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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form N-2

REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
*UNDER*  
*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*  
PRE-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO.  
POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO.

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GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100

McLean, VA 22102

Address of principal executive offices (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (703) 287-5800

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**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**

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**Approximate date of proposed public offering:** From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If any securities being registered on this form will be offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, check the following box.

It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate box)

when declared effective pursuant to section 8(c).

### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

| Title of Securities Being Registered            | Proposed<br>Maximum<br>Aggregate<br>Offering Price(1) | Amount of<br>Registration Fee |
|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share(2)    |   |                               |
| Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share(2) |   |                               |
| Subscription Rights(2)                          |   |                               |
| Warrants(2)                                     |   |                               |
| Debt Securities(2)                              | \$300,000,000(3)                                      | \$34,860(3)                   |
| Total   |   |                               |

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. Pursuant to Rule 457(o) of the rules and regulations under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ) which permits the registration fee to be calculated on the basis of the maximum offering price of all the securities listed, the table does not specify by each class information as to the amount to be registered, proposed maximum offering price per unit or proposed maximum aggregate offering price.

(2) Subject to Note 3 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate amount of common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights, debt securities, warrants or units as may be sold, from time to time. If any debt securities are issued at an original issue discount, then the offering price shall be in such greater principal amount as shall result in an aggregate price to investors not to exceed \$300,000,000. If any warrants are issued, they will represent rights to purchase common stock, preferred stock or debt securities.

(3)

In no event will the aggregate offering price of all securities issued from time to time pursuant to this Registration Statement exceed \$300,000,000. Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement includes \$157,289,313 of unsold securities of the Registrant that have been previously registered on the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-181879) initially filed by the registrant on June 4, 2012 and most recently declared effective on September 4, 2014 (the 2012 Registration Statement ). A filing fee of \$17,540 was paid in connection with such unsold securities and is being offset against the total registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(p), resulting in a payment of \$17,320 in connection with the filing of this Registration Statement. Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6), the offering of the unsold securities registered under the prior registration statement will be deemed terminated as of the effective date of this Registration Statement.

**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JUNE 16, 2015**

**PRELIMINARY 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, subscription rights, warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, or debt securities, or concurrent, separate offerings of these securities, which we refer to in this prospectus collectively as our 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 a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company and have elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. For federal income tax purposes, we have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Our investment objectives are to: (1) 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 (2) provide our stockholders with long-term capital appreciation in the value of our assets by investing in equity securities of established businesses that we believe can grow over time 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 ( NASDAQ ) under the symbol GAIN. As of June 12, 2015, the last reported sales price of our common stock was \$7.80 and the net asset value per share of our common stock on March 31, 2015 (the last date prior to the date of this prospectus on which we determined our net asset value per share) was \$9.18. Our 7.125% Series A Cumulative Term Preferred Stock is traded on NASDAQ under the symbol GAINP. As of June 12, 2015, the last reported sales price of our 7.125% Series A Cumulative Term Preferred Stock was \$25.74. Our 6.750% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred Stock is traded on NASDAQ under the symbol GAINO. As of June 12, 2015, the last reported sales price of our 6.750% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred Stock was \$25.42. Our 6.500% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock is traded on NASDAQ under the symbol GAINN. As of June 12, 2015, the last reported sales price of our 6.500% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock was \$25.10.

This prospectus contains information you should know before investing, 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](http://www.sec.gov). This information is also available free of charge by calling us collect at (703) 287-5893 or on our corporate website located at <http://www.gladstoneinvestment.com>. You may also call us collect at this number to request 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. This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

**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 Risk Factors, which begins on page 9. 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.**

**The SEC has not approved or disapproved of 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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**We have not authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to give any information or to make any 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 security other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do they constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The information contained in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement is accurate as of the dates on their respective covers only. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since such dates.**

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.



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**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.*

**GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

**General**

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Laws of the State of Delaware on February 18, 2005. On June 22, 2005, we completed an initial public offering and commenced operations. We operate as a 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 ). 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.

Our shares of common stock, 7.125% Series A Cumulative Term Preferred Stock ( Series A Term Preferred Stock ), 6.750% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred Stock ( Series B Term Preferred Stock ) and 6.500% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock ( Series C Term Preferred Stock ) are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market ( NASDAQ ) under the trading symbols GAIN, GAINP, GAINO, and GAINN, respectively. At times we refer to our Series A Term Preferred Stock, Series B Term Preferred Stock and Series C Term Preferred Stock, collectively, as our Term Preferred Stock herein.

**Investment Objectives and Strategy**

Our investment objectives are to: (1) 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 (2) provide our stockholders with long-term capital appreciation in the value of our assets by investing in equity 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 each investment generally ranging from \$5 million to \$30 million, although investment size may vary, depending upon our total assets or available capital at the time of investment. We expect that our investment mix over time will consist of approximately 75% in debt securities and 25% in equity securities. However, as of March 31, 2015, our investment mix was approximately 73% in debt securities and 27% in equity securities, at cost.

In general, our investments in debt securities have a term of no more than seven years, accrue interest at variable rates (based on the London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR )) and, to a lesser extent, at fixed rates. We seek debt instruments that pay interest monthly or, at a minimum, quarterly, have a success fee or 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 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* ).

Typically, our equity investments consist of common stock, preferred stock, limited liability company interests, or warrants or options to purchase 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 to March 31, 2015, we have invested in over 113 different companies, while making 118 consecutive monthly distributions to common stockholders.

We expect that our target portfolio over time will primarily include the following four categories of investments in private companies in the United States ( *U.S.* ):

*Senior Secured Debt Securities:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in senior 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 senior debt to cover a substantial portion of the funding needs of the business. The senior secured debt security usually takes the form of first priority liens on all, or substantially all, of the assets of the business.

*Senior Subordinated Secured Debt Securities:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in senior subordinated secured debt securities, also known as senior subordinated loans and senior subordinated notes. These senior subordinated secured debt securities rank junior to the borrower's senior debt securities and may be secured by first priority liens on a portion of the assets of the business or may be designated as second lien notes. Additionally, we may receive other yield enhancements, such as success fees, in connection with these senior subordinated secured debt securities.

*Junior Subordinated Debt Securities:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in junior subordinated debt securities, also known as subordinated loans, subordinated notes and mezzanine loans. These junior subordinated debts include second lien notes and unsecured loans. Additionally, we may receive other yield enhancements and warrants to buy common and preferred stock or limited liability interests in connection with these junior subordinated 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 or limited liability company interests, or 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 which may include having voting control of the businesses in which we invest.

