includes certain co-investment expenses, totaled \$15 and \$16 as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, respectively. These amounts are generally settled in the quarter subsequent to being incurred and have been included in Other Assets, net on the accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018.

# **NOTE 5. BORROWINGS**

# Revolving Line of Credit

On November 16, 2016, we, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Business Investment, entered into Amendment No. 2 to the Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, originally entered into on April 30, 2013 and as previously amended on June 26, 2014, with KeyBank National Association ( KeyBank ), as administrative agent, lead arranger, managing agent and lender, the Adviser, as servicer, and certain other lenders party thereto. The revolving period was extended to November 15, 2019, and if not renewed or extended by such date, all principal and interest will be due and payable on or before November 15, 2021 (two years after the revolving period end date). The amended Credit Facility provides a one-year extension option that may be exercised on or before the second anniversary of the November 16, 2016 amendment date, subject to approval by all lenders. Additionally, the Credit Facility commitment amount was changed from \$185.0 million to \$165.0 million and, subject to certain terms and conditions, can be expanded to a total facility amount of \$250.0 million through additional commitments of existing or new lenders. Advances under the Credit Facility generally bear interest at 30-day London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 3.15% per annum until November 15, 2019, with the margin then increasing to 3.40% for the period from November 15, 2019 to November 15, 2020, and increasing further to 3.65% thereafter. The Credit Facility has an unused commitment fee of 0.50% per annum on the portion of the total unused commitment amount that is less than or equal to 45.0% of the total commitment amount and 0.80% per annum on the total unused commitment amount that is greater than 45.0%.

On January 20, 2017, we entered into Amendment No. 3 to the Credit Facility, which clarified a definition in the Company s performance guaranty under the Credit Facility.

The following tables summarize noteworthy information related to the Credit Facility:

|                                |    | As of June 30, |    | March 31, |
|--------------------------------|----|----------------|----|-----------|
|                                | 2  | 2018           |    | 2018      |
| Commitment amount              | \$ | 165,000        | \$ | 165,000   |
| Borrowings outstanding at cost |    | 102,500        |    | 107,000   |
| Availability <sup>(A)</sup>    |    | 62,500         |    | 58,000    |

|   | For the Three Months |          |  |  |  |
|---|----------------------|----------|--|--|--|
|   | Ended June 30,       |          |  |  |  |
|   | 2018 2017            |          |  |  |  |
| Weighted-average borrowings outstanding | \$ 123,275           | \$42,148 |  |  |  |
| Effective interest rate <sup>(B)</sup>  | 5.4%                 | 6.1%     |  |  |  |
| Commitment (unused) fees incurred       | <b>\$</b> 53         | \$ 191   |  |  |  |

(A) Availability is subject to various constraints, characteristics and applicable advance rates based oncollateral quality under the Credit Facility, which equated to an adjusted availability of \$59.5 millionand \$53.8 million as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, respectively.

<sup>(B)</sup> Excludes the impact of deferred financing costs and includes unused commitment fees.

Among other things, the Credit Facility contains a performance guaranty that requires us to maintain (i) a minimum net worth (defined in the Credit Facility to include our mandatory redeemable term preferred stock) of the greater of \$210.0 million or \$210.0 million plus 50% of all equity and subordinated debt raised minus 50% of any equity or subordinated debt redeemed or retired after November 16, 2016, which equated to \$222.2 million as of June 30, 2018, (ii) asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness of at least 200% (or such higher percentage as may be set forth in Section 61 of the 1940 Act); and (iii) our status as a BDC under the 1940 Act and as a RIC under the Code. As of June 30, 2018, and as defined in the performance guaranty of the Credit Facility, we had a net worth of \$514.7 million, asset coverage on our senior securities representing indebtedness of 566.8%, calculated in compliance with the requirements of Sections 18 and 61 of the 1940 Act, and an active status as a BDC and RIC. As of June 30, 2018, we were in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Facility.

# Secured Borrowing

In August 2012, we entered into a participation agreement with a third-party related to \$5.0 million of our secured second lien term debt investment in Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc. (Ginsey). In May 2014, we amended the agreement with the third-party to include an additional \$0.1 million. ASC Topic 860, *Transfers and Servicing* requires us to treat the participation as a financing-type transaction. Specifically, the third-party has a senior claim to our remaining investment in the event of default by Ginsey which, in part, resulted in the loan participation bearing a rate of interest lower than the contractual rate established at origination. Therefore, our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* reflects the entire secured second lien term debt investment in Ginsey and a corresponding \$5.1 million secured borrowing liability. The secured borrowing has a stated fixed interest rate of 7.0% and a maturity date of January 3, 2021.

# Fair Value

We elected to apply the fair value option of ASC Topic 825, *Financial Instruments*, to the Credit Facility, which was consistent with our application of ASC 820 to our investments. Generally, the fair value of the Credit Facility is

determined using a yield analysis, which includes a DCF calculation and also takes into account the assumptions the Valuation Team believes market participants would use, including, but not limited to, the estimated remaining life, counterparty credit risk, current market yield and interest rate spreads of similar securities as of the measurement date. At both June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, the discount rate used to

determine the fair value of the Credit Facility was 30-day LIBOR, plus 2.85% per annum, plus an unused fee of 0.5%. Generally, an increase or decrease in the discount rate used in the DCF calculation may result in a corresponding decrease or increase, respectively, in the fair value of the Credit Facility. At each of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, the Credit Facility was valued using Level 3 inputs and any changes in its fair value are recorded in Net unrealized depreciation of other on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Operations*.

The following tables provide relevant information and disclosures about the Credit Facility as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, and for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, as required by ASC 820:

|                 | Level 3 B                    | orrowings                  |
|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                 | Recurring Fair Valu          | e Measurements             |
|                 | Reported in C                | onsolidated                |
|                 | Statements of Assets and Lia | bilities Using Significant |
|                 | Unobservable In              | puts (Level 3)             |
|                 |                              | March 31,                  |
|                 | June 30, 2018                | 2018                       |
| Credit Facility | \$ 102,907                   | \$ 107,500                 |

# Fair Value Measurements of Borrowings Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) Reported in Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities

|  | Credit        |
|--|---------------|
|  | Facility      |
| Three months ended June 30, 2018:      |               |
| Fair value at March 31, 2018           | \$107,500     |
| Borrowings                             | 37,900        |
| Repayments                             | (42,400)      |
| Unrealized depreciation                | (93)          |
| Fair value at June 30, 2018            | \$ 102,907    |
| Three months ended June 30, 2017:      |               |
| Fair value at March 31, 2017           | \$ 69,700     |
| ······································ | $\phi$ 0),100 |
| Borrowings                             | 9,400         |
|  |               |

The fair value of the collateral under the Credit Facility was \$533.0 million and \$504.0 million as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, respectively.

# NOTE 6. MANDATORILY REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK

The following tables summarize our 6.75% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred Stock (our Series B Term Preferred Stock or Series B ), our 6.50% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock (our Series C Term Preferred Stock or Series C ), and our 6.25% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock (our Series D Term Preferred Stock or Series D ) outstanding as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018:

### As of June 30, 2018:

| Class of Term          |                          |                    | Mandatory           |          |             | iquidatio<br>referenc | on<br>ce Total |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                        | Ticker                   |                    | Redemption          | Interest | Shares      | per                   | Liquidation    |
| <b>Preferred Stock</b> | Symbol                   | Date Issued        | Date <sup>(A)</sup> | Rate     | Outstanding | Share                 | Preference     |
| Series B               | GAINO                    | November 13, 2014  | December 31, 2021   | 6.75%    | 1,656,000   | \$ 25.00              | \$ 41,400      |
| Series C               | GAINN                    | May 12, 2015       | May 31, 2022        | 6.50%    | 1,610,000   | 25.00                 | 40,250         |
| Series D               | GAINM                    | September 26, 2016 | September 30, 2023  | 6.25%    | 2,300,000   | 25.00                 | 57,500         |
|                        |                          |                    |                     |          |             |                       |                |
| Term preferred st      | tock, gross <sup>(</sup> | ( <b>B</b> )       |                     |          | 5,566,000   | \$ 25.00              | \$ 139,150     |
| Less: Discounts        |                          |                    |                     |          |             |                       | (3,339)        |
|                        |                          |                    |                     |          |             |                       |                |
| Term preferred st      | tock, net <sup>(C)</sup> |                    |                     |          |             |                       | \$ 135,811     |

As of March 31, 2018:

|                        |                          |                    |                     |          | L           | iquidatio | on          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>Class of Term</b>   |                          |                    | Mandatory           |          | P           | referenc  | e Total     |
|                        | Ticker                   |                    | Redemption          | Interest | Shares      | per       | Liquidation |
| <b>Preferred Stock</b> | Symbol                   | <b>Date Issued</b> | Date <sup>(A)</sup> | Rate     | Outstanding | Share     | Preference  |
| Series B               | GAINO                    | November 13, 2014  | December 31, 2021   | 6.75%    | 1,656,000   | \$ 25.00  | \$ 41,400   |
| Series C               | GAINN                    | May 12, 2015       | May 31, 2022        | 6.50%    | 1,610,000   | 25.00     | 40,250      |
| Series D               | GAINM                    | September 26, 2016 | September 30, 2023  | 6.25%    | 2,300,000   | 25.00     | 57,500      |
|                        |                          |                    |                     |          |             |           |             |
| Term preferred st      | tock, gross <sup>(</sup> | ( <b>B</b> )       |                     |          | 5,566,000   | \$ 25.00  | \$ 139,150  |
| Less: Discounts        |                          |                    |                     |          |             |           | (3,535)     |
|                        |                          |                    |                     |          |             |           |             |
| Term preferred st      | tock, net <sup>(C)</sup> |                    |                     |          |             |           | \$ 135,615  |

- (A) The optional redemption dates for each of our series of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock are: any time on or after December 31, 2017 for our Series B Term Preferred Stock, any time on or after May 31, 2018 for our Series C Term Preferred Stock, and any time on or after September 30, 2018 for our Series D Term Preferred Stock.
- (B) As of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, asset coverage on our senior securities that are stock calculated pursuant to Sections 18 and 61 of the 1940 Act was 250.2% and 237.3%, respectively.

(C)

Reflected as a line item on our accompanying *Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities* pursuant to the adoption of Accounting Standard Update 2015-03, *Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs.* 

The following tables summarize dividends declared by our Board of Directors and paid by us on our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series D Term Preferred Stock during the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

#### For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2018:

|                  |                    |                | Dividend per<br>Share of<br>Series B Tern | Share of    | Dividend<br>per<br>Share of<br>Series D<br>Term |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|---|-------------|---|
|                  |                    | _              | Preferred                                 | Preferred   | Preferred                                       |
| Declaration Date | <b>Record Date</b> | Payment Date   | Stock                                     | Stock       | Stock   |
| April 10, 2018   | April 20, 2018     | April 30, 2018 | \$ 0.140625                               | \$ 0.135417 | \$0.13020833                                    |
| April 10, 2018   | May 22, 2018       | May 31, 2018   | 0.140625                                  | 0.135417    | 0.13020833                                      |
| April 10, 2018   | June 20, 2018      | June 29, 2018  | 0.140625                                  | 0.135417    | 0.13020833                                      |

Total \$ 0.421875 \$ 0.406251 \$ 0.39062499

### For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2017:

|                         |                    |                     | Dividend per  | Dividend per  | Dividend<br>per<br>Share of |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
|                         |                    |                     | Share of      | Share of      | Series D                    |
|                         |                    |                     | Series B Tern | Series C Term | Term                        |
|                         |                    |                     | Preferred     | Preferred     | Preferred                   |
| <b>Declaration Date</b> | <b>Record Date</b> | <b>Payment Date</b> | Stock         | Stock         | Stock                       |
| April 11, 2017          | April 21, 2017     | April 28, 2017      | \$ 0.140625   | \$ 0.135417   | \$0.13020833                |
| April 11, 2017          | May 19, 2017       | May 31, 2016        | 0.140625      | 0.135417      | 0.13020833                  |
| April 11, 2017          | June 21, 2017      | June 30, 2017       | 0.140625      | 0.135417      | 0.13020833                  |

#### Total \$ 0.421875 \$ 0.406251 \$ 0.39062499

The federal income tax characteristics of dividends paid to our preferred stockholders generally constitute ordinary income or capital gains to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits and is reported after the end of the calendar year based on tax information for the full fiscal year. Estimates of tax characterization made on a quarterly basis may not be representative of the actual tax characterization of dividends for the full year. Estimates made on a quarterly basis are updated as of each interim reporting date. If we determined the tax characterization of dividends paid to preferred stockholders in the current calendar year as of June 30, 2018, 89.0% would be from ordinary income and 11.0% would be from capital gains.

In accordance with ASC Topic 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity*, mandatorily redeemable financial instruments should be classified as liabilities on the balance sheet and we have recorded our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock at cost, which equals the liquidation preference, less discounts, as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018. The related dividend payments to preferred stockholders are treated as dividend expense on our accompanying

Consolidated Statements of Operations on the ex-dividend date.

The following table summarizes the fair value of each of our series of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock based on the last reported closing sale price as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, each of which we consider to be a Level 1 input within the fair value hierarchy:

|                               | Fair Value as of |             |         |  |  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------|--|--|
|                               | June 30, 2018    | ch 31, 2018 |         |  |  |
| Series B Term Preferred Stock | \$ 42,062        | \$          | 41,814  |  |  |
| Series C Term Preferred Stock | 41,313           |             | 40,862  |  |  |
| Series D Term Preferred Stock | 58,466           |             | 58,282  |  |  |
| Total                         | \$ 141,841       | \$          | 140,958 |  |  |

# NOTE 7. REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND COMMON EQUITY OFFERINGS

#### **Registration Statement**

On June 5, 2018, we filed a registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-225447), which the SEC declared effective on July 13, 2018. The registration statement permits us to issue, through one or more transactions, up to an aggregate of \$300.0 million in securities, consisting of common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights, debt securities, and warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock, or debt securities, including through concurrent, separate offerings of such securities. As of July 31, 2018, we had the ability to issue up to \$300.0 million in securities under the registration statement.

# Common Equity Offering

In February 2018, we entered into equity distribution agreements (commonly referred to as at-the-market (ATM) programs) with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. (Cantor), Ladenburg Thalmann & Co., Inc., and Wedbush Securities Inc. (each a Sales Agent), under which we have the ability to issue and sell shares of our common stock, from time to time, through the Sales Agents, up to an aggregate offering price of \$35.0 million. Pursuant to our prior registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204996), during the three months ended June 30, 2018, we sold 168,824 shares of our common stock under the ATM program with Cantor at a weighted-average gross price of \$11.09 per share and raised approximately \$1.9 million of gross proceeds. The weighted-average net price per share, after deducting commissions and offering costs borne by us, was \$10.87 and resulted in total net proceeds of approximately \$1.8 million. Certain of these sales were below our then-current estimated NAV per share during the sales period, with a discount of \$0.002 per share; however, the net dilutive effect (after commissions and offering costs borne by us) of these sales was \$0.00 per common share as a result of the small number of shares sold at a slight discount to NAV per share and resulting rounding. In aggregate, the sales during the three months ended June 30, 2018 were above our then-current estimated NAV per share. As of June 30, 2018, we had remaining capacity to sell up to \$31.8 million of common stock under the ATM program.

Pursuant to our prior registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204996), in March 2018, we sold 127,412 shares of our common stock under the ATM program with Cantor at a weighted-average gross price of \$10.45 per share and raised approximately \$1.3 million of gross proceeds. The weighted-average net price per share, after deducting commissions and offering costs borne by us, was \$10.24 and resulted in total net proceeds of approximately \$1.3 million. These sales were below our then-current estimated NAV per share during the sales period, with such discounts ranging from \$0.01 per share to \$0.07 per share, when comparing the sales price per share, after deducting commissions, to the then-current estimated NAV per share; however, the net dilutive effect (after commissions and offering costs borne by us) of these sales was \$0.00 per common share as a result of the small number of shares sold at a slight discount to NAV per share and resulting rounding.

Also pursuant to our prior registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204996), in May 2017, we completed a public offering of 2.1 million shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$9.38 per share, which was below our then-current NAV of \$9.95 per share. Gross proceeds totaled \$19.7 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering costs borne by us, were \$18.7 million, which were used to repay borrowings under the Credit Facility and for other general corporate purposes. In June 2017, the underwriters partially exercised their over-allotment option and purchased an additional 155,265 shares at the public offering price of \$9.38 per share and on the same terms and conditions solely to cover over-allotments, which resulted in gross proceeds of \$1.5 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering costs borne by us, of \$1.4 million.

# NOTE 8. NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS PER WEIGHTED-AVERAGE COMMON SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted Net increase in net assets resulting from operations per weighted-average common share for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

|  | Three Months Ended June 30<br>2018 2017 |                     |          |                   |
|--|---|---------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Numerator: net increase in net assets resulting from operations<br>Denominator: basic and diluted weighted-average common shares | \$<br>32                                | 32,327<br>2,762,848 | \$<br>31 | 8,141<br>,474,284 |
| Basic and diluted net increase in net assets resulting from operations per weighted-average common share                         | \$                                      | 0.99                | \$       | 0.26              |

# NOTE 9. DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS

To qualify to be taxed as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, we must generally distribute to our stockholders, for each taxable year, at least 90% of our taxable ordinary income plus the excess of our net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses (Investment Company Taxable Income). The amount to be paid out as distributions to our common stockholders is determined by our Board of Directors quarterly and is based upon management s estimate of Investment Company Taxable Income and net long-term capital gains. Based on that estimate, our Board of Directors declares monthly distributions, and supplemental distributions, as appropriate, to common stockholders each quarter.

The federal income tax characteristics of distributions paid to our common stockholders is generally reported to stockholders on Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 after the end of each calendar year. Estimates of tax characterization made on a quarterly basis may not be representative of the actual tax characterization of distributions for the full year. Estimates made on a quarterly basis are updated as of each interim reporting date. If we determined the tax characterization of distributions paid to common stockholders in the current calendar year as of June 30, 2018, 89.0% would be from ordinary income and 11.0% would be from capital gains.

We paid the following monthly distributions to our common stockholders for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

| Fiscal Year | Declaration Date | <b>Record Date</b> | Payment Date        | 2 10 1   | ribution<br>1mon Share      |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 2019        | April 10, 2018   | April 20, 2018     | April 30, 2018      | \$       | 0.067                       |
|             | April 10, 2018   | May 22, 2018       | May 31, 2018        |          | 0.067                       |
|             | April 10, 2018   | June 6, 2018       | June 15, 2018       |          | <b>0.060</b> <sup>(A)</sup> |
|             | April 10, 2018   | June 20, 2018      | June 29, 2018       |          | 0.067                       |
|             |                  | Three months e     | nded June 30, 2018: | \$       | 0.261                       |
|             |                  |                    |                     |          |                             |
|             |                  |                    |                     |          |                             |
|             |                  |                    | Dist                | ribution |                             |

**Declaration Date** 

**Record Date** 

Payment Date

Distribution per Common Share

| 2018 | April 11, 2017                   | April 21, 2017               | April 28, 2017                | \$<br>0.064                   |
|------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|      | April 11, 2017<br>April 11, 2017 | May 19, 2017<br>June 5, 2017 | May 31, 2017<br>June 15, 2017 | 0.064<br>0.060 <sup>(A)</sup> |
|      | April 11, 2017                   | June 21, 2017                | June 30, 2017                 | 0.064                         |
|      |                                  | Three months e               | \$<br>0.252                   |                               |

<sup>(A)</sup> Represents a supplemental distribution of \$0.06 per share of common stock.

Aggregate distributions to our common stockholders declared quarterly and paid were \$8.6 million and \$8.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and were declared based on estimates of Investment Company Taxable Income and net long-term capital gains for the respective periods.

For the three months ended June 30, 2018, we recorded \$0.7 million of net estimated adjustments for permanent book-tax differences to reflect tax character, which decreased Capital in excess of par value and Accumulated net realized gain in excess of distributions and increased Overdistributed net investment income on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities*. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, Investment Company Taxable Income exceeded distributions declared and paid and, in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code, we elected to treat \$8.4 million of the first distributions paid to common stockholders in fiscal year 2019, as having been paid in the prior year.

# NOTE 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

# Legal Proceedings

We are party to certain legal proceedings incidental to the normal course of our business. We are required to establish reserves for litigation matters where those matters present loss contingencies that are both probable and estimable. When loss contingencies are not both probable and estimable, we do not establish reserves. Based on current knowledge, we do not believe that loss contingencies, if any, arising from pending investigations, litigation or regulatory matters will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operation or cash flows. Additionally, based on our current knowledge, we do not believe such loss contingencies are both probable and estimable and therefore, as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, we had no established reserves for such loss contingencies.

# Escrow Holdbacks

From time to time, we enter into arrangements relating to exits of certain investments whereby specific amounts of the proceeds are held in escrow to be used to satisfy potential obligations, as stipulated in the sales agreements. We record escrow amounts in Restricted cash and cash equivalents, if received in cash but subject to potential obligations or other contractual restrictions, or as escrow receivables in Other assets, net, if not yet received in cash, on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities*. We establish reserves and holdbacks against escrow amounts if we determine that it is probable and estimable that a portion of the escrow amounts will not ultimately be released or received at the end of the escrow period. Reserves and holdbacks against escrow amounts were \$0.8 million and \$0.3 million as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, respectively.

# Financial Commitments and Obligations

We may have line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments to certain of our portfolio companies that have not been fully drawn. Since these line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments have expiration dates and we expect many will never be fully drawn, the total line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. We estimate the fair value of the combined unused line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018 to be immaterial.

We have also extended a guaranty on behalf of one of our portfolio companies. As of June 30, 2018, we have not been required to make any payments on this guaranty, or any guaranties that existed in previous periods, and we consider the credit risk to be remote and the fair value of the guaranty as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018 to be immaterial.

As of June 30, 2018, the following guaranty was outstanding:

In February 2010, we executed a guaranty of a wholesale financing facility agreement (the Floor Plan Facility ) between Agricredit Acceptance, LLC ( Agricredit ) and Country Club Enterprises, LLC

( CCE ). The Floor Plan Facility provides CCE with financing of up to \$2.0 million to bridge the time and cash flow gap between the order and delivery of golf carts to customers. The guaranty was renewed in February of each subsequent year and expires in February 2019, unless it is renewed again by us, CCE and Agricredit.

The following table summarizes the principal balances of unused line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments and guaranties as of June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, which are not reflected as liabilities in the accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities:* 

|  | June 30, 2018 |       | March 31, 20 |       |
|--|---------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Unused line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments | ¢             | 4,234 | \$           | 6,284 |
| Guaranties   | Ψ             | 2,000 | ψ            | 2,000 |
| Total  | \$            | 6,234 | \$           | 8,284 |

# NOTE 11. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

|  | Three Months Ended June 30<br>2018 2017 |          |    | ,         |
|--|---|----------|----|-----------|
| Per Common Share Data:   |   |          |    |           |
| Net asset value at beginning of period <sup>(A)</sup>                        | \$                                      | 10.85    | \$ | 9.95      |
| Income from investment operations <sup>(B)</sup>                             |   |          |    |           |
| Net investment income  |   |          |    | 0.17      |
| Net realized gain on investments   |   | 0.43     |    | 0.04      |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments and other                         |   | 0.56     |    | 0.05      |
| Total from investment operations   |   | 0.99     |    | 0.26      |
| Effect of equity capital activity <sup>(B)</sup>                             |   |          |    |           |
| Cash distributions to common stockholders from net investment                |   |          |    |           |
| income <sup>(C)</sup>  |   | (0.21)   |    | (0.19)    |
| Cash distributions to common stockholders from realized gains <sup>(C)</sup> |   | (0.05)   |    | (0.06)    |
| Discounts, commissions, and offering costs                                   |   |          |    | (0.03)    |
| Net dilutive effect of equity offering <sup>(D)</sup>                        |   |          |    | (0.04)    |
| Total from equity capital activity   |   | (0.26)   |    | (0.32)    |
| Other, $net^{(B)(E)}$  |   | (0.01)   |    | (0.01)    |
| Net asset value at end of period <sup>(A)</sup>                              | \$                                      | 11.57    | \$ | 9.88      |
| Per common share market value at beginning of period                         | \$                                      | 10.10    | \$ | 9.07      |
| Per common share market value at end of period                               |   | 11.77    |    | 9.40      |
| Total investment return <sup>(F)</sup>                                       |   | 19.19%   |    | 6.44%     |
| Common stock outstanding at end of period <sup>(A)</sup>                     | 32                                      | ,822,459 | 32 | 2,526,223 |
| Statement of Assets and Liabilities Data:                                    |   |          |    |           |
| Net assets at end of period  | \$                                      | 379,808  | \$ | 321,235   |
| Average net assets <sup>(G)</sup>  | <b>364,228</b> 31                       |          |    | 313,668   |

| <u>Senior Securities Data:</u>                                  |               |              |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Total borrowings, at cost                                       | \$<br>107,596 | \$<br>39,096 |
| Mandatorily redeemable preferred stock <sup>(H)</sup>           | 139,150       | 139,150      |
| Ratios/Supplemental Data:                                       |               |              |
| Ratio of net expenses to average net assets                     |               |              |
| annualized <sup>(I)</sup>                                       | 16.96%        | 10.44%       |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets annualized | 0.06          | 6.93         |

- <sup>(A)</sup> Based on actual shares of common stock outstanding at the beginning or end of the corresponding period, as appropriate.
- <sup>(B)</sup> Based on weighted-average basic common share data for the corresponding period.
- <sup>(C)</sup> The tax character of distributions is determined based on taxable income calculated in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from amounts determined under GAAP. For further information on the estimated character of our distributions to common stockholders, including changes in estimates, as applicable, refer to Note 9 *Distributions to Common Stockholders*.
- <sup>(D)</sup> During the three months ended June 30, 2017, the dilution is the result of issuing common shares at a price below the then-current NAV per share.
- (E) Represents the impact of the different share amounts (weighted-average basic common shares outstanding for the corresponding period and actual common shares outstanding at the end of the period) in the Per Common Share Data calculations and rounding impacts.
- (F) Total return equals the change in the market value of our common stock from the beginning of the period, taking into account dividends reinvested in accordance with the terms of our dividend reinvestment plan. Total return does not take into account distributions that may be characterized as a return of capital. For further information on the estimated character of our distributions to common stockholders, including changes in estimates, as applicable, refer to Note 9 *Distributions to Common Stockholders*.
- <sup>(G)</sup> Calculated using the average balance of net assets at the end of each month of the reporting period.
- <sup>(H)</sup> Represents the total liquidation preference of our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock.
- (I) Ratio of net expenses to average net assets is computed using total expenses, net of any non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits of fees from the Adviser. Had we not received any non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits of fees due to the Adviser, the ratio of expenses to average net assets annualized would have been 19.93% and 13.13% for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.
- (J) Had we not received any non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits of fees from the Adviser, the ratio of net investment (loss) income to average net assets annualized would have been (2.90)% and 4.24% for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

# NOTE 12. UNCONSOLIDATED SIGNIFICANT SUBSIDIARIES

In accordance with the SEC s Regulation S-X, we do not consolidate portfolio company investments. Further, in accordance with ASC 946, we are precluded from consolidating any entity other than another investment company, except that ASC 946 provides for the consolidation of a controlled operating company that provides substantially all of its services to the investment company or its consolidated subsidiaries.

We had one unconsolidated subsidiary, Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation (Galaxy), which met at least one of the significance conditions under Rule 1-02(w) of the SEC s Regulation S-X as of or during at least one of the three month periods ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. Accordingly, summarized, comparative financial information, pursuant to Rule 10-01(b) is presented below for Galaxy, which is a designer and manufacturer of precision tools for the business jet industry and of injection and blow molds for the plastics industry.

|                   | For the Three Months | s Ended June 30, |  |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|--|
| Income Statement  | 2018                 | 2017             |  |
| Net sales         | \$ 6,212             | \$ 5,803         |  |
| Gross profit      | 1,427                | 1,028            |  |
| Net (loss) profit | (1,480)              | 134              |  |

# NOTE 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

#### Distributions and Dividends

In July 2018, our Board of Directors declared the following monthly distributions to common stockholders and monthly dividends to holders of our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock and Series D Term Preferred Stock:

| Record Date        | Payment Date              | Distribution per<br>Common<br>Share |       | • |          | Series B Term |          | Dividend per<br>Share of<br>Series C Term<br>Preferred Stock |            | Dividend per<br>Share of<br>Series D Term<br>Preferred Stock |  |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|---|----------|---------------|----------|--|------------|--|--|
| July 20, 2018      | July 31, 2018             | \$                                  | 0.067 | \$                                      | 0.140625 | \$            | 0.135417 | \$   | 0.13020833 |  |  |
| August 21, 2018    | August 31, 2018           |                                     | 0.067 |   | 0.140625 |               | 0.135417 |  | 0.13020833 |  |  |
| September 19, 2018 | September 28, 2018        |                                     | 0.067 |   | 0.140625 |               | 0.135417 |  | 0.13020833 |  |  |
| -                  | Total for the<br>Quarter: | \$                                  | 0.201 | \$                                      | 0.421875 | \$            | 0.406251 | \$   | 0.39062499 |  |  |

Investment Activity

In July 2018, we exited our investment in NDLI, Inc. and recorded a realized loss of \$3.6 million.

#### PROSPECTUS

\$300,000,000 COMMON STOCK PREFERRED STOCK SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS WARRANTS DEBT SECURITIES

We may offer, from time to time, up to \$300,000,000 aggregate primary offering price of our common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, preferred stock, \$0.001 par value per share, debt securities, subscription rights, warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, or concurrent, separate offerings of these securities (collectively Securities ), in one or more offerings. The Securities may be offered at prices and on terms to be disclosed in one or more supplements to this prospectus. In the case of our common stock and warrants or rights to acquire such common stock hereunder, the offering price per share of our common stock by us, less any underwriting commissions or discounts, will not be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time of the offering except (i) in connection with a rights offering to our existing stockholders, (ii) with the consent of the holders of the majority of our outstanding stock, or (iii) under such other circumstances as the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) may permit. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in our Securities.

We operate as an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company and have elected to be treated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). For federal income tax purposes, we have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (RIC) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). Our investment objectives are to: (i) achieve and grow current income by investing in debt securities of established businesses that we believe will provide stable earnings and cash flow to pay expenses, make principal and interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness and make distributions to stockholders that grow over time; and (ii) provide our stockholders with long-term capital appreciation in the value of our assets by investing in equity securities, generally in combination with the aforementioned debt securities, of established businesses that we believe to permit us to sell our equity investments for capital gains.

Our Securities may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, including existing stockholders in a rights offering, through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to the offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our Securities, and will disclose any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters or among our underwriters or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See *Plan of Distribution*. We may not sell any of our Securities through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a

prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such Securities. Our common stock is traded on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol GAIN. As of July 12, 2018, the last reported sales price of our common stock was \$11.81, and the net asset value per share of our common stock on May 8, 2018 (the last date prior to the date of this prospectus as of which we determined our net asset value per share) was \$10.85. Our 6.75% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, our 6.50% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock and our 6.25% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock trade on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbols GAINO, GAINN, and GAINM, respectively. As of July 12, 2018, the last reported sales price of our 6.75% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, 6.50% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock and 6.25% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, 6.50% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock and 6.25% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, 6.50% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock and 6.25% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, 6.50% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock and 6.25% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, 6.50% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock and 6.25% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock and 5.55% Series D Cumulativ

The securities in which we invest generally would be rated below investment grade if they were rated by rating agencies. Below investment grade securities, which are often referred to as junk, have predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer s capacity to pay interest and repay principal. They may also be difficult to value and are illiquid.

An investment in our Securities involves certain risks, including, among other things, the risk of leverage and risks relating to investments in securities of small, private and developing businesses. We describe some of these risks in the section entitled <u>*Risk Factors*</u>, which begins on page 13. Common shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value per share. If our shares trade at a discount to their net asset value, this will likely increase the risk of loss to purchasers of our Securities. You should carefully consider these risks together with all of the other information contained in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement before making a decision to purchase our Securities.

This prospectus contains information you should know before investing in our Securities, including information about risks. Please read it before you invest and keep it for future reference. Additional information about us, including our annual, quarterly and current reports, has been filed with the SEC and can be accessed at its website at *www.sec.gov*. This information is also available free of charge by writing to us at Investor Relations, Gladstone Investment Corporation, 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100, McLean, VA 22102, by calling our toll-free investor relations line at 1-866-214-7543 or on our website at *http://www.gladstoneinvestment.com*. You may also call us collect at (703) 287-5893 to request this other information. See *Additional Information*. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and you should not consider that information to be part of this prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

The SEC has not approved or disapproved these Securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

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representation other than those contained in this prospectus or any accompanying supplement to this prospectus. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement as if we had authorized it. This prospectus and any prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of any offer to buy any securities to which they relate, nor do they constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation in such jurisdiction. The information contained in this prospectus and any prospectus and any prospectus and prospects and the information contained in this prospectus and any prospectus and any prospectus in any jurisdiction. The information contained in this prospectus and any prospectus and any prospects may have changed since such dates. We will update these documents to reflect material changes only as required by law.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, using the shelf registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we may offer, from time to time, up to \$300,000,000 of our Securities on terms to be determined at the time of the offering. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the Securities that we may offer. Each time we use this prospectus to offer Securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. We may sell the Securities through underwriters or dealers, at-the-market to or through a market maker, into an existing trading market or otherwise directly to one or more purchasers or

through agents or through a combination of methods of sale. The identities of such underwriters, dealers, market makers or agents, as the case may be, will be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. To the extent required by law, we will amend or supplement the information contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement to reflect any material changes to such information subsequent to the date of the prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement and prior to the completion of any offering pursuant to the prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. Please carefully read this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement together with any exhibits, the additional information described under *Available Information* and *Risk Factors* before you make an investment decision.

# PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary highlights some of the information in this prospectus. It is not complete and may not contain all the information that you may want to consider. You should read the entire prospectus and any prospectus supplement carefully, including the section entitled Risk Factors. Except where the context suggests otherwise, the terms we, us, our, the Company, the Fund and Gladstone Investment refer to Gladstone Investment Corporation; Adviser refers to Gladstone Management Corporation; Administrator refers to Gladstone Administration, LLC; Gladstone Commercial refers to Gladstone Commercial Corporation; Gladstone Capital refers to Gladstone Capital Corporation; Gladstone Land refers to Gladstone Land Corporation; Gladstone Securities refers to Gladstone Securities, LLC; and Gladstone Companies refers to our Adviser and its affiliated companies.

# General

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware on February 18, 2005. On June 22, 2005, we completed our initial public offering and commenced operations. We operate as an externally managed closed-end, non-diversified management investment company and have elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. For federal income tax purposes, we have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. To continue to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes and obtain favorable RIC tax treatment, we must meet certain requirements, including certain minimum distribution requirements. Since our initial public offering in 2005 and through March 31, 2018, we have made 153 consecutive monthly distributions to common stockholders.

Our shares of common stock, 6.75% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (Series B Term Preferred Stock), 6.50% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock due 2022, par value \$0.001 per share (Series C Term Preferred Stock) and 6.25% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock due 2023, par value \$0.001 per share (Series D Term Preferred Stock), together with the Series B Term Preferred Stock and the Series C Term Preferred Stock, the Term Preferred Stock) are traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market (Nasdaq) under the trading symbols GAIN, GAINO, GAINN, and GAINM, respectively.

# **Investment Adviser and Administrator**

We are externally managed by the Adviser, an affiliate of ours, under an investment advisory and management agreement (the Advisory Agreement ) and the Administrator, another of our affiliates, provides administrative services to us pursuant to a contractual agreement (the Administration Agreement ). Each of the Adviser and Administrator are privately-held companies that are indirectly owned and controlled by David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer. Mr. Gladstone and Terry Lee Brubaker, our vice chairman and chief operating officer, also serve on the board of directors of the Adviser, the board of managers of the Administrator, and as executive officer and treasurer, chief valuation officer, chief compliance officer, general counsel and secretary (who also serves as the president, general counsel and secretary of the Administrator) and their respective staffs. The Adviser and Administrator have extensive experience in our lines of business and also provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to our affiliates, including, but not limited to: Gladstone Commercial, a publicly-traded real estate investment trust (collectively, the Affiliated Public Funds ). In the future, the Adviser and Administrator may provide investment advisory and companies, both public and private.

The Adviser was organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware on July 2, 2002, and is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the Advisers Act ). The Administrator was organized as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware on

March 18, 2005. The Adviser and Administrator are headquartered in McLean, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C. The Adviser also has offices in several other states.

#### **Investment Objectives and Strategy**

We were established for the purpose of investing in debt and equity securities of established private businesses operating in the United States (U.S.). Our investment objectives are to: (i) achieve and grow current income by investing in debt securities of established businesses that we believe will provide stable earnings and cash flow to pay expenses, make principal and interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness and make distributions to stockholders that grow over time; and (ii) provide our stockholders with long-term capital appreciation in the value of our assets by investing in equity securities, generally in combination with the aforementioned debt securities, of established businesses that we believe can grow over time to permit us to sell our equity investments for capital gains. To achieve our objectives, our investment strategy is to invest in several categories of debt and equity securities, with individual investments generally totaling up to \$30 million, although investment size may vary, depending upon our total assets or available capital at the time of investment. We intend that our investment portfolio over time will consist of approximately 75% in debt securities and 25% in equity securities, at cost. As of March 31, 2018, our investment portfolio was made up of 73.8% in debt securities and 26.2% in equity securities, at cost.

We focus on investing in lower middle market private businesses (which we generally define as private companies with annual earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) of \$3 million to \$20 million) (Lower Middle Market) in the U.S. that meet certain criteria, including, but not limited to, the following: the sustainability of the business free cash flow and its ability to grow it over time, adequate assets for loan collateral, experienced management teams with a significant ownership interest in the portfolio company, reasonable capitalization of the portfolio company, including an ample equity contribution or cushion based on prevailing based on prevailing enterprise valuation multiples, and the potential to realize appreciation and gain liquidity in our equity position, if any. We anticipate that liquidity in our equity position will be achieved through a merger, acquisition, or recapitalization of the portfolio company, a public offering of the portfolio company stock or, to a lesser extent, by exercising our right to require the portfolio company to repurchase our warrants, as applicable, though there can be no assurance that we will always have these rights. We invest in portfolio companies that need funds for growth capital, to finance acquisitions, recapitalize or, to a lesser extent, refinance their existing debt facilities. We seek to avoid investing in high-risk, early-stage enterprises.

We invest by ourselves or jointly with other funds and/or management of the portfolio company, depending on the opportunity. In July 2012, the SEC granted us an exemptive order (the Co-Investment Order ) that expanded our ability to co-invest, under certain circumstances, with certain of our affiliates, including Gladstone Capital and any future business development company or closed-end management investment company that is advised (or sub-advised if it controls the fund) by the Adviser, or any combination of the foregoing, subject to the conditions in the Co-Investment Order. Since 2012, we have opportunistically made several co-investments with Gladstone Capital pursuant to the Co-Investment Order. We believe the Co-Investment Order has enhanced and will continue to enhance our ability to further our investment objectives and strategies. If we are participating in an investment with one or more co-investors, whether or not an affiliate of ours, our investment is likely to be smaller than if we were investing alone.

In general, our investments in debt securities have a term of five years, accrue interest at variable rates (based on the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR)) and, to a lesser extent, at fixed rates. As of March 31, 2018, our loan portfolio consisted of 97.0% variable rate loans with floors and 3.0% fixed rate loans based on the total principal balance of all outstanding debt investments. We seek debt instruments that pay interest monthly or, at a minimum, quarterly, and which may include a yield enhancement such as a success fee or, to a lesser extent, deferred interest provision and are primarily interest only, with all principal and any

accrued but unpaid interest due at maturity. Generally, success fees accrue at a set rate and are contractually due upon a change of control of the business. Some debt securities may have deferred interest whereby some portion of the interest payment is added to the principal balance so that the interest is paid, together with the principal, at maturity. This form of deferred interest is often called paid-in-kind (PIK) interest. As of March 31, 2018, we did not have any securities with a PIK feature.

Typically, our investments in equity securities take the form of common stock, preferred stock, limited liability company interests, or warrants or options to purchase any of the foregoing. Often, these equity investments occur in connection with our original investment, buyouts and recapitalizations of a business, or refinancing existing debt. From our initial public offering in 2005 through March 31, 2018, we have made investments in 47 companies, excluding investments in syndicated loans.

We expect that our investment portfolio will continue to primarily include the following three categories of investments in private companies in the U.S.:

*First Lien Secured Debt Securities:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in first lien secured debt securities also known as senior loans, senior term loans, lines of credit and senior notes. Using its assets as collateral, the borrower typically uses first lien secured debt to cover a substantial portion of the funding needs of the business. These debt securities usually take the form of first priority liens on all, or substantially all, of the assets of the business.

*Second Lien Secured Debt Securities:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in second lien secured debt securities, which may also be referred to as subordinated loans, subordinated notes and mezzanine loans. These second lien secured debt securities rank junior to the borrower s first lien secured debt securities and may be secured by second priority liens on all or a portion of the assets of the business. Additionally, we may receive other yield enhancements, such as warrants to buy common and preferred stock or limited liability interests, in connection with these second lien secured debt securities.

*Preferred and Common Equity/Equivalents:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in equity securities, which consist of preferred and common equity, limited liability company interests, warrants or options to acquire such securities, and are generally in combination with our debt investment in a business. Additionally, we may receive equity investments derived from restructurings on some of our existing debt investments. In many cases, we will own a significant portion of the equity of the businesses in which we invest.

Pursuant to the 1940 Act, we must maintain at least 70% of our total assets in qualifying assets, which generally include each of the investment types listed above. Therefore, the 1940 Act permits us to invest up to 30% of our assets in other non-qualifying assets. See *Regulation as a Business Development Company Qualifying Assets* for a discussion of the types of qualifying assets in which we are permitted to invest pursuant to Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act.

Because the majority of the loans in our portfolio consist of term debt in private companies that typically cannot or will not expend the resources to have their debt securities rated by a credit rating agency, we expect that most, if not all, of the debt securities we acquire will be unrated. Investors should assume that these loans would be rated below what is today considered investment grade quality. Investments rated below investment grade are often referred to as high yield securities or junk bonds and may be considered higher risk as compared to investment grade debt instruments. With the exception of our policy to conduct our business as a BDC, these investment policies are not

fundamental and may be changed without stockholder approval.

#### **Risk Factors**

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the information found in the section entitled *Risk Factors* on page 9 of this prospectus, including the following risks:

general volatility of the capital markets and the market price of our common and preferred stock;

the availability of additional capital on attractive terms or at all;

uncertainty regarding the valuation of our portfolio investments;

lack of liquidity of our portfolio investments;

lack of control over our portfolio companies and the timing, form and amount of distributions from our portfolio companies;

the size and concentration of our portfolio;

our use of leverage;

the impact of a decline in liquidity of credit markets and changes in interests rates on our business and portfolio of investments;

our ability to maintain our status as a RIC and BDC;

dilution risks related to issuance of shares at or below the then-current net asset value ( NAV ) per share;

our ability to pay distributions on our common stock upon issuance of additional preferred stock or debt securities ranking senior to our common stock

our Adviser s ability to attract and retain highly qualified personnel, and particularly its ability to retain our key officers, including Mr. Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer; Mr. David Dullum, our president; or Mr. Brubaker, our vice chairman and chief operating officer;

competition for investment opportunities;

our Adviser s ability to identify and invest in companies that meet our investment criteria; and

actual and potential conflicts of interest with our Adviser. **Recent Developments** 

#### Investment Activity

In June 2018, we sold our investment in Drew Foam Companies, Inc. which had a cost basis and fair value of \$13.4 million and \$28.1 million, respectively, as of March 31, 2018. In connection with the sale, we received net cash proceeds of approximately \$27.2 million, including the repayment of our debt investment of \$9.9 million at par.

#### Distributions and Dividends

In July 2018, our Board of Directors declared the following monthly distributions to common stockholders and monthly dividends to holders of our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series D Term Preferred Stock:

| D 1D (             |                        | Distribution<br>per Common |       | p  | Dividend<br>per Share<br>of<br>Series B<br>Term<br>Preferred |    | vidend per<br>Share of<br>ies C Term<br>Preferred | Dividend<br>per Share of<br>Series D<br>Term<br>Preferred |  |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------|----|--|----|---|---|--|
| Record Date        | Payment Date           | S                          | hare  |    | Stock  |    | Stock   | Stock   |  |
| July 20, 2018      | July 31, 2018          | \$                         | 0.067 | \$ | 0.140625   | \$ | 0.135417  | \$ 0.13020833   |  |
| August 21, 2018    | August 31, 2018        |                            | 0.067 |    | 0.140625   |    | 0.135417  | 0.13020833  |  |
| September 19, 2018 | September 28, 2018     |                            | 0.067 |    | 0.140625   |    | 0.135417  | 0.13020833  |  |
| -                  | Total for the Quarter: | \$                         | 0.201 | \$ | 0.421875   | \$ | 0.406251  | \$ 0.39062499   |  |

#### THE OFFERING

We may offer, from time to time, up to \$300,000,000 of our Securities, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of the offering to be disclosed in one or more prospectus supplements. In the case of our common stock and warrants or rights to acquire such common stock hereunder in any offering, the offering price per share, less any underwriting commissions or discounts, will not be less than NAV per share of our common stock at the time of the offering except (i) in connection with a rights offering to our existing stockholders, (ii) with the consent of the majority of our common stock below our then-current NAV per share, as we did at times from March to May 2018 under the at-the-market program, and in other offerings in May 2017, March 2015, and October 2012, such sales would result in an immediate dilution to the NAV per share. Such a share issuance would also cause a proportionately greater decrease in a stockholder s interest in our earnings and assets than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance.

Our Securities may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, including existing stockholders in a rights offering, by us or through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to the offering will disclose the terms of the offering, including the name or names of any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our Securities by us, the purchase price, and any fee, commission or discount arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters or among our underwriters or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See *Plan of Distribution*. We may not sell any of our Securities through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of our Securities.

Set forth below is additional information regarding the offering of our Securities:

| Common stock trading symbol (Nasdaq)                  | GAIN   |
|---|--|
| Series B Term Preferred Stock trading symbol (Nasdaq) | GAINO  |
| Series C Term Preferred Stock trading symbol (Nasdaq) | GAINN  |
| Series D Term Preferred Stock trading symbol (Nasdaq) | GAINM  |
| Use of proceeds                                       | Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use<br>the net proceeds from the sale of our Securities first to pay down<br>outstanding debt, if any, then to make investments in accordance with<br>our investment objectives and strategy, with any remaining proceeds to<br>be used for other general corporate purposes. See <i>Use of Proceeds</i> . |

We have paid monthly distributions to the holders of our common stock since July 2005 and intend to continue to do so. We have paid monthly dividends on each series of our Term Preferred Stock since the date of issuance of the respective series of such Term Preferred Stock. The amount of the monthly distribution on our common stock is determined by our board of directors ( Board of Directors ) on a quarterly basis and is based on our estimate of annual taxable ordinary income plus the excess of our net short-term capital gains

|                                  | over net long-term capital losses (Investment Company Taxable Income),<br>if any. See <i>Price Range of Common Stock and Distributions</i> . Certain<br>additional amounts may be deemed as distributed to stockholders for<br>income tax purposes or may be paid as supplemental distributions, as<br>applicable. We expect other types of Securities to pay distributions in<br>accordance with their terms.   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Taxation                         | We have elected to be treated, and intend to maintain qualification as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code and we generally do not expect to be subject to U.S. federal income taxes. To maintain our RIC status, we must maintain our status as a BDC, meet specified source-of-income and asset diversification requirements, and distribute annually at least 90% of our Investment Company Taxable Income, if any, out of assets legally available for distribution. See <i>Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations</i> .   |
| Trading at a discount            | Common shares of closed-end investment companies, including BDCs, frequently trade at a discount to their NAV per share. The possibility that our shares of common stock may trade at a discount to our NAV per share is separate and distinct from the risk that our NAV per share may decline. We cannot predict whether our shares will trade above, at or below NAV per share, although during the past three years, our common stock has frequently traded, and at times significantly, below NAV per share.  |
| Certain anti-takeover provisions | Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes of directors serving staggered three-year terms. This structure is intended to provide us with a greater likelihood of continuity of management, which may be necessary for us to realize the full value of our investments. A staggered board of directors also may serve to deter hostile takeovers or proxy contests, as may certain provisions of Delaware law and other measures we have adopted. See <i>Certain Provisions of Delaware Law and of Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws</i> .   |
| Dividend reinvestment plan       | Our transfer agent, Computershare Inc. ( Computershare ), offers a dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders. This is an opt in dividend reinvestment plan, meaning that stockholders may elect to have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock. Stockholders who do not elect to do so will receive their dividends in cash. Stockholders who receive distributions in the form of stock will be subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as stockholders who elect to receive their distributions in cash. See <i>Dividend Reinvestment Plan</i> and <i>Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations</i> . |

Management arrangementsGladstone Management serves as our investment adviser, and Gladstone<br/>Administration serves as our administrator. For a description of our<br/>Adviser, our Administrator, the Gladstone Companies and our<br/>contractual arrangements with these companies, see Business<br/>Transactions with Related Parties Investment Advisory and<br/>Management Agreement and Management Certain Transactions<br/>Investment Advisor and Administrator.

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### FEES AND EXPENSES

The following table is intended to assist you in understanding the costs and expenses that an investor in this offering will bear directly or indirectly. We caution you that some of the percentages indicated in the table below are estimates and may vary. Except where the context suggests otherwise, whenever this prospectus contains a reference to fees or expenses paid by us or Gladstone Investment, or that we will pay fees or expenses, stockholders will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as investors in Gladstone Investment. The following annualized percentages were calculated based on actual expenses incurred in the quarter ended March 31, 2018, and average net assets for the quarter ended March 31, 2018. The table and examples below include all fees and expenses of our consolidated subsidiaries.

| Stockholder Transaction Expenses:   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Sales load (as a percentage of offering price) <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | %             |
| Offering expenses (as a percentage of offering price) <sup>(1)</sup>                          | %             |
| Dividend reinvestment plan expenses (per sales transaction fee) <sup>(2)</sup>                | Up to \$25.00 |
|   | Transaction   |
|   | Fee           |
| Total stockholder transaction expenses <sup>(1)</sup>   | %             |
| Annual expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock) <sup>(3)</sup> : |               |
| Base Management fee <sup>(4)</sup>  | 3.44%         |
| Loan servicing fee <sup>(5)</sup>   | 1.93%         |
| Incentive fees payable under the Advisory Agreement (20% of net realized capital gains        |               |
| in excess of unrealized depreciation and 20% of pre-incentive fee net investment              |               |
| income) <sup>(6)</sup>  | 6.23%         |
| Interest payments on borrowed funds <sup>(7)</sup>  | 1.96%         |
| Dividend expense on mandatorily redeemable preferred stock <sup>(8)</sup>                     | 2.85%         |
| Other expenses <sup>(9)</sup>   | 1.00%         |
| Total annual expenses <sup>(10)</sup>   | 17.41%        |

- (1) The amounts set forth in the table above do not reflect the impact of any sales load or other offering expenses borne by Gladstone Investment and its stockholders. The prospectus supplement relating to an offering of securities pursuant to this prospectus will disclose the offering price and the estimated offering expenses and total stockholder transaction expenses borne by Gladstone Investment and its stockholders as a percentage of the offering price. In the event that securities to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, the prospectus supplement will also disclose the applicable sales load.
- (2) The expenses of the dividend reinvestment plan, if any, are included in stock record expenses, a component of Other expenses. If a participant elects by written notice to the plan agent prior to termination of his or her account to have the plan agent sell part or all of the shares held by the plan agent in the participant s account and remit the proceeds to the participant, the plan agent is authorized to deduct a transaction fee, plus per share brokerage commissions, from the proceeds. The participants in the dividend reinvestment plan will also bear a transaction fee, plus per share brokerage commissions, incurred with respect to open market purchases. See *Dividend Reinvestment Plan* for information on the dividend reinvestment plan.
- (3) The percentages presented in this table are gross of credits to any fees.
- (4) In accordance with the Advisory Agreement between us and our Adviser, our annual base management fee is 2.00% (0.50% quarterly) of our average gross assets, which are defined as total assets, including investments

made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings, and adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases. In accordance with the requirements of the SEC, the table above shows our base management fee as a percentage of average net assets attributable to common stockholders. For purposes of the table, the annualized base management fee has been converted to 3.44% of the average net assets for the three months ended March 31, 2018 by dividing the total annualized amount of the base management fee by our average net assets. The base management fee for the three months ended March 31, 2018 before application of any credits was \$3.0 million.

Pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Adviser makes available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. The Adviser may also provide other services to our portfolio companies under certain agreements and may receive fees for services other than managerial assistance. Such services may include (i) assistance obtaining, sourcing or structuring credit facilities, long term loans or additional equity from unaffiliated third parties; (ii) negotiating important contractual financial relationships; (iii) consulting services regarding restructuring of the portfolio company and financial modeling as it relates to raising additional debt and equity capital from unaffiliated third parties; and (iv) primary role in interviewing, vetting and negotiating employment contracts with candidates in connection with adding and retaining key portfolio company management team members. The Adviser non-contractually, unconditionally, and irrevocably credits 100% of these fees against the base management fee that we would otherwise be required to pay to the Adviser; however, pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement, a small percentage of certain of such fees, is retained by the Adviser in the form of reimbursement, at cost, for tasks completed by personnel of the Adviser and primarily for the valuation of portfolio companies. For the three months ended March 31, 2018, \$1.1 million of these fees were non-contractually, unconditionally and irrevocably credited against the base management fee. See Business Transactions with Related Parties Investment Advisory and Management Agreement and Management Certain Transactions Investment Advisor and Administrator and footnote 5 below.

- (5) The Adviser services, administers and collects on the loans held by Gladstone Business Investment, LLC, our wholly-owned subsidiary (Business Investment), in return for which our Adviser receives a 2.0% annual loan servicing fee payable monthly by Business Investment based on the monthly aggregate balance of loans held by Business Investment in accordance with the Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, as further amended, (the Credit Facility), with KeyBank National Association as administrative agent, lead arranger and a lender. Since Business Investment is a consolidated subsidiary of ours, coupled with the fact that the total base management fee paid to the Adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreement cannot exceed 2.0% of total assets (as reduced by cash and cash equivalents pledged to creditors) during any given calendar year, we treat payment of the loan servicing fee pursuant to our Credit Facility as a pre-payment of the base management fee under the Advisory Agreement. Accordingly, these loan servicing fees are 100% non-contractually, unconditionally and irrevocably credited back to us by the Adviser. The loan servicing fee for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was \$1.7 million. See Business Transactions with Related Parties Loan Servicing Fee Pursuant to Credit Facility.
- (6) The incentive fee payable to the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement consists of two parts: an income-based fee and a capital gains-based fee. The income-based incentive fee is payable quarterly in arrears, and equals 20% of the excess, if any, of our pre-incentive fee net investment income that exceeds a 1.75% quarterly (7% annualized) hurdle rate of our net assets, adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases, subject to a catch-up provision measured as of the end of each calendar quarter. The catch-up provision requires us to pay 100% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such income, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 125% of the quarterly hurdle rate (or 2.1875%) in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized). The catch-up provision is meant to provide our Adviser with 20% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income as if a hurdle rate did not apply when our pre-incentive fee net investment income exceeds 125% of the quarterly hurdle rate in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized). For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the income-based incentive fee was \$1.7 million.

The capital gains-based incentive fee equals 20% of our net realized capital gains in excess of unrealized depreciation since our inception, if any, computed as all realized capital gains net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation since our inception, less any prior payments, and is payable at the end of each fiscal year. For the three months ended March 31, 2018, we recorded a capital gains-based incentive fee of \$3.6 million in accordance with the provisions of U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ), which is not contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement.

No credits were applied to the incentive fee for the three months ended March 31, 2018; however, the Adviser may credit such fee in the future.

Examples of how the incentive fee would be calculated are as follows:

Assuming pre-incentive fee net investment income of 0.55%, there would be no income-based incentive fee because such income would not exceed the hurdle rate of 1.75%.

Assuming pre-incentive fee net investment income of 2.00%, the income-based incentive fee would be as follows:

 $= 100\% \times (2.00\% \quad 1.75\%)$ 

= 0.25%

Assuming pre-incentive fee net investment income of 2.30%, the income-based incentive fee would be as follows:

 $=(100\% \times (\text{ catch-up } : 2.1875\% \ 1.75\%)) + (20\% \times (2.30\% \ 2.1875\%))$ 

 $= (100\% \times 0.4375\%) + (20\% \times 0.1125\%)$ 

= 0.4375% + 0.0225%

= 0.46%

Assuming realized capital gains of 6% and realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation of 1%, the capital gains-based incentive fee would be as follows: =  $20\% \times (6\% \ 1\%)$ 

 $= 20\% \times 5\%$ 

= 1%

For a more detailed discussion of the calculation of the two-part incentive fee, see *Business Transactions with Related Parties Investment Advisory and Management Agreement.* 

- (7) Includes amortization of deferred financing costs. As of March 31, 2018, we had \$107.0 million in borrowings outstanding under our Credit Facility.
- (8) Includes dividends paid on our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series D Term Preferred Stock and amortization of deferred financing costs. See Description of Our Securities Preferred Stock Term Preferred Stock for additional information.

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Includes our overhead expenses, including payments under the Administration Agreement based on our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by our Administrator in performing its obligations under the administration agreement. See *Business Transactions with Related Parties Administration Agreement* and *Management Certain Transactions Investment Advisor and Administrator*.

(10) Total annualized gross expenses, based on actual amounts incurred for the three months ended March 31, 2018, would be \$59.9 million. After all non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits described in footnote 4 and footnote 5 above are applied to the base management fee and the loan servicing fee, total annualized expenses after fee credits, based on actual amounts incurred for the three months ended March 31, 2018, would be \$48.7 million, or 14.16% as a percentage of average net assets.

### Example

The following examples demonstrate the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses that would be incurred over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in our common stock. In calculating the following expense amounts, we have assumed we would have no additional leverage and that our annual operating expenses would remain at the levels set forth in the table above. The amounts set forth below do not reflect the impact of any sales load or offering expenses to be borne by Gladstone Investment and its stockholders. In the prospectus supplement relating to an offering of securities pursuant to this prospectus, the examples below will be restated to reflect the impact of the estimated offering expenses borne by Gladstone Investment and its stockholders and, in the event that securities to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, the impact of the applicable sales load. The examples below and the expenses in the table above should not be considered a representation of our future expenses, and actual expenses may be greater or less than those shown. While the example assumes, as required by the SEC, a 5% annual return, our performance will vary and may result in a return greater or less than 5%.

|  | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment:                      |        |         |         |          |
| assuming a 5% annual return consisting entirely of ordinary                        |        |         |         |          |
| income <sup>(1)(2)</sup>   | \$ 117 | \$ 329  | \$ 513  | \$ 875   |
| assuming a 5% annual return consisting entirely of capital gains <sup>(2)(3)</sup> | \$ 126 | \$ 351  | \$ 542  | \$ 907   |

- (1) For purposes of this example, we have assumed that the entire amount of the assumed 5% annual return would constitute ordinary income as we have not historically realized positive capital gains (computed net of all realized capital losses) in excess of unrealized depreciation on our investments through March 31, 2018. While we recorded a capital gains-based incentive fee of \$3.6 million in accordance with GAAP during the three months ended March 31, 2018, this amount is not contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement. Because the assumed 5% annual return is significantly below the hurdle rate of 7% (annualized) that we must achieve under the Advisory Agreement to trigger the payment of an income-based incentive fee, we have assumed, for purposes of this example, that no income-based incentive fee would be payable if we realized a 5% annual return on our investments.
- (2) While the example assumes reinvestment of all distributions at NAV per share, participants in the dividend reinvestment plan will receive a number of shares of our common stock determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the distribution payable to a participant by the market price per share of our common stock at the close of trading on the valuation date for the distribution, and this price per share may differ from NAV per share. See *Dividend Reinvestment Plan* for additional information regarding the dividend reinvestment plan.
- (3) For purposes of this example, we have assumed that the entire amount of the assume 5% annual return would constitute capital gains and that no accumulated capital losses or unrealized depreciation exist that would have to be overcome first before a capital gains-based incentive fee is payable.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

You should carefully consider the risks described below and all other information provided in this prospectus (and any prospectus supplement) before making a decision to purchase our Securities. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us, or not presently deemed material by us, may also impair our operations and performance.

If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected. If that happens, the trading price of our Securities could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment. We believe the risk factors described below are the principal risk factors associated with an investment in our Securities as well as those factors generally associated with an investment company with investment objectives, investment policies, capital structure or trading markets similar to ours.

#### **Risks Related to Our Investments**

We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities.

A large number of entities compete with us to make the types of investments we seek to make in Lower Middle Market companies. We generally compete with public and private buyout funds, commercial and investment banks, commercial financing companies, and, to the extent that they provide an alternative form of financing, hedge funds, mutual funds, and private equity. Many of our competitors are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. For example, some competitors may have a lower cost of funds and access to funding sources that are not available to us. In addition, some of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments, which would allow them to consider a wider variety of investments and establish more relationships than us. Furthermore, many of our competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a BDC. The competitive pressures we face could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Also, as a result of this competition, we may not be able to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities from time to time and we can offer no assurance that we will be able to identify and make investments that are consistent with our investment objective. We do not seek to compete based on the interest rates we offer and we believe that some of our competitors may make loans with interest rates that will be comparable to or lower than the rates we offer. We may lose investment opportunities if we do not match our competitors pricing, terms, and structure. However, if we match our competitors pricing, terms, and structure, we may experience decreased net interest income and increased risk of credit loss.

Our investments in Lower Middle Market portfolio companies are extremely risky and could cause you to lose all or a part of your investment.

Investments in Lower Middle Market portfolio companies are subject to a number of significant risks including the following:

Lower Middle Market businesses are likely to be more significantly impacted in economic downturns than larger businesses. Our portfolio companies may have fewer resources than larger businesses, and any economic downturns or recessions, are more likely to have a material adverse effect on them. In the event that the economy contracts, it is likely that the financial results of Lower Middle Market businesses, like those in which we invest, could experience deterioration or limited growth from current levels, which could ultimately lead to difficulty in meeting their debt service requirements and an increase in defaults. Consequently, if one of our portfolio companies is adversely impacted by a recession, its ability to repay our loan(s) or engage in a liquidity event, such as a sale, recapitalization or initial public offering would be

diminished.

Lower Middle Market businesses may have limited financial resources and may not be able to repay the loans we make to them. Our strategy includes providing financing to portfolio companies that typically do not have readily available access to financing. While we believe that this provides an

attractive opportunity for us to generate profits, this may make it difficult for the portfolio companies to repay their loans to us upon maturity. A borrower s ability to repay its loan(s) may be adversely affected by numerous factors, including the failure to meet its business plan, a downturn in its industry or negative economic conditions. Deterioration in a borrower s financial condition and prospects usually will be accompanied by deterioration in the value of any collateral and a reduction in the likelihood of realizing on any guaranties we may have obtained from the borrower s management. As of March 31, 2018, certain loans to two portfolio companies were on non-accrual status with an aggregate debt cost basis of \$15.6 million, or 3.6%, of the cost basis of all debt investments in our portfolio. While we are working with the portfolio companies to improve their profitability and cash flows, there can be no assurance that our efforts will prove successful. Although we will generally seek to be a secured first lien lender to a borrower, in some of our loans we expect to be subordinated to a senior lender and our security interest in any collateral would, accordingly, likely be second lien and subordinate to another lender s security interest.

Lower Middle Market businesses typically have narrower product lines and smaller market shares than large businesses. Our target portfolio companies tend to be more vulnerable to competitors actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns. In addition, our portfolio companies may face intense competition, including competition from companies with greater financial resources, more extensive development, manufacturing, marketing and other capabilities and a larger number of qualified managerial and technical personnel.

There is generally little or no publicly available information about these businesses. Because we seek to invest in privately owned businesses, there is generally little or no publicly available operating and financial information about our potential portfolio companies. As a result, we rely on our officers, the Adviser and its employees, Gladstone Securities and consultants to perform due diligence investigations of these portfolio companies, their operations, and their prospects. We may not learn all of the material information we need to know regarding these businesses through our investigations to make a well-informed investment decision.

Lower Middle Market businesses generally have less predictable operating results. We expect that our portfolio companies may have significant variations in their operating results, may from time to time be exposed to litigation, may be engaged in rapidly changing businesses with products subject to a substantial risk of obsolescence, may require substantial additional capital to support their operations, to finance expansion or to maintain their competitive position, may otherwise have a weak financial position or may be adversely affected by changes in the business cycle. Our portfolio companies may not meet net income, cash flow and other coverage tests typically imposed by their senior lenders. A borrower s failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by senior lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, foreclosure on its senior credit facility, which could additionally trigger cross-defaults in other agreements. If this were to occur, it is possible that the borrower s ability to repay our loan(s) would be jeopardized.

Lower Middle Market businesses are more likely to be dependent on one or two persons. Typically, the success of a Lower Middle Market business also depends on the management talents and efforts of one or two persons or a small group of persons. The death, disability or resignation of one or more of these persons could have a material adverse impact on our borrower and, in turn, on us.

*Lower Middle Market businesses may have limited operating histories.* While we intend to continue to target stable companies with proven track records, we may make loans to new companies that meet our other

investment criteria. Portfolio companies with limited operating histories will be exposed to all of the operating risks that new businesses face and may be particularly susceptible to, among other risks, market downturns, competitive pressures and the departure of key executive officers.

*Debt securities of Lower Middle Market companies typically are not rated by a credit rating agency.* Typically, a Lower Middle Market business cannot or will not expend the resources to have their debt securities rated by a credit rating agency. We expect that most, if not all, of the debt securities we

acquire will be unrated. Investors should assume that these loans would be at rates below what is today considered investment grade quality. Investments rated below investment grade are often referred to as high yield securities or junk bonds and may be considered high risk as compared to investment grade debt instruments.

Because the loans we make and equity securities we invest in are not publicly traded, there is uncertainty regarding the value of our privately held securities that could adversely affect our determination of our NAV.

Substantially all of our portfolio investments are, and we expect will continue to be, in the form of securities that are not publicly traded. The fair value of securities and other investments that are not publicly traded may not be readily determinable. Our Board of Directors has ultimate responsibility for reviewing and approving, in good faith, the fair value of our investments, based on the investment valuation policy (the Policy ). Our Board of Directors reviews valuation recommendations that are provided by professionals of the Adviser and Administrator, with oversight and direction from our chief valuation officer, an employee of the Administrator that reports directly to our Board of Directors, (collectively, the Valuation Team). In valuing our investment portfolio, several techniques are used, including, but not limited to, a total enterprise value approach, a yield analysis, and market quotes. Currently, ICE Data Pricing and Reference Data, LLC (formerly Standard and Poor s Securities Evaluations, Inc.) provides estimates of fair value on generally all of our debt investments that are not valued using total enterprise value ( TEV ) and we use another independent valuation firm to provide valuation inputs for our significant equity investments, generally valued using TEV, including earnings multiple ranges, as well as other information. In addition to these techniques, inputs and information, other factors are considered when determining fair value of our investments, including but not limited to: the nature and realizable value of the collateral, including external parties guaranties; any relevant offers or letters of intent to acquire the portfolio company; timing of expected loan repayments; and the markets in which the portfolio company operates. If applicable, new and follow-on debt and equity investments made during the current three month reporting period are generally valued at original cost basis. Refer to Business Ongoing Management of Investments and Portfolio Company Relationships Valuation Process for additional information on our valuation policies, procedures, and processes.

Fair value measurements of our investments may involve subjective judgments and estimates and, due to the uncertainty inherent in valuing these securities, the Adviser s determination of fair value may fluctuate from period to period and may differ materially from the values that could be obtained if a ready market for these securities existed. Additionally, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investment may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the valuations currently assigned.

Our NAV would be adversely affected if the fair value of our investments that are approved by our Board of Directors are higher than the values that we ultimately realize upon the disposal of such securities.

# Our most recent NAV was calculated on May 8, 2018 and our NAV when calculated effective June 30, 2018 and thereafter may be higher or lower.

As of May 8, 2018, our NAV per share was \$10.85, which was based on the fair value of our investments that were reviewed and approved by the Valuation Committee and Board of Directors in connection with financial statements that were audited by our independent registered public accounting firm as of March 31, 2018. NAV per share as of June 30, 2018 may be higher or lower than \$10.85 based on potential changes in valuations, issuance of shares of common stock subsequent to May 8, 2018, or dividends paid and earnings for the quarter then ended. Our Board of Directors determines the fair value of our portfolio investments on a quarterly basis and if our June 30, 2018 fair value is less than the March 31, 2018 fair value, we will record an unrealized loss on our investment portfolio. If the fair value is greater, we will record an unrealized gain on our investment portfolio. Upon publication of our next quarterly NAV per share determination (generally in our next Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q), the market price of our common stock may fluctuate materially.

The valuation process for certain of our portfolio holdings creates a conflict of interest.

A substantial portion of our portfolio investments are securities that are not publicly traded. As a result, our Board of Directors determines the fair value of these securities in good faith pursuant to the Policy. In connection with that determination, our Valuation Team prepares portfolio company valuations based upon the most recent portfolio company financial statements available and projected financial results of each portfolio company. The participation of our Adviser s investment professionals in our valuation process and Mr. Gladstone s pecuniary interest in our Adviser may result in a conflict of interest, as the management fees that we pay our Adviser are based on our average gross assets, less uninvested cash or cash equivalents from borrowings, and adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the period.

#### The lack of liquidity of our privately held investments may adversely affect our business.

We will generally make investments in private companies whose securities are not traded in any public market. Substantially all of the investments we presently hold and the investments we expect to acquire in the future are, and will be, subject to legal and other restrictions on resale and will otherwise be less liquid than publicly-traded securities. The illiquidity of our investments may make it difficult for us to quickly obtain cash equal to the value at which we record our investments if the need arises. This could cause us to miss important investment opportunities. In addition, if we are required to liquidate all or a portion of our portfolio quickly, we may record substantial realized losses upon liquidation. We may also face other restrictions on our ability to liquidate an investment in a portfolio company to the extent that we, the Adviser, the Administrator, or our respective officers, or affiliates have material non-public information regarding such portfolio company.

Due to the uncertainty inherent in valuing these securities, the Adviser s determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that could be obtained if a ready market for these securities existed. Our NAV could be materially affected if the Adviser s determinations regarding the fair value of our investments are materially different from the values that we ultimately realize upon our disposal of such securities. Additional discussion regarding risks associated with determinations made by the Adviser is found in the risk factor *The valuation process for certain of our portfolio holdings creates a conflict of interest*.

#### Our financial results could be negatively affected if a significant portfolio investment fails to perform as expected.

Our total investment in one or more companies may be significant individually or in the aggregate. As a result, if a significant investment in one or more companies fails to perform as expected, our financial results could be more negatively affected and the magnitude of the loss could be more significant than if we had made smaller investments in more companies. Our five largest investments represented 30.5% of the fair value of our total portfolio as of March 31, 2018, compared to 27.4% as of March 31, 2017. Any disposition of a significant investment in one or more portfolio companies may negatively impact our net investment income and limit our ability to pay distributions.

The tightening of the U.S. monetary policy through the increase in the Federal Reserve System (Fed) interest rate has resulted in several interest rate raises of 25 basis points each. The increase in the Fed rate can have a negative effect on our investments by making it harder and more expensive to refinance capital structures or even obtain financing.

In recent years, the Fed has incrementally raised the target range for the federal funds rate to its current range of 1.5% to 1.75%, with additional increases expected to come over the next year. As interest rates increase, generally, the cost of borrowing increases, affecting our ability to make new investments on favorable terms or at all. More generally, interest rate fluctuations and changes in credit spreads on floating rate loans may have a negative impact on our investments and investment opportunities and, accordingly, may have a material adverse effect on our rate of return on invested capital, our net investment income, our net asset value and the market

price of our securities. A substantial portion of our debt investments have variable interest rates that reset periodically and are generally based on LIBOR, so an increase in interest rates from the current interest rate may make it more difficult for our portfolio companies to service their obligations under the debt investments that we hold. To the extent that interest rates increase, this may negatively impact the operating performance of our portfolio companies due to increasing debt service obligations and, therefore, may affect our results of operations. In addition, to the extent that an increase in interest rates makes it difficult or impossible to make payments on outstanding indebtedness to us or other financial sponsors or refinance debt that is maturing in the near term, some of our portfolio companies may be unable to repay such debt at maturity and may be forced to sell assets, undergo a recapitalization or seek bankruptcy protection. There can be no guaranty the Fed will raise rates at the gradual pace they originally proposed, nor can there be any assurance that the Fed will make sound decisions as to when to raise rates. The increase in interest rates could have a negative effect on our investments, which could negatively impact our operating results, financial condition, and cash flows.

# The interest rates of some of our term loans to our portfolio companies are priced using a spread over LIBOR, which may be phased out in the future.

LIBOR is the basic rate of interest used in lending between banks on the London interbank market and is widely used as a reference for setting the interest rate on loans globally. In general, our investments in debt securities have a term of five years, accrue interest at variable rates based on LIBOR and, to a lesser extent, at fixed rates. As of March 31, 2018, our loan portfolio consisted of 97.0% variable rate loans with floors and 3.0% fixed rate loans based on the total principal balance of all outstanding debt investments.

On July 27, 2017, the United Kingdom s Financial Conduct Authority, which regulates LIBOR, announced that it intends to phase out LIBOR by the end of 2021. It is unclear if at that time whether or not LIBOR will cease to exist or if new methods of calculating LIBOR will be established such that it continues to exist after 2021. The Fed, in conjunction with the Alternative Reference Rates Committee, a steering committee comprised of large U.S. financial institutions, announced replacement of U.S. dollar LIBOR with a new index calculated by short-term repurchase agreements, backed by U.S. Treasury securities called the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR). The first publication of SOFR was released in April 2018. Whether or not SOFR attains market traction as a LIBOR replacement tool remains in question and the future of LIBOR at this time is uncertain. If LIBOR ceases to exist, we may need to renegotiate the loan documents with our portfolio companies that utilize LIBOR as a factor in determining the interest rate to replace LIBOR with the new standard that is established.

#### We generally will not be involved in the day-to-day operations and decision making of our portfolio companies.

We generally are not, and do not expect to be, involved in the day-to-day operations and decision making of our portfolio companies, even though we may have board representation or board observation rights and our debt agreements may contain certain restrictive covenants. As a result, we are subject to the risk that a portfolio company in which we invest may make business decisions with which we disagree and the management of such company, as representatives of the holders of their common stock, may take risks or otherwise act in ways that do not serve our interests of maximizing our investment value.

# We typically invest in transactions involving acquisitions, buyouts and recapitalizations of companies, which will subject us to the risks associated with change in control transactions.

Our strategy, in part, includes making debt and equity investments in companies in connection with acquisitions, buyouts and recapitalizations, which subjects us to the risks associated with change in control transactions. Change in control transactions often present a number of uncertainties. Companies undergoing change in control transactions often face challenges retaining key employees and maintaining relationships with customers and suppliers. While we hope to avoid many of these difficulties by participating in transactions where the management team is retained and

by conducting thorough due diligence in advance of our decision to invest, if our portfolio companies experience one or more of these problems, we may not realize the value that we expect

in connection with our investments, which would likely harm our operating results, financial condition, and cash flows.

# Our portfolio companies may incur debt that ranks equally with, or senior to, our investments in such companies and/or we could be subject to lender liability claims.

We primarily invest in secured first and second lien debt securities issued by our portfolio companies. In some cases, portfolio companies will be permitted to have other debt that ranks equally with, or senior to, the debt securities in which we invest. By their terms, such debt securities may provide that the holders thereof are entitled to receive payment of interest and principal on or before the dates on which we are entitled to receive payments in respect of the debt securities in which we invest. Also, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization, or bankruptcy of a portfolio company, holders of debt instruments ranking senior to our investment in that portfolio company would typically be entitled to receive payment in full before we receive any distribution in respect of our investment. Additionally, depending on the facts and circumstances, including the extent to which we provide managerial assistance to any portfolio company subject to bankruptcy, a bankruptcy court might re-characterize our debt investments and subordinate all or a portion of our claims to that of other creditors. After repaying such senior creditors, such portfolio company may not have any remaining assets to use for repaying its obligation to us. We may also be subject to lender liability claims for actions taken by us with respect to a borrower s business or in instances in which we exercised control over the borrower as a result of actions taken in rendering any managerial assistance. Furthermore, in the case of debt ranking equally with debt securities in which we invest, we would have to share on an equal basis any distributions with other creditors holding such debt in the event of an insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization, or bankruptcy of a portfolio company.

# Prepayments of our investments by our portfolio companies could adversely impact our results of operations and reduce our return on investment.

In addition to risks associated with delays in investing our capital, to a lesser extent, we are also subject to the risk that investments we make in our portfolio companies may be repaid prior to maturity. During the fiscal year 2018, we experienced prepayments of term debt investments of \$13.6 million. We will first use any proceeds from prepayments to repay any borrowings outstanding on the Credit Facility. In the event that funds remain after repayment of our outstanding borrowings, then we may reinvest these proceeds in government securities, pending their future investment in new debt and/or equity securities. These government securities will typically have substantially lower yields than the debt securities being prepaid and we could experience significant delays in reinvesting these amounts. As a result, our results of operations could be materially adversely affected if one or more of our portfolio companies elect to prepay amounts owed to us. While we generally do not provide for prepayments of our debt investments where we also own a significant equity investment in a portfolio company, prepayments allowable under pure debt investments could negatively impact our return on those investments, which could negatively impact our operating results, financial condition, and cash flows and could lead to a decline in the market price of our common stock.

# Our portfolio is concentrated in a limited number of companies and industries, which subjects us to an increased risk of significant loss if any one of these companies does not repay us or if the industries experience downturns.

As of March 31, 2018, we had investments in 33 portfolio companies, the five largest of which included Cambridge Sound Management, Inc. ( Cambridge ), Nth Degree, Inc. ( Nth Degree ), J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LLC ( JR Hobbs ), Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc. ( Brunswick ), and ImageWorks Display and Marketing Group, Inc. ( ImageWorks ), and collectively comprised \$183.4 million, or 30.5%, of our total investment portfolio, at fair value. A consequence of a limited number of investments is that the aggregate returns we realize may be substantially adversely affected by the unfavorable performance of a small number of such investments or a substantial write-down of any one investment. Beyond our regulatory and income tax diversification requirements, as well as Credit Facility requirements, we do not have fixed guidelines for industry

concentration and our investments could potentially be concentrated in relatively few industries. In addition, while we do not intend to invest 25% or more of our total assets in a particular industry or group of industries at the time of investment, it is possible that as the values of our portfolio companies change, one industry or a group of industries may comprise in excess of 25% of the value of our total assets. A downturn in a particular industry in which we have invested a significant portion of our total assets could have a materially adverse effect on us. As of March 31, 2018, our largest industry concentration was in Diversified/Conglomerate Services, representing 22.8% of our total investments, at fair value.

#### Our investments are typically long term and will require several years to realize liquidation events.

Since we generally make five to seven year term loans and hold our loans and equity positions until the loans mature and/or we exit the investment, investors should not expect realization events, if any, to occur over the near term. In addition, we expect that any equity investments may require several years to appreciate in value and we cannot give any assurance that such appreciation will occur.

#### The disposition of our investments may result in contingent liabilities.

Currently, all but one of our investments involve private securities. In connection with the disposition of an investment in private securities, we may be required to make representations about the business and financial affairs of the underlying portfolio company typical of those made in connection with the sale of a business. We may also be required to indemnify the purchasers of such investment to the extent that any such representations turn out to be inaccurate or with respect to certain potential liabilities. These arrangements may result in contingent liabilities that may ultimately yield funding obligations that must be satisfied through our return of certain distributions previously made to us.

# Portfolio company-related litigation could result in costs, including defense costs or damages, and the diversion of management time and resources.

In the course of investing in and often providing significant managerial assistance to certain of our portfolio companies, certain persons employed by the Adviser sometimes serve as directors on the boards of such companies. To the extent that litigation arises out of our investments in these companies, even if meritless, we or such employees may be named as defendants in such litigation, which could result in additional costs, including defense costs, and the diversion of management time and resources. We may be unable to accurately estimate our exposure to litigation risk if we record balance sheet reserves for probable loss contingencies. As a result, any reserves we establish to cover any settlements or judgments may not be sufficient to cover our actual financial exposure, which may have a material impact on our results of operations, financial condition, or cash flows.

In view of the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of legal actions and regulatory matters, we cannot provide assurance as to the outcome of any threatened or pending matter or, if resolved adversely, the costs associated with any such matter, particularly where the claimant seeks very large or indeterminate damages or where the matter presents novel legal theories, involves a large number of parties or is at a preliminary stage. The resolution of any such matters may be time consuming, expensive, and may distract management from the conduct of our business. The resolution of certain threatened or pending legal actions or regulatory matters, if unfavorable, whether in settlement or a judgment, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows for the quarter in which such actions or matters are resolved or a reserve is established.