Additionally, 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 BDC - 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 high risk, as compared to investment-grade debt instruments. In addition, many of our debt securities we hold typically do not amortize prior to maturity.

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**Our Investment Adviser and Administrator**

Gladstone Management Corporation (the Adviser ) is our affiliate, investment adviser, and a privately-held company led by a management team that has extensive experience in our lines of business. Another of our and the Adviser s affiliates, a privately-held company, Gladstone Administration, LLC (the Administrator ), employs, among others, our chief financial officer and treasurer, chief accounting officer, chief valuation officer, chief compliance officer, general counsel and secretary (who also serves as the president of the Administrator) and their respective staffs. All of our executive officers, with the exception of our president, serve as directors, executive officers, officers, or a combination of the foregoing, of the following of our affiliates: Gladstone Commercial Corporation ( Gladstone Commercial ), a publicly-traded real estate investment trust; Gladstone Capital Corporation ( Gladstone Capital ), a publicly-traded BDC and RIC; Gladstone Land Corporation ( Gladstone Land ), a publicly-traded real estate investment trust; the Adviser; and the Administrator. Our chief financial officer and treasurer is also the chief financial officer and treasurer of Gladstone Capital and chief accounting officer of the Adviser. Our president is also an executive vice president of our Adviser. David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, also serves on the board of managers of our affiliate, Gladstone Securities, LLC ( Gladstone Securities ), a privately-held broker-dealer registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ( FINRA ) and insured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

The Adviser and Administrator also provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to our affiliates, including, but not limited to, Gladstone Commercial; Gladstone Capital; and Gladstone Land. In the future, the Adviser and Administrator may provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to other funds and companies, both public and private.

We are externally managed by the Adviser pursuant to an investment advisory and management agreement with the Adviser, which we refer to as the Advisory Agreement. The Adviser was organized as a Delaware corporation in 2002 and is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. Since June 22, 2005, we have been externally managed

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by our Adviser, which is headquartered in McLean, Virginia, a suburb of Washington D.C., and also has offices in California, Illinois and New York. At a meeting of our Board of Directors held on July 15, 2014, our board of directors, or the Board of Directors, unanimously voted to approve the extension of the term of the Advisory Agreement through August 31, 2015. In reaching a decision to approve the Advisory Agreement, the 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.

During the fiscal years ended March 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, we incurred total fees, net of credits, of approximately \$9.7 million, \$7.9 million and \$6.7 million, respectively, to the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement. 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 well as an administration agreement, or the Administration Agreement, with the Administrator, as being in the best interests of our stockholders. Additionally, during the fiscal years ended March 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, we incurred total fees, net of credits, of approximately \$0.9 million, \$0.9 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, to the Administrator under the Administration Agreement.

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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. Our Securities may be offered at prices and on terms 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, exclusive of any distribution commission or discount, will not be less than the net asset value ( 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 stockholders, or (iii) under such other circumstances as the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) may permit. If we were to sell shares of our common stock below our then current NAV per share, as we did in October 2012 and March and April 2015, 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:

|  |   |
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| Common Stock Trading Symbol<br>(NASDAQ)  | GAIN  |
| 7.125% Series A Cumulative Term<br>Preferred Stock Trading Symbol<br>(NASDAQ)          | GAINP   |
| 6.750% Series B Cumulative Term<br>Preferred Stock Trading Symbol<br>(NASDAQ)          | GAINO   |
| 6.500% Series C Cumulative Term<br>Preferred Stock Due 2022 Trading Symbol<br>(NASDAQ) | GAINN   |
| Use of Proceeds  | Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of our Securities first to pay down existing short-term debt, then to make investments in buyouts and recapitalizations of small and mid-sized companies in accordance with our investment objectives, with any remaining proceeds to be used for other general corporate purposes. See Use of Proceeds. |
| Dividends and Distributions  | 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 on a quarterly basis and is based on our estimate of our annual investment company taxable income. See Price Range of Common Stock and Distributions. Certain additional amounts may be deemed as distributed to stockholders for income tax purposes. Other types of Securities will likely pay distributions in accordance with their terms.

Taxation

We intend to continue to qualify to be treated for federal income tax purposes as a RIC. So long as we continue to qualify, we generally will pay no corporate-level federal income taxes on any ordinary income or capital gains that we distribute to our stockholders. To maintain our RIC status, we must meet specified source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and distribute annually at least 90% of our taxable ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, out of assets legally available for distribution. See Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.

Trading at a Discount

Common shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount to their NAV. The possibility that our shares may trade at such discount to our NAV 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, although during the past three years, our common stock has consistently traded, and at times significantly, below NAV.

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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 Certain Provisions of Delaware Law and of Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Our transfer agent, Computershare, Inc., 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 so elect 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 Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Management Arrangements

Gladstone Management Corporation serves as our investment adviser, and Gladstone Administration, LLC serves as our administrator. For a description of our Adviser, our Administrator, the Gladstone Companies and our contractual arrangements with these companies, see Management Certain Transactions Investment Advisory and Management Agreement and Management Certain Transactions Administration Agreement.



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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, 2015, and average net assets for the quarter ended March 31, 2015. The table and examples below include all fees and expenses of our consolidated subsidiaries.

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|---|---------------|
| <b>Stockholder Transaction Expenses:</b>  |               |
| Sales load (as a percentage of offering price)(1)   | %             |
| Offering expenses (as a percentage of offering price)(1)  | %             |
| Dividend reinvestment plan expenses(2)  | None          |
| Total stockholder transaction expenses(1)   | %             |
| <b>Annual expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock):</b>  |               |
| Base Management fee(3)  | 3.57%         |
| Loan servicing fee(4)   | 2.25%         |
| Incentive fees payable under investment advisory and management agreement (20% of realized capital gains and 20% of pre-incentive fee net investment income)(5) | 2.00%         |
| Interest payments on borrowed funds(6)  | 2.08%         |
| Dividend expense on mandatorily redeemable preferred stock (7)  | 2.52%         |
| Other expenses(8)   | 1.30%         |
| <b>Total annual expenses as a percentage of average net assets(8)</b>   | <b>13.73%</b> |

- (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 reinvestment plan are included in stock record expenses, a component of Other expenses. The participants in the dividend reinvestment plan will bear a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to open market purchases, if any. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan for information on the dividend reinvestment plan.
- (3) Our annual base management fee is 2% (0.5% quarterly) of our average gross assets, which are defined as total assets of Gladstone Investment, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings. In accordance with the requirements of the SEC, the table above shows the management fee as a percentage of average net assets attributable to common shareholders. For purposes of the table, the management fee has been converted to 3.57% of the average net assets as of March 31, 2015 by dividing the total dollar amount of the management fee by the average net assets. Under the Advisory Agreement, our Adviser has provided and continues to provide managerial assistance to our portfolio companies.