While the Company believes it would have valid defenses to potential claims brought due to our investment in any portfolio company, and will defend any such claims vigorously, it may nevertheless expend significant amounts of money in defense costs and expenses. Further, if the Company enters into settlements or suffers an adverse outcome in any litigation, the Company could be required to pay significant amounts. In addition, if any of the Company s

portfolio companies become subject to direct or indirect claims or other obligations, such as

defense costs or damages in litigation or settlement, the Company s investment in such companies could diminish in value and the Company could suffer indirect losses. Further, these matters could cause the Company to expend significant management time and effort in connection with assessment and defense of any claims. No range of potential expenses, costs or damages in connection with these matters can be estimated at this time.

#### We may not realize gains from our equity investments and other yield enhancements.

We generally make equity investments in combination with secured debt investments. We may also receive other equity interests to purchase stock issued by the portfolio company, such as warrants, and will generally receive other yield enhancements, such as success fees. Our goal is to ultimately dispose of these equity interests and realize gains and collect the yield enhancements. We expect that, over time, the realized gains from the disposition of equity interests and the yield enhancements we collect will offset any losses we may experience on potential loan defaults. However, equity interests may not appreciate in value and, in fact, may decline in value and any other yield enhancements, such as success fees, may not be collected. Accordingly, we may not be able to realize gains from our equity interests or collect other yield enhancements and any gains we do recognize and yield enhancements we collect may not be sufficient to offset losses we experience on other debt and equity investments.

During the fiscal years ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, we recorded net realized gains on investments of \$1.3 million and \$15.6 million, respectively. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, we recorded a net realized loss on investments of \$4.6 million. There can be no guaranties that such net realized gains can be achieved in future periods and the impact of such sales on our results of operations in prior periods should not be relied upon as being indicative of performance in future periods. For the fiscal years ended March 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, success fee income totaled \$5.3 million, \$2.4 million and \$1.6 million, respectively.

# Any unrealized depreciation we experience on our investment portfolio may be an indication of future realized losses, which could reduce any gains available for distribution.

As a BDC we are required to carry our investments at market value or, if no market value is ascertainable, at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our Board of Directors. We will record decreases in the market values or fair values of our investments as unrealized depreciation. Since our inception, we have, at times, incurred a cumulative net unrealized depreciation of our portfolio. Any unrealized depreciation in our investment portfolio could result in realized losses in the future and ultimately in reductions of any gains available for distribution to stockholders in future periods.

#### **Risks Related to Our External Financing**

In addition to regulatory limitations on our ability to raise capital, the Credit Facility contains various covenants which, if not complied with, could accelerate our repayment obligations under the facility, thereby materially and adversely affecting our liquidity, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, and ability to pay distributions.

We will have a continuing need for capital to finance our investments. As of March 31, 2018, we, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Business Investment, had \$107.0 million in borrowings, at cost, outstanding under the Credit Facility, which provides for maximum borrowings of \$165.0 million, with a revolving period end date of November 15, 2019 (the Revolving Period End Date ). The Credit Facility permits us to fund additional loans and investments as long as we are within the conditions and covenants set forth in the credit agreement. Among other things, the Credit Facility contains covenants that require Business Investment to maintain its status as a separate legal entity, prohibit certain significant corporate transactions (such as mergers, consolidations, liquidations or dissolutions) and restrict certain material changes to our credit and collection policy without the lenders consent. The Credit Facility also generally seeks to restrict distributions to stockholders to the sum of (i) our net investment income, (ii) net capital gains, and (iii) amounts deemed by the Company to be considered

as having been paid during the prior fiscal year in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code. Loans eligible to be pledged as collateral are subject to certain limitations, including, among other things, restrictions on geographic concentrations, industry concentrations, loan size, payment frequency and status, average life, portfolio company leverage, and lien property. The Credit Facility also requires Business Investment to comply with other financial and operational covenants, which obligate Business Investment to, among other things, maintain certain financial ratios, including asset and interest coverage and a minimum number of obligors required in the borrowing base. Additionally, the Credit Facility contains a performance guaranty that requires the Company to maintain (i) a minimum net worth (defined in the Credit Facility to include our mandatory redeemable term preferred stock) of the greater of \$210.0 million or \$210.0 million plus 50% of all equity and subordinated debt raised minus 50% of any equity or subordinated debt redeemed or retired after November 16, 2016, which equated to \$221.2 million as of March 31, 2018, (ii) asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness of at least 200% (or such higher percentage as may be set forth in Section 61 of the 1940 Act), and (iii) our status as a BDC under the 1940 Act and as a RIC under the Code. As of March 31, 2018, and as defined in the performance guaranty of the Credit Facility, we had a net worth of \$488.8 million, an asset coverage ratio on our senior securities representing indebtedness of 525.7%, calculated in compliance with the requirements of Sections 18 and 61 of the 1940 Act, and an active status as a BDC and RIC. As of March 31, 2018, we were in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Facility; however, our continued compliance depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control.

Given the continued uncertainty in the capital markets, any unrealized depreciation in our portfolio may increase in future periods and threaten our ability to comply with the minimum net worth covenant and other covenants under the Credit Facility. Our failure to satisfy these covenants could result in foreclosure by our lenders, which would accelerate our repayment obligations under the facility and thereby have a material adverse effect on our business, liquidity, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, and ability to pay distributions to our stockholders.

# Any inability to renew, extend or replace the Credit Facility on terms favorable to us, or at all, could adversely impact our liquidity and ability to fund new investments or maintain distributions to our stockholders.

If the Credit Facility is not renewed or extended by the Revolving Period End Date, all principal and interest will be due and payable on or before November 15, 2021 (two years after the Revolving Period End Date). Subject to certain terms and conditions, the Credit Facility may be expanded to a total of \$250 million through additional commitments of existing or new lenders. However, if such lenders are unwilling to provide additional commitments under the terms of the Credit Facility, we will be unable to expand the Credit Facility and thus will continue to have limited availability to finance new investments under the Credit Facility. There can be no guaranty that we will be able to renew, extend or replace the Credit Facility, and to obtain replacement financing at or before the time of its Revolving Period End Date, will be constrained by then current economic conditions affecting the credit markets. In the event that we are not able to expand the Credit Facility, or to renew, extend or refinance the Credit Facility by the Revolving Period End Date, this could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and ability to fund new investments, our ability to make distributions to our stockholders and our ability to qualify as a RIC under the Code.

If we are unable to secure replacement financing, we may be forced to sell certain assets on disadvantageous terms, which may result in realized losses, and such realized losses could materially exceed the amount of any unrealized depreciation on these assets as of our most recent balance sheet date, which would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. Such circumstances would also increase the likelihood that we would be required to redeem some or all of our outstanding Term Preferred Stock, which could potentially require us to sell more assets. In addition to selling assets, or as an alternative, we may issue common equity in order to repay amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility. Depending upon the trading prices of our common stock, such an equity offering may have a dilutive impact on our existing stockholders interest in our earnings, assets and voting interest in us. If we are able to renew, extend or refinance the Credit Facility prior to maturity, renewal,

extension or refinancing, it could potentially result in significantly higher interest rates and related charges and may impose significant restrictions on the use of borrowed funds to fund investments or maintain distributions to common and preferred stockholders.

Because we expect to distribute substantially all of our Investment Company Taxable Income on an annual basis, our business plan is dependent upon external financing, which is constrained by the limitations of the 1940 Act.

Although we completed equity offerings of our Series D Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock and Series B Term Preferred Stock in September 2016, May 2015 and November 2014, respectively, a common stock offering in May 2017, and initiated our at-the-market program in February 2018, there can be no assurance that we will be able to raise capital through issuing equity in the near future. Our business requires a substantial amount of cash to operate and grow. We may acquire such additional capital from the following sources:

Senior Securities: We may issue senior securities representing indebtedness (including borrowings under the Credit Facility) and senior securities that are stock (including our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series D Term Preferred Stock), up to the maximum amount permitted by the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act currently permits us, as a BDC, to issue senior securities representing indebtedness and senior securities which are stock, in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act, is at least 200% (currently) or 150% (effective April 10, 2019; refer to Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Overview Recent Developments Small Business Credit Availability Act for a discussion of changes to the asset coverage requirements pursuant to the Small Business Credit Availability Act (SBCAA)) on each such senior security immediately after each issuance of each such senior security. As a result of incurring indebtedness (in whatever form), we will be exposed to the risks associated with leverage. Although borrowing money for investments increases the potential for gain, it also increases the risk of a loss. A decrease in the value of our investments will have a greater impact on the value of our common stock to the extent that we have borrowed money to make investments. There is a possibility that the costs of borrowing could exceed the income we receive on the investments we make with such borrowed funds. In addition, our ability to pay distributions, issue senior securities or repurchase shares of our common stock would be restricted if the asset coverage on each of our senior securities is not at least 200%. If the aggregate fair value of our assets declines, we might be unable to satisfy that 200% requirement. To satisfy the 200% asset coverage requirement in the event that we are seeking to pay a distribution, we might either have to (i) liquidate a portion of our loan portfolio to repay a portion of our indebtedness or (ii) issue common stock. This may occur at a time when a sale of a portfolio asset may be disadvantageous, or when we have limited access to capital markets on agreeable terms. In addition, any amounts that we use to service our indebtedness or for offering costs will not be available for distributions to stockholders. Furthermore, if we have to issue common stock below NAV per common share, any non-participating stockholders will be subject to dilution, as described below. Pursuant to Section 61(a) of the 1940 Act, we are permitted, under specified conditions, to issue multiple classes of senior securities representing indebtedness. However, pursuant to Section 18(c) of the 1940 Act, we are permitted to issue only one class of senior securities that are stock.

*Common and Convertible Preferred Stock*: Because we are constrained in our ability to issue debt or senior securities for the reasons given above, we are dependent on the issuance of equity as a financing source. If we raise additional funds by issuing more common stock, the percentage ownership of our common stockholders at the time of the issuance would decrease and our existing common stockholders may experience dilution. In addition, under the 1940 Act, we will generally not be able to issue additional shares of our common stock at a price below NAV per common share to purchasers, other than to our existing

common stockholders through a rights offering, without first obtaining the approval of our stockholders and our independent directors. If we were to sell shares of our common stock below our then current NAV per common share, as we did at times during March and April 2018

under the at-the-market program, and in other offerings in May 2017, March 2015, and October 2012, such sales would result in an immediate dilution to the NAV per common share. This dilution would occur as a result of the sale of common shares at a price below the then current NAV per share of our common stock and a proportionately greater decrease in a common stockholder s interest in our earnings and assets and voting percentage than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance. For example, if we issue and sell an additional 10% of our common stock at a 5% discount from NAV, a common stockholder who does not participate in that offering for its proportionate interest will suffer NAV dilution of up to 0.5% or \$5 per \$1,000 of NAV. This imposes constraints on our ability to raise capital when our common stock is trading below NAV per common share, as it generally has for the last several years. As noted above, the 1940 Act prohibits the issuance of multiple classes of senior securities that are stock. As a result, we would be prohibited from issuing convertible preferred stock to the extent that such a security was deemed to be a separate class of stock from our outstanding Term Preferred Stock. Refer to *Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Overview Recent Developments At-the-Market Program* for a discussion of our at-the-market program.

We financed certain of our investments with borrowed money and capital from the issuance of senior securities, which will magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing in us.

The following table illustrates the effect of leverage on returns from an investment in our common stock assuming various annual returns on our portfolio, net of expenses. The calculations in the table below are hypothetical and actual returns may be higher or lower than those appearing in the table below.

|   | Ass     | umed Retur<br>(Net of | n on Our l<br>Expenses) |      |       |
|---|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------|-------|
|   | (10)%   | (5)%                  | 0%                      | 5%   | 10%   |
| Corresponding return to common stockholder <sup>(A)</sup> | (21.4)% | (12.8)%               | (4.2)%                  | 4.4% | 13.1% |

(A) The hypothetical return to common stockholders is calculated by multiplying our total assets as of March 31, 2018 by the assumed rates of return and subtracting all interest on our debt and dividends on our Term Preferred Stock expected to be paid or declared during the twelve months following March 31, 2018; and then dividing the resulting difference by our total net assets attributable to common stock as of March 31, 2018. Based on \$610.9 million in total assets, \$107.0 million in borrowings outstanding on the Credit Facility, at cost, \$5.1 million in a secured borrowing, \$41.4 million in aggregate liquidation preference of Series B Term Preferred Stock, \$40.3 million in aggregate liquidation preference of Series C Term Preferred Stock, \$57.5 million in aggregate liquidation preference of Series as of March 31, 2018.

Based on an aggregate outstanding indebtedness of \$112.1 million at principal as of March 31, 2018, the effective annual interest rate of 5.2% as of that date, and aggregate liquidation preference of our Term Preferred Stock of \$139.2 million, our investment portfolio at fair value would have to produce an annual return of at least 2.5% to cover annual interest payments on the outstanding debt and dividends on our Term Preferred Stock.

### A change in interest rates may adversely affect our profitability and hedging arrangements may expose us to additional risks.

We anticipate using a combination of equity and long-term and short-term borrowings to finance our investment activities. As a result, a portion of our income will depend upon the spread between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we loan these funds. An increase or decrease in interest rates could reduce the spread between the rate at which we invest and the rate at which we borrow, and thus, adversely affect our profitability, if we have not

appropriately hedged against such event. Alternatively, interest rate hedging arrangements may limit our ability to participate in the benefits of lower interest rates with respect to the hedged portfolio.

Ultimately, we expect approximately 90.0% of the loans in our portfolio to be at variable rates determined on the basis of the LIBOR and approximately 10.0% to be at fixed rates. As of March 31, 2018, based on the total principal balance of debt investments outstanding, our portfolio consisted of 97.0% of loans at variable rates with floors and 3.0% at fixed rates.

As of March 31, 2018, we did not have any hedging arrangement, such as interest rate hedges. While hedging arrangements may insulate us against adverse fluctuations in interest rates, they may also limit our ability to participate in the benefits of lower interest rates with respect to the hedged portfolio. Adverse developments resulting from changes in interest rates or any future hedging transactions could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows. Our ability to receive payments pursuant to a hedging arrangement is linked to the ability of the counter-party to that hedging arrangement to make the required payments. To the extent that the counter-party to the hedging arrangement is unable to pay pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we may lose the hedging protection of the arrangement.

Also, the fair value of certain of our debt investments is based, in part, on the current market yields or interest rates of similar securities. A change in interest rates could have a significant impact on our determination of the fair value of these debt investments. In addition, a change in interest rates could also have an impact on the fair value of any hedging arrangements then in effect that could result in the recording of unrealized appreciation or depreciation in future periods. Therefore, adverse developments resulting from changes in interest rates could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows. Refer to *Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations Contractual Obligations Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk* for additional information on interest rate fluctuations.

### Risks Related to Our Regulation and Structure

#### We will be subject to corporate-level tax if we are unable to satisfy Code requirements for RIC qualification.

To maintain our qualification as a RIC, we must maintain our status as a BDC and meet annual distribution, income source, and asset diversification requirements. The annual distribution requirement is satisfied if we distribute at least 90% of our Investment Company Taxable Income to our stockholders on an annual basis. Because we use leverage, we are subject to certain asset coverage ratio requirements under the 1940 Act and could, under certain circumstances, be restricted from making distributions necessary to qualify as a RIC. Warrants we may receive with respect to debt investments generally create original issue discount (OID), which we must recognize as ordinary income over the term of the debt investment. Similarly, PIK interest which is accrued generally over the term of the debt investment but not paid in cash, is recognized as ordinary income. Both OID and PIK interest will increase the amounts we are required to distribute to maintain our RIC status. Because such OIDs and PIK interest will not produce distributable cash for us at the same time as we are required to make distributions, we will need to use cash from other sources to satisfy such distribution requirements. As of March 31, 2018, we did not have investments with OID or a PIK feature. Additionally, we must meet asset diversification and income source requirements at the end of each calendar quarter. If we fail to meet these tests, we may need to quickly dispose of certain investments to prevent the loss of RIC status. Since most of our investments will be illiquid, such dispositions, if even possible, may not be made at prices advantageous to us and, in fact, may result in substantial losses. If we fail to qualify as a RIC as of a calendar quarter or annually for any reason and become fully subject to corporate income tax, the resulting corporate taxes could substantially reduce our net assets, the amount of income available for distribution, and the actual amount distributed. Such a failure would have a material adverse effect on us and our common stock. Refer to Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations RIC Status for additional information regarding asset coverage ratio and RIC requirements and to Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Overview Recent Developments Small Business Credit Availability Act for a discussion of changes to the asset coverage requirements pursuant to the SBCAA.

Some of our debt investments may include success fees that would generally generate payments to us upon a change of control. Because the satisfaction of these success fees, and the ultimate payment of these fees, is uncertain and highly contingent, we generally only recognize them as income when the payment is received. Success fee amounts are characterized as ordinary income for tax purposes and, as a result, we are required to distribute such amounts to our stockholders in order to maintain our RIC status.

If we do not invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could fail to qualify as a BDC under the 1940 Act or be precluded from investing according to our current business strategy.

As a BDC, we may not acquire any assets other than qualifying assets unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such acquisition, at least 70% of our total assets are qualifying assets, as defined in Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act.

We believe that most of the investments that we may acquire in the future will constitute qualifying assets. However, we may be precluded from investing in what we believe to be attractive investments if such investments are not qualifying assets for purposes of the 1940 Act. If we do not invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could violate the 1940 Act provisions applicable to BDCs. As a result of such violation, specific rules under the 1940 Act could prevent us, for example, from making follow-on investments in existing portfolio companies (which could result in the dilution of our position) or could require us to dispose of investments at inappropriate times in order to come into compliance with the 1940 Act. If we need to dispose of such investments quickly, it could be difficult to dispose of such investments on favorable terms. We may not be able to find a buyer for such investments and, even if we do find a buyer, we may have to sell the investments at a substantial loss. Any such outcomes would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

If we do not maintain our status as a BDC, we would be subject to regulation as a registered closed-end investment company under the 1940 Act. As a registered closed-end investment company, we would be subject to substantially more regulatory restrictions under the 1940 Act, which would significantly decrease our operating flexibility. Refer to *Regulation as a Business Development Company Qualifying Assets* for additional information regarding qualifying assets.

Changes in laws or regulations governing our operations, or changes in the interpretation thereof, and any failure by us to comply with laws or regulations governing our operations may adversely affect our business.

We, and our portfolio companies, are subject to regulation by laws at the local, state and federal levels. These laws and regulations, as well as their interpretation, may be changed from time to time. Accordingly, any change in these laws or regulations, or their interpretation, or any failure by us or our portfolio companies to comply with these laws or regulations may adversely affect our business. Refer to *Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations RIC Status* and *Regulation as a Business Development Company* for additional information regarding the regulations to which we are subject.

# Provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law and of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws could restrict a change in control and have an adverse impact on the price of our common stock.

We are subject to provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law that, in general, prohibit any business combination with a beneficial owner of 15% or more of our common stock for three years unless the holder s acquisition of our stock was either approved in advance by our Board of Directors or ratified by our Board of Directors and stockholders owning two-thirds of our outstanding stock not owned by the acquiring holder. Although we believe these provisions collectively provide for an opportunity to receive higher bids by requiring potential acquirers to negotiate with our Board of Directors, they would apply even if the offer may be considered beneficial by some stockholders.

We have also adopted other measures that may make it difficult for a third party to obtain control of us, including provisions of our certificate of incorporation classifying our Board of Directors in three classes serving staggered three-year terms, and provisions of our certificate of incorporation authorizing our Board of Directors to induce the issuance of additional shares of our stock. These provisions, as well as other provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, may delay, defer, or prevent a transaction or a change in control that might otherwise be in the best interests of our stockholders.

We may not be permitted to declare a dividend or make any distribution to stockholders or repurchase shares until such time as we satisfy the asset coverage tests under the provisions of the 1940 Act that apply to BDCs. As a BDC, we have the ability to issue senior securities only in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% (or 150%, provided certain conditions are met) after each issuance of senior securities. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy this test. If that happens, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments and, depending on the nature of our leverage, repay a portion of our debt at a time when such sales and/or repayments may be disadvantageous.

Regulations governing our operation as a BDC and RIC will affect our ability to raise, and the way in which we raise, additional capital or borrow for investment purposes, which may have a negative effect on our growth. As a result of the annual distribution requirement to qualify as a RIC, we may need to periodically access the capital markets to raise cash to fund new investments. We may issue senior securities representing indebtedness, including borrowing money from banks or other financial institutions, or senior securities that are stock, such as our Series B Term Preferred Stock, our Series C Term Preferred Stock, and our Series D Term Preferred Stock, only in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% (currently) or 150% (effective April 10, 2019; refer to

*Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Overview Recent Developments Small Business Credit Availability Act* for a discussion of changes to the asset coverage requirements pursuant to the SBCAA) after each such incurrence or issuance. Further, we may not be permitted to declare a dividend or make any distribution to our outstanding stockholders or repurchase shares until such time as we satisfy this test. Our ability to issue different types of securities is also limited. Compliance with these requirements may unfavorably limit our investment opportunities and reduce our ability in comparison to other companies to profit from favorable spreads between the rates at which we can borrow and the rates at which we can lend. As a BDC, therefore, we intend to continuously issue equity at a rate more frequent than our privately owned competitors, which may lead to greater stockholder dilution. We have incurred leverage to generate capital to make additional investments. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy the asset coverage test under the 1940 Act, which could prohibit us from paying distributions and could prevent us from qualifying as a RIC. If we cannot satisfy the asset coverage test, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments and, depending on the nature of our debt financing, repay a portion of our indebtedness at a time when such sales and repayments may be disadvantageous.

# Recently-enacted legislation allows us to incur additional leverage under the 1940 Act, distinct from certain of our obligations under our Credit Facility and our Term Preferred Stock.

Historically, as a BDC, under the 1940 Act, we are generally required to maintain asset coverage of 200% for senior securities representing indebtedness (i.e., debt) or stock (i.e., preferred stock). On March 23, 2018, President Trump signed into legislation the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, also known as the omnibus spending package. Included in Title VIII therein is the SBCAA that includes certain regulations under the federal securities laws impacting BDCs. Among other items, the SBCAA allows a BDC to increase the amount of debt it may incur by modifying the asset coverage percentage from 200% to 150% (subject to specific approval and disclosure requirements).

On April 10, 2018, our Board of Directors, including a required majority (as such term is defined in Section 57(o) of the 1940 Act) thereof, approved the modified asset coverage requirements set forth in Section 61(a)(2) of the 1940 Act, as amended by the SBCAA. As a result, the Company s asset coverage

requirements for senior securities will be changed from 200% to 150%, effective one year after the date of the Board of Director s approval; or on April 10, 2019. Under the current 200% asset coverage standard, we may borrow debt or issue senior securities in the amount of \$1.00 for every \$1.00 of equity in the Company. Starting from April 10, 2019, under the 150% asset coverage standard, we may borrow debt or issue senior securities in the amount of \$2.00 for every \$1.00 of equity in the Company. This reduction in the asset coverage ratio will allow us to double the amount of debt that we may incur and, therefore, your risk of an investment in us may increase. In addition, our management fee is based on our average gross assets, which include investments made with proceeds of borrowings, and, as a result, if we were to incur additional leverage, management fees paid to the Advisor would increase.

Notwithstanding the modified asset coverage leverage ratio under the 1940 Act described above, we remain subject to a minimum asset coverage requirement of 200% with respect to certain provisions of our Credit Facility and our Term Preferred Stock. If we drop below the 200% minimum asset coverage requirement, we may under certain circumstances be required to repay all outstanding indebtedness under our Credit Facility and redeem our Term Preferred Stock. In addition, in the event we fall below the 200% minimum asset coverage requirement, we may need to renegotiate our Credit Facility and issue additional series of term preferred stock with a lower asset coverage requirement. Such events, if they were to occur, could have a significant adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

The recently enacted legislation informally titled the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and other legislative, regulatory and administrative developments may adversely affect the Company or its stockholders.

On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed into law P.L. 115-97, informally titled the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Tax Act ). The Tax Act makes major changes to the Code, including a number of provisions of the Code that affect the taxation of RICs and their stockholders. Certain provisions of the Tax Act that may impact us and our stockholders include:

temporarily reducing individual U.S. federal income tax rates on ordinary income; the highest individual U.S. federal income tax rate will be reduced from 39.6% to 37% (through taxable years ending in 2025);

reducing the maximum corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%;

permitting a deduction for certain pass-through business income, which generally will allow individuals, trusts, and estates to deduct up to 20% of such amounts, resulting in an effective maximum U.S. federal income tax rate of 29.6% on such dividends (through taxable years ending in 2025);

limiting the deduction for net operating losses to 80% of taxable income (prior to the application of the dividends paid deduction);

amending the limitation on the deduction of net interest expense for all businesses, other than certain electing businesses; and

eliminating the corporate alternative minimum tax.

The individual and collective impact of these provisions and other provisions of the Tax Act on the Company and its stockholders is uncertain, and may not become evident for some period of time. In addition, other legislative, regulatory or administrative changes may be enacted or promulgated, either prospectively or with retroactive effect, and may adversely affect the Company or its stockholders. The Company s stockholders should consult their individual tax advisors regarding the implications of the Tax Act and other potential legislative, regulatory or administrative changes on their investment in the Company s stock.

#### **Risks Related to Our External Management**

# We are dependent upon our key management personnel and the key management personnel of the Adviser, particularly David Gladstone, David Dullum and Terry Lee Brubaker, and on the continued operations of the Adviser, for our future success.

We have no employees. Our chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer and treasurer, chief valuation officer, and the employees of the Adviser, do not spend all of their time managing our activities and our investment portfolio. We are particularly dependent upon David Gladstone, David Dullum and Terry Lee Brubaker for their experience, skills, and networks. Our executive officers and the employees of the Adviser allocate some, and in some cases a material portion, of their time to businesses and activities that are not related to our business. We have no separate facilities and are completely reliant on the Adviser, which has significant discretion as to the implementation and execution of our business strategies and risk management practices. We are subject to the risk of discontinuation of the Adviser s operations or termination of the Advisory Agreement and the risk that, upon such event, no suitable replacement will be found. We believe that our success depends to a significant extent upon the Adviser and that discontinuation of its operations or the loss of its key management personnel could have a material adverse effect on our ability to achieve our investment objectives.

#### Our success depends on the Adviser s ability to attract and retain qualified personnel in a competitive environment.

The Adviser experiences competition in attracting and retaining qualified personnel, particularly investment professionals and senior executives, and we may be unable to maintain or grow our business if we cannot attract and retain such personnel. The Adviser s ability to attract and retain personnel with the requisite credentials, experience and skills depends on several factors including, but not limited to, its ability to offer competitive wages, benefits and professional growth opportunities. The Adviser competes with investment funds (such as private equity funds and mezzanine funds) and traditional financial services companies for qualified personnel, many of which have greater resources than us. Searches for qualified personnel may divert management s time from the operation of our business. Strain on the existing personnel resources of the Adviser, in the event that it is unable to attract experienced investment professionals and senior executives, could have a material adverse effect on our business.

# We are dependent upon the contacts and relationships of the Adviser to provide us with potential investment opportunities.

We depend upon the Adviser to maintain its relationships with private equity sponsors, placement agents, investment banks, management groups and other financial institutions, and we expect to rely to a significant extent upon these relationships to provide us with potential investment opportunities. If the Adviser or members of our investment team fail to maintain such relationships, or to develop new relationships with other sources of investment opportunities, we will not be able to grow our investment portfolio. In addition, individuals with whom the Adviser has relationships are not obligated to provide us with investment opportunities, and we can offer no assurance that these relationships will generate investment opportunities for us in the future. Failure of the Adviser to maintain such relationships or enter into new relationships that would generate additional investment opportunities, could have a material adverse effect on our business.

The Adviser can resign on 60 days notice, and we may not be able to find a suitable replacement within that time, resulting in a disruption in our operations that could adversely affect our financial condition, business and results of operations.

The Adviser has the right to resign under the Advisory Agreement at any time upon not less than 60 days written notice, whether we have found a replacement or not. If the Adviser resigns, we may not be able to find a new investment adviser or hire internal management with similar expertise and ability to provide the same or equivalent

services on acceptable terms within 60 days, or at all. If we are unable to do so quickly, our operations

are likely to experience a disruption, our financial condition, business and results of operations as well as our ability to pay distributions are likely to be adversely affected and the market price of our common stock may decline. In addition, the coordination of our internal management and investment activities is likely to suffer if we are unable to identify and reach an agreement with a single institution or group of executives having the expertise possessed by the Adviser and its affiliates. Even if we are able to retain comparable management, whether internal or external, the integration of such management and their lack of familiarity with our investment objective may result in additional costs and time delays that may adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

#### Our incentive fee may induce the Adviser to make certain investments, including speculative investments.

The management compensation structure that has been implemented under the Advisory Agreement may cause the Adviser to invest in high-risk investments or take other investment risks. In addition to its management fee, the Adviser is entitled under the Advisory Agreement to receive incentive compensation based in part upon our achievement of specified levels of income. In evaluating investments and other management strategies, the opportunity to earn incentive compensation based on net investment income may lead the Adviser to place undue emphasis on the maximization of net investment income at the expense of other criteria, such as preservation of capital, maintaining sufficient liquidity, or management of credit risk or market risk, in order to achieve higher incentive compensation. Investments with higher yield potential are generally riskier or more speculative. This could result in increased risk to the value of our investment portfolio.

#### We may be obligated to pay the Adviser incentive compensation even if we incur a net decrease in net assets.

The Advisory Agreement entitles the Adviser to incentive compensation for each fiscal quarter in an amount equal to a percentage of the excess of our net investment income for that quarter (before deducting the incentive fee) above a threshold return of 1.75% of our net assets, as adjusted, for that quarter. When calculating our incentive fee, our pre-incentive fee net investment income excludes realized losses and unrealized depreciation that we may incur in the fiscal quarter, even if such losses or depreciation result in a net decrease in net assets on our statement of operations for that quarter. Thus, we may be required to pay the Adviser incentive compensation for a fiscal quarter even if there is a decline in the value of our portfolio or we incur a net realized or unrealized loss for that quarter. For additional information on incentive compensation under the Advisory Agreement with the Adviser, see *Business Transactions with Related Parties Investment Advisory and Management Agreement*.

#### We may be required to pay the Adviser incentive compensation on income accrued, but not yet received in cash.

The part of the incentive fee payable by us that relates to our net investment income is computed and paid on income that may include income that has been accrued but not yet received in cash, such as debt instruments with PIK interest. If a portfolio company defaults on a loan, it is possible that such accrued interest previously used in the calculation of the incentive fee will become uncollectible. Consequently, we may make incentive fee payments on income accruals that we may not collect in the future and with respect to which we do not have a clawback right against the Adviser. During the years ended March 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, we did not record any PIK income or any other non-cash income.

# The Adviser s failure to identify and invest in securities that meet our investment criteria or perform its responsibilities under the Advisory Agreement would likely adversely affect our ability for future growth.

Our ability to achieve our investment objectives will depend on our ability to grow, which in turn will depend on the Adviser s ability to identify and invest in securities that meet our investment criteria. Accomplishing this result on a cost-effective basis will be largely a function of the Adviser s structuring of the investment process, its ability to provide competent and efficient services to us, and our access to financing on acceptable terms. The senior management team of the Adviser has substantial responsibilities under the Advisory

Agreement. In order to grow, the Adviser will need to hire, train, supervise, and manage new employees successfully. Any failure to manage our future growth effectively would likely have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations and cash flows.

# There are significant potential conflicts of interest, including with the Adviser, which could impact our investment returns.

Our executive officers and directors, and the officers and directors of the Adviser, serve or may serve as officers, directors, or principals of entities that operate in the same or a related line of business as we do or of investment funds managed by our affiliates. Accordingly, they may have obligations to investors in those entities, the fulfillment of which might not be in the best interests of us or our stockholders. For example, Mr. Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Adviser and Administrator, and the Affiliated Public Funds. In addition, Mr. Brubaker, our vice chairman and chief operating officer, is the vice chairman and chief operating officer of the Adviser and Administrator, and the Affiliated Public Funds. Mr. Dullum, our president, is an executive managing director of the Adviser. Moreover, the Adviser may establish or sponsor other investment vehicles which from time to time may have potentially overlapping investment objectives with ours and accordingly may invest in, whether principally or secondarily, asset classes we target. While the Adviser generally has broad authority to make investments on behalf of the investment vehicles that it advises, the Adviser has adopted investment allocation procedures to address these potential conflicts and intends to direct investment opportunities to the Company or the Affiliated Public Fund with the investment strategy that most closely fits the investment opportunity. Nevertheless, the management of the Adviser may face conflicts in the allocation of investment opportunities to other entities managed by the Adviser. As a result, it is possible that we may not be given the opportunity to participate in certain investments made by other funds managed by the Adviser. Our Board of Directors approved a revision of our investment objectives and strategies that became effective on January 1, 2013, which may enhance the potential for conflicts in the allocation of investment opportunities to us and other entities managed by the Adviser.

In certain circumstances, we may make investments in a portfolio company in which one of our affiliates has or will have an investment, subject to satisfaction of any regulatory restrictions and, where required, the prior approval of our Board of Directors. As of March 31, 2018, our Board of Directors has approved the following types of transactions:

Our affiliate, Gladstone Commercial, may, under certain circumstances, lease property to portfolio companies that we do not control. We may pursue such transactions only if (i) the portfolio company is not controlled by us or any of our affiliates, (ii) the portfolio company satisfies the tenant underwriting criteria of Gladstone Commercial, and (iii) the transaction is approved by a majority of our independent directors and a majority of the independent directors of Gladstone Commercial. We expect that any such negotiations between Gladstone Commercial and our portfolio companies would result in lease terms consistent with the terms that the portfolio companies would be likely to receive were they not portfolio companies of ours.

We may invest simultaneously with our affiliate Gladstone Capital in senior loans in the broadly syndicated market whereby neither we nor any affiliate has the ability to dictate the terms of the loans.

Pursuant to the Co-Investment Order, we may co-invest, under certain circumstances, with certain of our affiliates, including Gladstone Capital and any future BDC or closed-end management investment company that is advised (or sub-advised if it controls the fund) by the Adviser, or any combination of the foregoing subject to the conditions in the Co-Investment Order. In connection with investments made pursuant to the

Co-Investment Order a required majority of our Board of Directors must approve the transaction. A required majority is a vote of both a majority of our directors who have no financial interest in the transaction and a majority of the directors who are not interested persons of the Company.

Certain of our officers, who are also officers of the Adviser, may from time to time serve as directors of certain of our portfolio companies. If an officer serves in such capacity with one of our portfolio companies, such officer will owe fiduciary duties to stockholders of the portfolio company, which duties may from time to time conflict with the interests of our stockholders.

In the course of our investing activities, we will pay management and incentive fees to the Adviser and will reimburse the Administrator for certain expenses it incurs. As a result, investors in our common stock will invest on a gross basis and receive distributions on a net basis after expenses, resulting in, among other things, a lower rate of return than one might achieve through our investors themselves making direct investments. As a result of this arrangement, there may be times when the management team of the Adviser has interests that differ from those of our stockholders, giving rise to a conflict. In addition, as a BDC, we make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies and provide other services to such portfolio companies. While neither we nor the Adviser currently receive fees in connection with managerial assistance, the Adviser and Gladstone Securities have, at various times, provided other services to certain of our portfolio companies and received fees for services other than managerial assistance as discussed in *Business Ongoing Management of Investments and Portfolio Company Relationships Managerial Assistance and Services*.

# The Adviser is not obligated to provide credits of the base management fee or incentive fees, which could negatively impact our earnings and our ability to maintain our current level of distributions to our stockholders.

The Advisory Agreement provides for a base management fee, based on our gross assets, and an incentive fee, that is based on our income and capital gains. Our Board of Directors has accepted in the past and may accept in the future non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits to reduce the annual 2.0% base management fee or the incentive fee, on a quarterly or annual basis. Any fees credited may not be recouped by the Adviser in the future. However, the Adviser is not required to issue these or other credits of fees under the Advisory Agreement. If the Adviser does not issue these credits in the future, it could negatively impact our earnings and may compromise our ability to maintain our current level of distributions to our stockholders, which could have a material adverse impact on our common stock price.

Our business model is dependent upon developing and sustaining strong referral relationships with investment bankers, business brokers and other intermediaries and any change in our referral relationships may impact our business plan.

We are dependent upon informal relationships with investment bankers, business brokers and traditional lending institutions to provide us with deal flow. If we fail to maintain our relationship with such funds or institutions, or if we fail to establish strong referral relationships with other funds, we will not be able to grow our portfolio of investments and fully execute our business plan.

#### Our base management fee may induce the Adviser to incur leverage.

The fact that our base management fee is payable based upon our gross assets, which would include any investments made with proceeds of borrowings, may encourage the Adviser to use leverage to make additional investments. Under certain circumstances, the use of increased leverage may increase the likelihood of default, which would disfavor holders of our securities. Given the subjective nature of the investment decisions made by the Adviser on our behalf, we will not be able to monitor this potential conflict of interest.

#### Risks Related to an Investment in Our Securities

We may experience fluctuations in our quarterly and annual operating results.

We may experience fluctuations in our quarterly and annual operating results due to a number of factors, including, among others, variations in our investment income, the level of our expenses, variations in and the

timing of the recognition of realized and unrealized gains or losses, placing and removing investments on non-accrual status, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets, the ability to sell investments at attractive terms, the ability to fund and close suitable investments, and general economic conditions, including the impacts of inflation. The majority of our portfolio companies are in industries that are directly impacted by inflation, such as manufacturing and consumer goods and services. Our portfolio companies may not be able to pass on to customers increases in their costs of production which could greatly affect their operating results, impacting their ability to service and repay our loans. In addition, any potential future decreases in our portfolio companies operating results due to inflation could adversely impact the fair value of those investments. Any decreases in the fair value of our investments could result in future realized and unrealized losses and therefore reduce our net assets. As a result of these factors, results for any period should not be relied upon as being indicative of performance in future periods.

#### There is a risk that you may not receive distributions or that distributions may not grow over time.

Our current intention is to distribute up to 100% of our Investment Company Taxable Income to our stockholders by paying monthly distributions. We may retain some or all of our net realized long-term capital gains, if any, or retain and designate them as deemed distributions to supplement our equity capital and support the growth of our portfolio, although our Board of Directors may determine to distribute these net realized long-term capital gains to our stockholders in cash. In addition, the Credit Facility restricts the amount of distributions we are permitted to make annually. We cannot assure investors that we will achieve investment results or maintain a tax status that will allow or require any specified level of cash distributions.

#### Investing in our securities may involve an above average degree of risk.

The investments we make in accordance with our investment objective may result in a higher amount of risk than alternative investment options and a higher risk of volatility or loss of principal. Our investments in portfolio companies may be highly speculative, and therefore, an investment in our common stock may not be suitable for someone with lower risk tolerance.

#### Increase in market interest rates may negatively impact the value of our Securities.

One of the factors that will influence the price of our Securities will be the distribution yield on our Securities (as a percentage of the price of our Securities) relative to market interest rates. An increase in market interest rates, which have been low relative to historical rates, may lead prospective purchasers of our Securities to expect a higher distribution yield and higher interest rates would likely increase our borrowing costs and potentially decrease funds available for distribution. Thus, higher market interest rates could cause the market price of our Securities to decrease.

#### Distributions to our common stockholders have included and may in the future include a return of capital.

Our Board of Directors declares monthly common distributions each quarter based on estimates of Investment Company Taxable Income and capital gains for each fiscal year, which may differ, and in the past have differed, from actual results. Because our common distributions are based on estimates of Investment Company Taxable Income and capital gains that may differ from actual results, future common distributions payable to our common stockholders may include a return of capital. To the extent that we distribute amounts that exceed our accumulated earnings and profits, these distributions constitute a return of capital. A return of capital represents a return of a common stockholder s original investment in common shares of our stock and should not be confused with a distribution from earnings and profits. Although return of capital distributions may not be taxable, such distributions may increase an investor s tax liability for capital gains upon the sale of our common stock by reducing the investor s tax basis for such common stock. Such returns of capital reduce our asset base and also adversely impact our ability to raise debt capital as a result of the leverage restrictions under the 1940 Act, which could have a material adverse impact on our ability to make new investments. The issuance of subscription rights to our existing stockholders may dilute the ownership and voting powers of existing stockholders in our common stock, dilute their NAV per share and have a material adverse effect on the trading price of our common stock.

There are significant capital raising constraints applicable to us under the 1940 Act when our common stock is trading below its NAV per share. In the event that we issue subscription rights to our existing stockholders to subscribe for and purchase additional shares of our common stock, there is a significant possibility that the rights offering will dilute the ownership interest and voting power of stockholders who do not fully exercise their subscription rights. Stockholders who do not fully exercise their subscription rights should expect that they will, upon completion of the rights offering, own a smaller proportional interest in us than would otherwise be the case if they fully exercised their subscription rights. In addition, because the subscription price of the rights offering is likely to be less than our most recently determined NAV per common share, our common stockholders are likely to experience an immediate dilution of the per share NAV of their shares as a result of the offer. As a result of these factors, any future rights offerings of our common stock, or our announcement of our intention to conduct a rights offering, could have a material adverse impact on the trading price of our common stock.