It may also provide services other than managerial assistance to our portfolio companies and receive fees therefor. 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. At the end of each quarter, 100% of these fees are voluntarily and irrevocably credited against the base management fee that we would otherwise be required to pay to our Adviser, with the exception of a small percentage of certain fees, primarily for the valuation of portfolio companies, which are retained by the Adviser, pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement, in the form of reimbursement at cost for tasks completed by personnel of the Adviser. For the quarter ended March 31, 2015, \$1.0 million, or 1.59% of total annual expenses, of these fees were voluntarily and irrevocably credited against the base management fee.

- (4) In addition, our 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% annual loan servicing fee payable monthly by Business Investment based on the monthly aggregate balance of loans held by Business Investment in accordance with our fifth amended and restated credit agreement for our revolving line of credit ( the Credit Facility ). The entire loan servicing fee paid to our Adviser by Business Investment is voluntarily and irrevocably credited against the base management fee otherwise payable to our Adviser. After all voluntary and irrevocable credits described in this footnote and footnote 3 above are applied against the base management fee, the total annual expenses after fee credits as a percentage of net assets would be 9.89% for the quarter ended March 31, 2015. See Management Certain Transactions Investment Advisory and Management Agreement and footnote 5 below.

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- (5) The incentive fee consists of two parts: an income-based fee and a capital gains-based fee. The income-based 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, 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). The income-based incentive fee is computed and paid on income that may include interest that is accrued but not yet received in cash. Our pre-incentive fee net investment income used to calculate this part of the income-based incentive fee is also included in the amount of our gross assets used to calculate the 2% base management fee (see footnote 3 above). The capital gains-based incentive fee equals 20% of our net realized capital gains 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. The incentive fee payable for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 was \$1.2 million.

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:

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

$$= 0.25\%$$

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

$$= (100\% \times (2.1875\% - 1.75\%)) + (20\% \times (2.30\% - 2.1875\%))$$

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

$$= 0.4375\% + 0.0225\%$$

$$= 0.46\%$$

Assuming 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:

$$= 20\% \times (6\% - 1\%)$$

= 20% × 5%

= 1%

For a more detailed discussion of the calculation of the two-part incentive fee, see Management Certain Transactions Investment Advisory and Management Agreement.

- (6) Includes deferred financing costs. As of March 31, 2015, we had \$118.8 million in borrowings outstanding under our Credit Facility.
- (7) Includes dividends paid on our Series A and Series B Term Preferred Stock. Dividend expense assumes the Series A and Series B Term Preferred Stock was outstanding during the entire annualized period. Also included in this line item is the amortization of the offering costs related to our Series A and Series B Term Preferred Stock. In May 2015, the Company issued \$40.3 million of our Series C Term Preferred Stock. Assuming the Series C Term Preferred Stock was outstanding during the quarter ended March 31, 2015, the total annual dividend expense on all Term Preferred Stock would have been 3.66%. See Description of Our Securities Term Preferred Stock for additional information.
- (8) 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 Management Certain Transactions Administration Agreement.

#### **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 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**

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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(1)(2) | \$ 123 | \$ 343  | \$ 532  | \$ 896   |
| assuming a 5% annual return consisting entirely of capital gains(2)(3)   | \$ 132 | \$ 364  | \$ 560  | \$ 926   |

- (1) 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%. For purposes of this example, we have assumed that the entire amount of such 5% annual return would constitute ordinary income as we have not realized positive capital gains (computed net of all realized capital losses) on our investments from inception through March 31, 2015. Because the assumed 5% annual return is significantly below the hurdle rate of 7% (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% annual return on our investments.
- (2) While the example assumes reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at NAV, participants in our dividend reinvestment plan will receive a number of shares of our common stock, determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the dividend 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 dividend, and this price per share may differ from NAV. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan for additional information regarding our dividend reinvestment plan.
- (3) For purposes of this example, we have assumed that the entire amount of such 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.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form N-2 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the Securities Act, with respect to the Securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus, which is a part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement or exhibits and schedules thereto. For further information with respect to our business and our Securities, reference is made to the registration statement, including the amendments, exhibits and schedules thereto.

We also file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act. Such reports, proxy statements and other information, as well as the registration statement and the amendments, exhibits and schedules thereto, can be inspected at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Information about the operation of the public reference facilities may be obtained 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 web site is <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of such material may also be obtained from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

20549, at prescribed rates. Our common stock is listed on NASDAQ and our corporate website is located at <http://www.gladstoneinvestment.com>. The information contained on, or accessible through, our website is not a part of this 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. See Experts.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*You should carefully consider the risks described below and all other information provided in this prospectus (or 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.*

***Risks Related to Our Investments***

*We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities.*

There has been increased competitive pressure in the BDC and investment company marketplace for senior and senior subordinated secured debt, resulting in lower yields for increasingly riskier investments. A large number of entities compete with us and make the types of investments that we seek to make in small and medium-sized companies. We 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. 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 small and medium-sized portfolio companies are extremely risky and could cause you to lose all or a part of your investment.*

Investments in small and medium-sized portfolio companies are subject to a number of significant risks including the following:

Small and medium-sized businesses are likely to have greater exposure to 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. If one of our portfolio companies is adversely impacted by a recession, its ability to repay our loan or engage in a liquidity event, such as a sale, recapitalization or initial public offering would be diminished.

*Small and medium-sized 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 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, 2015, one portfolio company was on non-accrual status with an aggregate debt cost basis of approximately \$11.7 million, or 3.1% of the cost basis of all debt investments in our portfolio. While we are working with the portfolio company to improve its profitability and cash flows, there can be no assurance that our efforts will prove successful. Although we will generally seek to be the senior secured lender to a borrower, in some of our loans we expect to be subordinated to a senior lender, and our interest in any collateral would, accordingly, likely be subordinate to another lender's security interest.