#### Common shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from NAV.

Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from NAV per common share. Since our inception, our common stock has at times traded above NAV per share and at times below NAV per share. During the past year, our common stock has at times traded significantly below NAV per share. Subsequent to March 31, 2018, and through June 1, 2018, our common stock has traded at discounts of up to 9.6%, and premiums of up to 6.8%, of our NAV per share, which was \$10.85 as of March 31, 2018. This characteristic of shares of closed-end investment companies is separate and distinct from the risk that our NAV per share will decline. As with any stock, the price of our common shares will fluctuate with market conditions and other factors. If common shares are sold, the price received may be more or less than the original investment. Whether investors will realize gains or losses upon the sale of our shares will not depend directly upon our NAV, but will depend upon the market price of the shares at the time of sale. Since the market price of our common shares will be affected by such factors as the relative demand for and supply of the shares in the market, general market and economic conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict whether the common shares will trade at, below or above our NAV per share.

Under the 1940 Act, we are generally not able to issue additional shares of our common stock at a price below NAV per share to purchasers other than our existing common stockholders through a rights offering without first obtaining the approval of our stockholders and our independent directors. Additionally, at times when our common stock is trading below its NAV per share, our dividend yield may exceed the weighted average returns that we would expect to realize on new investments that would be made with the proceeds from the sale of such stock, making it unlikely that we would determine to issue additional common shares in such circumstances. Thus, for as long as our common stock may trade below NAV per share, we generally will be subject to significant constraints on our ability to raise capital through the issuance of common stock. Additionally, an extended period of time in which we are unable to raise capital may restrict our ability to grow and adversely impact our ability to increase or maintain our distributions.

# Common stockholders may incur dilution if we sell shares of our common stock in one or more offerings at prices below the then current NAV per share.

At our most recent annual meeting of stockholders on August 24, 2017, our stockholders approved a proposal designed to allow us to sell shares of our common stock below the then current NAV per share in one or more offerings for a period of one year from the date of such approval, subject to certain conditions (including, but not limited to, that the number of common shares issued and sold pursuant to such authority does not exceed 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such sale).

Subject to a previous approval from our stockholders, we exercised this right with Board of Director approval from March through May 2018 for certain sales under the at-the-market program (Refer to

*Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Overview Recent Developments At-the-Market Program* for a discussion of our at-the-market program.), and in May 2017, when we completed a public offering of 2.1 million shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$9.38 per share, which was below our then current NAV of \$9.95 per share. In June 2017, the underwriters partially exercised their over-allotment option and purchased an additional 155,265 shares at the public offering price of \$9.38 per share and on the same terms and conditions solely to cover over-allotments. The net dilutive effect of the issuance of common stock from the May and June 2017 offerings, net of discounts, commissions, and offering costs borne by us, below NAV was \$0.07 per share of common stock.

Also subject to a previous approval from our stockholders, we exercised this right with Board of Director approval in March 2015, when we completed a public offering of 3.3 million shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$7.40 per share, which was below our then current NAV of \$8.55 per share. In April 2015, the underwriters exercised their option to purchase an additional 495,000 shares at the public offering price of \$7.40 per share and on the same terms and conditions solely to cover over-allotments. The net dilutive effect of the issuance of common stock, net of discounts, commissions, and offering costs borne by us, below NAV was \$0.29 per share of common stock.

Additionally and subject to a previous approval from our stockholders, we also exercised this right with our Board of Director s approval in October 2012, when we completed a public offering of 4.4 million shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$7.50 per share, which was below our then current NAV of \$9.10 per share. The net dilutive effect of the issuance of common stock, net of discounts, commissions, and offering costs borne by us, below NAV was \$0.39 per share of common stock.

At the upcoming annual stockholders meeting scheduled for August 2, 2018, we expect that our stockholders will again be asked to vote in favor of renewing this proposal for another year. During the past year, our common stock has frequently traded, and at times significantly, below NAV per share. Any decision to sell shares of our common stock below the then current NAV per share of our common stock would be subject to the determination by our Board of Directors that such issuance is in our and our stockholders best interests.

If we were to sell shares of our common stock below NAV per share, such sales would result in an immediate dilution to the NAV per share. This dilution would occur as a result of the sale of shares at a price below the then current NAV per share of our common stock and a proportionately greater decrease in a common stockholder s interest in our earnings and assets and voting interest in us than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance. The greater the difference between the sale price and the NAV per share at the time of the offering, the more significant the dilutive impact would be. Because the number of shares of common stock that could be so issued and the timing of any issuance is not currently known, the actual dilutive effect, if any, cannot be currently predicted. However, if, for example, we sold an additional 10% of our common stock at a 5% discount from NAV, an existing common stockholder who did not participate in that offering for its proportionate interest would suffer NAV dilution of up to 0.5% or \$5 per \$1,000 of NAV.

# If we fail to pay dividends on our Term Preferred Stock for two years, the holders of our preferred stock will be entitled to elect a majority of our directors.

The terms of our Term Preferred Stock provide for annual dividends of \$1.6875, \$1.6250 and \$1.5625 per outstanding share of our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock and Series D Term Preferred Stock, respectively. In accordance with the terms of each of our Term Preferred Stock, if dividends thereon are unpaid in an amount equal to at least two years of dividends, the holders of such series of stock will be entitled to elect a majority of our Board of Directors.

Holders of our debt or Term Preferred Stock have liquidation and other rights that are senior to the rights of the holders of our common stock. Any future issuance of debt or preferred stock could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

We may in the future raise additional capital through the issuance of debt or additional shares of preferred stock. Our Board of Directors is authorized to issue one or more classes or series of preferred stock (so long as such stock is issued in parity with our Term Preferred Stock in accordance with Section 18(c) of the 1940 Act) from time to time without any action on the part of the stockholders, as it has done with respect to our Term Preferred Stock. Our Board of Directors also has the power, without stockholder approval, to set the terms of any such classes or series of preferred stock that may be issued, including voting rights, dividend rights and preferences over our common stock with respect to dividends or upon our dissolution, winding-up or liquidation, and other terms. Holders of our Term Preferred Stock have, and holders of any future debt securities will have, preference over our common stock with respect to the payment of dividends and upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up. This will reduce the amount of our assets, if any, available for distribution to holders of our common stock. The decision to issue debt or preferred stock is dependent on market conditions and other factors that may be beyond our control. As a result, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future issuances. Any such future issuance could reduce the market price of our common stock.

Additionally, if we issue additional preferred stock with voting rights that dilute the voting power of our common stock, the rights of holders of our common stock or the market price of our common stock could be adversely affected.

# An active trading market for the Term Preferred Stock may not exist or continue, which could adversely affect the market price of the Term Preferred Stock or a holder s ability to sell its shares.

Our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock and Series D Term Preferred Stock are listed on Nasdaq. However, we cannot provide any assurances that an active trading market for the Term Preferred Stock will exist in the future or that stockholders will be able to sell their shares of Term Preferred Stock. Even if an active trading market does exist, shares of the Term Preferred Stock may trade at a discount from the liquidation preference for such shares depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, general economic conditions, our issuance of debt or preferred equity securities and our financial condition, results of operation and prospects. To the extent an active trading market does not exist, the liquidity and trading price for shares of the Term Preferred Stock may be harmed. Accordingly, holders may be required to bear the financial risk of an investment in the Term Preferred Stock for an indefinite period of time.

#### An investment in preferred stock with a fixed interest rate bears interest rate risk.

Our series of Term Preferred Stock pays dividends at a fixed dividend rate. Prices of fixed income investments vary inversely with changes in market yields. The market yields on securities comparable to our Term Preferred Stock may increase, which would likely result in a decline in the secondary market price of the Term Preferred Stock prior to the mandatory redemption date for that series of Term Preferred Stock.

### The Term Preferred Stock is not rated.

Our series of Term Preferred Stock are not rated by any rating agency. Unrated securities usually trade at a discount to similar, rated securities. As a result, our Term Preferred Stock may trade at a price that is lower than it might otherwise trade if rated by a rating agency.

### Our Term Preferred Stock bears a risk of early redemption by us.

We may voluntarily redeem some or all of the Series B Term Preferred Stock and the Series C Term Preferred Stock at any time, and the Series D Term Preferred Stock on or after September 30, 2018. We also may

be forced to redeem some or all of the outstanding shares of Term Preferred Stock to meet regulatory requirements or the asset coverage requirements of such shares. We are also required to redeem all of the Term Preferred Stock upon certain change of control transactions. Any such redemption may occur at a time that is unfavorable to holders of the affected series of Term Preferred Stock. We may have an incentive to redeem a series of Term Preferred Stock voluntarily before the mandatory redemption date for such series if market conditions allow us to issue other preferred stock or debt securities at a rate that is lower than the dividend rate on such series of Term Preferred Stock or for other reasons. If we redeem shares of the Term Preferred Stock before the mandatory redemption date for such series face the risk that the return on an investment purchased with proceeds from such redemption may be lower than the return previously obtained from the investment in the Term Preferred Stock.

# Claims of holders of the Term Preferred Stock will be subject to a risk of subordination relative to holders of our debt instruments.

While holders of the Term Preferred Stock will have equal liquidation rights to the holder of any other outstanding series of our Term Preferred Stock, such holders will be subordinated to the rights of holders of our current and any future indebtedness, including the Credit Facility. Even though the Term Preferred Stock is classified as a liability for purposes of GAAP and considered senior securities under the 1940 Act, the Term Preferred Stock are not debt instruments. Therefore, dividends, distributions and other payments to holders of Term Preferred Stock in liquidation or otherwise may be subject to prior payments due to the holders of our indebtedness. In addition, under some circumstances the 1940 Act may provide debt holders with voting rights that are superior to the voting rights of holders of the Term Preferred Stock.

### Holders of the Term Preferred Stock will bear dividend risk.

We may be unable to pay dividends on the Term Preferred Stock under some circumstances. The terms of our indebtedness, including the Credit Facility, preclude the payment of dividends in respect of equity securities, including the Term Preferred Stock, under certain conditions.

# There is a risk of delay in our redemption of the Term Preferred Stock, and we may fail to redeem such securities as required by their terms.

We generally make investments in private companies whose securities are not traded in any public market. Substantially all of the investments we presently hold and the investments we expect to acquire in the future are, and will be, subject to legal and other restrictions on resale and will otherwise be less liquid than publicly traded securities. The illiquidity of our investments may make it difficult for us to obtain cash equal to the value at which we record our investments quickly if a need arises. If we are unable to obtain sufficient liquidity prior to the mandatory redemption date or any other date on which we are required by law or the terms of a series of Term Preferred Stock to redeem shares of such series, we may be forced to engage in a partial redemption or to delay a required redemption. If such a partial redemption or delay were to occur, the market price of the Term Preferred Stock might be adversely affected.

### Other Risks

Cybersecurity risks and cyber incidents may adversely affect our business by causing a disruption to our operations, or the operations of businesses in which we invest, a compromise or corruption of our confidential information and/or damage to our business relationships, all of which could negatively impact our business, financial condition and operating results.

A cyber incident is considered to be any adverse event that threatens the confidentiality, integrity or availability of our information resources. These incidents may be an intentional attack or an unintentional event and could involve

gaining unauthorized access to our information systems for purposes of misappropriating

assets, stealing confidential information, corrupting data or causing operational disruption. The result of these incidents may include disrupted operations, misstated or unreliable financial data, liability for stolen assets or information, increased cybersecurity protection and insurance costs, litigation and damage to our business relationships. As our reliance on technology has increased, so have the risks posed to our information systems, both internal and those provided to us by third-party service providers. We have implemented processes, procedures and internal controls to help mitigate cybersecurity risks and cyber incrusions, but these measures, as well as our increased awareness of the nature and extent of a risk of a cyber incident, do not guarantee that a cyber incident will not occur and/or that our financial results, operations or confidential information will not be negatively impacted by such an incident.

# We are dependent on information systems and systems failures could significantly disrupt our business, which may, in turn, negatively affect the market price of our common stock and our ability to pay dividends.

Our business is dependent on our and third parties communications and information systems. Any failure or interruption of those systems, including as a result of the termination of an agreement with any third-party service providers, could cause delays or other problems in our activities. Our financial, accounting, data processing, backup or other operating systems and facilities may fail to operate properly or become disabled or damaged as a result of a number of factors including events that are wholly or partially beyond our control and adversely affect our business. There could be:

sudden electrical or telecommunications outages;

natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes and hurricanes;

disease pandemics;

events arising from local or larger scale political or social matters, including terrorist acts; and

cyber attacks.

These events, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and negatively affect the market price of our common stock and our ability to pay dividends to our stockholders.

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement, other than historical facts, may constitute forward-looking statements. These statements may relate to, among other things, future events or our future operating results, our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies, actual and potential conflicts of interest with Gladstone Management Corporation and its affiliates, the use of borrowed money to finance our investments, the adequacy of our financing sources and working capital, and our ability to co-invest, among other factors. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as estimate, may, might, believe, will, provided, anticipate, future. could, growth, plan, should. if. likely or the negative or other variations of such terms or comp would. seek. possible. potential, terminology. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include but are not limited to:

the recurrence of adverse changes in the economy and the capital markets;

risks associated with negotiation and consummation of pending and future transactions;

the loss of one or more of our executive officers, in particular David Gladstone, David Dullum or Terry Lee Brubaker;

changes in our investment objectives and strategy;

availability, terms (including the possibility of interest rate volatility) and deployment of capital;

changes in our industry, interest rates, exchange rates, regulation or the general economy;

our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies;

the degree and nature of our competition;

our ability to maintain our qualification as a RIC and as a BDC; and

those factors described in the *Risk Factors* section of this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement.

We caution readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statement, which speak only as of the date made. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in our forward-looking statements and future results could differ materially from our historical performance. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation

to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date of this prospectus. Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures that we may make directly to you or through reports we have filed, or in the future may file with the SEC, including subsequent annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K. The forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ).

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise specified in any prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities first to pay down outstanding debt (which may include borrowings under the Credit Facility), if any, then to make investments in accordance with our investment objectives and strategy, with any remaining proceeds to be used for other general corporate purposes. Indebtedness outstanding under our Credit Facility as of March 31, 2018 was \$107.0 million, at cost, and advances under the Credit Facility generally bear interest at 30-day LIBOR plus 3.15% per annum until November 15, 2019, with the margin then increasing to 3.40% for the period from November 15, 2019 to November 15, 2020, and increasing further to 3.65% thereafter through maturity. If not renewed or extended by November 15, 2019, all principal and interest will be due and payable on or before November 15, 2021. We intend to re-borrow under our Credit Facility to make investments in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objectives and strategy depending on the availability of appropriate investment opportunities consistent with our investment objectives and strategy and market conditions. We anticipate that substantially all of the net proceeds of any offering of Securities will be utilized in the manner described above within three months of the completion of such offering. Pending such utilization, we intend to invest the net proceeds of any offering of Securities primarily in cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities, and other high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less from the date of investment, consistent with the requirements for continued qualification as a RIC for federal income tax purposes. These temporary investments may have lower yields than our other investments and, accordingly, may result in lower distributions, if any, during such period. Our ability to achieve our investment objective may be limited to the extent that the net proceeds from an offering, pending full investment, are held in lower yielding interest-bearing deposits or other short-term instruments.

#### PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND DISTRIBUTIONS

We currently intend to distribute in the form of cash distributions, up to 100% of our Investment Company Taxable Income, if any, to our stockholders in the form of monthly distributions. We may retain net long-term capital gains in excess of net short-term capital losses and treat them as deemed distributions for tax purposes or may distribute such amounts as supplemental distributions. The tax characteristics of distributions are reported annually to each stockholder on Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1099-DIV. There is no assurance that we will achieve investment results or maintain a tax status that will permit any specified level of cash distributions or year-to-year increases in cash distributions. At the option of a holder of record of common stock, all cash distributions with respect to shares of our common stock can be reinvested automatically under the dividend reinvestment plan. A stockholder whose shares of our common stock are held in the name of a broker or other nominee should contact the broker or nominee regarding participation in the dividend reinvestment plan on the stockholder s behalf. See *Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Regulation and Structure We will be subject to corporate-level tax if we are unable to satisfy Code requirements for RIC qualification, Dividend Reinvestment Plan* and *Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.* 

Our common stock is traded on Nasdaq under the symbol GAIN. The following table reflects, by quarter, the high and low intraday sales prices per share of our common stock on Nasdaq, the intraday sales prices as a percentage of NAV and distributions declared per share of our common stock for each fiscal quarter during the last two completed fiscal years and the current fiscal year through June 1, 2018.

|                                      | Val | t Asset<br>ue Per<br>are <sup>(1)</sup> | Sales Price<br>High Low |        | Distribution<br>Declared |                       |       | e Discount of Low<br>Sales Price to Net<br>Asset Value <sup>(2)</sup> |  |
|--------------------------------------|-----|---|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------|---|--|
| Fiscal Year ended                    |     |   |                         |        |                          |                       |       |   |  |
| March 31, 2017                       |     |   |                         |        |                          |                       |       |   |  |
| First Quarter                        | \$  | 9.84                                    | \$ 7.24                 | \$6.65 | \$                       | 0.1875                | (26)% | (32)%   |  |
| Second Quarter                       |     | 9.65                                    | 9.30                    | 7.16   |                          | 0.1875                | (4)   | (26)  |  |
| Third Quarter                        |     | 9.82                                    | 9.15                    | 7.16   |                          | 0.1875                | (7)   | (27)  |  |
| Fourth Quarter                       |     | 9.95                                    | 9.36                    | 8.45   |                          | 0.1875                | (6)   | (15)  |  |
| Fiscal Year ended                    |     |   |                         |        |                          |                       |       |   |  |
| March 31, 2018                       |     |   |                         |        |                          |                       |       |   |  |
| First Quarter                        |     | 9.88                                    | 9.84                    | 8.90   |                          | 0.2520 <sup>(3)</sup> | (0)   | (10)  |  |
| Second Quarter                       |     | 10.10                                   | 9.84                    | 9.04   |                          | 0.1920                | (3)   | (10)  |  |
| Third Quarter                        |     | 10.37                                   | 11.50                   | 9.48   |                          | 0.2550 <sup>(3)</sup> | 11    | (9)   |  |
| Fourth Quarter                       |     | 10.85                                   | 11.42                   | 9.00   |                          | 0.1950                | 5     | (17)  |  |
| Fiscal Year ending<br>March 31, 2019 |     |   |                         |        |                          |                       |       |   |  |
| First Quarter (through June          |     |   |                         |        |                          |                       |       |   |  |
| 1, 2018)                             |     | *                                       | 11.59                   | 9.81   |                          | 0.2610 <sup>(3)</sup> | *     | *   |  |

(1) NAV per share is determined as of the last day in the relevant quarter and therefore may not reflect the NAV per share on the date of the high and low intra-day sales prices. The NAVs per share shown are based on outstanding shares at the end of each period.

- (2) The premiums/(discounts) set forth in these columns represent the high or low, as applicable, intra-day sale prices per share for the relevant quarter minus the NAV per share as of the end of such quarter, and therefore may not reflect the premium/(discount) to NAV per share on the date of the high and low intra-day sales prices.
- (3) Includes a supplemental distribution of \$0.06 per share of common stock in each of June and December 2017 and in June 2018.

\* Not yet available, as the NAV per share as of the end of this quarter has not yet been finalized.

Common shares of closed-end investment companies, including BDCs, frequently trade at a discount to their NAV per share. The possibility that our common shares may trade at such discount to our NAV per share is

separate and distinct from the risk that our NAV per share may decline. We cannot predict whether our common shares will trade at prices above, at or below our NAV per share, although during the past two years, our common stock has frequently traded, and at times significantly, below NAV per share.

As of June 1, 2018, there were 21 record owners of our common stock. This number does not include stockholders for whom shares are held in street name.

#### RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND DIVIDENDS ON MANDATORILY REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK

For the years ended March 31, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014, the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and dividends on mandatorily redeemable preferred stock of the Company, computed as set forth below, was as follows:

|   |         | Year Ended March 31, |           |           |           |  |  |
|---|---------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--|
|   | 2018    | 2017                 | 2016      | 2015      | 2014      |  |  |
| Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and dividends on mandatorily  |         |                      |           |           |           |  |  |
| redeemable preferred stock  | 2.5x    | 2.6x                 | 2.5x      | 3.3x      | 4.2x      |  |  |
| For purposes of computing the ratio, earnings consist of net investment in  | come be | fore fixe            | d charges | s and div | idends on |  |  |
| mandatorily redeemable preferred stock. Fixed charges and dividends on mandatorily redeemable preferred stock         |         |                      |           |           |           |  |  |
| consist of interest expense, amortization of deferred financing costs and discounts, dividends on mandatorily         |         |                      |           |           |           |  |  |
| redeemable preferred stock on our outstanding series of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock, and the portion of    |         |                      |           |           |           |  |  |
| operating lease expense that represents interest. The portion of operating lease expense that represents interest is  |         |                      |           |           |           |  |  |
| calculated by dividing the amount of rent expense, allocated to us by our Administrator as part of the administration |         |                      |           |           |           |  |  |
| fee payable under the Administration Agreement, by three. You should read these ratios of earnings to combined fixed  |         |                      |           |           |           |  |  |
| charges and dividends on mandatorily redeemable preferred stock in connection with our consolidated financial         |         |                      |           |           |           |  |  |
| statements, including the notes to those statements, included elsewhere in this prospectus.                           |         |                      |           |           |           |  |  |

# CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATA

The following consolidated selected financial data as of and for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014, are derived from our audited *Consolidated Financial Statements* found elsewhere in this prospectus. The other data included in the second table below is unaudited. The data should be read in conjunction with our audited *Consolidated Financial Statements* and notes thereto and *Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* included elsewhere in this prospectus.

# (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

|  |    |           |    |           | ar En | ded March | 31, |           |    |            |
|--|----|-----------|----|-----------|-------|-----------|-----|-----------|----|------------|
|  |    | 2018      |    | 2017      |       | 2016      |     | 2015      |    | 2014       |
| Statement of Operations  |    |           |    |           |       |           |     |           |    |            |
| <u>Data:</u>   |    |           |    |           |       |           |     |           |    |            |
| Total investment income  | \$ | 58,355    | \$ | 51,875    | \$    | 50,955    | \$  | 41,643    | \$ | 36,264     |
| Total expenses, net of credits   |    |           |    |           |       |           |     |           |    |            |
| from Adviser   |    | 36,395    |    | 29,453    |       | 30,239    |     | 21,746    |    | 16,957     |
| Net investment income  |    | 21,960    |    | 22,422    |       | 20,716    |     | 19,897    |    | 19,307     |
|  |    |           |    |           |       |           |     |           |    |            |
| Net realized and unrealized  |    | 20 525    |    | 00.041    |       | 4 1 2 0   |     | 20.217    |    | (20, (20)) |
| gain (loss)  |    | 38,727    |    | 22,341    |       | 4,138     |     | 30,317    |    | (20,636)   |
| Net increase (decrease) in net<br>assets resulting from<br>operations  | \$ | 60,687    | \$ | 44,763    | \$    | 24,854    | \$  | 50,214    | \$ | (1,329)    |
| Der Comment Share Date   |    |           |    |           |       |           |     |           |    |            |
| Per Common Share Data:<br>Net increase (decrease) in net<br>assets resulting from<br>operations per common share | ф  | 1.00      | ¢  | 1.40      | ¢     | 0.02      | ¢   | 1.00      | ¢  | (0.05)     |
| basic and diluted <sup>(A)</sup><br>Net investment income before   | \$ | 1.88      | \$ | 1.48      | \$    | 0.82      | \$  | 1.88      | \$ | (0.05)     |
| net gain (loss) per common   |    |           |    |           |       |           |     |           |    |            |
| share basic and dilute   |    | 0.68      |    | 0.74      |       | 0.68      |     | 0.75      |    | 0.73       |
| Cash distributions declared  |    | 0.00      |    | 0.74      |       | 0.00      |     | 0.75      |    | 0.75       |
| per common share <sup>(B)</sup>  |    | 0.89      |    | 0.75      |       | 0.75      |     | 0.77      |    | 0.71       |
| Statement of Assets and  |    |           |    |           |       |           |     |           |    |            |
| <u>Liabilities Data:</u>   |    |           |    |           |       |           |     |           |    |            |
| Total assets   | \$ | 610,899   | \$ | 515,195   | \$    | 506,260   | \$  | 483,521   | \$ | 330,694    |
| Net assets   |    | 354,200   |    | 301,082   |       | 279,022   |     | 273,429   |    | 220,837    |
| Net asset value per common   |    |           |    |           |       |           |     |           |    |            |
| share  |    | 10.85     |    | 9.95      |       | 9.22      |     | 9.18      |    | 8.34       |
| Common shares outstanding  | 3  | 2,653,635 | 3  | 0,270,958 | 3     | 0,270,958 | 2   | 9,775,958 | 2  | 6,475,958  |
| Weighted common shares   |    |           |    |           |       |           |     |           |    |            |
| outstanding basic and diluted  | 3  | 2,268,776 | 3  | 0,270,958 | 3     | 0,268,253 | 2   | 6,665,821 | 2  | 6,475,958  |
| Senior Securities Data:  |    |           |    |           |       |           |     |           |    |            |
| Total borrowings, at cost <sup>(C)</sup>   | \$ | 112,096   | \$ | 74,796    | \$    | 100,096   | \$  | 123,896   | \$ | 66,250     |

| Mandatorily redeemable         |         |         |         |        |        |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| preferred stock <sup>(D)</sup> | 139,150 | 139,150 | 121,650 | 81,400 | 40,000 |

<sup>(A)</sup> Per share data is based on the weighted average common stock outstanding for both basic and diluted.

- (B) The tax character of distributions is determined on an annual basis. For further information on the estimated character of our distributions to common stockholders, refer to Note 9 Distributions to Common Stockholders in the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.
- <sup>(C)</sup> Includes borrowings under the Credit Facility and other secured borrowings, as applicable.
- <sup>(D)</sup> Represents the total liquidation preference of our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock.

|  |          | Year      | r Ended Marc | h 31,     |           |
|--|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 2018     | 2017      | 2016         | 2015      | 2014      |
| Other Unaudited Data:                                |          |           |              |           |           |
| Number of portfolio companies                        | 33       | 35        | 36           | 34        | 29        |
| Average size of portfolio company                    |          |           |              |           |           |
| investment at cost                                   | \$17,723 | \$ 15,005 | \$ 14,392    | \$ 14,861 | \$ 13,225 |
| Principal amount of new investments                  | 59,424   | 54,370    | 69,380       | 108,197   | 132,291   |
| Proceeds from loan repayments and                    |          |           |              |           |           |
| investments sold                                     | 39,859   | 68,825    | 44,582       | 11,260    | 83,415    |
| Weighted average yield on investments,               |          |           |              |           |           |
| excluding loans on non-accrual status(A)             | 13.06%   | 12.65%    | 12.62%       | 12.60%    | 12.61%    |
| Weighted average yield on investments,               |          |           |              |           |           |
| including loans on non-accrual status <sup>(B)</sup> | 12.35    | 12.44     | 12.33        | 12.12     | 11.65     |
| Total return <sup>(C)</sup>                          | 21.82    | 41.58     | 4.82         | 11.96     | 24.26     |

- <sup>(A)</sup> Weighted average yield on investments, excluding loans on non-accrual status, equals interest income earned on investments divided by the weighted average interest-bearing principal balance throughout the fiscal year.
- <sup>(B)</sup> Weighted average yield on investments, including loans on non-accrual status, equals interest income earned on investments divided by the weighted average total principal balance throughout the fiscal year.
- (C) Total return equals the change in the ending market value of our common stock from the beginning of the fiscal year, taking into account common dividends reinvested in accordance with the terms of the dividend reinvestment plan. Total return does not take into account common distributions that may be characterized as a return of capital. For further information on the estimated character of our distributions to common stockholders, refer to Note 9 *Distributions to Common Stockholders* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this prospectus.

### SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA

The following tables set forth certain quarterly financial information for each of the eight quarters in the two years ended March 31, 2018. The information was derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements. Results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for the past fiscal year or for any future quarter.

# (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

|   |               |        | Quar         | ter End | ed           |      |            |
|---|---------------|--------|--------------|---------|--------------|------|------------|
| Year ended March 31, 2018   | June 30, 2017 | Septem | ber 30, 2017 | Decem   | ber 31, 2017 | Marc | h 31, 2018 |
| Total investment income   | \$13,620      | \$     | 13,132       | \$      | 16,184       | \$   | 15,419     |
| Net investment income   | 5,435         |        | 5,750        |         | 7,531        |      | 3,244      |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from                                 |               |        |              |         |              |      |            |
| operations  | 8,141         |        | 13,556       |         | 17,144       |      | 21,846     |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations per weighted average |               |        |              |         |              |      |            |
| common share basic & diluted  | 0.26          |        | 0.42         |         | 0.53         |      | 0.67       |

|   |               |        | Quart        | ter End | ed           |      |             |
|---|---------------|--------|--------------|---------|--------------|------|-------------|
| Year ended March 31, 2017   | June 30, 2016 | Septem | ber 30, 2016 | Decem   | ber 31, 2016 | Marc | ch 31, 2017 |
| Total investment income   | \$ 14,393     | \$     | 11,744       | \$      | 13,374       | \$   | 12,364      |
| Net investment income   | 6,812         |        | 5,112        |         | 5,204        |      | 5,294       |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets   |               |        |              |         |              |      |             |
| resulting from operations   | 24,534        |        | (102)        |         | 10,955       |      | 9,376       |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets<br>resulting from operations per weighted |               |        |              |         |              |      |             |
| average common share basic & diluted  | 0.81          |        |              |         | 0.36         |      | 0.31        |

# MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

# FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data and as otherwise indicated)

The following analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto contained elsewhere herein. Historical financial condition and results of operations and percentage relationships among any amounts in the financial statements are not necessarily indicative of financial condition, results of operations or percentage relationships for any future periods. Our actual results, performance or achievements, or industry results, could differ materially from those we express in the following discussion as a result of a variety of factors, including the risks and uncertainties we have referred to under the headings *Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements* and *Risk Factors* in this prospectus.

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### **General**

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Laws of the State of Delaware on February 18, 2005. On June 22, 2005, we completed our initial public offering and commenced operations. We operate as an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company and have elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. For federal income tax purposes, we have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. In order to continue to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes and obtain favorable RIC tax treatment, we must meet certain requirements, including certain minimum distribution requirements.

We were established for the purpose of investing in debt and equity securities of established private businesses operating in the U.S. Our investment objectives are to: (i) achieve and grow current income by investing in debt securities of established businesses that we believe will provide stable earnings and cash flow to pay expenses, make principal and interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness and make distributions to stockholders that grow over time; and (ii) provide our stockholders with long-term capital appreciation in the value of our assets by investing in equity securities, generally, in combination with the aforementioned debt securities, of established businesses that we believe can grow over time to permit us to sell our equity investments for capital gains. To achieve our objectives, our investment strategy is to invest in several categories of debt and equity securities, with individual investments generally totaling up to \$30 million, although investment size may vary, depending upon our total assets or available capital at the time of investment. We intend that our investment portfolio over time will consist of approximately 75% in debt securities and 25% in equity securities, at cost. As of March 31, 2018, our investment portfolio was made up of 73.8% in debt securities and 26.2% in equity securities, at cost.

We focus on investing in Lower Middle Market private businesses in the U.S. that meet certain criteria, including, but not limited to, the following: the sustainability of the business free cash flow and its ability to grow it over time, adequate assets for loan collateral, experienced management teams with a significant ownership interest in the portfolio company, reasonable capitalization of the portfolio company, including an ample equity contribution or cushion based on prevailing enterprise valuation multiples, and the potential to realize appreciation and gain liquidity in our equity position, if any. We anticipate that liquidity in our equity position will be achieved through a merger or acquisition of the portfolio company to repurchase our warrants, as applicable, though there can be no assurance that we will always have these rights. We invest in portfolio companies that need funds for growth capital or to finance acquisitions or recapitalize or, to a lesser extent, refinance their existing debt facilities. We seek to avoid investing in high-risk, early-stage enterprises.

We invest by ourselves or jointly with other funds and/or management of the portfolio company, depending on the opportunity, and have opportunistically made several co-investments with our affiliate Gladstone Capital

pursuant to the Co-Investment Order. We believe the Co-Investment Order has enhanced and will continue to enhance our ability to further our investment objectives and strategies. If we are participating in an investment with one or more co-investors, whether or not an affiliate of ours, our investment is likely to be smaller than if we were investing alone.

# **Business**

# Portfolio Activity

While the business environment remains competitive, we continue to see new investment opportunities consistent with our investment strategy of providing a combination of debt and equity in support of management and independent sponsor-led buyouts of Lower Middle Market companies in the U.S. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, we exited two portfolio companies with fair values prior to their sales of \$19.2 million and \$3.4 million, respectively, invested \$59.4 million in two new portfolio companies, and completed two separate mergers (in each case, one of our existing portfolio companies merged with another one of our portfolio companies), resulting in a net reduction of two companies from our portfolio, which was comprised of 33 companies as of March 31, 2018. From our initial public offering in June 2005 through March 31, 2018, we have made investments in 47 companies, excluding investments in syndicated loans, for a total of approximately \$1 billion, before giving effect to principal repayments and divestures.

The majority of the debt securities in our portfolio have a success fee component, which enhances the yield on our debt investments. Unlike PIK income, we generally do not recognize success fees as income until payment has been received. Due to the contingent nature of success fees, there are no guarantees that we will be able to collect any or all of these success fees or know the timing of any such collections. As a result, as of March 31, 2018, we had unrecognized, contractual success fees of \$28.3 million, or \$0.87 per common share. Consistent with GAAP, we generally have not recognized success fee receivables and related income in our *Consolidated Financial Statements* until earned.

From inception through March 31, 2018, we have completed 12 buyout liquidity events, which, in the aggregate, have generated \$85.7 million in net realized gains and \$22.0 million in other income upon exit, for a total increase to our net assets of \$107.7 million. We believe each of these transactions was an equity-oriented investment success and exemplifies our investment strategy of striving to achieve returns through current income on the debt portion of our investments and capital gains from the equity portion. The 12 liquidity events have offset any realized losses since inception, which were primarily incurred during the recession in connection with the sale of performing syndicated loans at a realized loss to pay off a former lender. These successful exits, in part, enabled us to increase the monthly distribution by 62.5% from March 2011 through March 31, 2018, and allowed us to pay a \$0.03 per common share supplemental distribution in fiscal year 2012, a \$0.05 per common share supplemental distribution in November 2013, a \$0.05 per common share supplemental distribution in December 2014, a \$0.06 per common share supplemental distribution in December 2017.

# Capital Raising Efforts

We have been able to meet our capital needs through extensions of and increases to the Credit Facility and by accessing the capital markets in the form of public offerings of common and preferred stock. We have successfully extended the Credit Facility s revolving period multiple times, most recently to November 2019, and currently have a total commitment amount of \$165.0 million (with a potential total commitment of \$250.0 million through additional commitments of new or existing lenders). During the year ended March 31, 2018, we sold 127,412 shares of our common stock under our at-the-market program for gross proceeds of approximately \$1.3 million. Additionally, we issued approximately 2.3 million shares of common stock for gross proceeds of \$21.2 million in May 2017, inclusive of the June 2017 over-allotment, and 2.3 million shares of our Series D Term Preferred Stock for gross proceeds of \$57.5 million in September 2016. Refer to *Management s* 

Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Overview Recent Developments At-the-Market Program for a discussion of our at-the-market program, to Liquidity and Capital Resources Revolving Line of Credit for further discussion of the Credit Facility and to Liquidity and Capital Resources Equity Common Stock and Liquidity and Capital Resources Equity Term Preferred Stock for further discussion of our common stock and mandatorily redeemable preferred stock.

Although we have been able to access the capital markets historically, market conditions may continue to affect the trading price of our common stock and thus our ability to finance new investments through the issuance of common equity. On May 14, 2018, the closing market price of our common stock was \$11.25 per share, which represented a 3.7% premium to our March 31, 2018 NAV per share of \$10.85. When our common stock trades below NAV, our ability to issue additional equity is constrained by provisions of the 1940 Act, which generally prohibits the issuance and sale of our common stock at an issuance price below the then current NAV per share without stockholder approval, other than through sales to our then existing stockholders pursuant to a rights offering.

At our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on August 24, 2017, our stockholders approved a proposal authorizing us to issue and sell shares of our common stock at a price below our then current NAV per share, subject to certain limitations, including that the number of common shares issued and sold pursuant to such authority does not exceed 25.0% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such sale, provided that our Board of Directors makes certain determinations prior to any such sale. This August 2017 stockholder authorization is in effect for one year from the date of stockholder approval. We sought and obtained stockholder approval concerning similar proposals at each Annual Meeting of Stockholders since 2008, and with our Board of Directors subsequent approval, we issued shares of our common stock in three offerings at a price below the then current NAV per share, once in May 2017, once in March 2015, and once in October 2012. Certain sales under the at-the-market program in March 2018 were also below the then current estimated NAV per share. The resulting proceeds, in part, have allowed us to (i) grow our portfolio by making new investments, (ii) generate additional income through these new investments, (iii) ensure continued compliance with regulatory tests and (iv) increase our debt capital while still complying with our applicable debt-to-equity ratios. Refer to *Liquidity and Capital Resources Equity Common Stock* for further discussion of our common stock.

# **Regulatory** Compliance

Our ability to seek external debt financing, to the extent that it is available under current market conditions, is further subject to the asset coverage limitations of the 1940 Act, which require us to have an asset coverage ratio (as defined in Sections 18 and 61 of the 1940 Act), of at least 200.0% (currently) or 150.0% (effective April 10, 2019; refer to *Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Overview Recent Developments Small Business Credit Availability Act* for a discussion of changes to the asset coverage requirements pursuant to the SBCAA) on each of our senior securities representing indebtedness and our senior securities that are stock (such as our three series of term preferred stock). As of March 31, 2018, our asset coverage ratio on our senior securities representing indebtedness was 525.7% and our asset coverage ratio on our senior securities that are stock was 237.3%.

# **Investment Highlights**

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, and inclusive of non-cash transactions, we invested \$59.4 million in two new portfolio companies, received \$83.2 million in proceeds from repayments and sales, and extended \$82.1 million of follow-on investments to existing portfolio companies through revolver draws, term loans, and additions to equity, as applicable.

### **Investment** Activity

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, the following significant transactions occurred:

In April 2017, we sold our investment in Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc. (Mitchell), which resulted in success fee income of \$1.7 million and a realized gain of \$1.0 million. In connection with the sale, we received net cash proceeds of \$19.0 million, including the repayment of our debt investment of \$13.6 million at par.

In May and June 2017, we sold a portion of our common stock investment in AquaVenture Holdings Limited f/k/a Quench Holdings Corp. ( AquaVenture ) resulting in net cash proceeds of \$2.0 million, which represented a return of capital. In December 2017, we sold another portion of our common stock investment in AquaVenture resulting in net cash proceeds of \$1.2 million, which also represented a return of capital. In March 2018, we sold the remaining portion of our common stock investment in AquaVenture resulting in net cash proceeds of \$1.2 million, which also represented a return of capital. In March 2018, we sold the remaining portion of our common stock investment in AquaVenture resulting in net cash proceeds of \$0.2 million, which resulted in a nominal realized gain.

In June 2017, one of our portfolio companies, Mathey Investments, Inc. (Mathey) merged with and into another one of our portfolio companies, SBS Industries, LLC (SBS). As a result of this transaction, we received success fee income of \$0.3 million from Mathey. Our debt investments in Mathey, which totaled \$8.6 million at principal and cost, were assumed by SBS and combined with our existing debt investment in SBS, which totaled \$11.4 million at principal and cost, into a new secured first lien term loan totaling \$20.0 million. Our common equity investment in Mathey, with a cost basis of \$0.8 million, was converted into a preferred equity investment in SBS with the same cost basis. In connection with the merger, we also extended a secured first lien revolving line of credit to SBS with a total facility amount of \$1.5 million, which was undrawn at the time of the transaction.

In August 2017, we invested \$28.3 million in Pioneer Square Brands, Inc. ( Pioneer ) through a combination of secured first lien debt and preferred equity. Pioneer, headquartered in Seattle, Washington, is a designer, manufacturer, and marketer of premium mobile technology bags and cases serving a diverse customer base, primarily in the education and corporate sectors.

In November 2017, one of our portfolio companies, GI Plastek, Inc. (GI Plastek) merged with another one of our portfolio companies, Precision Southeast, Inc. (Precision), into a new company, PSI Molded Plastics, Inc. (PSI Molded). As a result of this transaction, our debt investments in GI Plastek and Precision, which totaled \$15.0 million and \$9.6 million, respectively, at principal and cost, were assumed by PSI Molded and combined into a new secured second lien term loan totaling \$24.6 million. Our preferred equity investment in GI Plastek, with a cost basis of \$5.2 million and our preferred and common equity investments in Precision, with a combined cost basis of \$3.8 million, were converted into a preferred equity investment in PSI Molded with the same cost basis.

In November 2017, we invested \$31.1 million in ImageWorks through a combination of secured first lien debt and preferred equity. ImageWorks, headquartered in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is a market leading point-of-purchase display provider specializing in the design, engineering and production of custom

semi-permanent and permanent displays across a variety of brands and consumer product end markets.

In December 2017, we invested \$6.9 million in an existing portfolio company, Brunswick, through a secured first lien debt investment. In January 2018, we refinanced our existing loans to Brunswick into a new secured first lien debt investment with a principal and cost basis of \$17.7 million.

In January 2018, we invested \$8.5 million in an existing portfolio company, Schylling, Inc., through a secured first lien debt investment and also provided a \$6.0 million secured first lien bridge loan.

In January 2018, we provided an \$11.0 million secured first lien bridge loan to an existing portfolio company, Nth Degree, which was repaid at par in March 2018.

The following significant investment activity occurred subsequent to March 31, 2018. Also refer to Note 15 *Subsequent Events* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this prospectus.

In April 2018, we invested \$29.2 million in Bassett Creek Restoration, Inc. (d/b/a J.R. Johnson, LLC) (Bassett Creek) through a combination of secured first lien debt and preferred equity. Bassett Creek, headquartered in Portland, Oregon, is a leading provider of commercial restoration and renovation services to the Oregon and Southwest Washington region.

# **Recent Developments**

### At-the-Market Program

In February 2018, we entered into equity distribution agreements (commonly referred to as at-the-market (ATM) programs) with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. (Cantor), Ladenburg Thalmann & Co., Inc., and Wedbush Securities, Inc. (each a Sales Agent), under which we have the ability to issue and sell shares of our common stock, from time to time, through the Sales Agents, up to an aggregate offering price of \$35.0 million. During the year ended March 31, 2018, we sold 127,412 shares of our common stock under the ATM program with Cantor at a weighted-average gross price of \$10.45 per share and raised approximately \$1.3 million of gross proceeds. The weighted-average net price per share, after deducting commissions and offering costs borne by us, was \$10.24 and resulted in total net proceeds of approximately \$1.3 million. These sales were below our then current estimated NAV per share during the sales period, with such discounts ranging from \$0.01 per share to \$0.07 per share; however, the net dilutive effect (after commissions and offering costs borne by us) of these sales was \$0.00 per common share as a result of the small number of shares sold at a slight discount to NAV per share and resulting rounding. As of March 31, 2018, we had a remaining capacity to sell up to \$33.7 million of common stock under the ATM program.

Subsequent to March 31, 2018 and through May 8, 2018, we sold an additional 168,824 shares of our common stock under our ATM program with Cantor at a weighted-average gross price of \$11.09 per share and raised approximately \$1.9 million of gross proceeds. The weighted-average net price per share, after deducting commissions and offering costs borne by us, was \$10.87 and resulted in total net proceeds of approximately \$1.8 million. Certain of these sales were below our then current estimated NAV per share during the sales period, with a discount of \$0.002 per share, when comparing the sales price per share, after deducting commissions, to the then current estimated NAV per share; however, the net dilutive effect (after commissions and offering costs borne by us) of these sales was \$0.00 per common share as a result of the small number of shares sold at a slight discount to NAV per share and resulting rounding. In aggregate, these sales were above our then current estimated NAV per share.

### Small Business Credit Availability Act

On April 10, 2018, our Board of Directors, including a required majority (as such term is defined in Section 57(o) of the 1940 Act) thereof, approved the modified asset coverage requirements set forth in Section 61(a)(2) of the 1940 Act, as amended by the SBCAA. As a result, the Company s asset coverage requirements for senior securities will be changed from 200% to 150%, effective one year after the date of the Board of Directors approval; or April 10, 2019. Notwithstanding the modified asset coverage requirement under the 1940 Act described above, we are separately subject to a minimum asset coverage requirement of 200% with respect to certain provisions of our Credit Facility and our three series of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock.

#### Distributions and Dividends

In April 2018, our Board of Directors declared the following monthly and supplemental distributions to common stockholders and monthly dividends to holders of our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series D Term Preferred Stock:

| Record Date    | Payment Date              | C  | ibution per<br>ommon<br>Share | Ser | vidend per<br>Share of<br>ies B Term<br>erred Stock | Ser | vidend per<br>Share of<br>ies C Term<br>čerred Stock | Dividend<br>per<br>Share of<br>Series D<br>Term<br>Preferred<br>Stock |
|----------------|---------------------------|----|-------------------------------|-----|---|-----|--|---|
| April 20, 2018 | April 30, 2018            | \$ | 0.067                         | \$  | 0.140625  | \$  | 0.135417   | \$ 0.13020833   |
| May 22, 2018   | May 31, 2018              |    | 0.067                         |     | 0.140625  |     | 0.135417   | 0.13020833  |
| June 6, 2018   | June 15, 2018             |    | 0.060 <sup>(A)</sup>          |     |   |     |  |   |
| June 20, 2018  | June 29, 2018             |    | 0.067                         |     | 0.140625  |     | 0.135417   | 0.13020833  |
|                | Total for the<br>Quarter: | \$ | 0.261                         | \$  | 0.421875  | \$  | 0.406251   | \$ 0.39062499   |

(A) Represents a supplemental distribution to common stockholders.

### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

# Comparison of the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2018 to the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2017

|  | For the Fiscal Years Ended March 31,<br>\$ |           |           |          |  |
|--|--|-----------|-----------|----------|--|
|  | 2018                                       | 2017      | Change    | % Change |  |
| INVESTMENT INCOME                                      |  |           |           |          |  |
| Interest income  | \$ 48,799                                  | \$ 46,147 | \$ 2,652  | 5.7%     |  |
| Other income   | 9,556                                      | 5,728     | 3,828     | 66.8     |  |
| Total investment income                                | 58,355                                     | 51,875    | 6,480     | 12.5     |  |
| EXPENSES   |  |           |           |          |  |
| Base management fee                                    | 10,796                                     | 9,925     | 871       | 8.8      |  |
| Loan servicing fee                                     | 6,277                                      | 6,606     | (329)     | (5.0)    |  |
| Incentive fee  | 10,648                                     | 4,750     | 5,898     | 124.2    |  |
| Administration fee                                     | 1,087                                      | 1,120     | (33)      | (2.9)    |  |
| Interest and dividend expense                          | 13,039                                     | 12,223    | 816       | 6.7      |  |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs and discounts | 1,468                                      | 1,875     | (407)     | (21.7)   |  |
| Other  | 3,031                                      | 3,066     | (35)      | (1.1)    |  |
| Expenses before credits from Adviser                   | 46,346                                     | 39,565    | 6,781     | 17.1     |  |
| Credits to fees from Adviser                           | (9,951)                                    | (10,112)  | 161       | (1.6)    |  |
| Total expenses, net of credits to fees                 | 36,395                                     | 29,453    | 6,942     | 23.6     |  |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME                                  | 21,960                                     | 22,422    | (462)     | (2.1)    |  |
| REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)                    |  |           |           |          |  |
| Net realized gain on investments                       | 1,336                                      | 15,641    | (14,305)  | (91.5)   |  |
| Net realized loss on other                             |  | (254)     | 254       | (100.0)  |  |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments             | 37,891                                     | 6,879     | 31,012    | 450.8    |  |
| Net unrealized appreciation of other                   | (500)                                      | 75        | (575)     | NM       |  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain                       | 38,727                                     | 22,341    | 16,386    | 73.3     |  |
| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING                   |  |           |           |          |  |
| FROM OPERATIONS  | \$ 60,687                                  | \$ 44,763 | \$ 15,924 | 35.6     |  |
| BASIC AND DILUTED PER COMMON SHARE:                    |  |           |           |          |  |
| Net investment income                                  | \$ 0.68                                    | \$ 0.74   | \$ (0.06) | (8.1)%   |  |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations   | 1.88                                       | 1.48      | 0.40      | 27.0     |  |

*NM* = *Not Meaningful* 

#### **Investment Income**

Total investment income increased by 12.5% for the year ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the prior year. This increase was due to increases in both interest income and other income for the year ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the prior year.

Interest income from our investments in debt securities increased 5.7% for the year ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the prior year. The level of interest income from investments is directly related to the principal balance of our interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the period multiplied by the weighted average yield. The weighted average principal balance of our interest-bearing investment portfolio during the year ended March 31, 2018, was \$373.4 million, compared to \$364.7 million for the prior year. This increase was primarily due to \$47.2 million in new debt investments and \$68.8 million in follow-on debt investments to existing portfolio companies originated after March 31, 2017, partially offset by the pay-off or restructure of

\$65.3 million of debt investments principally related to the exit, merger, or restructure of portfolio companies, and their respective impact on the weighted average principal balance when considering the timing of new investments, pay-offs, mergers, restructures, and non-accruals, as applicable. The weighted average yield on our interest-bearing investments, excluding cash and cash equivalents and receipts recorded as other income, was 13.1% and 12.7% for the year ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The weighted average yield may vary from period to period, based on the current stated interest rate on interest-bearing investments.

At March 31, 2018, and March 31, 2017, certain of our loans to two portfolio companies, Alloy Die Casting Co. (ADC) and Tread Corporation (Tread), were on non-accrual status, with an aggregate debt cost basis of \$15.6 million as of both periods.

Other income for the year ended March 31, 2018 increased 66.8% from the prior year. During the year ended March 31, 2018, other income primarily consisted of \$4.2 million of dividend income and \$5.3 million of success fee income. During the year ended March 31, 2017, other income primarily consisted of \$3.3 million of dividend income and \$2.4 million of success fee income.

The following table lists the investment income for our five largest portfolio company investments, at fair value, during the respective fiscal years:

|   | As of Ma   | arch 31, 2018  | Year Ended M | larch 31, 2018<br>% of<br>Total |
|---|------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| с.<br>                                  | Fair       |                | Investment   | Investment                      |
| Company                                 | Value      | % of Portfolio | Income       | Income                          |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.        | \$ 42,178  | 7.0%           | \$ 3,383     | 5.8%                            |
| Nth Degree, Inc.                        | 39,714     | 6.6            | 2,636        | 4.5                             |
| J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LLC             | 35,480     | 5.9            | 3,386        | 5.8                             |
| Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.        | 34,315     | 5.7            | 2,239        | 3.8                             |
| ImageWorks Display and Marketing Group, |            |                |              |                                 |
| Inc. <sup>(A)</sup>                     | 31,722     | 5.3            | 1,080        | 1.9                             |
|   |            |                |              |                                 |
| Subtotal five largest investments       | 183,409    | 30.5           | 12,724       | 21.8                            |
| Other portfolio companies               | 415,738    | 69.5           | 45,610       | 78.2                            |
| Total investment portfolio              | \$ 599,147 | 100.0%         | \$ 58,334    | 100.0%                          |

|   | As of Ma      | rch 31, 2017   | Year Ended M         | Iarch 31, 2017<br>% of<br>Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Company                                   | Fair<br>Value | % of Portfolio | Investment<br>Income | Investment<br>Income            |
| J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LL <sup>(A)</sup> | \$ 29,870     | 6.0%           | \$ 359               | 0.7%                            |
| Counsel Press, Inc.                       | 29,617        | 5.9            | 3,118                | 6.0                             |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.          | 27,046        | 5.4            | 2,065                | 4.0                             |
| Nth Degree, Inc.                          | 25,761        | 5.1            | 1,684                | 3.2                             |
| Drew Foam Companies, Inc.                 | 25,242        | 5.0            | 1,666                | 3.2                             |

| Subtotal five largest investments | 137,536    | 27.4   | 8,892     | 17.1   |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Other portfolio companies         | 364,043    | 72.6   | 42,980    | 82.9   |
|                                   |            |        |           |        |
| Total investment portfolio        | \$ 501,579 | 100.0% | \$ 51,872 | 100.0% |

<sup>(A)</sup> New investment during the applicable year.

# Expenses

Total expenses, net of any non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits from the Adviser, increased 23.6% for the year ended March 31, 2018, as compared to the prior year, primarily due to an increase in the incentive fee, the base management fee, and interest and dividend expense, partially offset by a decrease in amortization of deferred financing fees and discounts.

The income-based incentive fee increased for the year ended March 31, 2018, as compared to the prior year, as pre-incentive fee net investment income increased, partially offset by an increase in net assets, which drives the hurdle rate. Additionally, in accordance with GAAP, we recorded a capital gains-based incentive fee of \$4.4 million during the year ended March 31, 2018, which is not contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement. There was no capital gains-based incentive fee recorded or paid during the prior year.

The base management fee increased for the year ended March 31, 2018, as compared to the prior year, as average total assets increased over the period.

The base management fee, loan servicing fee, incentive fee, and their related non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits are computed quarterly, as described under *Transactions with the Adviser* in Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* and are summarized in the following table:

|  | Year Ended 2<br>2018 | March 31,<br>2017 |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|
| Average total assets subject to base management fee <sup>(A)</sup> | \$ 539,800           | \$496,250         |
| Multiplied by annual base management fee of 2.0%                   | 2.0%                 | 2.0%              |
| Base management fee <sup>(B)</sup>                                 | 10,796               | 9,925             |
| Credits to fees from Adviser $othe^{\mathbf{B}}$                   | (3,674)              | (3,506)           |
| Net base management fee  | \$ 7,122             | \$ 6,419          |
| Loan servicing fee <sup>(B)</sup>                                  | \$ 6,277             | \$ 6,606          |
| Credits to base management fee loan servicing fe <sup>(B)</sup>    | (6,277)              | (6,606)           |
| Net loan servicing fee   | \$                   | \$                |
| Incentive fee income-based   | \$ 6,249             | \$ 4,750          |
| Incentive fee capital gains-base(f)                                | 4,399                |                   |
| Total incentive fee <sup>(B)</sup>                                 | 10,648               | 4,750             |
| Credits to fees from Adviser $othe^{\beta}$                        |                      |                   |
| Net total incentive fee  | \$ 10,648            | \$ 4,750          |

(A) Average total assets subject to the base management fee is defined in the Advisory Agreement as total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings, valued at the end of the applicable quarters within the respective periods and adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the periods.

<sup>(B)</sup> Reflected as a line item on our accompanying *Consolidated Statement of Operations*.

<sup>(C)</sup> The capital gains-based incentive fee is not contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement. Interest and dividend expense increased 6.7% during the year ended March 31, 2018, as compared to the prior year, primarily due to higher costs of borrowings under the Credit Facility. The effective interest rate on the Credit Facility, excluding the impact of deferred financing costs, during the year ended March 31, 2018 was 5.4%, as compared to

4.7% in the prior year. Dividends on our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock increased \$0.3 million in the current year, when the Series D Term Preferred Stock was outstanding for the entire year, as compared to the prior year, when the Series D Term Preferred Stock was newly issued and only outstanding for a portion of the period and the 7.125% Series A Cumulative Term Preferred Stock (our Series A Term Preferred Stock or Series A ) was outstanding until September 2016.

Amortization of deferred financing costs and discounts decreased 21.7% for the year ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the prior year, primarily as a result of the write-off of previously deferred costs in the prior year related to the Credit Facility s amendment in November 2016.

#### **Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)**

#### Net Realized Gain on Investments

During the year ended March 31, 2018, we recorded a net realized gain on investments of \$1.3 million, primarily related to a \$1.0 million realized gain from the exit of Mitchell, compared to net realized gains on investments of \$15.6 million during the prior year period, primarily related to an \$18.9 million realized gain from the exit of Acme Cryogenics, Inc. ( Acme ), a \$5.9 million realized gain from the exit of Behrens Manufacturing, LLC ( Behrens ), and a \$1.3 million realized gain related to an additional earn-out from Funko, LLC, which was exited during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, partially offset by a \$10.2 million realized loss from the restructure of D.P.M.S., Inc. ( Danco ).

#### Net Realized Loss on Other

There were no realized gains or losses on other during the year ended March 31, 2018. During the year ended March 31, 2017, we recorded a net realized loss on other of \$0.3 million, of which \$0.2 million related to the redemption of our Series A Term Preferred Stock in September 2016 and \$0.1 million related to the expiration of our interest rate cap agreement in April 2016.

#### Net Unrealized Appreciation of Investments

During the year ended March 31, 2018, we recorded net unrealized appreciation of investments of \$37.9 million. The realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the year ended March 31, 2018, were as follows:

|                                   | Realized | Year Ended<br>Unrealized | March 31, 2018<br>Reversal of<br>Unrealized | Net       |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|---|-----------|
|                                   | Gain     | Appreciation             | (Appreciation)                              | Gain      |
| Portfolio Company                 | (Loss)   | (Depreciation)           | Depreciation                                | (Loss)    |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.  | \$       | \$ 15,132                | \$  | \$ 15,132 |
| Nth Degree, Inc.                  |          | 13,953                   |   | 13,953    |
| J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LLC       |          | 8,560                    |   | 8,560     |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.       |          | 5,380                    |   | 5,380     |
| Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.  |          | 5,286                    |   | 5,286     |
| Tread Corporation                 |          | 4,534                    |   | 4,534     |
| Precision Southeast, Inc.         |          | 2,776                    | 1,054                                       | 3,830     |
| Star Seed, Inc.                   |          | 3,290                    |   | 3,290     |
| Old World Christmas, Inc.         |          | 3,276                    |   | 3,276     |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc.          |          | 3,121                    |   | 3,121     |
| Drew Foam Companies, Inc.         |          | 2,865                    |   | 2,865     |
| ImageWorks Display and Marketing  |          |                          |   |           |
| Group, Inc.                       |          | 2,673                    |   | 2,673     |
| Mathey Investments, Inc.          |          |                          | 2,658                                       | 2,658     |
| Pioneer Square Brands, Inc.       |          | 2,300                    |   | 2,300     |
| SBS Industries, LLC               |          | 1,974                    |   | 1,974     |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.             | 236      |                          |   | 236       |
| Schylling, Inc.                   |          | (262)                    |   | (262)     |
| Logo Sportswear, Inc.             |          | (509)                    |   | (509)     |
| GI Plastek, Inc.                  |          | (1,856)                  | 1,252                                       | (604)     |
| B-Dry, LLC                        |          | (873)                    |   | (873)     |
| Alloy Die Casting Co.             |          | (875)                    |   | (875)     |
| Jackrabbit, Inc.                  |          | (903)                    |   | (903)     |
| Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.    | 982      |                          | (2,783)                                     | (1,801)   |
| Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.      |          | (2,716)                  |   | (2,716)   |
| Head Country, Inc.                |          | (3,197)                  |   | (3,197)   |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation   |          | (3,785)                  |   | (3,785)   |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC |          | (4,182)                  |   | (4,182)   |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC     |          | (4,246)                  |   | (4,246)   |
| PSI Molded Plastics, Inc.         |          | (5,964)                  |   | (5,964)   |
| The Mountain Corporation          |          | (10,061)                 |   | (10,061)  |
| Other, net (<\$250 Net)           | 118      | (128)                    | 147   | 137       |
| Total                             | \$ 1,336 | \$ 35,563                | \$ 2,328                                    | \$ 39,227 |

The primary drivers of net unrealized appreciation of investments of \$37.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2018 were increased performance of certain of our portfolio companies and an increase in comparable multiples used to

estimate the fair value of certain of our portfolio companies, partially offset by the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation upon the exit of our investment in Mitchell and a decline in performance of certain of our other portfolio companies. During the year ended March 31, 2017, we recorded net unrealized appreciation of investments of \$6.9 million. The realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the year ended March 31, 2017 were as follows:

|                                   | Realized<br>Gain | Unrealized<br>Appreciation | March 31, 2017<br>Reversal of<br>Unrealized<br>(Appreciation) | Net<br>Gain |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------|
| Portfolio Company                 | (Loss)           | (Depreciation)             | -   | (Loss)      |
| Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.    | \$               | \$ 14,079                  | \$  | \$ 14,079   |
| Logo Sportswear, Inc.             |                  | 8,375                      |   | 8,375       |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation   |                  | 6,242                      |   | 6,242       |
| Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.  |                  | 6,062                      |   | 6,062       |
| Head Country, Inc.                |                  | 5,752                      |   | 5,752       |
| Drew Foam Companies, Inc.         |                  | 5,287                      |   | 5,287       |
| Nth Degree, Inc.                  |                  | 4,760                      |   | 4,760       |
| Old World Christmas, Inc.         |                  | 2,975                      |   | 2,975       |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.       |                  | 2,362                      |   | 2,362       |
| Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.      |                  | 1,757                      |   | 1,757       |
| Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc.     |                  | 1,628                      |   | 1,628       |
| Funko Acquisition Holdings, LLC   | 1,087            | 36                         |   | 1,123       |
| Diligent Delivery Systems         |                  | 907                        |   | 907         |
| Counsel Press, Inc.               |                  | 717                        |   | 717         |
| Behrens Manufacturing, LLC        | 5,935            | 1,820                      | (7,491)   | 264         |
| Auto Safety House, LLC            |                  | 146                        | (457)   | (311)       |
| SBS Industries, LLC               |                  | (794)                      |   | (794)       |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc.          |                  | (843)                      |   | (843)       |
| AquaVenture Holdings Limited      |                  | (925)                      |   | (925)       |
| B-Dry, LLC                        |                  | (987)                      |   | (987)       |
| D.P.M.S., Inc.                    | (10,226)         | (3,848)                    | 12,601  | (1,473)     |
| Tread Corporation                 |                  | (1,737)                    |   | (1,737)     |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.  |                  | (1,789)                    |   | (1,789)     |
| Mathey Investments, Inc.          |                  | (1,934)                    |   | (1,934)     |
| Jackrabbit, Inc.                  |                  | (1,984)                    |   | (1,984)     |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.             | 18,904           |                            | (21,216)  | (2,312)     |
| Alloy Die Casting Co.             |                  | (3,283)                    |   | (3,283)     |
| Schylling, Inc.                   |                  | (3,842)                    |   | (3,842)     |
| Precision Southeast, Inc.         |                  | (3,922)                    |   | (3,922)     |
| The Mountain Corporation          |                  | (6,747)                    |   | (6,747)     |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC |                  | (7,036)                    |   | (7,036)     |
| Other, net (<\$250 Net)           | (59)             | 208                        |   | 149         |
| Total                             | \$ 15,641        | \$ 23,442                  | \$ (16,563)   | \$ 22,520   |

The primary drivers of net unrealized appreciation of investments of \$6.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2017 were the reversal of previously recorded unrealized depreciation related to our investment in Danco upon its restructure, an increase in the fair value of our investment in Mitchell based on its sale in April 2017, and increased performance and comparable multiples used to estimate the fair value of certain of our investments, which was

partially offset by unrealized depreciation resulting from the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation related to the exit of our investments in Acme and Behrens and a decrease in performance of certain of our portfolio companies.

Across our entire investment portfolio, we recorded \$13.9 million of net unrealized depreciation on our debt positions and \$51.8 million of net unrealized appreciation on our equity holdings for the year ended March 31, 2018. At March 31, 2018, the fair value of our investment portfolio was greater than our cost basis by \$14.3 million, as compared to March 31, 2017, when the fair value of our investment portfolio was less than our cost basis by \$23.6 million at March 31, 2017, representing net unrealized appreciation of \$37.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2018. Our entire portfolio was fair valued at 102.4% of cost as of March 31, 2018.

# Net Unrealized Appreciation on Other

During the year ended March 31, 2018, we recorded net unrealized appreciation of other of \$0.5 million related to the Credit Facility recorded at fair value. During the year ended March 31, 2017, we recorded net unrealized appreciation on other of \$0.1 million due to the reversal of previously recorded depreciation upon the expiration of our interest rate cap agreement in April 2016.

# Comparison of the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2017, to the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2016

|  | For the Fiscal Years Ended March 31,<br>\$ |          |          |          |
|--|--|----------|----------|----------|
|  | 2017                                       | 2016     | Change   | % Change |
| INVESTMENT INCOME                                      |  |          |          |          |
| Interest income  | \$ 46,147                                  | \$46,397 | \$ (250) | (0.5)%   |
| Other income   | 5,728                                      | 4,558    | 1,170    | 25.7     |
| Total investment income                                | 51,875                                     | 50,955   | 920      | 1.8      |
| EXPENSES   |  |          |          |          |
| Base management fee                                    | 9,925                                      | 9,925    |          |          |
| Loan servicing fee                                     | 6,606                                      | 6,697    | (91)     | (1.4)    |
| Incentive fee  | 4,750                                      | 5,179    | (429)    | (8.3)    |
| Administration fee                                     | 1,120                                      | 1,190    | (70)     | (5.9)    |
| Interest and dividend expense                          | 12,223                                     | 12,117   | 106      | 0.9      |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs and discounts | 1,875                                      | 1,908    | (33)     | (1.7)    |
| Other  | 3,066                                      | 3,046    | 20       | 0.7      |
| Expenses before credits from Adviser                   | 39,565                                     | 40,062   | (497)    | (1.2)    |
| Credits to fees from Adviser                           | (10,112)                                   | (9,823)  | (289)    | 2.9      |
| Total expenses, net of credits to fees                 | 29,453                                     | 30,239   | (786)    | (2.6)    |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME                                  | 22,422                                     | 20,716   | 1,706    | 8.2      |
| REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)                    |  |          |          |          |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments                | 15,641                                     | (4,599)  | 20,240   | NM       |
| Net realized loss on other                             | (254)                                      |          | (254)    | NM       |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments             | 6,879                                      | 8,737    | (1,858)  | (21.3)   |
| Net unrealized appreciation of other                   | 75   |          | 75       | NM       |
| Net realized and unrealized gain                       | 22,341                                     | 4,138    | 18,203   | 439.9    |

| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM<br>OPERATIONS | <b>\$</b> 4 | 44,763 | \$2 | 24,854 | <b>\$</b> 1 | 19,909 | 80.1 |
|---|-------------|--------|-----|--------|-------------|--------|------|
| BASIC AND DILUTED PER COMMON SHARE:                     |             |        |     |        |             |        |      |
| Net investment income                                   | \$          | 0.74   | \$  | 0.68   | \$          | 0.06   | 8.8% |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations    |             | 1.48   |     | 0.82   |             | 0.66   | 80.5 |
| NM = Not Meaningful                                     |             |        |     |        |             |        |      |

# **Investment Income**

Total investment income increased by 1.8% for the year ended March 31, 2017, as compared to the prior year. This increase was due to an increase in other income, partially offset by a slight decline in interest income for the same period, which resulted primarily from a small decrease in the size of our interest-bearing portfolio during the year ended March 31, 2017.

Interest income from our investments in debt securities remained relatively flat for the year ended March 31, 2017, as compared to the prior year. The level of interest income from investments is directly related to the principal balance of our interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the period multiplied by the weighted average yield. The weighted average principal balance of our interest-bearing investment portfolio during the year ended March 31, 2017, was \$364.7 million, compared to \$367.6 million for the prior year. This slight decrease was primarily due to the pay-off or restructure of \$48.4 million of debt investments principally related to the exit or restructure of portfolio companies, and to \$41.6 million in new debt investments and \$15.5 million in follow-on debt investments to existing portfolio companies originated after March 31, 2016, and their respective impact on the weighted average principal balance when considering timing of new investments, pay-offs, restructures, and non-accruals, as applicable. The weighted average yield on our interest-bearing investments, excluding cash and cash equivalents and receipts recorded as other income, was 12.7% and 12.6% for the year ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The weighted average yield may vary from period to period, based on the current stated interest rate on interest-bearing investments.

At March 31, 2017, certain of our loans to two portfolio companies, ADC and Tread, were on non-accrual status, with an aggregate debt cost basis of \$15.6 million. At March 31, 2016, our loan to Tread was on non-accrual status, with an aggregate debt cost basis of \$1.4 million.

Other income for the year ended March 31, 2017 increased 25.7% from the prior year. During the year ended March 31, 2017, other income primarily consisted of \$3.3 million of dividend income and \$2.4 million of success fee income. During the year ended March 31, 2016, other income primarily consisted of \$2.9 million of dividend income and \$1.6 million of success fee income.

The following table lists the investment income for our five largest portfolio company investments, at fair value, during the respective fiscal years:

|                                   | As of March 31, 2017 |                | Year Ended M | % of<br>Total |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--|
|                                   | Fair                 |                | Investment   | Investment    |  |
| Company                           | Value                | % of Portfolio | Income       | Income        |  |
| J.R. Hobbs Co. Atlanta, LL(A)     | \$ 29,870            | 6.0%           | \$ 359       | 0.7%          |  |
| Counsel Press, Inc.               | 29,617               | 5.9            | 3,118        | 6.0           |  |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.  | 27,046               | 5.4            | 2,065        | 4.0           |  |
| Nth Degree, Inc.                  | 25,761               | 5.1            | 1,684        | 3.2           |  |
| Drew Foam Companies, Inc.         | 25,242               | 5.0            | 1,666        | 3.2           |  |
| -                                 |                      |                |              |               |  |
| Subtotal five largest investments | 137,536              | 27.4           | 8,892        | 17.1          |  |
| Other portfolio companies         | 364,043              | 72.6           | 42,980       | 82.9          |  |
| Total investment portfolio        | \$ 501,579           | 100.0%         | \$ 51,872    | 100.0%        |  |

|                                      | As of March 31, 2016 |                | Year Ended M | larch 31, 2016<br>% of<br>Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| ~                                    | Fair                 |                | Investment   | Investment                      |
| Company                              | Value                | % of Portfolio | Income       | Income                          |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc. <sup>(B)</sup> | \$ 44,894            | 9.2%           | \$ 1,695     | 3.3%                            |
| Counsel Press, Inc.                  | 28,899               | 5.9            | 3,183        | 6.3                             |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.     | 27,835               | 5.7            | 1,983        | 3.9                             |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC    | 26,147               | 5.4            | 2,665        | 5.2                             |
| Nth Degree, Inc. <sup>(A)</sup>      | 21,002               | 4.3            | 503          | 1.0                             |
| -                                    |                      |                |              |                                 |
| Subtotal five largest investments    | 148,777              | 30.5           | 10,029       | 19.7                            |
| Other portfolio companies            | 338,879              | 69.5           | 40,924       | 80.3                            |
| Total investment portfolio           | \$ 487,656           | 100.0%         | \$ 50,953    | 100.0%                          |

<sup>(A)</sup> New investment during the applicable year.

<sup>(B)</sup> Investment exited subsequent to March 31, 2016.

#### Expenses

Total expenses, net of any non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits from the Adviser, decreased 2.6% for the year ended March 31, 2017, as compared to the prior year, primarily due to a decrease in the incentive fee. The incentive fee decreased as a result of an increase in net assets, which drives the hurdle rate, period over period.

The base management fee, loan servicing fee, incentive fee, and their related non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits are computed quarterly, as described under *Transactions with the Adviser* in Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* in the notes to our accompanying *Consolidated Financial Statements* and are summarized in the following table:

|  | Year Ended 2017 | March 31,<br>2016 |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| Average total assets subject to base management fee <sup>(A)</sup> | \$ 496,250      | \$496,250         |
| Multiplied by annual base management fee of 2.0%                   | 2.0%            | 2.0%              |
| Base management fee <sup>(B)</sup>                                 | 9,925           | 9,925             |
| Credits to fees from Adviser other                                 | (3,506)         | (3,126)           |
| Net base management fee  | \$ 6,419        | \$ 6,799          |
| Loan servicing fee <sup>(B)</sup>                                  | \$ 6,606        | \$ 6,697          |
| Credits to base management fee loan servicing $fe^{\mathbb{B}^3}$  | (6,606)         | (6,697)           |
| Net loan servicing fee   | \$              | \$                |
| Incentive fee <sup>(B)</sup>                                       | 4,750           | 5,179             |
| Cradits to face from Advisor oth (B)                               |                 |                   |

Credits to fees from Adviser other

| Net incentive fee | \$ 4,7 | 750 \$ | 5,179 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|-------|
|                   |        |        |       |

- (A) Average total assets subject to the base management fee is defined in the Advisory Agreement as total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings, valued at the end of the applicable quarters within the respective periods and adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the periods.
- <sup>(B)</sup> Reflected as a line item on our accompanying *Consolidated Statement of Operations*.

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#### **Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)**

#### Net Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments

During the year ended March 31, 2017, we recorded a net realized gain on investments of \$15.6 million, primarily related to a \$18.9 million realized gain from the exit of Acme, a \$5.9 million realized gain from the exit of Behrens, and a \$1.3 million realized gain related to an additional earn-out from Funko, LLC, which was exited during the year ended March 31, 2016, partially offset by a \$10.2 million realized loss from the restructure of Danco. During the year ended March 31, 2016, we recorded a net realized loss of \$4.6 million, primarily related to realized losses of \$10.5 million, \$2.8 million, and \$8.6 million related to the restructuring of our investments in Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation (Galaxy), NDLI, Inc. (NDLI), and Tread, respectively, partially offset by a realized gain of \$17.0 million related to the sale of our investments in Funko, LLC and \$0.3 million of other gains.

#### Net Realized Loss on Other

During the year ended March 31, 2017, we recorded a net realized loss on other of \$0.3 million, of which \$0.2 million related to the redemption of our Series A Term Preferred Stock in September 2016 and \$0.1 million related to the expiration of our interest rate cap agreement in April 2016. There were no realized gains or losses on other during the year ended March 31, 2016.

#### Net Unrealized Appreciation of Investments

During the year ended March 31, 2017, we recorded net unrealized appreciation of investments of \$6.9 million. The realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the year ended March 31, 2017, were as follows:

|                                   | Realized<br>Gain | Year Ended M<br>Unrealized<br>Appreciation | Iarch 31, 2017<br>Reversal of<br>Unrealized<br>(Appreciation) | Net<br>Gain |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|---|-------------|
| Portfolio Company                 | (Loss)           | (Depreciation)                             | Depreciation  | (Loss)      |
| Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.    | \$               | \$ 14,079                                  | \$  | \$ 14,079   |
| Logo Sportswear, Inc.             |                  | 8,375                                      |   | 8,375       |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation   |                  | 6,242                                      |   | 6,242       |
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| AquaVenture Holdings Limited      |                  | (925)                                      |   | (925)       |
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| The Mountain Corporation          |                  | (6,747)                                    |   | (6,747)     |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC |                  | (7,036)                                    |   | (7,036)     |
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restructure, an increase in the fair value of our investment in Mitchell based on its sale in April 2017, and increased performance and comparable multiples used to estimate the fair value of certain of our investments, which was partially offset by unrealized depreciation resulting from the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation related to the exit of our investments in Acme and Behrens and a decrease in performance of certain of our portfolio companies.