*Small and medium-sized businesses typically have narrower product lines and smaller market shares than large businesses.* Because our target portfolio companies are smaller businesses, they will tend to be more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns. In addition, our portfolio companies



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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.

*Small and medium-sized 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 would be jeopardized.

*Small and medium-sized businesses are more likely to be dependent on one or two persons.* Typically, the success of a small or medium-sized 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.

*Small and medium-sized businesses may have limited operating histories.* While we intend 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 small and medium-sized private companies typically are not rated by a credit rating agency.* Typically a small or medium-sized private 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 receive when we make loans are not publicly traded, there is uncertainty regarding the value of our privately held securities that could adversely affect our determination of our net asset value ( NAV ).*

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 our existing investment valuation policy, which has previously been approved by our Board of Directors (the Policy ). Our Board of Directors reviews valuation recommendations that are provided by the employees of the Adviser and Administrator, under the oversight of our chief valuation officer (the Valuation Team ). In valuing our investment portfolio, several techniques are used, including, a total enterprise value approach, a yield analysis, market quotes, and independent third party assessments. Currently, Standard & Poor's Securities Evaluation, Inc. provides estimates of fair value on generally all of our debt investments and we use another independent valuation firm to provide valuation inputs for our significant equity investments, 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 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. All new and follow-on debt and equity investments made during the current three month reporting period ended March 31, 2015 were valued at original cost basis. For additional information on our valuation policies, procedures and processes, see *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Critical Accounting Policy - Investment Valuation*.

Fair value measurements of our investments may involve subjective judgments and estimates and due to the inherent uncertainty of determining these fair values, the fair value of our investments may fluctuate from period to period. 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

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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.

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.

*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, or our respective officers, employees 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.

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

Our total investment in 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 28.8% of the fair value of our total portfolio as of March 31, 2015, compared to 32.8% as of March 31, 2014. Any disposition of a significant investment in one or more companies may negatively impact our net investment income and limit our ability to pay distributions.

*We generally will not control our portfolio companies.*

We do not, and do not expect to, control most 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 as debt investors. Due to the lack of liquidity for our investments in non-traded companies, we may not be able to dispose of our interests in our portfolio companies as readily as we would like or at an appropriate valuation. As a result, a portfolio company may make decisions that could decrease the value of our portfolio holdings.

*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 and financial condition.

*Our portfolio companies may incur debt that ranks equally with, or senior to, our investments in such companies.*

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

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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. After repaying such senior creditors, such portfolio company may not have any remaining assets to use for repaying its obligation to us. 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 equity.*

In addition to risks associated with delays in investing our capital, 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 2015, we experienced prepayments of debt investments from Cambridge Sound Management, Inc. ( Cambridge ), Frontier Packaging, Inc. ( Frontier ), Funko, LLC ( Funko ), Old World Christmas, Inc. ( Old World ), and Star Seed, Inc. ( Star Seed ). We will use any proceeds from prepayments to repay any borrowings outstanding on our credit facility. In the event that funds remain after repayment of our outstanding borrowings, then we will generally 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. Additionally, prepayments could negatively impact our return on equity, which could result in a decline in the market price of our common stock.

*Higher taxation of our portfolio companies may impact our quarterly and annual operating results.*

The recession's adverse effect on federal, state and municipality revenues may induce these government entities to raise various taxes to make up for lost revenues. Additional taxation may have an adverse effect on our portfolio companies' earnings and reduce their ability to repay our loans to them, thus affecting our quarterly and annual operating results.

*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, 2015, we had investments in 34 portfolio companies, of which there were five investments, Counsel Press, Inc. ( Counsel Press ), Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC ( SOG ), Funko, Acme Cryogenics, Inc. ( Acme ), and Old World that comprised \$134.3 million, or 28.8%, 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 loans or a substantial write-down of any one investment. Beyond our regulatory and income tax diversification requirements, as well as our 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, 2015, our largest industry concentration was in Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Products, representing 15.1% 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 related warrants or other equity positions until the loans mature, you should not expect realization events, if any, to occur over the near term. In addition, we expect that any warrants or other equity positions that we receive when we make loans 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 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 ultimately yield funding obligations that must be satisfied through our return of certain distributions previously made to us.

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*There may be circumstances where our debt investments could be subordinated to claims of other creditors or we could be subject to lender liability claims.*

Even though we have structured most of our investments as secured first and second lien loans, if one of our portfolio companies were to go bankrupt, depending on the facts and circumstances, including the extent to which we actually provided managerial assistance to that portfolio company, a bankruptcy court might re-characterize our debt investments and subordinate all, or a portion, of our claims to that of other creditors. Holders of debt instruments ranking senior to our investments typically would be entitled to receive payment in full before we receive any distributions. After repaying such senior creditors, such portfolio company may not have any remaining assets to use to repay 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. It is possible that we could become subject to a lender's liability claim, including as a result of actions taken in rendering significant managerial assistance.

*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.

For example, a former portfolio company, Noble Logistics, Inc. ( Noble ) is a defendant in employment law wage and hour and independent contractor misclassification claims in a purported class action seeking monetary damages, *Maximo v. Aspen Contracting California LLC d/b/a/ Noble Logistics, et al.*, or *Maximo*. Noble is a debtor in a bankruptcy case under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code, pending in federal bankruptcy court in Delaware. The claims against Noble asserted in the *Maximo* case have been stayed by the filing of Noble's bankruptcy case. A lawsuit brought by plaintiffs Clarence and Sheila Walder against a customer of Noble is also pending in California based on similar facts relating to Noble and claims under California law. The *Maximo* and Walder plaintiffs have attempted to bring claims against the Company and other former investors in Noble based primarily on allegations that the Company and other investors controlled Noble and were responsible for the misclassification of Noble's workforce. To date, claims against the Company have been struck by a court or voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiffs in connection with the automatic stay arising in connection with the Noble bankruptcy. While neither the Company nor any of its portfolio companies (other than Noble) are currently defendants in these cases, they may in the future be subject to claims by these plaintiffs or other persons alleging similar claims, or may expend funds on behalf of Noble

to defend claims.