During the year ended March 31, 2016, we recorded net unrealized appreciation of investments of \$8.7 million. The realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the year ended March 31, 2016 were as follows:

| Realized<br>GainUnrealized<br>AppreciationUnrealized<br>(Loss)Net<br>Gain<br>(Loss)Acme Cryogenics, Inc. $\$$ $\$$ $21,875$ $\$$ $\$$ $\$$ Cambridge Sound Management, Inc. $5,636$ $5,636$ $5,636$ $5,636$ $5,636$ D.P.M.S., Inc. $5,503$ $5,503$ $5,503$ $5,636$ Behrens Manufacturing, LLC $5,147$ $5,147$ $5,147$ Schylling, Inc. $4,103$ $4,103$ Drew Foam Companies, Inc. $3,697$ $2,450$ $2,450$ Country Club Enterprises, LLC $2,450$ $2,450$ $2,450$ Precision Southeast, Inc. $2,092$ $2,092$ $2,092$ Nth Degree, Inc. $2,052$ $2,052$ $2,052$ Diligent Delivery Systems $1,484$ $1,484$ $1,484$ Logo Sportswear, Inc. $522$ $522$ $3,603$ $6,086$ NDLL, Inc. $(2,795)$ $(50)$ $3,480$ $635$ GI Plastek, Inc. $324$ $324$ $324$ Nutrak, Souling Products, Inc. $324$ $324$ $324$ Nutrak, Bowling Products, Inc. $(1,072)$ $(1,072)$ Jackarabbit, Inc. $(1,596)$ $(1,483)$ $(1,421)$ Counsel Press Inc. $(2,362)$ $(2,362)$ $(2,362)$ Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc. $(2,362)$ $(2,362)$ $(2,362)$ Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc. $(2,363)$ $(2,498)$ $(2,498)$ SB Industries, ILC $(2,363)$ $(2,454)$ $(2,454)$ Other Exponention, Inc. $($  |                                       | Year Ended March 31, 2016<br>Reversal of |              |                |           |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.         \$         \$ 21,875         \$         \$ 21,875           Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.         5,636         5,636           D.P.M.S., Inc.         5,503         5,503           Frontier Packaging, Inc.         5,426         5,426           Behrens Manufacturing, LLC         5,147         5,147           Schylling, Inc.         4,103         4,103           Drew Foam Companies, Inc.         3,697         3,697           Funko, LLC         17,039         1,861         (16,009)         2,891           Country Club Enterprises, LLC         2,450         2,450         2,450           Precision Southeast, Inc.         2,092         2,092         2,092           Nth Degree, Inc.         2,052         2,052         2,052           Diligent Delivery Systems         1,484         1,484         1,484           Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,245         1,245         1,245           Tread Corporation         (8,628)         3,603         6,086         1,061           NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         324         324         324              Star Seed, Inc.         (1,072)  |                                       | Gain                                     | Appreciation | (Appreciation) | Gain      |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.5,6365,636DP.M.S., Inc.5,5035,503Frontier Packaging, Inc.5,4265,426Behrens Manufacturing, LLC5,1475,147Schylling, Inc.4,1034,103Drew Foam Companies, Inc.3,6973,697Funko, LLC17,0391,861(16,009)Country Club Enterprises, LLC2,4502,450Precision Southeast, Inc.2,0922,092Nth Degree, Inc.2,0522,052Dilgent Delivery Systems1,4841,484Logo Sportswear, Inc.1,2451,245Tread Corporation(8,628)3,6036,086NDLI, Inc.(2,795)(50)3,480635GI Plastek, Inc.324324324Star Seed, Inc.(1,072)(1,072)Jackarabbit, Inc.(1,01)(1,401)Quench Holdings Corp.(1)63(1,483)Charabbit, Inc.(1,33)(1,133)Charabbit, Inc.(2,362)(2,362)Girsey Home Solutions, Inc.(2,362)(2,362)Girsey Home Solutions, Inc.(2,362)(2,362)Girsey Home Solutions, Inc.(2,362)(2,362)Outer Helding Rorp.(1)63(1,483)Heldel Rubber Products, Inc.(3,154)700Gastarabbit, Inc.(2,362)(2,362)Girsey Home Solutions, Inc.(2,362)(2,362)Girsey Home Solutions, Inc.(2,362)(2,362)Girsey Home Solutions, Inc.   |                                       | . ,                                      | · • • /      |                |           |
| D.P.M.S., Inc.         5,503         5,503           Frontier Packaging, Inc.         5,426         5,426           Behrens Manufacturing, LLC         5,147         5,147           Schylling, Inc.         4,103         4,103           Drew Foam Companies, Inc.         3,697         3,697           Funko, LLC         17,039         1,861         (16,009)         2,891           Country Club Enterprises, LLC         2,450         2,450           Precision Southeast, Inc.         2,092         2,092           Nth Degree, Inc.         2,052         2,052           Diligent Delivery Systems         1,484         1,484           Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,245         1,245           Tread Corporation         (8,628)         3,603         6,086         1,061           NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         324         324         324           Star Seed, Inc.         (300)         (300)         (300)           Quench Holdings Corp.         (1,072)         (1,072)         (1,072)           Jackrabbit, Inc.         (1,33)         (1,133)         (1,133)           Channel Technologies Group, LLC <t< td=""><td></td><td>\$</td><td></td><td>\$</td><td>\$ 21,875</td></t<>                                |                                       | \$                                       |              | \$             | \$ 21,875 |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc.         5,426         5,426           Behrens Manufacturing, LLC         5,147         5,147           Schylling, Inc.         4,103         4,103           Drew Foam Companies, Inc.         3,697         3,697           Funko, LLC         17,039         1,861         (16,009)         2,891           Country Club Enterprises, LLC         2,450         2,450         2,450           Precision Southeast, Inc.         2,092         2,092         2,092           Nth Degree, Inc.         2,052         2,052         2,052           Diligent Delivery Systems         1,484         1,484           Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,245         1,245           Tread Corporation         (8,628)         3,603         6,086         1,061           NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         522         522         522           Auto Safety House, LLC         373         373           Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.         324         324           Star Seed, Inc.         (1,072)         (1,072)           Jackrabbit, Inc.         (1,401)         (1,401)           Cavert II Holding Corp. <t< td=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></t<>   |                                       |  |              |                |           |
| Behrens Manufacturing, LLC         5,147         5,147           Schylling, Inc.         4,103         4,103           Drew Foam Companies, Inc.         3,697         3,697           Funko, LLC         17,039         1,861         (16,009)         2,891           Country Club Enterprises, LLC         2,450         2,450           Precision Southeast, Inc.         2,092         2,092           Nth Degree, Inc.         2,052         2,052           Diligent Delivery Systems         1,484         1,484           Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,245         1,245           Tread Corporation         (8,628)         3,603         6,086         1,061           NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         522         522         522           Auto Safety House, LLC         373         373           Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.         324         324           Star Seed, Inc.         (1,072)         (1,072)           Jackrabbit, Inc.         (1,401)         (1,401)           Counter Holding Corp.         (1)         63         (1,483)         (1,421)           Counsel Press Inc.         (1)         63  |                                       |  | ,            |                |           |
| Schylling, Inc.         4,103         4,103           Drew Foam Companies, Inc.         3,697         3,697           Funko, LLC         17,039         1,861         (16,009)         2,891           Country Club Enterprises, LLC         2,450         2,450         2,092           Precision Southeast, Inc.         2,092         2,092         2,092           Dilgent Delivery Systems         1,484         1,484         1,484           Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,245         1,245         1,245           Tread Corporation         (8,628)         3,603         6,086         1,061           NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         522         522         522           Auto Safety House, LLC         373         373         373           Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.         324         324         324           Star Seed, Inc.         (1,072)         (1,072)         (1,072)           Jackrabbit, Inc.         (1,072)         (1,072)         (1,072)           Jackrabbit, Inc.         (1,133)         (1,133)         (1,413)           Counsel Press Inc.         (1,596)         (1,596)         (1,596)  | 0 0                                   |  |              |                |           |
| Drew Foam Companies, Inc.         3,697         3,697           Funko, LLC         17,039         1,861         (16,009)         2,891           Country Club Enterprises, LLC         2,450         2,450           Precision Southeast, Inc.         2,092         2,092           Nth Degree, Inc.         2,052         2,052           Diligent Delivery Systems         1,484         1,484           Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,245         1,245           Tread Corporation         (8,628)         3,603         6,086         1,061           NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         522         522         522           Auto Safety House, LLC         373         373           Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.         324         324           Star Seed, Inc.         (1072)         (1,072)           Jackrabbit, Inc.         (1,133)         (1,133)           Channel Technologies Group, LLC         (1,401)         (1,401)           Cavert II Holding Corp.         (1)         63         (1,483)         (1,421)           Counsel Press Inc.         (2,362)         (2,362)         (2,362)           Ginsey Home Solutions, I  | č                                     |  |              |                |           |
| Funko, LLC         17,039         1,861         (16,009)         2,891           Country Club Enterprises, LLC         2,450         2,450           Precision Southeast, Inc.         2,092         2,092           Nth Degree, Inc.         2,052         2,052           Diligent Delivery Systems         1,484         1,484           Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,245         1,245           Tread Corporation         (8,628)         3,603         6,086         1,061           NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         522         522         522           Auto Safety House, LLC         373         373           Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.         324         324           Star Seed, Inc.         (1,072)         (1,072)           Quench Holdings Corp.         (1,133)         (1,133)           Chamel Technologies Group, LLC         (1,401)         (1,401)           Cavert II Holding Corp.         (1)         63         (1,483)         (1,421)           Counsel Press Inc.         (1,596)         (1,596)         (1,596)           B-Dry, LLC         (2,069)         (2,069)         (2,362)           Old W   | Schylling, Inc.                       |  | 4,103        |                | 4,103     |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC         2,450         2,450           Precision Southeast, Inc.         2,092         2,092           Nth Degree, Inc.         2,052         2,052           Diligent Delivery Systems         1,484         1,484           Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,484         1,444           Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,425         1,245           Tread Corporation         (8,628)         3,603         6,086         1,061           NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         522         522         Auto Safety House, LLC         373         373           Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.         324         324         324         324           Star Seed, Inc.         (1,072)         (1,072)         (1,072)           Jackrabbit, Inc.         (1,401)         (1,401)         (1,401)           Channel Technologies Group, LLC         (1,401)         (1,401)         (1,401)           Coursel Press Inc.         (1,596)         (1,596)         (1,596)           B-Dry, LLC         (2,069)         (2,069)         (2,362)           Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.         (2,362)         (2,362)         (2,454)   | Drew Foam Companies, Inc.             |  | 3,697        |                | 3,697     |
| Precision Southeast, Inc.         2,092         2,092           Nth Degree, Inc.         2,052         2,052           Diligent Delivery Systems         1,484         1,484           Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,245         1,245           Tread Corporation         (8,628)         3,603         6,086         1,061           NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         522         522         Auto Safety House, LLC         373         373           Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.         324         324         Star Seed, Inc.         (300)         (300)           Quench Holdings Corp.         (1,072)         (1,072)         (1,072)           Jackrabbit, Inc.         (1,133)         (1,133)         (1,401)           Cavert II Holding Corp.         (1)         63         (1,483)         (1,421)           Counsel Press Inc.         (1,596)         (1,596)         (1,596)           B-Dry, LLC         (2,069)         (2,069)         (2,069)           Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.         (2,498)         (2,498)           SBS Industries, LLC         (2,810)         (2,810)           Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.         (2,950)   |                                       | 17,039                                   |              | (16,009)       | 2,891     |
| Nth Degree, Inc.         2,052         2,052           Diligent Delivery Systems         1,484         1,484           Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,245         1,245           Tread Corporation         (8,628)         3,603         6,086         1,061           NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         522         522           Auto Safety House, LLC         373         373           Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.         324         324           Star Seed, Inc.         (300)         (300)           Quench Holdings Corp.         (1,072)         (1,072)           Jackrabbit, Inc.         (1,133)         (1,133)           Channel Technologies Group, LLC         (1,401)         (1,401)           Cavert II Holding Corp.         (1)         63         (1,483)         (1,421)           Counsel Press Inc.         (2,362)         (2,362)         (2,362)           Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.         (2,362)         (2,498)         (2,498)           Old World Christmas, Inc.         (2,498)         (2,498)         (2,498)           SBS Industries, LLC         (2,810)         (2,810)         (2,810)           M  | Country Club Enterprises, LLC         |  | 2,450        |                | 2,450     |
| Diligen Delivery Systems         1,484         1,484           Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,245         1,245           Tread Corporation         (8,628)         3,603         6,086         1,061           NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         522         522           Auto Safety House, LLC         373         373           Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.         324         324           Star Seed, Inc.         (300)         (300)           Quench Holdings Corp.         (1,072)         (1,072)           Jackrabbit, Inc.         (1,133)         (1,133)           Channel Technologies Group, LLC         (1,401)         (1,401)           Cavert II Holding Corp.         (1)         63         (1,483)         (1,421)           Counsel Press Inc.         (1,596)         (2,069)         (2,069)           B-Dry, LLC         (2,362)         (2,362)         (2,362)           Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.         (2,498)         (2,498)         (2,498)           SBS Industries, LLC         (2,810)         (2,810)         (2,810)           Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.         (2,950)         (2,950)         (2,950) <td>Precision Southeast, Inc.</td> <td></td> <td>2,092</td> <td></td> <td>2,092</td> | Precision Southeast, Inc.             |  | 2,092        |                | 2,092     |
| Logo Sportswear, Inc.         1,245         1,245           Tread Corporation         (8,628)         3,603         6,086         1,061           NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         522         522           Auto Safety House, LLC         373         373           Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.         324         324           Star Seed, Inc.         (300)         (300)           Quench Holdings Corp.         (1,072)         (1,072)           Jackrabbit, Inc.         (1,133)         (1,133)           Channel Technologies Group, LLC         (1,401)         (1,401)           Cavert II Holding Corp.         (1)         63         (1,483)         (1,421)           Counsel Press Inc.         (1,596)         (1,596)         (1,596)           B-Dry, LLC         (2,069)         (2,069)         (2,069)           Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.         (2,362)         (2,362)         (2,362)           Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.         (2,498)         (2,498)         (2,498)           SBS Industries, LLC         (2,810)         (2,810)         (2,810)           Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.         (2,950)         (2,950)   | Nth Degree, Inc.                      |  | 2,052        |                | 2,052     |
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| NDLI, Inc.         (2,795)         (50)         3,480         635           GI Plastek, Inc.         522         522           Auto Safety House, LLC         373         373           Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.         324         324           Star Seed, Inc.         (300)         (300)           Quench Holdings Corp.         (1,072)         (1,072)           Jackrabbit, Inc.         (1,133)         (1,133)           Channel Technologies Group, LLC         (1,401)         (1,401)           Cavert II Holding Corp.         (1)         63         (1,483)         (1,421)           Counsel Press Inc.         (1,596)         (1,596)         (1,596)           B-Dry, LLC         (2,069)         (2,069)         (2,069)           Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.         (2,362)         (2,362)         (2,454)           Old World Christmas, Inc.         (2,498)         (2,498)         SBS Industries, LLC         (2,810)         (2,810)           Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.         (2,950)         (2,950)         (2,950)         (2,950)           Head Country Food Products, Inc.         (3,931)         (3,931)         (3,931)         (3,962)   | Logo Sportswear, Inc.                 |  | 1,245        |                | 1,245     |
| GI Plastek, Inc.       522       522         Auto Safety House, LLC       373       373         Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.       324       324         Star Seed, Inc.       (300)       (300)         Quench Holdings Corp.       (1,072)       (1,072)         Jackrabbit, Inc.       (1,133)       (1,133)         Channel Technologies Group, LLC       (1,401)       (1,401)         Cavert II Holding Corp.       (1)       63       (1,483)       (1,421)         Counsel Press Inc.       (1,596)       (1,596)       (1,596)         B-Dry, LLC       (2,069)       (2,069)       (2,069)         Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.       (2,362)       (2,362)       (2,454)         Old World Christmas, Inc.       (2,498)       (2,498)       SBS Industries, LLC       (2,810)       (2,810)         Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.       (2,950)       (2,950)       (2,950)       (2,950)         Head Country Food Products, Inc.       (3,931)       (3,931)       (3,931)         Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc.       (3,971)       9       (3,962)   | Tread Corporation                     | (8,628)                                  | 3,603        | 6,086          | 1,061     |
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| Brunswick Bowling Products, Inc.       324       324         Star Seed, Inc.       (300)       (300)         Quench Holdings Corp.       (1,072)       (1,072)         Jackrabbit, Inc.       (1,133)       (1,133)         Channel Technologies Group, LLC       (1,401)       (1,401)         Cavert II Holding Corp.       (1)       63       (1,483)       (1,421)         Counsel Press Inc.       (1,596)       (1,596)       (1,596)         B-Dry, LLC       (2,069)       (2,069)       (2,069)         Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.       (2,362)       (2,362)         Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.       (3,154)       700       (2,454)         Old World Christmas, Inc.       (2,498)       (2,498)       (2,498)         SBS Industries, LLC       (2,810)       (2,810)       (2,810)         Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.       (2,950)       (2,950)       (2,950)         Head Country Food Products, Inc.       (3,931)       (3,931)       (3,931)         Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc.       (3,971)       9       (3,962)  | GI Plastek, Inc.                      |  | 522          |                | 522       |
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| Counsel Press Inc.       (1,596)       (1,596)         B-Dry, LLC       (2,069)       (2,069)         Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.       (2,362)       (2,362)         Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.       (3,154)       700       (2,454)         Old World Christmas, Inc.       (2,498)       (2,498)         SBS Industries, LLC       (2,810)       (2,810)         Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.       (2,950)       (2,950)         Head Country Food Products, Inc.       (3,931)       (3,931)         Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc.       (3,971)       9       (3,962)   | Channel Technologies Group, LLC       |  | (1,401)      |                | (1,401)   |
| B-Dry, LLC       (2,069)       (2,069)         Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.       (2,362)       (2,362)         Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.       (3,154)       700       (2,454)         Old World Christmas, Inc.       (2,498)       (2,498)       (2,498)         SBS Industries, LLC       (2,810)       (2,810)       (2,950)         Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.       (2,950)       (2,950)       (2,950)         Head Country Food Products, Inc.       (3,931)       (3,931)       (3,931)         Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc.       (3,971)       9       (3,962)  | Cavert II Holding Corp.               | (1)                                      | 63           | (1,483)        | (1,421)   |
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| SBS Industries, LLC       (2,810)       (2,810)         Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.       (2,950)       (2,950)         Head Country Food Products, Inc.       (3,931)       (3,931)         Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc.       (3,971)       9       (3,962)  | Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.        |  | (3,154)      | 700            | (2,454)   |
| Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.         (2,950)         (2,950)           Head Country Food Products, Inc.         (3,931)         (3,931)           Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc.         (3,971)         9         (3,962)  |                                       |  | (2,498)      |                | (2,498)   |
| Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.         (2,950)         (2,950)           Head Country Food Products, Inc.         (3,931)         (3,931)           Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc.         (3,971)         9         (3,962)  | SBS Industries, LLC                   |  | (2,810)      |                | (2,810)   |
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|  |                                       |  |              | 9              |           |
| Alloy Die Casting Co. $(4,2/4)$ $(4,2/4)$  | Alloy Die Casting Co.                 |  | (4,274)      |                | (4,274)   |
| B+T Group Acquisition, Inc. $(4,541)$ $(4,541)$  | , ,                                   |  |              |                |           |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC (5,704) (5,704)  | · ·                                   |  |              |                |           |
| Mathey Investments, Inc. (7,576) (7,576)   | 1 2                                   |  |              |                |           |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation (10,545) (2,762) 2,762 (10,545)  | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | (10.545)                                 |              | 2,762          |           |
| Other, net (<\$250 Net) 331 (110) 221  |                                       |  |              |                |           |

|  | Total | \$ (4,599) | \$ | 13,302 | \$ | (4,565) | \$ 4,138 |  |
|--|-------|------------|----|--------|----|---------|----------|--|
|--|-------|------------|----|--------|----|---------|----------|--|

The primary drivers of net unrealized appreciation of investments of \$8.7 million for the year ended March 31, 2016 were an increase in the equity valuation of Acme due to an increase in performance and comparable multiples used to estimate the fair value of our investment, as well as an increase in performance

and, to a lesser extent, multiples used to estimate the fair value of certain of our other investments and the reversal of previously recorded unrealized depreciation on our investments in Galaxy, NDLI, and Tread upon their restructures. These increases were partially offset by the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation on our investments in Cavert II Holding Corp. and Funko, LLC upon their exits as well as a decline in the performance of certain portfolio companies.

Across our entire investment portfolio, we recorded \$10.0 million of net unrealized appreciation on our debt positions and \$3.1 million of net unrealized depreciation on our equity holdings for the year ended March 31, 2017. At March 31, 2017, the fair value of our investment portfolio was less than our cost basis by \$23.6 million, as compared to \$30.5 million at March 31, 2016, representing net unrealized appreciation of \$6.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2017. Our entire portfolio was fair valued at 95.5% of cost as of March 31, 2017.

## Net Unrealized Appreciation on Other

For the year ended March 31, 2017, we recorded net unrealized appreciation on other of \$0.1 million due to the reversal of previously recorded depreciation upon the expiration of our interest rate cap agreement in April 2016. For the year ended March 31, 2016, no such amounts were incurred.

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

# **Operating Activities**

Cash inflows from operating activities are primarily generated from cash collections of interest and other income from our portfolio companies, as well as from cash proceeds received from repayments of debt investments and from sales of equity investments. These cash collections are principally used to fund new investments, pay distributions to our common stockholders, make interest payments on the Credit Facility, make dividend payments on our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock, pay management and incentive fees to the Adviser, and for other operating expenses. We may also use cash collections from operations to repay outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility.

Net cash used in operating activities for the year ended March 31, 2018 was \$28.8 million, as compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$32.5 million for the year ended March 31, 2017. This change was primarily due to an increase in purchases of investments and lower repayments and net proceeds from the sale of investments. Purchases of investments totaled \$98.5 million during the year ended March 31, 2018, compared to \$62.4 million during the year ended March 31, 2017. Repayments and net proceeds from the sale of investments totaled \$39.9 million during the year ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$68.8 million during the year ended March 31, 2017.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the year ended March 31, 2017 was \$32.5 million, as compared to \$4.1 million for the year ended March 31, 2016. This change was primarily due to an increase in repayments and net proceeds from the sale of investments year over year. Repayments and net proceeds from the sale of investments totaled \$68.8 million during the year ended March 31, 2017 compared to \$44.6 million during the year ended March 31, 2016.

As of March 31, 2018, we had equity investments in, or loans to, 33 companies with an aggregate cost basis of \$584.8 million. As of March 31, 2017, we had equity investments in, or loans to, 35 companies with an aggregate cost basis of \$525.2 million. The following table summarizes our total portfolio investment activity for the years ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

|   | Years Ended March 3 |            |  |  |
|---|---------------------|------------|--|--|
|   | 2018                | 2017       |  |  |
| Beginning investment portfolio, at fair value                         | \$ 501,579          | \$487,656  |  |  |
| New investments   | 59,424              | 54,370     |  |  |
| Disbursements to existing portfolio companies                         | 39,115              | 8,076      |  |  |
| Unscheduled principal repayments                                      | (32,208)            | (31,886)   |  |  |
| Net proceeds from sales of investments                                | (7,651)             | (36,939)   |  |  |
| Net realized gain on investments                                      | 982                 | 13,423     |  |  |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments                            | 35,563              | 23,442     |  |  |
| Reversal of net unrealized depreciation (appreciation) of investments | 2,328               | (16,563)   |  |  |
| Amortization of premiums, discounts, and acquisition costs, net       | 15                  |            |  |  |
|   |                     |            |  |  |
| Ending investment portfolio, at fair value                            | \$ 599,147          | \$ 501,579 |  |  |

The following table summarizes the contractual principal repayment and maturity of our investment portfolio by fiscal year, assuming no voluntary prepayments, as of March 31, 2018:

|                                       |   | Amount     |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------|
| For the fiscal years ending March 31: | 2019  | \$ 80,494  |
|                                       | 2020  | 98,913     |
|                                       | 2021  | 73,700     |
|                                       | 2022  | 80,446     |
|                                       | 2023  | 73,700     |
|                                       | Thereafter                                    | 24,618     |
|                                       |   |            |
|                                       | Total contractual repayments                  | \$ 431,871 |
|                                       | Adjustments to cost basis of debt investments | (84)       |
|                                       | Investments in equity securities              | 153,059    |
|                                       |   |            |
|                                       | Total cost basis of investments held as of    |            |
|                                       | March 31, 2018:                               | \$ 584,846 |

## **Financing Activities**

Net cash provided by financing activities for the year ended March 31, 2018 was \$29.6 million, which consisted primarily of \$37.3 million of net proceeds from the Credit Facility, \$21.4 million of net proceeds from the issuance of common stock in May 2017, including the partial exercise of the underwriters over-allotment option in June 2017, and net proceeds from the issuance of common stock under the ATM program in March 2018, partially offset by \$28.9 million in distributions paid to common stockholders.

Net cash used in financing activities for the year ended March 31, 2017 was \$34.1 million, which consisted primarily of \$25.3 million of net repayments on the Credit Facility, \$22.7 million in distributions paid to common stockholders, and the redemption of our Series A Term Preferred Stock in September 2016 of \$40.0 million, partially offset by net proceeds from the issuance of our Series D Term Preferred Stock of \$55.4 million in September 2016.

Net cash used in financing activities for the year ended March 31, 2016 was \$4.5 million, which consisted primarily of \$23.8 million of net repayments on the Credit Facility and \$22.7 million of distributions paid to

common stockholders, partially offset by \$38.6 million of net proceeds from the issuance of our Series C Term Preferred Stock and \$3.4 million of net proceeds from the issuance of additional shares of our common stock.

#### **Distributions and Dividends to Stockholders**

#### **Common Stock Distributions**

To qualify to be taxed as a RIC and thus avoid corporate level federal income tax on the income we distribute to our stockholders, we are required to distribute to our stockholders on an annual basis at least 90% of our Investment Company Taxable Income. Additionally, the Credit Facility generally restricts the amount of distributions to stockholders that we can pay out to be no greater than the sum of certain amounts, including, but not limited to, our net investment income, plus net capital gains, plus amounts elected by the Company to be considered as having been paid during the prior fiscal year in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code. In accordance with these requirements, our Board of Directors declared, and we paid, monthly cash distributions of \$0.064 per common share for each of the months from April 2017 through September 2017, and \$0.065 per common share for each of the months from October 2017. In April 2018, our Board of Directors declared a monthly distribution of \$0.067 per common share for each of April, May, and June 2018 and a supplemental distribution of \$0.06 per common share for June 2018. Our Board of Directors declared these distributions based on estimates of Investment Company Taxable Income and net long-term capital gains for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

The federal income tax characteristics of distributions paid to our common stockholders is generally reported to stockholders on IRS Form 1099-DIV after the end of the calendar year based on tax information for the full fiscal year. The characterization of common stockholder distributions declared and paid for the year ending March 31, 2018 will be determined after the 2018 fiscal year end based upon our taxable income for the full year and distributions paid during the full year. Such a characterization made on an interim, quarterly basis may not be representative of the actual tax characterization for the full year.

For the year ended March 31, 2018, distributions to common stockholders totaled \$28.9 million and were less than our taxable income for the same year, when also considering spillover amounts under Section 855(a) of the Code with respect to the prior year. At March 31, 2018, we elected to treat \$8.4 million of the first distributions paid after fiscal year-end as having been paid in the prior fiscal year, in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code. In addition, we recorded a \$1.6 million adjustment for estimated book-tax differences, which decreased Capital in excess of par value and Accumulated net realized gain in excess of distributions to common stockholders totaled \$22.7 million and were less than our taxable income for the same year, when also considering prior year spillover amounts under Section 855(a) of the Code. At March 31, 2017, we elected to treat \$8.2 million of the first distributions paid after fiscal year-end as having been paid in the prior fiscal year, in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code. In addition, we recorded a \$1.3 million adjustment for estimated book-tax differences, which decreased Capital in excess of distributions and were less than our taxable income for the same year, when also considering prior year spillover amounts under Section 855(a) of the Code. At March 31, 2017, we elected to treat \$8.2 million of the first distributions paid after fiscal year-end as having been paid in the prior fiscal year, in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code. In addition, we recorded a \$1.3 million adjustment for estimated book-tax differences, which decreased Capital in excess of par value and increased Accumulated net realized gain in excess of distributions and Net investment income in excess of distributions.

## **Preferred Stock Dividends**

Our Board of Directors declared and we paid monthly cash dividends of (i) \$0.140625 per share to holders of our Series B Term Preferred Stock, (ii) \$0.135417 per share to holders of our Series C Term Preferred Stock, and (iii) \$0.13020833 per share to holders of our Series D Term Preferred Stock for each month during the year ended March 31, 2018. In accordance with GAAP, we treat these monthly dividends as an operating expense. The federal income tax characteristics of dividends paid to our preferred stockholders generally constitute ordinary income or capital gains to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits and is reported after the end of the

calendar year based on tax information for the full fiscal year. Such a characterization made on an interim, quarterly basis may not be representative of the actual tax characterization for the full year.

# Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Our common stockholders who hold their shares through our transfer agent, Computershare, have the option to participate in a dividend reinvestment plan offered by Computershare, as the plan agent. This is an opt in dividend reinvestment plan, meaning that common stockholders may elect to have their cash distributions automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock. Common stockholders who do make such election will receive their distributions in cash. Common stockholders who receive distributions in the form of stock will be subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as stockholders who elect to receive their distributions in cash. The common stockholder will have an adjusted basis in the additional common shares purchased through the plan equal to the amount of the reinvested distribution. The additional shares will have a new holding period commencing on the day following the date on which the shares are credited to the common stockholder s account. Computershare purchases shares in the open market in connection with the obligations under the plan. The Computershare dividend reinvestment plan is not open to holders of our preferred stock. See *Dividend Reinvestment Plan*.

# **Equity**

# **Registration Statement**

On July 28, 2017, we filed Post-Effective Amendment No. 5 to the registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204996), which the SEC declared effective on July 31, 2017. The registration statement permits us to issue, through one or more transactions, up to an aggregate of \$300.0 million in securities, consisting of common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights, debt securities, and warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock, or debt securities, including through concurrent, separate offerings of such securities. As of May 14, 2018, we had the ability to issue up to \$218.1 million in securities under the registration statement.

# **Common Stock**

In February 2018, we entered into equity distribution agreements with Sales Agents, under which we have the ability to issue and sell shares of our common stock, from time to time, through the Sales Agents, up to an aggregate offering price of \$35.0 million. During the year ended March 31, 2018, we sold 127,412 shares of our common stock under the ATM program with Cantor at a weighted-average gross price of \$10.45 per share and raised approximately \$1.3 million of gross proceeds. The weighted-average net price per share, after deducting commissions and offering costs borne by us, was \$10.24 and resulted in total net proceeds of approximately \$1.3 million. These sales were below our then current estimated NAV per share during the sales period, with such discounts ranging from \$0.01 per share to \$0.07 per share, when comparing the sales price per share, after deducting commissions, to the then current estimated NAV per share as a result of the small number of shares sold at a slight discount to NAV per share and resulting rounding. As of May 14, 2018, we had a remaining capacity to sell up to \$31.8 million of common stock under the ATM program.

Pursuant to our registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204996), in May 2017, we completed a public offering of 2.1 million shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$9.38 per share, which was below our then current NAV of \$9.95 per share. Gross proceeds totaled \$19.7 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering costs borne by us, were \$18.7 million, which were used to repay borrowings under the Credit Facility and for other general corporate purposes. In June 2017, the underwriters partially exercised their over-allotment option and purchased an additional 155,265 shares at the public offering price of \$9.38 per share and on the same terms and conditions solely to cover over-allotments, which resulted in gross proceeds of \$1.5 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering costs borne by us, of \$1.4 million.

Pursuant to our prior registration statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-181879), on March 13, 2015, we completed a public offering of 3.3 million shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$7.40 per share, which was below then current NAV of \$8.55 per share. Gross proceeds totaled \$24.4 million and

net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering costs borne by us, were \$23.0 million, which were primarily used to repay borrowings under the Credit Facility. In connection with the offering, on April 2, 2015, the underwriters exercised their option to purchase an additional 495,000 shares at the public offering price to cover over-allotments, which resulted in gross proceeds of \$3.7 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering costs borne by us, of \$3.4 million.

We anticipate issuing equity securities to obtain additional capital in the future. However, we cannot determine the timing or terms of any future equity issuances or whether we will be able to issue equity on terms favorable to us, or at all. When our common stock is trading at a price below NAV per share, the 1940 Act places regulatory constraints on our ability to obtain additional capital by issuing common stock. Generally, the 1940 Act provides that we may not issue and sell our common stock at a price below our NAV per common share, other than to our then existing common stockholders pursuant to a rights offering, without first obtaining approval from our stockholders and our independent directors and meeting other stated requirements. On May 14, 2018, the closing market price of our common stock was \$11.25 per share, representing a 3.7% premium to our NAV per share of \$10.85 as of March 31, 2018. At our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on August 24, 2017, our stockholders approved a proposal authorizing us to issue and sell shares of our common stock at a price below our then current NAV per common share for a period of one year from the date of such approval, provided that our Board of Directors makes certain determinations prior to any such sale. At our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, scheduled to take place in August 2018, we will again ask our stockholders to vote in favor of a similar proposal so that it may be in effect for another year.

# Term Preferred Stock

Pursuant to an earlier registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-160720), in March 2012, we completed an offering of 1,600,000 shares of our Series A Term Preferred Stock at a public offering price of \$25.00 per share. Gross proceeds totaled \$40.0 million, and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering costs borne by us, were \$38.0 million, a portion of which was used to repay borrowings under the Credit Facility, with the remaining proceeds being held to make additional investments and for general corporate purposes. Total underwriting discounts and offering costs related to this offering were \$2.0 million, which have been recorded as discounts to the liquidation value on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* and which, prior to the redemption in September 2016, were amortized over the period ending February 28, 2017, the mandatory redemption date.

In September 2016, we used a portion of the proceeds from the issuance of our Series D Term Preferred Stock, discussed below, to voluntarily redeem all 1.6 million outstanding shares of our Series A Term Preferred Stock, which had a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share. In connection with this voluntary redemption, we incurred a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$0.2 million, which has been recorded in Realized loss on other in our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Operations* and which was primarily comprised of unamortized deferred issuance costs at the time of redemption.

Prior to its redemption in September 2016, our Series A Term Preferred Stock provided for a fixed dividend equal to 7.125% per year, payable monthly (which equated to \$2.9 million per year). We were required to redeem all of the outstanding Series A Term Preferred Stock on February 28, 2017, for cash at a redemption price equal to \$25.00 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to the date of redemption. Our Series A Term Preferred Stock was not convertible into our common stock or any other security.

Pursuant to our prior registration statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-181879), in November 2014, we completed a public offering of 1,656,000 shares of our Series B Term Preferred Stock at a public offering price of \$25.00 per share. Gross proceeds totaled \$41.4 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering costs borne by us, were \$39.7 million. Total underwriting discounts and offering costs related to this offering were \$1.7 million, which have been recorded as discounts to the liquidation value on our accompanying *Consolidated* 

*Statements of Assets and Liabilities* and are being amortized over the period ending December 31, 2021, the mandatory redemption date.

Our Series B Term Preferred Stock is not convertible into our common stock or any other security. Our Series B Term Preferred Stock provides for a fixed dividend equal to 6.75% per year, payable monthly (which equates to \$2.8 million per year). We are required to redeem all shares of our outstanding Series B Term Preferred Stock on December 31, 2021, for cash at a redemption price equal to \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption. In addition, two other potential mandatory redemption triggers are as follows: (1) upon the occurrence of certain events that would constitute a change in control of us, we would be required to redeem all of our outstanding Series B Term Preferred Stock, (2) if we fail to maintain an asset coverage ratio of at least 200%, we are required to redeem a portion of our outstanding Series B Term Preferred Stock or otherwise cure the ratio redemption trigger (and we may also redeem additional securities to cause the asset coverage ratio to be 215%). We may also voluntarily redeem all or a portion of our Series B Term Preferred Stock at our sole option at the redemption price at any time.

Also, pursuant to our prior registration statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-181879), in May 2015, we completed a public offering of 1,610,000 shares of our Series C Term Preferred Stock at a public offering price of \$25.00 per share. Gross proceeds totaled \$40.3 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering costs borne by us, were \$38.6 million. Total underwriting discounts and offering costs related to this offering were \$1.6 million, which have been recorded as discounts to the liquidation value on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* and are being amortized over the period ending May 31, 2022, the mandatory redemption date.

Our Series C Term Preferred Stock is not convertible into our common stock or any other security. Our Series C Term Preferred Stock provides for a fixed dividend equal to 6.50% per year, payable monthly (which equates to \$2.6 million per year). We are required to redeem all shares of our outstanding Series C Term Preferred Stock on May 31, 2022, for cash at a redemption price equal to \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption. In addition, two other potential mandatory redemption triggers are as follows: (1) upon the occurrence of certain events that would constitute a change in control of us, we would be required to redeem all of our outstanding Series C Term Preferred Stock, (2) if we fail to maintain an asset coverage ratio of at least 200%, we are required to redeem a portion of our outstanding Series C Term Preferred Stock or otherwise cure the ratio redemption trigger (and we may also redeem additional securities to cause the asset coverage ratio to be 215%). We may also voluntarily redeem all or a portion of our Series C Term Preferred Stock at our sole option at the redemption price at any time.

Pursuant to our registration statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-204996), in September 2016, we completed a public offering of 2,300,000 shares of our Series D Term Preferred Stock at a public offering price of \$25.00 per share. Gross proceeds totaled \$57.5 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering costs borne by us, were \$55.4 million. Total underwriting discounts and offering costs related to this offering were \$2.1 million, which have been recorded as discounts to the liquidation value on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* and are being amortized over the period ending September 30, 2023, the mandatory redemption date.

Our Series D Term Preferred Stock is not convertible into our common stock or any other security. Our Series D Term Preferred Stock provides for a fixed dividend equal to 6.25% per year, payable monthly (which equates to \$3.6 million per year). We are required to redeem all shares of our outstanding Series D Term Preferred Stock on September 30, 2023, for cash at a redemption price equal to \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption. In addition, two other potential mandatory redemption triggers are as follows: (1) upon the occurrence of certain events that would constitute a change in control of us, we would be required to redeem all of our outstanding Series D Term Preferred Stock, and (2) if we fail to maintain an asset coverage ratio of at least 200% and are unable to correct such failure within a specific amount of time, we are required to redeem a portion of our outstanding Series D Term Preferred Stock or otherwise cure the ratio redemption trigger (and we may also redeem additional

securities to cause the asset coverage ratio to be 240%). We may also voluntarily redeem all or a portion of our Series D Term Preferred Stock at our sole option at the redemption price at any time on or after September 30, 2018.

Each series of our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock has a preference over our common stock with respect to dividends, whereby no distributions are payable on our common stock unless the stated dividends, including any accrued and unpaid dividends, on the mandatorily redeemable preferred stock have been paid in full. The Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series D Term Preferred Stock are considered liabilities in accordance with GAAP and, as such, affect our asset coverage, exposing us to additional leverage risks. The asset coverage on our senior securities that are stock (our Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series D Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series D Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series B Term Preferred Stock, Series C Term Preferred Stock, and Series D Term Preferred Stock) as of March 31, 2018 was 237.3%, calculated pursuant to Sections 18 and 61 of the 1940 Act.

# **Revolving Line of Credit**

On November 16, 2016, we, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Business Investment, entered into Amendment No. 2 to the Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, originally entered into on April 30, 2013 and as previously amended on June 26, 2014, with KeyBank National Association ( KeyBank ), as administrative agent, lead arranger, managing agent and lender, the Adviser, as servicer, and certain other lenders party thereto. The revolving period was extended to November 15, 2019, and if not renewed or extended by such date, all principal and interest will be due and payable on or before November 15, 2021 (two years after the revolving period end date). The amended Credit Facility provides a one-year extension option that may be exercised on or before the second anniversary of the November 16, 2016 amendment date, subject to approval by all lenders. Additionally, the Credit Facility commitment amount was changed from \$185.0 million to \$165.0 million and, subject to certain terms and conditions, can be expanded to a total facility amount of \$250.0 million through additional commitments of existing or new lenders. Advances under the Credit Facility generally bear interest at 30-day LIBOR plus 3.15% per annum until November 15, 2019, with the margin then increasing to 3.40% for the period from November 15, 2019 to November 15, 2020, and increasing further to 3.65% thereafter. The Credit Facility has an unused commitment fee of 0.50% per annum on the portion of the total unused commitment amount that is less than or equal to 45.0% of the total commitment amount and 0.80% per annum on the total unused commitment amount that is greater than 45.0%. We incurred fees of approximately \$1.4 million in connection with this amendment.

On January 20, 2017, we entered into Amendment No. 3 to the Credit Facility, which clarified a definition in the Company s performance guaranty under the Credit Facility. Interest is payable monthly during the term of the Credit Facility. Available borrowings are subject to various constraints and applicable advance rates, which are generally based on the size, characteristics, and quality of the collateral pledged by Business Investment. The Credit Facility also requires that any interest and principal payments on pledged loans be remitted directly by the borrower into a lockbox account with KeyBank. KeyBank is also the trustee of the account and generally remits the collected funds to us once a month.

Among other things, the Credit Facility contains covenants that require Business Investment to maintain its status as a separate legal entity, prohibit certain significant corporate transactions (such as mergers, consolidations, liquidations or dissolutions) and restrict certain material changes to our credit and collection policies without the lenders consent. The Credit Facility also generally seeks to restrict distributions to stockholders to the sum of (i) our net investment income, (ii) net capital gains, and (iii) amounts deemed by the Company to be considered as having been paid during the prior fiscal year in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code. Loans eligible to be pledged as collateral are subject to certain limitations, including, among other things, restrictions on geographic concentrations, industry concentrations, loan size, payment frequency and status, average life, portfolio company leverage, and lien property. The Credit Facility also requires Business Investment to comply with other financial and operational covenants, which obligate Business Investment to, among other things, maintain certain financial ratios, including asset and interest coverage and a minimum

number of obligors required in the borrowing base. Additionally, the Credit Facility contains a performance guaranty that requires the Company to maintain (i) a minimum net worth (defined in the Credit Facility to include our mandatory redeemable term preferred stock) of the greater of \$210.0 million or \$210.0 million plus 50% of all equity and subordinated debt raised minus 50% of any equity or subordinated debt redeemed or retired after November 16, 2016, which equated to \$221.2 million as of March 31, 2018, (ii) asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness of at least 200% (or such higher percentage as may be set forth in Section 61 of the 1940 Act), and (iii) our status as a BDC under the 1940 Act and as a RIC under the Code. As of March 31, 2018, and as defined in the performance guaranty of the Credit Facility, we had a net worth of \$488.8 million, asset coverage on our senior securities representing indebtedness of 525.7%, calculated in compliance with the requirements of Sections 18 and 61 of the 1940 Act, and an active status as a BDC and RIC. As of March 31, 2018, we had availability, after adjustments for various constraints based on collateral quality, of \$53.8 million under the Credit Facility and we were in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Facility. As of May 11, 2018, we had availability, before adjustments for various constraints based on collateral quality, of \$32.0 million under the Credit Facility.

In July 2013, pursuant to the terms of the then effective revolving line of credit, we entered into an interest rate cap agreement with KeyBank effective October 2013 for a notional amount of \$45.0 million. The interest rate cap agreement expired in April 2016. Prior to its expiration in April 2016, the agreement effectively limited the interest rate on a portion of our borrowings under the then effective revolving line of credit. We incurred a premium fee of \$75 in conjunction with this agreement, which was recorded in Net realized loss on other on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Operations* during the year ended March 31, 2017.

# **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

Unlike PIK income, we generally do not recognize success fees as income until payment has been received. Due to the contingent nature of success fees, there are no guarantees that we will be able to collect any or all of these success fees or know the timing of any such collections. As a result, as of March 31, 2018 and 2017, we had unrecognized, contractual off-balance sheet success fee receivables of \$28.3 million and \$24.2 million (or approximately \$0.87 and \$0.80 per common share), respectively, on our debt investments. Consistent with GAAP, we generally have not recognized success fee receivables and related income in our *Consolidated Financial Statements* until earned.

# CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

We have line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments to certain of our portfolio companies that have not been fully drawn. Since these line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments have expiration dates and we expect many will never be fully drawn, the total line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. We estimate the fair value of the combined unused line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments as of March 31, 2018 to be immaterial.

We have also extended a guaranty on behalf of one of our portfolio companies, whereby we have guaranteed \$2.0 million of obligations of Country Club Enterprises, LLC. The guaranty expires in February 2019, unless renewed. As of March 31, 2018, we have not been required to make payments on this or any previous guaranties, and we consider the credit risks to be remote and the fair value of this guaranty to be immaterial.

The following table shows our contractual obligations as of March 31, 2018, at cost:

|   | Payments Due by Period |           |           |            |           |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
|   |                        | Less than | 3-5       | More than  |           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Contractual Obligations <sup>(A)</sup>          | Total                  | 1 Year    | 1-3 Years | Years      | 5 Years   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Credit Facility <sup>(B)</sup>                  | \$107,000              | \$        | \$        | \$107,000  | \$        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandatorily redeemable preferred stock          | 139,150                |           |           | 81,650     | 57,500    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Secured borrowing                               | 5,096                  |           | 5,096     |            |           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest payments on obligations <sup>(C)</sup> | 63,034                 | 15,120    | 30,171    | 15,946     | 1,797     |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                        |           |           |            |           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total   | \$ 314,280             | \$ 15,120 | \$ 35,267 | \$ 204,596 | \$ 59,297 |  |  |  |  |  |

- <sup>(A)</sup> Excludes unused line of credit and delayed draw term loan commitments and guaranties to our portfolio companies in the aggregate principal amount of \$8.3 million.
- <sup>(B)</sup> Principal balance of borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility, based on the maturity date following the current contractual revolving period end date.
- (C) Includes interest payments due on the Credit Facility and secured borrowing, and dividend obligations on each series of our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock. The amount of interest expense calculated for purposes of this table was based upon rates and outstanding balances as of March 31, 2018. Dividend obligations on our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock assume quarterly declarations and monthly dividend payments through the date of mandatory redemption of each series.

#### **Litigation**

From time to time, we may become involved in various investigations, claims and legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of our business. Furthermore, third parties may try to seek to impose liability on us in connection with the activities of our portfolio companies. While we do not expect that the resolution of these matters if they arise would materially affect our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows, resolution will be subject to various uncertainties and could result in the expenditure of significant financial and managerial resources.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported consolidated amounts of assets and liabilities, including disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the period reported. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We have identified our investment valuation policy (which has been approved by our Board of Directors) as our most critical accounting policy, which is described in Note 2 *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this prospectus. Additionally, refer to Note 3 *Investments* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial fair value measurements and our application of Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures.* We have also identified our revenue recognition policy as a critical accounting policy, which is described in Note 2 *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* and Disclosures. We have also identified our revenue recognition policy as a critical accounting policy, which is described in Note 2 *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* and Disclosures. We have also identified our revenue recognition policy as a critical accounting policy, which is described in Note 2 *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this prospectus.

## Investment Valuation

# Credit Monitoring and Risk Rating

The Adviser monitors a wide variety of key credit statistics that provide information regarding our portfolio companies to help us assess credit quality and portfolio performance and, in some instances, are used as inputs in

our valuation techniques. Generally, we, through the Adviser, participate in periodic board meetings of our portfolio companies in which we hold board seats and also require them to provide annual audited and monthly unaudited financial statements. Using these statements or comparable information and board discussions, the Adviser calculates and evaluates certain credit statistics.

The Adviser risk rates all of our investments in debt securities. The Adviser does not risk rate equity securities. For loans that have been rated by a SEC-registered Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO), the Adviser generally uses the average of two corporate level NRSRO s risk ratings for such security. For all other debt securities, the Adviser uses a proprietary risk rating system. While the Adviser seeks to mirror the NRSRO systems, we cannot provide any assurance that the Adviser s risk rating system will provide the same risk rating as an NRSRO for these securities. The Adviser s risk rating system is used to estimate the probability of default on debt securities and the expected loss, if there is a default. The Adviser s risk rating system uses a scale of 0 to >10, with >10 being the lowest probability of default. It is the Adviser s understanding that most debt securities of Lower Middle Market companies do not exceed the grade of BBB on an NRSRO scale, so there would be no debt securities in the Lower Middle Market that would meet the definition of AAA, AA or A. Therefore, the Adviser s scale begins with the designation >10 as the best risk rating which may be equivalent to a BBB from an NRSRO; however, no assurance can be given that a >10 on the Adviser s scale is equal to a BBB or Baa2 on an NRSRO scale. The Adviser s risk rating system covers both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the business and the securities we hold.

The following table reflects risk ratings for all loans in our portfolio as of March 31, 2018 and 2017:

|                  | As of Ma | arch 31, |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Rating           | 2018     | 2017     |
| Highest          | 10.0     | 10.0     |
| Average          | 6.4      | 6.1      |
| Weighted Average | 6.5      | 6.5      |
| Lowest           | 4.0      | 3.0      |

#### Tax Status

We intend to continue to maintain our qualification as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code for federal income tax purposes. As a RIC, we generally are not subject to federal income tax on the portion of our taxable income and gains distributed to our stockholders. To maintain our qualification as a RIC, we must maintain our status as a BDC and meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements. In addition, in order to qualify to be taxed as a RIC, we must distribute to stockholders at least 90% of our Investment Company Taxable Income. Our policy generally is to make distributions to our stockholders in an amount up to 100% of Investment Company Taxable Income. We may retain some or all of our net long-term capital gains, if any, retain and designate them as deemed distributions, or distribute such gains to stockholders in cash.

In an effort to limit federal excise taxes imposed on RICs, a RIC has to distribute to stockholders, during each calendar year, an amount close to the sum of: (1) 98% of our ordinary income for the calendar year, (2) 98.2% of our capital gains in excess of capital losses for the one-year period ending on October 31 of the calendar year, and (3) any ordinary income and capital gains in excess of capital losses from preceding years that were not distributed during such years. Under the RIC Modernization Act, we are permitted to carryforward any capital losses that we may incur for an unlimited period, and such capital loss carryforwards will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses. Our capital loss carryforward balance was \$0 as of both March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Refer to Note 2 *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this prospectus for a description of recent accounting pronouncements.

## Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Market risk includes risks that arise from changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices, equity prices and other market changes that affect market sensitive instruments. The prices of securities held by us may decline in response to certain events, including those directly involving the companies whose securities are owned by us; conditions affecting the general economy; overall market changes; local, regional or global political, social or economic instability; and interest rate fluctuations.

The primary risk we believe we are exposed to is interest rate risk. Because we borrow money to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rates at which we borrow funds, such as under the Credit Facility (which is variable) and our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock (which are fixed), and the rates at which we invest those funds. As a result, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. We use a combination of debt and equity capital to finance our investing activities. We may use interest rate risk management techniques to limit our exposure to interest rate fluctuations. Such techniques may include various interest rate hedging activities to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act.

We target to have approximately 10% of the loans in our portfolio at fixed rates, with approximately 90% at variable rates or variables rates with a floor mechanism. As of March 31, 2018, all of our variable-rate loans have rates associated with the current 30-day LIBOR rate and our total debt investment portfolio consisted of the following breakdown based on the principal balance:

| 97.0%  | Variable rates with a floor |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| 3.0    | Fixed rates                 |
|        |                             |
| 100.0% | Total                       |

Advances under the Credit Facility generally bear interest at 30-day LIBOR, plus 3.15% per annum, and the Credit Facility includes an unused fee of 0.50% per annum on the portion of the total unused commitment amount that is less than or equal to 45.0% of the total commitment amount and 0.80% per annum on the total unused commitment amount that is greater than 45.0%. Once the revolving period ends, the interest rate margin increases to 3.40% for the period from November 15, 2019 to November 15, 2020, and further increases to 3.65% through maturity.

To illustrate the potential impact of changes in interest rates, we have performed the following hypothetical analysis, which assumes that our balance sheet and interest rates remain constant as of March 31, 2018 and no further actions are taken to alter our existing interest rate sensitivity.

|                                   | Ι  | Increase (Decrease)<br>in<br>Interest |         | crease<br>rease) in | Net Increase<br>(Decrease) in Net<br>Assets Resulting from |          |  |
|-----------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|--|----------|--|
| Basis Point Change <sup>(A)</sup> | I  | ncome                                 | Interes | st Expense          | Оре  | erations |  |
| Up 300 basis points               | \$ | 11,059                                | \$      | 3,257               | \$   | 7,802    |  |
| Up 200 basis points               |    | 6,974                                 |         | 2,171               |  | 4,803    |  |
| Up 100 basis points               |    | 3,174                                 |         | 1,086               |  | 2,088    |  |
| Down 100 basis points             |    | (795)                                 |         | (217)               |  | (578)    |  |
| Down 188 basis points             |    | (795)                                 |         | (2,044)             |  | 1,249    |  |

(A) As of March 31, 2018, our effective average LIBOR was 1.88%, therefore the largest decrease in basis points that could occur was 188 basis points.

Although management believes that this analysis is indicative of our existing interest rate sensitivity, it does not adjust for potential changes in credit quality, size and composition of our loan portfolio on the balance sheet and other business developments that could affect net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations. Accordingly, actual results could differ significantly from those in the hypothetical analysis in the table above.

We may also experience risk associated with investing in securities of companies with foreign operations. Some of our portfolio companies have operations located outside the U.S. These risks include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, imposition of foreign taxes, changes in exportation regulations and political and social instability.

## SALES OF COMMON STOCK BELOW NET ASSET VALUE

At our 2017 annual stockholders meeting, our stockholders approved our ability to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock at a price below the then current NAV per common share during a period beginning on August 24, 2017 and expiring on the first anniversary of such date (the Stockholder Approval ). We intend to seek a similar approval at our 2018 annual meeting of stockholders in August 2018. To sell shares of common stock at a price below NAV per share pursuant to the Stockholder Approval, the 1940 Act mandates that a majority of our directors who have no financial interest in the sale and a majority of our independent directors must have determined (i) that such sale and issuance is in our best interests and in the best interests of our stockholders and (ii) in consultation with any underwriter or underwriters of the offering, make a good faith determination as of a time either immediately prior to the first solicitation by us or on our behalf of firm commitments to purchase such shares of common stock are to be sold is not less than a price which closely approximates the market value of those shares of common stock, less any underwriting commissions or discounts.

In addition to the mandates of the 1940 Act pertaining to issuances and sales of common stock at a price below NAV per share, our Stockholder Approval requires that any offering of common stock at a price below NAV per share satisfy the following the total number of shares issued and sold pursuant to such Stockholder Approval may not exceed 25% of our currently outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such sale.

Any offering of common stock below its NAV per share will be designed to raise capital for investment in accordance with our investment objectives.

In making a determination that an offering of common stock below its NAV per share is in our and our stockholders best interests, our Board of Directors will consider a variety of factors including, but not limited to:

the effect that an offering below NAV per share would have on our stockholders, including the potential dilution they would experience as a result of the offering;

the amount per share by which the offering price per share and the net proceeds per share are less than our most recently determined NAV per share;

the relationship of recent market prices of our common stock to NAV per share and the potential impact of the offering on the market price per share of our common stock;

whether the estimated offering price would closely approximate the market value of shares of our common stock;

the nature of any new investors anticipated to acquire shares of our common stock in the offering;

the anticipated rate of return on and quality, type and availability of investments; and

#### the leverage available to us.

Our Board of Directors will also consider the fact that sales of shares of common stock at a discount will benefit the Adviser as the Adviser will ultimately earn additional investment management fees on the proceeds of such offerings, as it would from the offering of any other securities of the Company or from the offering of common stock at a premium to NAV per share.

We will not sell shares of our common stock under this prospectus or an accompanying prospectus supplement pursuant to the Stockholder Approval without first filing a post-effective amendment to the registration statement if the cumulative dilution to the Company s NAV per share from offerings under the registration statement exceeds 15%. This would be measured separately for each offering pursuant to the registration statement by calculating the percentage dilution or accretion to aggregate NAV from that offering

and then summing the percentage from each offering. For example, if our most recently determined NAV per share at the time of the first offering is \$10.00 and we have 140 million shares outstanding, the sale of 35 million shares at net proceeds to us (after discounts, commissions and offering expenses) of \$5.00 per share (a 50% discount) would produce dilution of 10%. If we subsequently determined that our NAV per share increased to \$11.00 on the then 175 million shares outstanding and then made an additional offering, we could, for example, sell approximately an additional 43.75 million shares at net proceeds to us (after discounts, commissions and offering expenses) of \$8.25 per share, which would produce dilution of 5%, before we would reach the aggregate 15% limit. If we file a new post-effective amendment, the threshold would reset.

Sales by us of our common stock at a discount from NAV per share pose potential risks for our existing stockholders whether or not they participate in the offering, as well as for new investors who participate in the offering. Any sale of common stock at a price below NAV per share would result in an immediate dilution to existing common stockholders who do not participate in such sale on at least a pro-rata basis. See *Risk Factors Risks Related to an Investment in Our Securities* in this prospectus.

The following three headings and accompanying tables explain and provide hypothetical examples on the impact of an offering of our common stock at a price less than NAV per share on three different types of investors:

existing stockholders who do not purchase any shares in the offering;

existing stockholders who purchase a relative small amount of shares in the offering or a relatively large amount of shares in the offering; and

## new investors who become stockholders by purchasing shares in the offering. Impact on Existing Stockholders Who Do Not Participate in an Offering

Our existing common stockholders who do not participate in an offering below NAV per common share or who do not buy additional shares in the secondary market at the same or lower price we obtain in the offering (after discounts, commissions and offering costs) face the greatest potential risks. These stockholders will experience an immediate decrease (often called dilution) in the NAV of the shares they hold and their NAV per share. These stockholders will also experience a disproportionately greater decrease in their participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than the increase we will experience in our assets, potential earning power and voting interests due to the offering. These stockholders may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential decreases in NAV per share. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increase. Further, if current common stockholders do not purchase sufficient shares to maintain their percentage interest, regardless of whether such offering is above or below the then current NAV, their voting power will be diluted.

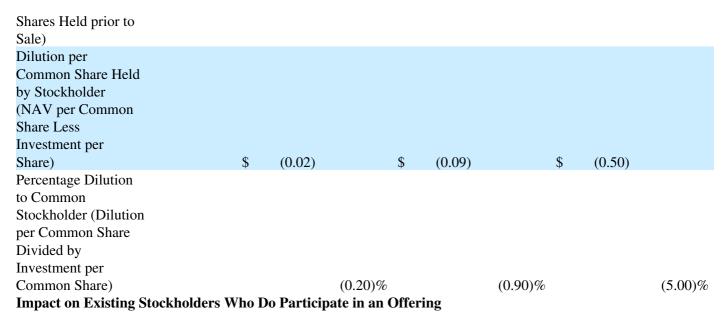
The following table illustrates the level of NAV dilution that would be experienced by a nonparticipating common stockholder in three different hypothetical offerings of different sizes and levels of discount from NAV per share, although it is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur. Actual sales prices and discounts may differ from the presentation below.

The examples assume that we have 1,000,000 common shares outstanding, \$15,000,000 in total assets and \$5,000,000 in total liabilities. The current NAV and NAV per share are thus \$10,000,000 and \$10.00, respectively. The table illustrates the dilutive effect on a nonparticipating common stockholder of (1) an offering of 50,000 shares (5% of the

outstanding shares) at \$9.50 per share after offering expenses and commission (a 5% discount from NAV), (2) an offering of 100,000 shares (10% of the outstanding shares) at \$9.00 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 10% discount from NAV) and (3) an offering of 250,000 shares (25% of the outstanding shares) at \$7.50 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 25% discount from NAV).

The prospectus or related prospectus supplement pursuant to which any discounted offering is made will include a chart based on the actual number of shares of common stock in such offering and the actual discount to the most recently determined NAV.

|                         | Pri      | or to Sale<br>Below<br>NAV | Example 1<br>5% Offering at<br>5% Discount<br>Following<br>Sale % Change |           |           | F        | Examp<br>10% Offe<br>10% Dis<br>following<br>Sale | ring at   | F       | le 3<br>ring at<br>count |            |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|----------|---|-----------|---------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Offering Price</b>   |          |                            |  | Sale      | % Change  |          | Sale  | % Change  |         | Sale                     | % Change   |
| Price per Common        |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Share to Public         |          |                            | \$   | 10.00     |           | \$       | 9.47  |           | \$      | 7.90                     |            |
| Net Proceeds per        |          |                            | ψ  | 10.00     |           | ψ        | J. <del>T</del> /                                 |           | ψ       | 7.90                     |            |
| Common Share to Us      |          |                            | \$   | 9.50      |           | \$       | 9.00  |           | \$      | 7.50                     |            |
| Decrease to NAV         |          |                            | ψ  | 7.50      |           | ψ        | 2.00  |           | ψ       | 7.50                     |            |
| Total Common            |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Shares Outstanding      |          | 1,000,000                  |  | 1,050,000 | 5.00%     |          | 1,100,000   | 10.00%    |         | 1,250,000                | 25.00%     |
| Ţ                       |          | 1,000,000                  |  | 1,030,000 | 5.00%     |          | 1,100,000   | 10.00%    |         | 1,230,000                | 23.00%     |
| NAV per Common<br>Share | \$       | 10.00                      | \$   | 0.00      | (0,20)    | ¢        | 0.01  | (0,00)    | ¢       | 9.50                     | 5 000      |
| Dilution to             | Þ        | 10.00                      | Э  | 9.98      | (0.20)%   | ф        | 9.91  | (0.90)%   | Ф       | 9.50                     | 5.00%      |
|                         |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Stockholder             |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Common                  |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Shares Held by          |          | 10.000                     |  | 10.000    |           |          | 10.000  |           |         | 10.000                   |            |
| Stockholder             |          | 10,000                     |  | 10,000    |           |          | 10,000  |           |         | 10,000                   |            |
| Percentage Held by      |          | 1.00                       |  | 0.050     |           |          | 0.010   |           |         | 0.000                    |            |
| Common Stockholder      | r        | 1.0%                       |  | 0.95%     | % (4.76)% |          | 0.919   | % (9.09)% |         | 0.83%                    | 6 (16.67)% |
| Total Asset Values      |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Total NAV Held by       | <b>•</b> | 100.000                    | <b></b>  | 00.000    |           | <b>•</b> | 00 100  |           | <b></b> | 05 000                   | (5.00) 8   |
| Common Stockholder      | r \$     | 100,000                    | \$   | 99,800    | (0.20)%   | \$       | 99,100  | (0.90)%   | \$      | 95,000                   | (5.00)%    |
| Total Investment by     |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Common Stockholder      | r        |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| (Assumed to be          |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| \$10.00 per Common      |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Share)                  | \$       | 100,000                    | \$   | 100,000   |           | \$       | 100,000   |           | \$      | 100,000                  |            |
| Total Dilution to       |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Common Stockholder      | r        |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| (Total NAV Less         |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Total Investment)       |          |                            | \$   | (200)     |           | \$       | (900)   |           | \$      | 5,000                    |            |
| Per Share Amounts       |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| NAV Per Share Held      |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| by Common               |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Stockholder             |          |                            | \$   | 9.98      |           | \$       | 9.91  |           | \$      | 9.50                     |            |
| Investment per Share    | \$       | 10.00                      | \$   | 10.00     |           | \$       | 10.00   |           | \$      | 10.00                    |            |
| Held by Common          |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Stockholder             |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| (Assumed to be          |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| \$10.00 per Common      |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
| Share on Common         |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |
|                         |          |                            |  |           |           |          |   |           |         |                          |            |



Our existing common stockholders who participate in an offering below NAV per common share or who buy additional shares in the secondary market at the same or lower price as we obtain in the offering (after discounts, commissions and offering costs) will experience the same types of NAV dilution as the nonparticipating common stockholders, albeit at a lower level, to the extent they purchase less than the same percentage of the discounted offering as their interest in our common shares immediately prior to the offering. The level of NAV dilution will decrease as the number of common shares such stockholders purchase increases. Existing common stockholders who buy more than such percentage will experience NAV dilution but will, in contrast to existing common stockholders who purchase less than their proportionate share of the offering, experience an increase (often called accretion) in NAV per common share over their investment per share and will also experience a disproportionately greater increase in their participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than our increase in assets, potential earning power and voting interests due to the offering. The level of accretion will increase as the excess number of shares such common stockholder purchases increases. Even a common stockholder who over-participates will, however, be subject to the risk that we may make additional discounted offerings in which such common stockholder does not participate, in which case such a stockholder will experience NAV dilution as described above in such subsequent offerings. These stockholders may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential increases and decreases in NAV per share. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discount to NAV increases.

The following chart illustrates the level of dilution and accretion in the hypothetical 25% discount offering from the prior chart for a common stockholder that acquires shares equal to (1) 50% of its proportionate share of the offering (i.e., 1,250 shares, which is 0.50% of the offering 250,000 common shares rather than its 1% proportionate share) and (2) 150% of such percentage (i.e., 3,750 shares, which is 1.50% of an offering of 250,000 common shares rather than its 1% proportionate share). The prospectus supplement pursuant to which any discounted offering is made will include a chart for this example based on the actual number of shares in such offering and the actual discount from the most recently determined NAV per common share. It is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur.

|  | ior to Sale<br>low NAV |          | 50% Partici | ipation | 150% Participation |           |        |  |  |
|--|------------------------|----------|-------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|--------|--|--|
|  |                        |          | ollowing    | ~ %     |                    | ollowing  | %      |  |  |
| 000 · D ·  |                        |          | Sale        | Change  |                    | Sale      | Change |  |  |
| Offering Price   |                        | ¢        | 7.00        |         | ¢                  | 7.00      |        |  |  |
| Price per Common Share to Public   |                        | \$<br>\$ | 7.90        |         | \$<br>\$           | 7.90      |        |  |  |
| Net Proceeds per Common Share to Us<br>Increases in Shares and Decrease to |                        | \$       | 7.50        |         | \$                 | 7.50      |        |  |  |
| <i>Increases in Snares and Decrease to</i><br><i>NAV</i>                   |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Total Common Shares Outstanding  | 1,000,000              |          | 1,250,000   | 25.00%  |                    | 1,250,000 | 25.00% |  |  |
| NAV per Common Share   | \$<br>10.00            | \$       | 9.50        | 5.00%   | \$                 | 9.50      | 5.00%  |  |  |
| Dilution/Accretion to Common<br>Stockholder                                |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Common Shares Held by Stockholder  | 10,000                 |          | 11,250      | 12.50%  |                    | 13,750    | 37.50% |  |  |
| Percentage Held by Common  | ,                      |          | ,           |         |                    | ,         |        |  |  |
| Stockholder  | 1.0%                   |          | 0.90%       | 10.00%  |                    | 1.10%     | 10.00% |  |  |
| Total Asset Values   |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Total NAV Held by Common   |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Stockholder  | \$<br>100,000          | \$       | 106,875     | 6.88%   | \$                 | 130,625   | 30.63% |  |  |
| Total Investment by Common   |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Stockholder (Assumed to be \$10.00 per                                     |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Common Share on Common   |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Shares Held prior to Sale)   | \$<br>100,000          | \$       | 109,875     |         | \$                 | 129,625   |        |  |  |
| Total Dilution/Accretion to Common   |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Stockholder (Total NAV Less Total  |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Investment)  |                        |          | 3,000       |         | \$                 | 1,000     |        |  |  |
| Per Common Share Amounts   |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| NAV Per Common Share Held by   |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Stockholder  |                        | \$       | 9.50        |         | \$                 | 9.50      |        |  |  |
| Investment per Common Share Held by  |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Stockholder (Assumed to be \$10.00 per                                     |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Common Share on Common   |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Shares Held prior to Sale)   | \$<br>10.00            | \$       | 9.77        | 2.33%   | \$                 | 9.43      | 5.73%  |  |  |
| Dilution/Accretion per Common Share  |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Held by Stockholder (NAV per   |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Common Share Less Investment per   |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |
| Common Share)  |                        | \$       | 0.27        |         | \$                 | 0.07      |        |  |  |
| Percentage Dilution/Accretion to   |                        |          |             | 2.73%   |                    |           | 0.77%  |  |  |
| Stockholder (Dilution/Accretion per  |                        |          |             |         |                    |           |        |  |  |

Common Share Divided by Investment per Common Share) Impact on New Investors

Investors who are not currently stockholders, but who participate in an offering below NAV and whose investment per common share is greater than the resulting NAV per share (due to discounts, commissions and offering costs paid by us) will experience an immediate decrease, albeit small, in the NAV of their shares and their NAV per share compared to the price they pay for their shares of common stock. Investors who are not currently stockholders and who participate in an offering below NAV per common share and whose investment per common share is also less than the resulting NAV per common share due to discounts, commissions and offering expenses paid by us being significantly less than the discount per common share will experience an

immediate increase in the NAV of their shares and their NAV per share compared to the price they pay for their shares of common stock. These investors will experience a disproportionately greater participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than our increase in assets, potential earning power and voting interests. These investors will, however, be subject to the risk that we may make additional discounted offerings in which such new common stockholder does not participate, in which case such new stockholder will experience dilution as described above in such subsequent offerings. These investors may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares of common stock, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential increases and decreases in NAV per share. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increases.

The following chart illustrates the level of dilution or accretion for new investors that would be experienced by a new investor in the same 5%, 10% and 25% discounted offerings as described in the first chart above. The illustration is for a new investor who purchases the same percentage (1%) of the common shares in the offering as the common stockholder in the prior examples held immediately prior to the offering, The prospectus supplement pursuant to which any discounted offering is made will include a chart for this example based on the actual number of common shares in such offering and the actual discount from the most recently determined NAV per common share. It is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur.

|                              | Sa | rior to<br>le Below<br>NAV | Example 1<br>5% Offering at<br>5% Discount |                  |             |                   | Exampl<br>10% Offer<br>10% Disc | ing at      | Example 3<br>25% Offering at<br>25% Discount |           |             |  |
|------------------------------|----|----------------------------|--|------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--|-----------|-------------|--|
|                              |    |                            | F  | ollowing<br>Sale | %<br>Change | Following<br>Sale |                                 | %<br>Change | Following<br>Sale                            |           | %<br>Change |  |
| <b>Offering Price</b>        |    |                            |  | Juie             | change      |                   | Suit                            | chunge      |  | Buie      | Change      |  |
| Price per Common             |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Share to Public              |    |                            | \$   | 10.00            |             | \$                | 9.47                            |             | \$   | 7.90      |             |  |
| Net Proceeds per             |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Common Share to Us           |    |                            | \$   | 9.50             |             | \$                | 9.00                            |             | \$   | 7.50      |             |  |
| Decrease to NAV              |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Total Common                 |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Shares Outstanding           | 1  | ,000,000                   | 1  | 1,050,000        | 5.00%       |                   | 1,100,000                       | 10.00%      |  | 1,250,000 | 25.00%      |  |
| NAV per Common               |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Share                        | \$ | 10.00                      | \$   | 9.98             | (0.20)%     | \$                | 9.91                            | (0.90)%     | \$   | 9.50      | 5.00%       |  |
| <b>Dilution/Accretion to</b> |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Common Stockholder           |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Common Shares Held           |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| by Stockholder               |    |                            |  | 500              |             |                   | 1,000                           |             |  | 2,500     |             |  |
| Percentage Held by           |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Common Stockholder           |    | 0.0%                       |  | 0.05%            |             |                   | 0.09%                           |             |  | 0.20%     |             |  |
| Total Asset Values           |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Total NAV Held by            |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Common Stockholder           |    |                            | \$   | 4,990            |             | \$                | 9,910                           |             | \$   | 23,750    |             |  |
| Total Investment by          |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Common Stockholder           |    |                            | \$   | 5,000            |             | \$                | 9,470                           |             | \$   | 19,750    |             |  |
| Total                        |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Dilution/Accretion to        |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| Common Stockholder           |    |                            |  |                  |             |                   |                                 |             |  |           |             |  |
| (Total NAV Less Total        |    |                            | ¢  | (10)             |             | ¢                 | 110                             |             | ¢  | 4 000     |             |  |
| Investment)                  |    |                            | \$   | (10)             |             | \$                | 440                             |             | \$   | 4,000     |             |  |

| Per Common Share<br>Amounts |              |         |            |       |            |        |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------|------------|-------|------------|--------|
| NAV Per Common              |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Share Held by               |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Common Stockholder          | \$<br>9.98   |         | \$<br>9.91 |       | \$<br>9.50 |        |
| Investment per Share        |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Held by Common              |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Stockholder                 | \$<br>10.00  |         | \$<br>9.47 |       | \$<br>7.90 |        |
| Dilution/Accretion per      |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Common Share Held           |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| by Common                   |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Stockholder (NAV per        |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Common Share Less           |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Investment per              |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Common Share)               | \$<br>(0.02) |         | \$<br>0.44 |       | \$<br>1.60 |        |
| Percentage                  |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Dilution/Accretion to       |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Common Stockholder          |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| (Dilution/Accretion per     |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Common Share                |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| Divided by Investment       |              |         |            |       |            |        |
| per Common Share)           |              | (0.20)% |            | 4.65% |            | 20.25% |
|                             |              |         |            |       |            |        |

## SENIOR SECURITIES

Information about our senior securities is shown in the following table as of the end of our last ten fiscal years, unless otherwise noted. The annual information has been derived from our audited financial statements for each respective period, which have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP s report on the senior securities table as of March 31, 2018 is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

Average

|  |    |                              | A  | Asset  |    |                      | Μ  | larket              |
|--|----|------------------------------|----|--------|----|----------------------|----|---------------------|
|  | То | otal Amount                  | Co | verage |    | oluntary<br>uidating | Ţ  | alue                |
|  |    | ding Exclusive               |    | 0      | -  | rence Pei            |    | aiuc                |
| Class and Year   |    | ury Securities <sup>(1</sup> |    |        |    | Jnit <sup>(3)</sup>  |    | Unit <sup>(4)</sup> |
| 7.125% Series A Cumulative Term Preferred Stock <sup>(5)</sup> |    |                              |    |        |    |                      |    |                     |
| March 31, 2018   |    |                              |    | N/A    |    |                      |    | N/A                 |
| March 31, 2017   |    |                              |    | N/A    |    |                      |    | N/A                 |
| March 31, 2016   | \$ | 40,000,000                   | \$ | 2,214  | \$ | 25.00                | \$ | 25.60               |
| March 31, 2015   |    | 40,000,000                   |    | 2,301  |    | 25.00                |    | 25.78               |
| March 31, 2014   |    | 40,000,000                   |    | 2,978  |    | 25.00                |    | 26.53               |
| March 31, 2013   |    | 40,000,000                   |    | 2,725  |    | 25.00                |    | 26.92               |
| March 31, 2012   |    | 40,000,000                   |    | 2,676  |    | 25.00                |    | 24.97               |
| 6.75% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred                       |    |                              |    |        |    |                      |    |                     |
| Stock <sup>(6)</sup>   |    |                              |    |        |    |                      |    |                     |
| March 31, 2018   | \$ | 41,400,000                   | \$ | 2,373  | \$ | 25.00                | \$ | 25.20               |
| March 31, 2017   |    | 41,400,000                   |    | 2,356  |    | 25.00                |    | 26.00               |
| March 31, 2016   |    | 41,400,000                   |    | 2,214  |    | 25.00                |    | 24.43               |
| March 31, 2015   |    | 41,400,000                   |    | 2,301  |    | 25.00                |    | 25.38               |
| 6.50% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock due             |    |                              |    |        |    |                      |    |                     |
| 2022 <sup>(7)</sup>  |    |                              |    |        |    |                      |    |                     |
| March 31, 2018   | \$ | 40,250,000                   | \$ | 2,373  | \$ | 25.00                | \$ | 25.33               |
| March 31, 2017   |    | 40,250,000                   |    | 2,356  |    | 25.00                |    | 25.64               |
| March 31, 2016   |    | 40,250,000                   |    | 2,214  |    | 25.00                |    | 23.92               |
| 6.25% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock due             |    |                              |    |        |    |                      |    |                     |
| 2023 <sup>(8)</sup>  |    |                              |    |        |    |                      |    |                     |
| March 31, 2018   | \$ | 57,500,000                   | \$ | 2,373  | \$ | 25.00                | \$ | 25.22               |
| March 31, 2017   |    | 57,500,000                   |    | 2,356  |    | 25.00                |    | 25.43               |
| Revolving credit facilities                                    | +  |                              |    |        |    |                      |    |                     |
| March 31, 2018   | \$ | 107,000,000                  | \$ | 5,257  |    |                      |    | N/A                 |
| March 31, 2017   |    | 69,700,000                   |    | 6,613  |    |                      |    | N/A                 |
| March 31, 2016   |    | 95,000,000                   |    | 4,838  |    |                      |    | N/A                 |
| March 31, 2015   |    | 118,800,000                  |    | 2,301  |    |                      |    | N/A                 |
| March 31, 2014   |    | 61,250,000                   |    | 2,978  |    |                      |    | N/A                 |
| March 31, 2013   |    | 31,000,000                   |    | 2,725  |    |                      |    | N/A                 |
| March 31, 2012   |    |                              |    | N/A    |    |                      |    | N/A                 |
| March 31, 2011   |    | <b>00</b> 000 000            |    | N/A    |    |                      |    | N/A                 |
| March 31, 2010   |    | 27,800,000                   |    | 2,814  |    |                      |    | N/A                 |

| March 31, 2009  | 110,265,000 | 2,930 | N/A |
|-----------------|-------------|-------|-----|
| Short-term loan |             |       |     |
| March 31, 2018  |             | N/A   | N/A |
| March 31, 2017  |             | N/A   | N/A |
| March 31, 2016  |             | N/A   | N/A |
| March 31, 2015  |             | N/A   | N/A |
| March 31, 2014  |             | N/A   | N/A |

#### Average

|                                   | A  |                               |          | Asset               | T  | Market                  |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|----------|---------------------|--|-------------------------|
|                                   | Total Amount<br>Outstanding Exclusive of |                               | Coverage |                     | Involuntary<br>Liquidating<br>Preference Per | Value                   |
| Class and Year                    | Treasu                                   | ury Securities <sup>(1)</sup> | Pei      | Unit <sup>(2)</sup> | Unit <sup>(3)</sup>                          | Per Unit <sup>(4)</sup> |
| March 31, 2013                    | \$                                       | 58,016,000                    | \$       | 2,725               |  | N/A                     |
| March 31, 2012                    |  | 76,005,000                    |          | 2,676               |  | N/A                     |
| March 31, 2011                    |  | 40,000,000                    |          | 5,344               |  | N/A                     |
| March 31, 2010                    |  | 75,000,000                    |          | 2,814               |  | N/A                     |
| Secured borrowings <sup>(9)</sup> |  |                               |          |                     |  |                         |
| March 31, 2018                    | \$                                       | 5,095,785                     | \$       | 5,257               |  | N/A                     |
| March 31, 2017                    |  | 5,095,785                     |          | 6,613               |  | N/A                     |
| March 31, 2016                    |  | 5,095,785                     |          | 4,838               |  | N/A                     |
| March 31, 2015                    |  | 5,095,785                     |          | 2,301               |  | N/A                     |
| March 31, 2014                    |  | 5,000,000                     |          | 2,978               |  | N/A                     |
| March 31, 2013                    |  | 5,000,000                     |          | 2,725               |  | N/A                     |

(1) Total amount of each class of senior securities outstanding as of the dates presented.

- (2) Asset coverage is the ratio of the carrying value of our total consolidated assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, to the aggregate amount of senior securities representing indebtedness (including interest payable and guarantees). Asset coverage per unit is the asset coverage ratio expressed in terms of dollar amounts per one thousand dollars of indebtedness.
- (3) The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon the involuntary liquidation of the issuer in preference to any security junior to it.
- (4) Only applicable to our Term Preferred Stock because the other senior securities are not registered for public trading. Average market value per unit is the average of the closing price of the shares on Nasdaq during the last 10 trading days of the period.
- (5) Our Series A Term Preferred Stock was issued in March 2012 and redeemed in September 2016.
- (6) Our Series B Term Preferred Stock was issued in November 2014.
- (7) Our Series C Term Preferred Stock was issued in May 2015.
- (8) Our Series D Term Preferred Stock was issued in September 2016.
- (9) In August 2012, we entered into a participation agreement with a third-party related to \$5.0 million of our secured second lien term debt investment in Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc. (Ginsey). In May 2014, we amended the agreement with the third-party to include an additional \$0.1 million. Accounting Standards Codification Topic 860, *Transfers and Servicing* requires us to treat the participation as a financing-type transaction. Specifically, the third-party has a senior claim to our remaining investment in the event of default by Ginsey which, in part, resulted in the loan participation bearing a rate of interest lower than the contractual rate established at origination. Therefore, our *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* included elsewhere in this prospectus reflect the entire secured second lien term debt investment in Ginsey and a corresponding \$5.1 million secured borrowing liability. The secured borrowing has a stated fixed interest rate of 7.0% and a maturity date of January 3, 2021.

# BUSINESS

# Organization

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Laws of the State of Delaware on February 18, 2005. On June 22, 2005, we completed our initial public offering and commenced operations. We operate as an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company and have elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. For federal income tax purposes, we have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. In order to continue to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes and obtain favorable RIC tax treatment, we must meet certain requirements, including certain minimum distribution requirements.

## **Investment Adviser and Administrator**

We are externally managed by the Adviser an affiliate of ours, under the Advisory Agreement and another of our affiliates, the Administrator, provides administrative services to us pursuant to the Administration Agreement. Each of the Adviser and Administrator are privately-held companies that are indirectly owned and controlled by David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer. Mr. Gladstone and Terry Lee Brubaker, our vice chairman and chief operating officer, also serve on the board of directors of the Adviser, the board of managers of the Administrator, and serve as executive officers of the Adviser and the Administrator. The Administrator employs, among others, our chief financial officer and treasurer, chief valuation officer, chief compliance officer, general counsel and secretary (who also serves as the president of the Administrator) and their respective staffs. The Adviser and Administrator have extensive experience in our lines of business and also provide investment advisory and administrator may provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to other funds and companies, both public and private.

The Adviser is organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware on July 2, 2002, and is a registered investment adviser under the Advisers Act. The Administrator was organized as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware on March 18, 2005. The Adviser and Administrator are headquartered in McLean, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C. The Adviser also has offices in several other states.

# **Investment Objectives and Strategy**

We were established for the purpose of investing in debt and equity securities of established private businesses operating in the U.S. Our investment objectives are to: (i) achieve and grow current income by investing in debt securities of established businesses that we believe will provide stable earnings and cash flow to pay expenses, make principal and interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness and make distributions to stockholders that grow over time; and (ii) provide our stockholders with long-term capital appreciation in the value of our assets by investing in equity securities, generally in combination with the aforementioned debt securities, of established businesses that we believe can grow over time to permit us to sell our equity investments for capital gains. To achieve our objectives, our investment strategy is to invest in several categories of debt and equity securities, with individual investments generally totaling up to \$30 million, although investment size may vary, depending upon our total assets or available capital at the time of investment. We intend that our investment portfolio over time will consist of approximately 75% in debt securities and 25% in equity securities, at cost. As of March 31, 2018, our investment portfolio was made up of 73.8% in debt securities and 26.2% in equity securities, at cost.

We focus on investing in lower middle market private businesses (which we generally define as private companies with annual EBITDA of \$3 million to \$20 million) (Lower Middle Market) in the U.S. that meet certain criteria, including, but not limited to, the following: the sustainability of the business free cash flow and its ability to grow it over time, adequate assets for loan collateral, experienced management teams with a

significant ownership interest in the portfolio company, reasonable capitalization of the portfolio company, including an ample equity contribution or cushion based on prevailing enterprise valuation multiples, and the potential to realize appreciation and gain liquidity in our equity position, if any. We anticipate that liquidity in our equity position will be achieved through a merger, acquisition, or recapitalization of the portfolio company, a public offering of the portfolio company s stock or, to a lesser extent, by exercising our right to require the portfolio company to repurchase our warrants, as applicable, though there can be no assurance that we will always have these rights. We invest in portfolio companies that need funds for growth capital, to finance acquisitions, recapitalize or, to a lesser extent, refinance their existing debt facilities. We seek to avoid investing in high-risk, early-stage enterprises.

We invest by ourselves or jointly with other funds and/or management of the portfolio company, depending on the opportunity. In July 2012, the SEC granted us an exemptive order (the Co-Investment Order ) that expanded our ability to co-invest, under certain circumstances, with certain of our affiliates, including Gladstone Capital and any future business development company or closed-end management investment company that is advised (or sub-advised if it controls the fund) by the Adviser, or any combination of the foregoing, subject to the conditions in the Co-Investment Order. Since 2012, we have opportunistically made several co-investments with Gladstone Capital pursuant to the Co-Investment Order. We believe the Co-Investment Order has enhanced and will continue to enhance our ability to further our investment objectives and strategies. If we are participating in an investment with one or more co-investors, whether or not an affiliate of ours, our investment is likely to be smaller than if we were investing alone.

In general, our investments in debt securities have a term of five years, accrue interest at variable rates (based on the one-month LIBOR) and, to a lesser extent, at fixed rates. As of March 31, 2018, our loan portfolio consisted of 97.0% variable rate loans with floors and 3.0% fixed rate loans based on the total principal balance of all outstanding debt investments. We seek debt instruments that pay interest monthly or, at a minimum, quarterly, and which may include a yield enhancement such as a success fee or, to a lesser extent, deferred interest provision and are primarily interest only, with all principal and any accrued but unpaid interest due at maturity. Generally, success fees accrue at a set rate and are contractually due upon a change of control of the business. Some debt securities may have deferred interest whereby some portion of the interest payment is added to the principal balance so that the interest is paid, together with the principal, at maturity. This form of deferred interest is often called paid-in-kind interest. As of March 31, 2018, we did not have any securities with a PIK feature.

Typically, our investments in equity securities take the form of common stock, preferred stock, limited liability company interests, or warrants or options to purchase any of the foregoing. Often, these equity investments occur in connection with our original investment, buyouts and recapitalizations of a business, or refinancing existing debt. From our initial public offering in 2005 through March 31, 2018, we have made investments in 47 companies, excluding investments in syndicated loans.

We expect that our investment portfolio will continue to primarily include the following three categories of investments in private companies in the U.S.:

*First Lien Secured Debt Securities:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in first lien secured debt securities also known as senior loans, senior term loans, lines of credit and senior notes. Using its assets as collateral, the borrower typically uses first lien secured debt to cover a substantial portion of the funding needs of the business. These debt securities usually take the form of first priority liens on all, or substantially all, of the assets of the business.

*Second Lien Secured Debt Securities:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in second lien secured debt securities, which may also be referred to as subordinated loans, subordinated notes and mezzanine loans.

These second lien secured debt securities rank junior to the borrower s first lien secured debt securities and may be secured by second priority liens on all or a portion of the assets of the business. Additionally, we may receive other yield enhancements, such as warrants to buy common and

preferred stock or limited liability interests, in connection with these second lien secured debt securities.