While the Company believes it would have valid defenses to potential claims, based on the current claims and facts alleged, and intends to defend any 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.*

When we make a loan, we may receive warrants to purchase stock issued by the borrower or other yield enhancements, such as success fees. Our goal is to ultimately dispose of these equity interests and realize gains upon our disposition of such interests. We expect that, over time, the gains we realize on these warrants and other yield enhancements will offset any losses we may experience



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on loan defaults. However, any warrants we receive may not appreciate in value and, in fact, may decline in value and any other yield enhancements, such as success fees, may not be realized. Accordingly, we may not be able to realize gains from our equity interests or other yield enhancements and any gains we do recognize may not be sufficient to offset losses we experience on our loan portfolio.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, we recorded a net realized loss of \$0.1 million related to reversal of escrows from previous investment exits. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014, we recorded a net realized gain of \$8.2 million primarily consisting of a \$24.8 million gain on the sale of Venyu Solutions, Inc. ( Venyu ), partially offset by realized losses of \$11.4 million and \$1.8 million related to the equity sales of Auto Safety House, LLC ( ASH ) and Packerland Whey Products, Inc. ( Packerland ), respectively, and a realized loss of \$3.4 million related to the restructuring of Noble. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013, we recorded a realized gain of \$0.8 million relating to post-closing adjustments on our previous investment exit of A. Stucki Holding Corp. ( A. Stucki ). There can be no guarantees that such 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 years ended March 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, success fees totaled \$1.4 million, \$4.2 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

*Any cumulative unrealized depreciation we experience on our investment portfolio may be an indication of future realized losses, which could reduce our income 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 our income available for distribution to stockholders in future periods.

*The recent volatility of oil and natural gas prices could impair certain of our portfolio companies' operations and ability to satisfy obligations to their respective lenders and investors, including us, which could negatively impact our financial condition.*

Many of our portfolio companies' businesses are heavily dependent upon the prices of, and demand for, oil and natural gas, which have recently declined significantly and such volatility could continue or increase in the future. A substantial or extended decline in oil and natural gas demand or prices may adversely affect the business, financial condition, cash flow, liquidity or results of operations of these portfolio companies and might impair their ability to meet capital expenditure obligations and financial commitments. A prolonged or continued decline in oil prices could therefore have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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

*In addition to regulatory limitations on our ability to raise capital, our revolving line of credit 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 and ability to pay distributions.*

We will have a continuing need for capital to finance our investments. As of March 31, 2015, we had \$118.8 million in borrowings outstanding under our fifth amended and restated credit agreement, which provides for maximum borrowings of \$185.0 million (our Credit Facility ), with a revolving period end date of June 26, 2017 (the Revolving

Period End Date ). Our 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. Our Credit Facility contains covenants that require our wholly-owned subsidiary, 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 material changes to our credit and collection policies without lenders' consent. Our Credit Facility also generally seeks to restrict distributions on our common stock to 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. We are also subject to certain limitations on the type of loan investments we can make, including restrictions on geographic concentrations, sector concentrations, loan size, payment frequency and status, average life and lien property. Our Credit Facility also requires us to comply with other financial and operational covenants, which obligate us to, among other things, maintain certain financial ratios, including asset and interest coverage and a minimum number of obligors required in the borrowing base of the credit agreement. Additionally, we are subject to a performance guaranty that requires us to maintain (i) a minimum net worth of \$170 million plus 50% of all equity and subordinated debt raised minus any equity or subordinated debt redeemed or retired after June 26, 2014, which equates to \$202.9 million as of March 31, 2015, (ii) asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness of at least 200%, in accordance with Section 18, as modified by 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, 2015 and as of the date of this filing, we were in compliance with the covenants under our Credit Facility; however, our continued compliance depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control.

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Given the continued uncertainty in the capital markets, the cumulative net 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 our 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 and ability to pay distributions to our stockholders.

*Any inability to renew, extend or replace our 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 our 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 June 26, 2017. Subject to certain terms and conditions, our Credit Facility may be expanded to a total of \$250 million through the addition of other lenders to the facility. However, if additional lenders are unwilling to join the facility on its terms, we will be unable to expand the facility and thus will continue to have limited availability to finance new investments under our Credit Facility. There can be no guarantee that we will be able to renew, extend or replace our Credit Facility upon its Revolving Period End Date on terms that are favorable to us, if at all. Our ability to expand our 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 our Credit Facility, or to renew, extend or refinance our 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 our Credit Facility. Based on the recent trading prices of our common stock, such an equity offering may have a substantial 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 our 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 net investment income, at least 90%, on an annual basis, our business plan is dependent upon external financing, which is constrained by the limitations of the 1940 Act.*

We completed recent equity offerings of our Series C and Series B Term Preferred Stock in May 2015 and November 2014, respectively; our Series A Term Preferred Stock in March 2012; and our common offerings in March 2015 and in October 2012, and 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 our Credit Facility) and senior securities that are stock, such as our Series A, B, and C 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 (such as our Term Preferred

Stock) (collectively, our Senior Securities ), in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act, is at least 200% immediately after each issuance of 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 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 expenses 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)(2) 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 is stock.

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*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 stockholder 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 in 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.

*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.

|   | Assumed Return on Our Portfolio<br>(Net of Expenses) |         |        |      |       |
|---|--|---------|--------|------|-------|
|   | (10)%  | (5)%    | 0%     | 5%   | 10%   |
| Corresponding return to common stockholder <sup>(1)</sup> | (21.6)%  | (12.8)% | (3.9)% | 4.9% | 13.8% |

<sup>(1)</sup> The hypothetical return to common stockholders is calculated by multiplying our total assets as of March 31, 2015, 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, 2015; and then dividing the resulting difference by our total net assets attributable to Common Stock as of March 31, 2015. Based on \$483.5 million in total assets, \$118.8 million in debt outstanding at cost, \$5.1 million in a secured borrowing, \$40.0 million in aggregate liquidation preference of Series A Term Preferred Stock, \$41.4 million in aggregate liquidation preference of Series B Term Preferred Stock and \$273.4 million in net assets as of March 31, 2015. Based on an aggregate outstanding indebtedness of \$123.9 million at cost as of March 31, 2015, the effective annual interest rate of 4.0% as of that date, and aggregate liquidation preference of our Term Preferred Stock of \$81.4 million, our investment portfolio at fair value would have had to produce an annual return of at least 2.3% 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 our hedging strategy 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, our interest rate hedging activities 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, 2015, based on the total principal balance of debt investments outstanding, our portfolio consisted of 79.9% of loans at variable rates with floors and 20.1% at fixed rates.