*Preferred and Common Equity/Equivalents:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in equity securities, which consist of preferred and common equity, limited liability company interests, warrants or options to acquire such securities, and are generally in combination with our debt investment in a business. Additionally, we may receive equity investments derived from restructurings on some of our existing debt investments. In many cases, we will own a significant portion of the equity of the businesses in which we invest.

Pursuant to the 1940 Act, we must maintain at least 70% of our total assets in qualifying assets, which generally include each of the investment types listed above. Therefore, the 1940 Act permits us to invest up to 30% of our assets in other non-qualifying assets. See *Regulation as a Business Development Company Qualifying Assets* for a discussion of the types of qualifying assets in which we are permitted to invest pursuant to Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act.

Because the majority of the loans in our portfolio consist of term debt in private companies that typically cannot or will not expend the resources to have their debt securities rated by a credit rating agency, we expect that most, if not all, of the debt securities we acquire will be unrated. Investors should assume that these loans would be rated below what is today considered investment grade quality. Investments rated below investment grade are often referred to as high yield securities or junk bonds and may be considered higher risk as compared to investment grade debt instruments. With the exception of our policy to conduct our business as a BDC, these investment policies are not fundamental and may be changed without stockholder approval. See *Regulation as a Business Development Company* for a further discussion on the regulatory framework in which we must operate to retain our status as a BDC.

#### **Investment Policies**

We seek to achieve a high level of current income and capital gains through investments in secured debt securities and preferred and common stock that we generally acquire in connection with buyouts and other recapitalizations. The following investment policies, along with the investment objectives, may not be changed without the approval of our board of directors (our Board of Directors ), a majority of whom are not interested persons as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act:

We will at all times conduct our business so as to retain our status as a BDC. In order to retain that status, we must be operated for the purpose of investing in certain categories of qualifying assets. In addition, we may not acquire any assets (other than non-investment assets necessary and appropriate to our operations as a BDC or qualifying assets) if, after giving effect to such acquisition, the value of our qualifying assets is less than 70% of the value of our total assets. We anticipate that the securities we seek to acquire will generally be qualifying assets.

We will at all times endeavor to conduct our business so as to retain our status as a RIC under the Code. To do so, we must meet income source, asset diversification and annual distribution requirements. We may issue senior securities, such as debt or preferred stock, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act for the purpose of making investments, to fund share repurchases, or for temporary emergency or other purposes. *Investment Concentrations* 

As of March 31, 2018, our investment portfolio consisted of investments in 33 portfolio companies located in 16 states across 17 different industries with an aggregate fair value of \$599.1 million. Our investments in Cambridge, Nth

Degree, JR Hobbs, Brunswick and ImageWorks represented our five largest portfolio

investments at fair value and collectively comprised \$183.4 million, or 30.5%, of our total investment portfolio at fair value. The following table summarizes our investments by security type as of March 31, 2018 and 2017:

|                          | March 31, 2018 |        |            | March 31, 2017 |           |        |           |        |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------|------------|----------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
|                          | Cost           | ,      | Fair Va    | lue            | Cost      | t      | Fair Va   | lue    |
| Secured first lien debt  | \$ 321,303     | 54.9%  | \$ 305,856 | 51.0%          | \$284,823 | 54.3%  | \$268,150 | 53.5%  |
| Secured second lien debt | 110,484        | 18.9   | 97,339     | 16.2           | 93,078    | 17.7   | 95,040    | 18.9   |
|                          |                |        |            |                |           |        |           |        |
| Total debt               | 431,787        | 73.8   | 403,195    | 67.2           | 377,901   | 72.0   | 363,190   | 72.4   |
| Preferred equity         | 150,708        | 25.8   | 167,150    | 28.0           | 140,791   | 26.8   | 113,515   | 22.6   |
| Common                   |                |        |            |                |           |        |           |        |
| equity/equivalents       | 2,351          | 0.4    | 28,802     | 4.8            | 6,477     | 1.2    | 24,874    | 5.0    |
|                          |                |        |            |                |           |        |           |        |
| Total equity/equivalents | 153,059        | 26.2   | 195,952    | 32.8           | 147,268   | 28.0   | 138,389   | 27.6   |
|                          |                |        |            |                |           |        |           |        |
| Total investments        | \$ 584,846     | 100.0% | \$ 599,147 | 100.0%         | \$525,169 | 100.0% | \$501,579 | 100.0% |

Our investments at fair value consisted of the following industry classifications as of March 31, 2018 and 2017:

|  | Mar        | ch 31, 2018              | March 31, 2017 |                          |  |
|--|------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--|
|  | Fair       | Percentage of            | Fair           | Percentage of            |  |
|  | Value      | <b>Total Investments</b> | Value          | <b>Total Investments</b> |  |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Services        | \$136,719  | 22.8%                    | \$ 85,248      | 17.0%                    |  |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, |            |                          |                |                          |  |
| and Durable Consumer Products            | 128,529    | 21.5                     | 93,062         | 18.6                     |  |
| Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber          | 55,740     | 9.3                      | 65,156         | 13.0                     |  |
| Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures,     |            |                          |                |                          |  |
| Entertainment                            | 43,048     | 7.2                      | 32,453         | 6.5                      |  |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer        |            |                          |                |                          |  |
| Products (Manufacturing Only)            | 42,836     | 7.1                      | 19,011         | 3.8                      |  |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing   | 29,942     | 5.0                      | 40,303         | 8.0                      |  |
| Machinery (Non-agriculture,              |            |                          |                |                          |  |
| Non-construction, Non-electronic)        | 21,915     | 3.7                      | 17,283         | 3.4                      |  |
| Farming and Agriculture                  | 21,483     | 3.6                      | 19,096         | 3.8                      |  |
| Containers, Packaging, and Glass         | 21,387     | 3.6                      | 18,266         | 3.6                      |  |
| Textiles and Leather                     | 19,407     | 3.2                      | 20,369         | 4.1                      |  |
| Cargo Transport                          | 15,816     | 2.6                      | 15,891         | 3.2                      |  |
| Telecommunications                       | 14,000     | 2.3                      | 14,000         | 2.8                      |  |
| Automobile                               | 13,830     | 2.3                      | 20,792         | 4.1                      |  |
| Aerospace and Defense                    | 12,457     | 2.1                      | 16,042         | 3.2                      |  |
| Beverage, Food, and Tobacco              | 11,605     | 1.9                      | 14,802         | 3.0                      |  |
| Other < 2.0%                             | 10,433     | 1.8                      | 9,805          | 1.9                      |  |
| Total investments                        | \$ 599,147 | 100.0%                   | \$ 501,579     | 100.0%                   |  |

|                   | March      | March 31, 2018 |           | ch 31, 2017   |  |  |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|--|--|
|                   |            | Percentage of  |           | Percentage of |  |  |
|                   |            | Total          | Fair      | Total         |  |  |
|                   | Fair Value | Investments    | Value     | Investments   |  |  |
| South             | \$ 221,725 | 37.0%          | \$175,136 | 34.9%         |  |  |
| Northeast         | 188,911    | 31.5           | 159,614   | 31.8          |  |  |
| West              | 133,774    | 22.3           | 123,475   | 24.6          |  |  |
| Midwest           | 54,737     | 9.2            | 43,354    | 8.7           |  |  |
| Total investments | \$ 599,147 | 100.0%         | \$501,579 | 100.0%        |  |  |

Our investments at fair value were included in the following U.S. geographic regions as of March 31, 2018 and 2017:

The geographic region indicates the location of the headquarters for our portfolio companies. A portfolio company may have additional business locations in other geographic regions.

#### **Investment Process**

#### **Overview of Investment and Approval Process**

To originate investments, the Adviser s investment professionals use an extensive referral network comprised primarily of private equity sponsors, venture capitalists, leveraged buyout funds, investment bankers, attorneys, accountants, commercial bankers and business brokers. The Adviser s investment professionals review information received from these and other sources in search of potential financing opportunities. If a potential opportunity matches our investment objectives, the investment professionals will seek an initial screening of the opportunity with our president, David Dullum, to authorize the submission of an indication of interest ( IOI ) to the prospective portfolio company. If the prospective portfolio company passes this initial screening and the IOI is accepted by the prospective company, the investment professionals will seek approval to issue a letter of intent (LOI) from the Adviser s investment committee, which is composed of Messrs. Gladstone, Brubaker, and Dullum, to the prospective company. If this LOI is issued, then the Adviser and Gladstone Securities (collectively, the Due Diligence Team ) will conduct a due diligence investigation and create a detailed profile summarizing the prospective portfolio company s historical financial statements, industry, competitive position and management team and analyzing its conformity to our general investment criteria. The investment professionals then present this profile to the Adviser s investment committee, which must approve each investment. Further, each investment is available for review by the members of our Board of Directors, a majority of whom are not interested persons as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act, and our Board of Directors reviews and approves any investments we may make pursuant to the Co-Investment Order.

#### **Prospective Portfolio Company Characteristics**

We have identified certain characteristics that we believe are important in identifying and investing in prospective portfolio companies. The criteria listed below provide general guidelines for our investment decisions, although not all of these criteria may be met by each portfolio company.

*Experienced Management:* We typically require that the companies in which we invest have experienced management teams or a hiring plan in place to install an experienced management team. We also require the companies to have in place proper incentives to induce management to succeed and act in concert with our

interests as investors, including having significant equity or other interests in the financial performance of their companies.

*Value and Income Orientation and Positive Cash Flow:* Our investment philosophy places a premium on fundamental analysis from an investor s perspective and has a distinct value and income orientation. In seeking value, we focus on established companies in which we can invest at relatively low multiples

of EBITDA, and that have positive operating cash flow at the time of investment. In seeking income, we typically invest in companies that generate relatively stable to growing sales, cash flows, and EBITDA to fixed charges coverage, which provides some assurance that the companies will be able to service their debt. We do not expect to invest in start-up companies or companies with what we believe to be speculative business plans.

*Strong Competitive Position in an Industry:* We seek to invest in companies that have developed strong market positions and significant relative market share within their respective markets and that we believe are well-positioned to capitalize on growth opportunities. We seek companies that demonstrate significant competitive advantages versus their competitors, which we believe will help to protect their market positions and profitability.

*Liquidation Value of Assets:* The projected liquidation value of the assets, if any, is an important factor in our investment analysis in collateralizing our debt securities.

#### Extensive Due Diligence

The Due Diligence Team conducts what we believe are extensive due diligence investigations of our prospective portfolio companies and investment opportunities. The due diligence investigation may begin with a review of publicly available information followed by in-depth business analysis, including, but not limited to, some or all of the following:

A review of the prospective portfolio company s historical and projected financial information, including a quality of earnings analysis;

Visits to the prospective portfolio company s business site(s) and evaluation of potential environmental issues;

Interviews with the prospective portfolio company s management, employees, customers and vendors;

Review of loan documents and material contracts;

Background checks and a management capabilities assessment on the prospective portfolio company s management team; and

Research, including market analyses, on the prospective portfolio company s products, services or particular industry and its competitive position therein.

Additional due diligence of a potential investment may be conducted on our behalf by attorneys and independent accountants, as well as other outside advisers, prior to the closing of the investment, as appropriate.

#### **Investment Structure**

Once the Adviser has determined that an investment meets our standards and investment criteria, the Adviser works with the management of that company and other capital providers to structure the transaction in a way that we believe will provide us with the greatest opportunity to maximize our return on the investment, while providing appropriate incentives to management of the company. As discussed above, the capital classes through which we typically structure a deal include first lien secured debt, second lien secured debt, and preferred and common equity or equivalents. Through its risk management process, the Adviser seeks to limit the downside risk of our investments by:

Making investments with an expected total return (including interest, yield enhancements and potential equity appreciation) that it believes compensates us for the credit risk of the investment;

Seeking collateral or superior positions in the portfolio company s capital structure where possible;

Incorporating put and call protection rights into the investment structure where possible;

Negotiating covenants in connection with our investments that afford our portfolio companies as much flexibility as possible in managing their businesses, while also preserving our capital; and

Holding board seats or securing board observation rights at the portfolio company. We expect to hold most of our debt investments until maturity or repayment. From time to time, we may sell our investments (including our equity investments) earlier if a liquidity event takes place, such as a recapitalization of a portfolio company, an initial public offering, or a sale to a third party, including strategic buyers, private equity funds, or existing investors in the portfolio company, and which may be privately negotiated transactions.

# Competitive Advantages

A large number of entities compete with us and make the types of investments that we seek to make in Lower Middle Market companies. Such competitors include private equity funds, leveraged buyout funds, other BDCs, investment banks and other equity and non-equity based investment funds, and other financing sources, including traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks. Many of our competitors are substantially larger than we are and have considerably greater funding sources or are able to access capital more cost effectively. In addition, certain of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments, which could allow them to consider a wider variety of investments, and establish a larger portfolio of investments. Furthermore, many of these competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a BDC. However, we believe that we have the following competitive advantages over many other providers of financing to Lower Middle Market companies.

# Management Expertise

Our Adviser has an investment committee for each of the Company and the Affiliated Public Funds. Messrs. Gladstone and Brubaker serve as members of the Adviser s investment committees for each of the Company and each of the Affiliated Public Funds. Messrs. Gladstone and Dullum have extensive experience in investing in Lower Middle Market companies and with operating in the BDC marketplace in general. Mr. Brubaker has substantial experience in acquisitions and operations of companies. These three individuals, who are part of our executive management team and comprise the Adviser s investment committee for the Company, dedicate a significant portion of their time to managing our investment portfolio. They have extensive experience providing capital to Lower Middle Market companies and have worked together at the Gladstone family of companies for more than ten years. In addition, we have access to the resources and expertise of the Adviser s investment professionals and support staff who possess a broad range of transactional, financial, managerial, and investment skills.

# Increased Access to Investment Opportunities Developed Through Extensive Research Capability and Network of Contacts

The Adviser seeks to identify potential investments through active origination and due diligence and through its dialogue with numerous management teams, members of the financial community and potential corporate partners with whom the Adviser s investment professionals have long-term relationships. We believe that the Adviser s investment professionals have developed a broad network of contacts within the investment, commercial banking, private equity and investment management communities, and that their reputation, experience, and focus on investing in Lower Middle Market companies enables us to source and identify well-positioned prospective portfolio companies, which provide attractive investment opportunities. Additionally, the Adviser expects to generate information from its professionals network of accountants, consultants, lawyers and management teams of portfolio companies and other companies to support the Adviser s investment activities.

Disciplined, Value and Income-Oriented Investment Philosophy with a Focus on Preservation of Capital

In making its investment decisions, the Adviser focuses on the risk and reward profile of each prospective portfolio company, seeking to minimize the risk of capital loss without foregoing the potential for capital appreciation. We expect the Adviser to use the same value and income-oriented investment philosophy that its professionals use in the management of the other Affiliated Public Funds and to commit resources to manage downside exposure. The Adviser s approach seeks to reduce our risk in investments by using some or all of the following approaches:

Focusing on companies with attractive and sustainable market positions and cash flow;

Investing in companies with experienced and established management teams;

Engaging in extensive due diligence from the perspective of a long-term investor;

Investing at low price-to-cash flow multiples; and

Adopting flexible transaction structures by drawing on the experience of the investment professionals of the Adviser and its affiliates.

#### Longer Investment Horizon

Unlike private equity and venture capital funds that are typically organized as finite-life partnerships, we are not subject to standard periodic capital return requirements. The partnership agreements of most private equity and venture capital funds typically provide that these funds may only invest investors capital once and must return all capital and realized gains to investors within a finite time period, often seven to ten years. These provisions often force private equity and venture capital funds to seek returns on their investments by causing their portfolio companies to pursue mergers, public equity offerings, or other liquidity events more quickly than might otherwise be optimal or desirable, potentially resulting in a lower overall return to investors and/or an adverse impact on their portfolio companies. In contrast, we are a corporation of perpetual duration and are exchange-traded. We believe that our flexibility to make investments with a long-term view and without the capital return requirements of traditional private investment vehicles provides us with the opportunity to achieve greater long-term returns on invested capital.

#### Flexible Transaction Structuring

We believe the Adviser s and our management team s broad expertise and its ability to draw upon many years of combined experience enables the Adviser to identify, assess, and structure investments successfully across all levels of a prospective portfolio company s capital structure and manage potential risk and return at all stages of the economic cycle. We are not subject to many of the regulatory limitations that govern traditional lending institutions, such as banks. As a result, we are flexible in selecting and structuring investments, adjusting investment criteria and transaction structures and, in some cases, the types of securities in which we invest, thereby affording us a competitive advantage of providing both, equity and debt financing, which may limit uncertainty related to the close of the transaction and the risk of refinancing during periods of market yield compression. We believe that this approach enables the Adviser to develop a financing structure which best fits the investment and growth profile of the underlying company and yields attractive investment opportunities that will continue to generate current income and capital gain potential throughout the economic cycle, including during turbulent periods in the capital markets.

#### **Ongoing Management of Investments and Portfolio Company Relationships**

The Adviser s investment professionals actively oversee each investment by continuously evaluating the portfolio company s performance and typically working collaboratively with the portfolio company s management to identify and incorporate best resources and practices that help us achieve our projected investment performance.

#### Monitoring

The Adviser s investment professionals monitor the financial performance, trends, and changing risks of each portfolio company on an ongoing basis to determine if each portfolio company is performing within expectations and to guide the portfolio company s management in taking the appropriate courses of action. The Adviser employs various methods of evaluating and monitoring the performance of our investments in portfolio companies, which can include the following:

Monthly analysis of financial and operating performance;

Frequent assessment of the portfolio company s performance against its business plan and our investment expectations;

Attendance at and/or participation in the portfolio company s board of directors or management meetings;

Continuous assessment of portfolio company management, governance and strategic direction;

Continuous assessment of the portfolio company s industry and competitive environment; and

Frequent review and assessment of the portfolio company s operating outlook and financial projections. *Relationship Management* 

The Adviser s investment professionals interact with various parties involved with a portfolio company, or investment, by actively engaging with internal and external constituents, including:

Management;

Boards of directors;

Financial sponsors;

Capital partners;

Auditors; and

Advisers and consultants.

#### Managerial Assistance and Services

As a BDC, we make available significant managerial assistance, as defined in the 1940 Act, to our portfolio companies and provide other services (other than such managerial assistance) to such portfolio companies. Neither we, nor the Adviser, currently receive fees in connection with the managerial assistance we make available. At times, the Adviser may also provide other services to our portfolio companies under certain agreements and may receive fees for services other than managerial assistance. Such services may include, but are not limited to: (i) assistance obtaining, sourcing or structuring credit facilities, long term loans or additional equity from unaffiliated third parties; (ii) negotiating important contractual financial relationships; (iii) consulting services regarding restructuring of the portfolio company and financial modeling as it relates to raising additional debt and equity capital from unaffiliated third parties; and (iv) a primary role in interviewing, vetting and negotiating employment contracts with candidates in connection with adding and retaining key portfolio company management team members. The Adviser non-contractually, unconditionally, and irrevocably credits 100% of these fees against the base management fee that we would otherwise be required to pay to the Adviser, as discussed below in Transactions with Related Parties Investment Advisory and Management Agreement Base Management Fee; however, pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement, a small percentage of certain of such fees is retained by the Adviser in the form of reimbursement, at cost, for tasks completed by personnel of the Adviser, primarily for the valuation of portfolio companies.

Gladstone Securities also provides other services (such as investment banking and due diligence services) to certain of our portfolio companies, see *Transactions with Related Parties Other Transactions* below.

# Valuation Process

The following is a general description of our Policy (which has been approved by our Board of Directors) that the Valuation Team of the Adviser and Administrator usea each quarter to determine the fair value of our investment portfolio. In accordance with the 1940 Act, our Board of Directors has the ultimate responsibility for reviewing and approving, in good faith, the fair value of our investments based on the Policy. The Adviser values our investments in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act and GAAP. There is no single standard for determining fair value (especially for privately-held businesses), as fair value depends upon the specific facts and circumstances of each individual investment. Each quarter, our Board of Directors reviews the Policy to determine if changes thereto are advisable and assesses whether the Valuation Team has applied the Policy consistently. With respect to the valuation of our investment portfolio, the Valuation Team performs the following steps each quarter:

Each investment is initially assessed by the Valuation Team using the Policy, which may include:

Obtaining fair value quotes or utilizing valuation inputs from third party valuation firms; and

Using techniques, such as total enterprise value, yield analysis, market quotes and other factors, including but not limited to: the nature and realizable value of the collateral, including external parties guaranties; any relevant offers or letters of intent to acquire the portfolio company; and the markets in which the portfolio company operates.

Preliminary valuation conclusions are then discussed amongst the Valuation Team and with our management and documented for review by our Board of Directors. Written valuation recommendations and supporting material are sent to the Board of Directors in advance of the quarterly meetings.

The Valuation Committee of the Board of Directors (comprised entirely of independent directors) meets to review this documentation and discusses the information provided by our Valuation Team, and determines whether the Valuation Team has followed the Policy, determines whether the Valuation Team s recommended fair value is reasonable in light of the Policy and reviews other facts and circumstances. Then, the Valuation Committee and chief valuation officer present the Valuation Committee s findings to the entire Board of Directors, so that the full Board of Directors may review and approve, with a vote, to accept or reject the fair value recommendations in accordance with the Policy.

Fair value measurements of our investments may involve subjective judgment and estimates. Due to the uncertainty inherent in valuing these securities, the Valuation Team s determinations of fair value may fluctuate from period to period and may differ materially from the values that could be obtained if a ready market for these securities existed. Our NAV could be materially affected if the Valuation Team s determinations regarding the fair value of our investments are materially different from the values that we ultimately realize upon our disposal of such securities.

#### **Transactions with Related Parties**

#### **Investment Advisory and Management Agreement**

Pursuant to our Advisory Agreement, we pay the Adviser certain fees as compensation for its services, consisting of a base management fee and an incentive fee, each as described below. On July 11, 2017, our Board of Directors, including a majority of the directors who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or interested persons of either party, approved the annual renewal of the Advisory Agreement through August 31, 2018. Our Board of Directors considered the following factors as the basis for its decision to renew the Advisory

Agreement: (1) the nature, extent and quality of services provided by the Adviser to our stockholders; (2) the investment performance of the Company and the Adviser, (3) the costs of the services to be provided and profits to be realized by the Adviser and its affiliates from the relationship with the Company, (4) the extent to which economies of scale will be realized as the Company and the Affiliated Public Funds grow and whether the fee level under the Advisory Agreement reflects the economies of scale for the Company s investors, (5) the fee structure of the advisory and administrative agreements of comparable funds, and (6) indirect profits to the Advisory fee paid under the Advisory Agreement.

# Base Management Fee

The base management fee is payable quarterly to the Adviser pursuant to our Advisory Agreement and is assessed at an annual rate of 2.0%, computed on the basis of the value of our average gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed quarters (inclusive of the current quarter), which are total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings, and adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the period.

Additionally, as stated above, pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Adviser makes available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. The Adviser may also provide other services to our portfolio companies under certain agreements and may receive fees for services other than managerial assistance. Such services may include, but are not limited to: (i) assistance obtaining, sourcing or structuring credit facilities, long term loans or additional equity from unaffiliated third parties; (ii) negotiating important contractual financial relationships; (iii) consulting services regarding restructuring of the portfolio company and financial modeling as it relates to raising additional debt and equity capital from unaffiliated third parties; and (iv) a primary role in interviewing, vetting and negotiating employment contracts with candidates in connection with adding and retaining key portfolio company management team members. The Adviser non-contractually, unconditionally, and irrevocably credits 100% of these fees against the base management fee that we would otherwise be required to pay to the Adviser; however, pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement, a small percentage of certain of such fees is retained by the Adviser in the form of reimbursement, at cost, for tasks completed by personnel of the Adviser, primarily for the valuation of portfolio companies. Loan servicing fees that are payable to the Adviser pursuant to our Credit Facility, are also 100% credited against the base management fee as discussed below *Loan Servicing Fee Pursuant to Credit Facility*.

#### Incentive Fee

The incentive fee payable to the Adviser under our Advisory Agreement consists of two parts: an income-based incentive fee and a capital gains-based incentive fee.

The income-based incentive fee rewards the Adviser if our quarterly net investment income (before giving effect to any incentive fee) exceeds 1.75% of our net assets, adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the period (the Hurdle Rate ). The income-based incentive fee with respect to our pre-incentive fee net investment income is payable quarterly to the Adviser and is computed as follows:

No incentive fee in any calendar quarter in which our pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the Hurdle Rate (7.0% annualized);

100.0% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds the Hurdle Rate but is less than 2.1875% of our net assets,

adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the period, in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized); and

20.0% of the amount of our pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% of our net assets, adjusted appropriately for any share issuances or repurchases during the period, in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized).

Quarterly Incentive Fee Based on Net Investment Income

Pre-incentive fee net investment income

(expressed as a percentage of the value of net assets)

Percentage of pre-incentive fee net investment income

allocated to income-related portion of incentive fee

The second part of the incentive fee is a capital gains-based incentive fee that is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each fiscal year (or upon termination of the Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), and equals 20.0% of our realized capital gains, less any realized capital losses and unrealized depreciation, calculated as of the end of the preceding calendar year. The capital gains-based incentive fee payable to the Adviser is calculated based on (i) cumulative aggregate realized capital gains since our inception, less (ii) cumulative aggregate realized capital losses since our inception, less (iii) the entire portfolio s aggregate unrealized capital depreciation, if any, as of the date of the calculation. If this number is positive at the applicable calculation date, then the capital gains-based incentive fee for such year equals 20.0% of such amount, less the aggregate amount of any capital gains-based incentive fees paid in respect of our portfolio in all prior years. For calculation purposes, cumulative aggregate realized capital gains, if any, equals the sum of the excess between the net sales price of each investment, when sold, and the original cost of such investment since our inception. Cumulative aggregate realized capital losses equals the sum of the deficit between the net sales price of each investment, when sold, and the original cost of such investment since our inception. The entire portfolio s aggregate unrealized capital depreciation, if any, equals the sum of the deficit between the fair value of each investment security as of the applicable calculation date and the original cost of such investment security. We have not incurred capital gains-based incentive fees from inception through March 31, 2018, as aggregate unrealized capital depreciation has exceeded cumulative realized capital gains net of cumulative realized capital losses.

In accordance with GAAP, accrual of the capital gains-based incentive fee is determined as if our investments had been liquidated at their fair values as of the end of the reporting period. Therefore, GAAP requires that the capital gains-based incentive fee accrual consider the aggregate unrealized capital appreciation in the calculation, as a capital gains-based incentive fee would be payable if such unrealized capital appreciation were realized. There can be no assurance that any such unrealized capital appreciation will be realized in the future. Accordingly, a GAAP accrual is calculated at the end of the reporting period based on (i) cumulative aggregate realized capital gains since our inception, plus (ii) the entire portfolio s aggregate unrealized capital appreciation, if any, less (iii) cumulative aggregate realized capital losses since our inception, less (iv) the entire portfolio s aggregate unrealized capital gains-based incentive fee equal to 20.0% of such amount is positive at the end of a reporting period, a capital gains-based incentive fee paid in all prior years, is recorded, regardless of whether such amount is contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement. If such amount is negative, then there is no accrual for such period. As of and for the year ended March 31, 2018, we recorded a capital gains-based incentive fee of \$4.4 million; however, such amount is not contractually due under the terms of the Advisory Agreement. There has been no GAAP accrual of a capital gains-based incentive fee for any year prior to March 31, 2018.

Our Board of Directors may accept non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits from the Adviser to reduce the income-based incentive fee to the extent net investment income generated in the current or prior year does not cover 100% of the distributions to common stockholders for a year. For the years ended March 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, there were no such incentive fee credits from the Adviser.

# Loan Servicing Fee Pursuant to Credit Facility

The Adviser also services the loans held by our wholly-owned subsidiary, Business Investment (the borrower under the Credit Facility), in return for which the Adviser receives a 2.0% annual fee based on the monthly aggregate outstanding balance of loans pledged under the Credit Facility. Since Business Investment is a consolidated subsidiary of ours, coupled with the fact that the total base management fee paid to the Adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreement cannot exceed 2.0% of total assets (as reduced by cash and cash equivalents pledged to creditors) during any given calendar year, we treat the payment of the loan servicing fee pursuant to the Credit Facility as a pre-payment of the base management fee under the Advisory Agreement. Accordingly, these loan servicing fees are 100% non-contractually, unconditionally, and irrevocably credited back to us by the Adviser.

# Administration Agreement

We pay the Administrator pursuant to the Administration Agreement for our allocable portion of the Administrator s expenses incurred while performing services to us, which are primarily rent and salaries and benefits expenses of the Administrator s employees, including, but not limited to, our chief financial officer and treasurer, chief valuation officer, chief compliance officer, general counsel and secretary (who also serves as the Administrator s president), and their respective staffs.

Our allocable portion of the Administrator s expenses is generally derived by multiplying the Administrator s total expenses by the approximate percentage of time during the current quarter that the Administrator s employees performed services for us in relation to their time spent performing services for all companies serviced by the Administrator. On July 11, 2017, our Board of Directors, including a majority of the directors who are not parties to the Administration Agreement or interested persons of either party, approved the annual renewal of the Administration Agreement through August 31, 2018.

# **Other Transactions**

Mr. Gladstone also serves on the board of managers of our affiliate, Gladstone Securities, a privately-held broker-dealer registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and insured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. Gladstone Securities is 100% indirectly owned and controlled by Mr. Gladstone and has provided other services, such as investment banking and due diligence services, to certain of our portfolio companies, for which Gladstone Securities receives a fee. Any such fees paid by portfolio companies to Gladstone Securities do not impact the fees we pay to the Adviser or the non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable credits against the base management fee. Refer to Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* in the accompanying *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information.

# Staffing

We do not currently have any employees and do not expect to have any employees in the foreseeable future. Currently, services necessary for our business are provided by individuals who are employees of the Adviser and the Administrator pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement, respectively. No employee of the Adviser or the Administrator will dedicate all of his or her time to us. However, we expect that 20 to 25 full-time employees of the Adviser and the Administrator will spend substantial time on our matters during the remainder of calendar year 2018 and all of calendar year 2019. To the extent we acquire more investments, we anticipate that the number of employees of the Adviser and the Administrator who devote time to our matters will increase.

As of June 1, 2018, the Adviser and Administrator collectively had 66 full-time employees. A breakdown of these employees is summarized by functional area in the table below:

#### Number of

| Individuals | Functional Area  |
|-------------|--|
| 12          | Executive management   |
| 18          | Accounting, administration, compliance, human resources, legal, and treasury |
| 36          | Investment management, portfolio management, and due diligence               |
| Properties  |  |

#### **Properties**

We do not own any real estate or other physical properties material to our operations. The Adviser is the current leaseholder of all properties in which we operate. We occupy these premises pursuant to our Advisory and Administration Agreements with the Adviser and Administrator, respectively. The Adviser and Administrator are both headquartered in McLean, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C., and the Adviser also has offices in other states.

#### Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we may become involved in various investigations, claims and legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of our business. Furthermore, third parties may try to seek to impose liability on us in connection with the activities of our portfolio companies. See Risk Factors Risk Related to Our Investments Portfolio company-related litigation could result in costs, including defense costs or damages, and the diversion of management time and resources. While we do not expect that the resolution of these matters, if they arise, would materially affect the ability of our Adviser to perform under the Advisory Agreement or our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows, resolution will be subject to various uncertainties and could result in the expenditure of significant financial and managerial resources.

# **PORTFOLIO COMPANIES**

The following table sets forth certain information as of March 31, 2018, regarding each portfolio company in which we had a debt or equity security as of such date. All such investments have been made in accordance with our investment objectives and strategies and our investment policies and procedures described in this prospectus. Under the 1940 Act, we may not acquire any non-qualifying assets unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of our total assets. As of March 31, 2018, our investment in Funko Acquisition Holdings, LLC (Funko) was considered a non-qualifying asset under Section 55 of the 1940 Act and represented less than 0.1% of total investments, at fair value. As of March 31, 2017, our investment in AquaVenture was considered a non-qualifying asset under Section 55 of total investments, at fair value.

| Company                                       | Industry                                     | Investment                           | Percentage of<br>Class Held<br>on a Fully<br>Diluted Basis | i<br>thous | Fair<br>Value<br>amounts<br>n<br>sands)<br>idited) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|------------|--|
| NON-CONTROL/NON-A                             | AFFILIATE INVESTMEN                          | TS:                                  |  |            |  |
| B-Dry, LLC                                    | Personal, Food and<br>Miscellaneous Services | Secured First Lien<br>Line of Credit |  | \$ 4,550   | \$ 3,882   |
| 4300 Papermill Drive                          |  | Secured First Lien<br>Term Debt      |  | 6,443      |  |
| Knoxville, TN 37909                           |  | Secured First Lien<br>Term Debt      |  | 840        |  |
|   |  | Preferred Stock                      | 100.0%   | 2,516      |  |
|   |  | Common Stock                         | 60.4%  | 300        |  |
|   |  | ~                                    |  | 14,649     | 3,882  |
| Counsel Press, Inc.                           | Diversified/Conglomerate<br>Services         | Secured First Lien<br>Term Debt      |  | 18,000     | 18,000   |
| 460 West 34th Street,<br>Fourth Floor         |  | Secured First Lien<br>Term Debt      |  | 5,500      | 5,500  |
| New York, NY 10001                            |  | Preferred Stock                      | 87.8%  | 6,995      | 6,303  |
|   |  |                                      |  | 30,495     | 29,803   |
| Country Club Enterprises,<br>LLC              | Automobile                                   | Secured Second Lien<br>Term Debt     |  | 4,000      | 4,000  |
| 2D Express Drive                              |  | Preferred Stock                      | 56.0%  | 7,725      | 1,010  |
| W. Wareham, MA 02571                          |  | Guaranty                             |  |            | ,  |
| Diligent Delivery                             | Cargo Transport                              | Secured Second Lien                  |  | 11,725     | 5,010  |
| Systems                                       |  | Term Debt                            |  | 12,916     | 13,000   |
| 333 N. Sam Houston<br>Parkway<br>E. Suite 100 |  | Common Stock<br>Warrants             | 100.0%   | 500        | 2,816  |
| <b>L.</b> Suite 100                           |  | r allulus                            | 100.070  | 500        | 2,010  |

| Houston, TX 77060        |                          |                    |       | 13,416 | 15,816 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Drew Foam Company,       | Chemicals, Plastics, and | Secured First Lien |       |        |        |
| Inc.                     | Rubber                   | Term Debt          |       | 9,913  | 9,987  |
| 1093 Highway 278 East    |                          | Preferred Stock    | 63.2% | 3,375  | 3,375  |
| Moticello, AR 71655      |                          | Common Stock       | 53.7% | 63     | 14,744 |
|                          |                          |                    |       |        |        |
|                          |                          |                    |       | 13,351 | 28,106 |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc. | Containers, Packaging,   | Secured First Lien |       |        |        |
|                          | and Glass                | Term Debt          |       | 9,500  | 9,500  |
| 1201 Andover Park East,  |                          |                    |       |        |        |
| Suite 101                |                          | Preferred Stock    | 67.8% | 1,373  | 1,428  |
| Tukwila, WA 98188        |                          | Common Stock       | 57.6% | 152    | 10,459 |
|                          |                          |                    |       |        |        |
|                          |                          |                    |       | 11,025 | 21,387 |
| Funko Acquisition        | Personal and Non-Durable |                    |       |        |        |
| Holdings, LLC            | Consumer Products        |                    |       |        |        |
| C                        | (Manufacturing Only)     | Common Stock       | 0.01% | 167    | 194    |
|                          |                          |                    |       |        |        |
| 1202 Shuksan Way         |                          |                    |       | 167    | 194    |
| Everett, WA 98203        |                          |                    |       |        |        |

| Company                        | Industry                                       | Investment                      | Percentage of<br>Class Held<br>on a Fully<br>Diluted Basis | Cost<br>(Dollar am<br>thousa<br>(unaud | nds)   |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--|--------|
| Ginsey Home Solutions,<br>Inc. | Home and Office<br>Furnishings, Housewares,    |                                 |  |  |        |
|                                | and Durable Consumer                           | Secured Second Lien             |  |  |        |
|                                | Products                                       | Term Debt                       | 04.0%  | 13,300                                 | 13,300 |
| 2078 Center Square Rd          |  | Preferred Stock                 | 94.9%  | 9,583                                  | 12,555 |
| Swedesboro, NJ 08085           |  | Common Stock                    | 78.5%  | 8                                      |        |
|                                |  |                                 |  | 22,891                                 | 25,855 |
| Jackrabbit, Inc.               | Farming and Agriculture                        | Secured First Lien              |  | 22,071                                 | 23,033 |
| ,                              | 6 6  | Term Debt                       |  | 11,000                                 | 11,000 |
| 471 Industrial Ave.            |  | Preferred Stock                 | 79.8%  | 3,556                                  | 2,518  |
| Rippon, CA 95366               |  | Common Stock                    | 55.4%  | 94                                     |        |
|                                |  |                                 |  |  |        |
|                                |  |                                 |  | 14,650                                 | 13,518 |
| Nth Degree, Inc.               | Diversified/Conglomerate<br>Service            | Secured First Lien<br>Term Debt |  | 13,290                                 | 12 200 |
| 2675 Breckinridge Blvd.,       | Service  | Term Debi                       |  | 15,290                                 | 13,290 |
| Suite 200                      |  | Preferred Stock                 | 49.0%  | 5,660                                  | 26,424 |
| Duluth, GA 30096               |  |                                 |  | 18,950                                 | 39,714 |
| SBS Industries, LLC            | Machinery (Nonagriculture,<br>Nonconstruction, | Secured First Lien              |  |  |        |
| 1042 N 106 (1 E A              | Nonelectronic)                                 | Line of Credit                  |  |  |        |
| 1843 N. 106 th E. Ave          |  | Secured First Lien<br>Term Debt |  | 10.057                                 | 19,957 |
| Tulsa, OK 74116                |  | Preferred Stock                 | 94.9%  | 19,957<br>2,771                        | 19,937 |
| 1 uisa, OK 74110               |  | Common Stock                    | 70.5%  | 2,771                                  | 1,750  |
|                                |  |                                 | , 0.0 , 0  |  |        |
|                                |  |                                 |  | 22,950                                 | 21,915 |
| Schylling, Inc.                | Leisure, Amusement,                            |                                 |  |  |        |
|                                | Motion Pictures,                               | Secured First Lien              |  |  |        |
|                                | Entertainment                                  | Term Debt                       |  | 13,081                                 | 13,081 |
| 21 High Street, Suite 400      |  | Secured First Lien<br>Term Debt |  | 8 500                                  | 8 500  |
| North Andover, MA              |  | Secured First Lien              |  | 8,500                                  | 8,500  |
| 01845                          |  | Term Debt                       |  | 6,000                                  | 6,000  |
|                                |  | Preferred Stock                 | 72.7%  | 4,000                                  | -,000  |
|                                |  |                                 |  | 31,581                                 | 27,581 |
| Star Seed, Inc.                | Farming and Agriculture                        | Secured First Lien              |  |  |        |
| 101 NT 1 1 .                   |  | Term Debt                       | (FAM   | 5,000                                  | 5,000  |
| 101 N Industrial Ave           |  | Preferred Stock                 | 65.2%  | 1,499                                  | 2,376  |
| Osborne, KS 67473              |  | Common Stock                    | 54.7%  | 1                                      | 589    |

|   |             |                    |       | 6,500 | 7,965 |  |
|---|-------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| Tread Corporation   | Oil and Gas | Secured First Lien |       |       |       |  |
|   |             | Line of Credit     |       | 3,216 | 3,216 |  |
| 176 Eastpark Dr.  |             | Preferred Stock    | 97.8% | 3,768 | 3,335 |  |
| Roanoke, VA 24019   |             | Common Stock       | 88.6% | 753   |       |  |
|   |             |                    |       | 7,737 | 6,551 |  |
| Total Non-Control/Non-Affiliate Investments (represents 41.3% of total investments at fair value)       \$ 220,087 \$ 247 |             |                    |       |       |       |  |

| Company                   | Industry                                  | Investment                       | Percentage of<br>Class Held<br>on a Fully<br>Diluted Basis | Cost<br>(Dollar a<br>ir<br>thousa<br>(unaud | ands)   |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|---|---------|
| AFFILIATE<br>INVESTMENTS: |   |                                  |  |   |         |
| Alloy Die Casting Corp.   | Diversified/Conglomerate<br>Manufacturing | Secured Second Lien<br>Term Debt |  | \$ 12,215                                   | \$9,161 |
| 6550 Caballero Blvd       | U   | Secured Second Lien<br>Term Debt |  | 175   | 131     |
| Buena Park, CA 90620      |   | Secured Second Lien<br>Term Debt |  | 910   | 687     |
|                           |   | Preferred Stock<br>Common Stock  | 69.0%<br>60.3%   | 5,114<br>41                                 |         |