We currently hold one interest rate cap agreement for a notional amount of \$45.0 million. While hedging activities 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

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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 and results of operations. Our ability to receive payments pursuant to an interest rate cap agreement is linked to the ability of the counter-party to that agreement to make the required payments. To the extent that the counter-party to the agreement is unable to pay pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we may lose the hedging protection of the interest rate cap agreement.

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 our interest rate cap agreements 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 and results of operations. For additional information on interest rate fluctuations, see *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk* and *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data* for additional information on interest rate cap agreements.

***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 meet income source, annual distribution 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 receive with respect to debt investments will 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. Both OID and PIK interest will increase the amounts we are required to distribute to maintain 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. 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. For additional information regarding asset coverage ratio and RIC requirements, see *Business Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations RIC Status*.

From time to time, some of our debt investments may include success fees that would generate payments to us if the business is ultimately sold. 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 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.



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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. For additional information regarding qualifying assets, see *Business Regulation as a BDC 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. For additional information regarding the regulations to which we are subject, see *Business Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations RIC Status* and *Business Regulation as a BDC*.

*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 approve 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.

## ***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, Terry Lee Brubaker and David Dullum, 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, chief accounting 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, Terry Lee Brubaker and David Dullum 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.

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*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 loss.*

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 incentive fee, net operating losses and certain other items) above a threshold return of 1.75% for that quarter. When calculating our incentive fee, our pre-incentive fee net investment income excludes realized and unrealized losses or depreciation that we may incur in the fiscal quarter, even if such losses or depreciation result in a net loss 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 Investment Advisory and Management Agreement*.

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

That part of the incentive fee payable by us that relates to our net investment income is computed and paid on income that may include interest 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, 2015, 2014 and 2013, PIK income and any other non-cash income represents less than 1% of total income for the year.

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*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, Gladstone Investment, Gladstone Commercial and Gladstone Land. In addition, Mr. Brubaker, our vice chairman and chief operating officer, is the vice chairman and chief operating officer of the Adviser and Administrator, Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Commercial and Gladstone Land. Mr. Dullum, our president and a director, 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 Gladstone affiliate 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, 2015, our Board of Directors has approved the following types of co-investment transactions not under the July 2012 co-invest exemption order we received from the SEC:

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.

Additionally, pursuant to an exemptive order granted by the SEC in July 2012, under certain circumstances, we may co-invest with Gladstone Capital and any future BDC or closed-end management investment company that is advised by the Adviser (or sub-advised by the Adviser if it controls the fund) or any combination of the foregoing subject to the conditions included therein.

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

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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 receives 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 these other services.

*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.

*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 voluntary, 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 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 interest rates payable on the debt securities we acquire, the default rates on such securities, 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, the level of our expenses, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets, 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 repay our loans. In addition, any projected 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 resulting from operations. 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 at least 90% of our investment company taxable income to our common stockholders on a quarterly basis by paying monthly common distributions. We expect to retain some or all net realized long-term capital gains by first offsetting them with realized capital losses, and, secondly, through a deemed distribution to supplement our equity capital and support the growth of our portfolio, although our Board of Directors may determine in certain cases to distribute these gains to our common stockholders. In addition, our Credit Facility restricts the amount of distributions we are permitted to make annually. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results or maintain a tax status that will allow or require any specified level of cash distributions.



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*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.

*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 the respective quarter's estimates of investment company taxable income 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 that may differ from actual results, future common distributions payable to our common stockholders may also include a return of capital. Moreover, 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 market price of our shares may fluctuate significantly.*

The trading price of our common stock and our preferred stock may fluctuate substantially. Due to the volatility and disruptions that have affected the capital and credit markets over the past few years, our stock has experienced greater than usual price volatility.

The market price and marketability of our shares may from time to time be significantly affected by numerous factors, including many over which we have no control and that may not be directly related to us. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

general economic trends and other external factors, such as inflation, oil and gas prices, GDP growth;

price and volume fluctuations in the stock market from time to time, which are often unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies;

significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of shares of RICs, BDCs or other companies in our sector, which is not necessarily related to the operating performance of these companies;

changes in stock index definitions or policies, which may impact an investor's desire to hold shares of BDCs;

changes in regulatory policies or tax guidelines, particularly with respect to RICs or BDCs;

loss of BDC status;

loss of RIC status;

changes in our earnings or variations in our operating results;

changes and perceived projected changes in prevailing interest rates;

changes in the value of our portfolio of investments;

any shortfall in our revenue or net income or any increase in losses from levels expected by securities analysts;

departure of key personnel;

operating performance of companies comparable to us;

short-selling pressure with respect to our shares or BDCs generally;

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the announcement of proposed, or completed, offerings of our securities, including a rights offering; and

loss of a major funding source.

Fluctuations in the trading prices of our shares may adversely affect the liquidity of the trading market for our shares and, if we seek to raise capital through future equity financings, our ability to raise such equity capital.

*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, and at times below NAV. During the past year, our common stock has often, and at times significantly, traded below NAV. Subsequent to March 31, 2015, our common stock has traded at discounts of up to 19.9% of our NAV per share, which was \$9.18 as of March 31, 2015. 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. 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 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.

*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 7, 2014, 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).

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. Gross proceeds totaled approximately \$24.4 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses borne by us, were approximately \$23.0 million. The net dilutive effect of the issuance of common stock, net of expenses, below NAV was \$0.22 per share of common stock.

We previously 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 \$8.65 per share. Gross proceeds totaled approximately \$33.0 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses borne by us, were approximately \$31.0 million. The net dilutive effect of the issuance of common stock, net of expenses, below NAV was \$0.31 per share of common stock.

At the upcoming annual stockholders meeting scheduled for August 6, 2015, 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 traded consistently, and at times significantly, below NAV. 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.

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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 \$1.78125, \$1.68750, and \$1.62500 per outstanding share of our Series A Term Preferred Stock, Series B Term Preferred Stock and Series C Term Preferred Stock, respectively. In accordance with the terms of each of our three series of mandatorily redeemable 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.

## ***Other Risks***

*Market volatility and the condition of the debt and equity capital markets could negatively impact our financial condition and stock price.*

Beginning in the third quarter of 2007, global credit and other financial markets began to suffer substantial stress, volatility, illiquidity and disruption. These forces reached extraordinary levels in late 2008, resulting in the bankruptcy of, the acquisition of, or government intervention in the affairs of several major domestic and international financial institutions. In particular, the financial services sector was negatively impacted by significant write-offs as the value of the assets held by financial firms declined, impairing their capital positions and abilities to lend and invest. We believe that such value declines were exacerbated by widespread forced liquidations as leveraged holders of financial assets, faced with declining prices, were compelled to sell to meet margin requirements and maintain compliance with applicable capital standards. Such forced liquidations also impaired or eliminated many investors and investment vehicles, leading to a decline in the supply of capital for investment and depressed pricing levels for many assets. These events significantly diminished overall confidence in the debt and equity markets, engendered unprecedented declines in the values of certain assets, and caused extreme economic uncertainty. If market conditions similar to these were to recur, our assets could experience a similar decline in value, among other negative impacts we could suffer.

Since March 2009, the global credit and other financial market conditions have improved as stability has increased throughout the international financial system and, specifically, in the U.S. economy in which we operate, and many public market indices have experienced positive total returns. However, the macroeconomic environment and recovery from the downturn has been challenging and inconsistent. Instability in the credit markets, the impact of periodic uncertainty regarding the U.S. federal budget, tapering of bond purchases by the U.S. Federal Reserve and debt ceiling, the instability in the geopolitical environment in many parts of the world, sovereign debt conditions in Europe and other disruptions may continue to put pressure on economic conditions in the U.S. and abroad, all of which can have an adverse effect on our business.

*Economic recessions or downturns could impair our portfolio companies and harm our operating results.*

Many of our portfolio companies may be susceptible to economic downturns or recessions and may be unable to repay our loans during these periods. Therefore, during these periods our non-performing assets may increase and the value of these assets may decrease. Adverse economic conditions may also decrease the value of collateral securing some of our loans and the value of our equity investments. Economic slowdowns or recessions could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and a decrease in investment income, net investment income and assets. Unfavorable economic conditions also could increase our funding costs, limit our access to the capital markets or result in a decision by

lenders not to extend credit to us. These events could prevent us from increasing investments and harm our operating results. We experienced to some extent such effects as a result of the economic downturn that occurred from 2008 through 2009 and may experience such effects again in any future downturn or recession.

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

A substantial portion of our portfolio investments are made in the form of securities that are not publicly traded. As a result, our Board of Directors determines the fair value of these securities in good faith pursuant 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. In addition, certain members of our Board of Directors have a pecuniary interest in our Adviser. The participation of our Adviser's investment professionals in our valuation process, and the pecuniary interest in our Adviser by certain members of our Board of Directors, may result in a conflict of interest as the management fees that we pay our Adviser are based on our gross assets less cash.

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*We could face losses and potential liability if intrusion, viruses or similar disruptions to our technology jeopardize our confidential information, whether through breach of our network security or otherwise.*

Maintaining our network security is of critical importance because our systems store highly confidential financial models and portfolio company information. Although we have implemented, and will continue to implement and upgrade, security measures, our technology platform is and will continue to be vulnerable to intrusion, computer viruses or similar disruptive problems caused by transmission from unauthorized users. The misappropriation of proprietary information could expose us to a risk of loss or litigation.

*Terrorist attacks, acts of war, or national disasters may affect any market for our stock, impact the businesses in which we invest, and harm our business, operating results, and financial conditions.*

Terrorist acts, acts of war, or national disasters have created, and continue to create, economic and political uncertainties and have contributed to global economic instability. Future terrorist activities, military or security operations, or national disasters could further weaken the domestic/global economies and create additional uncertainties, which may negatively impact the businesses in which we invest directly or indirectly and, in turn, could have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results, and financial condition. Losses from terrorist attacks and national disasters are generally uninsurable.

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*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 performance or financial condition of us and our portfolio companies. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, might, believe, will, provide, anticipate, future, could, growth, plan, intend, expect, should, would, if, seek, possible, potential, likely or the negative 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, among others: (1) further adverse changes in the economy and the capital markets; (2) risks associated with negotiation and consummation of pending and future transactions; (3) the loss of one or more of our executive officers, in particular David Gladstone, Terry Lee Brubaker or David Dullum; (4) changes in our business strategy; (5) availability, terms and deployment of capital; (6) changes in our industry, interest rates, or exchange rates; (7) the degree and nature of our competition; and (8) 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. 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. 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.*

**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 existing short-term debt, then to make investments in small and mid-sized businesses in accordance with our investment objectives, with any remaining proceeds to be used for other general corporate purposes. Indebtedness under our Credit Facility currently accrues interest at the rate of approximately 3.5% and the revolving period ends on June 26, 2017. 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.

**PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

We currently intend to distribute in the form of cash dividends, a minimum of 90% of our net ordinary income and net short-term capital gains, if any, on a quarterly basis to our stockholders in the form of monthly dividends. We intend to retain long-term capital gains and treat them as deemed distributions for tax purposes. We report the estimated tax characteristics of each distribution when declared while the actual 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 our dividend reinvestment plan in additional whole and fractional shares. 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 our 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.

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Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ under the symbol GAIN. The following table reflects, by quarter, the high and low sales prices per share of our common stock on the NASDAQ, the intra-day sales prices as a percentage of NAV and quarterly distributions declared per share for each fiscal quarter during the last two fiscal years and the current fiscal year through June 12, 2015.

|   | Net Asset<br>Value Per<br>Share<br>(1) | High<br>Sales Price | Low<br>Sales Price | Discount (Premium) of<br>Discount (Premium)<br>High Sales Price to Net<br>Dividend to Net Asset<br>Declared Value (2) | Asset Value (2) | Asset Value (2) |
|---|--|---------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b><i>Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2014</i></b> |  |                     |                    |   |                 |                 |
| First Quarter                                   | \$ 8.70                                | \$ 7.52             | \$ 7.02            | \$ 0.1500   | 14%             | 19%             |
| Second Quarter                                  | \$ 9.12                                | \$ 7.57             | \$ 6.80            | \$ 0.1500   | 17%             | 25%             |
| Third Quarter                                   | \$ 8.49                                | \$ 8.06             | \$ 6.80            | \$ 0.2300   | 5%              | 20%             |
| Fourth Quarter                                  | \$ 8.34                                | \$ 8.50             | \$ 7.35            | \$ 0.1800   | (2)%            | 12%             |
| <b><i>Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2015</i></b> |  |                     |                    |   |                 |                 |
| First Quarter                                   | \$ 8.57                                | \$ 8.39             | \$ 7.23            | \$ 0.1800   | 2%              | 16%             |
| Second Quarter                                  | \$ 8.49                                | \$ 7.77             | \$ 7.08            | \$ 0.1800   | 9%              | 17%             |
| Third Quarter                                   | \$ 8.55                                | \$ 7.50             | \$ 6.72            | \$ 0.2300   | 12%             | 21%             |
| Fourth Quarter                                  | \$ 9.18                                | \$ 8.04             | \$ 6.98            | \$ 0.1800   | 12%             | 24%             |
| <b><i>Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2016</i></b> |  |                     |                    |   |                 |                 |
| First Quarter (through June 12, 2015)           | \$ 9.18                                | \$ 7.81             | \$ 7.35            | \$ 0.1875   | *%              | *%              |

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

(2) The 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 discount to NAV per share on the date of the high and low intra-day sales prices.

\* Not yet available, as the NAV per share as of the end of this quarter has not yet been determined.

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

As of May 19, 2015, there were 22 record owners of our common stock.

The following are our outstanding classes of Securities as of May 19, 2015.

| (1)<br>Title of Class | (2)<br>Amount<br>Authorized | (3)<br>Amount<br>Held | (4)<br>Amount<br>Outstanding |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|

|   | <b>by us or for<br/>Our<br/>Account</b> | <b>Exclusive of<br/>Amounts Shown<br/>Under(3)</b> |
|---|---|--|
| Common Stock                                    | 100,000,000                             | 30,270,958   |
| 7.125% Series A Cumulative Term Preferred Stock | 1,610,000                               | 1,600,000  |
| 6.750% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred Stock | 1,656,000                               | 1,656,000  |
| 6.500% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock | 1,700,000                               | 1,610,000  |

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For the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends of the Company, computed as set forth below, was as follows:

|   | <b>Year Ended March 31,</b> |             |             |             |             |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2015</b>                 | <b>2014</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>2011</b> |
| Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends | 3.3x                        | 4.2x        | 4.5x        | 10.6x       | 14.6x       |

For purposes of computing the ratio, earnings consists of net investment income before fixed charges and preferred dividends. Fixed charges and preferred dividends include interest expense on borrowings, dividend expense on our Series A and Series B Term Preferred Stock, amortization of deferred financing fees, 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 Adviser as part of the administration fee payable under the Advisory Agreement, by three. Our Series C Term Preferred Stock is not included in the calculation because we issued our Series C Term Preferred Stock subsequent to March 31, 2015. You should read these ratios of earnings to fixed charges in connection with our consolidated financial statements, including the notes to those statements, included in this prospectus.

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The following consolidated selected financial data for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011, are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. The other data included at the bottom of the table is 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.

|   | <b>Year Ended March 31,</b> |             |             |             |             |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2015</b>                 | <b>2014</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>2011</b> |
| <b><u>Statement of operations data:</u></b>   |                             |             |             |             |             |
| Total investment income   | \$ 41,643                   | \$ 36,264   | \$ 30,538   | \$ 21,242   | \$ 26,064   |
| Total expenses net of credits from Adviser  | 21,746                      | 16,957      | 14,050      | 7,499       | 9,893       |
| Net investment income   | 19,897                      | 19,307      | 16,488      | 13,743      | 16,171      |
| Net gain (loss)   | 30,317                      | (20,636)    | 791         | 8,223       | 268         |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations   | \$ 50,214                   | \$ (1,329)  | \$ 17,279   | \$ 21,966   | \$ 16,439   |
| <b><u>Per common share data:</u></b>  |                             |             |             |             |             |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations per common share basic and diluted <sup>(A)</sup> | \$ 1.88                     | \$ (0.05)   | \$ 0.71     | \$ 0.99     | \$ 0.74     |
| Net investment income before net gain (loss) per common share basic and diluted <sup>(A)</sup>                    | 0.75                        | 0.73        | 0.68        | 0.62        | 0.73        |
| Cash distributions declared per common share  | 0.77                        | 0.71        | 0.60        | 0.61        | 0.48        |
| <b><u>Statement of assets and liabilities data:</u></b>   |                             |             |             |             |             |
| Total assets  | \$ 483,521                  | \$ 330,694  | \$ 379,803  | \$ 325,297  | \$ 241,109  |
| Net assets  | 273,429                     | 220,837     | 240,963     | 207,216     | 198,829     |
| Net asset value per common share  | 9.18                        | 8.34        | 9.10        | 9.38        | 9.00        |
| Common shares outstanding   | 29,775,958                  | 26,475,958  | 26,475,958  | 22,080,133  | 22,080,133  |
| Weighted common shares outstanding basic and diluted  | 26,665,821                  | 26,475,958  | 24,189,148  | 22,080,133  | 22,080,133  |
| <b><u>Senior securities data:</u><sup>(B)</sup></b>   |                             |             |             |             |             |
| Total borrowings, at cost <sup>(C)</sup>  | \$ 123,896                  | \$ 66,250   | \$ 94,016   | \$ 76,005   | \$ 40,000   |
| Mandatorily redeemable preferred stock  | 81,400                      | 40,000      | 40,000      | 40,000      |             |
| Asset coverage ratio <sup>(B)</sup>   | 230%                        | 298%        | 272%        | 268%        | 534%        |
| Asset coverage per unit <sup>(D)</sup>  | \$ 2,301                    | \$ 2,978    | \$ 2,725    | \$ 2,676    | \$ 5,344    |
| <b><u>Other unaudited data:</u></b>   |                             |             |             |             |             |
| Number of portfolio companies   | 34                          | 29          | 21          | 17          | 17          |

|  |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |        |    |        |
|--|----|---------|----|---------|----|--------|----|--------|----|--------|
| Average size of portfolio company investment at cost | \$ | 14,861  | \$ | 13,225  | \$ | 15,544 | \$ | 15,670 | \$ | 11,600 |
| Principal amount of new investments                  |    | 108,197 |    | 132,291 |    | 87,607 |    | 91,298 |    | 43,634 |
| Proceeds from loan repayments and investments sold   |    | 11,259  |    | 83,415  |    | 28,424 |    | 27,185 |    | 97,491 |
| Weighted average yield on investments <sup>(E)</sup> |    | 12.60%  |    | 12.61%  |    | 12.51% |    | 12.32% |    | 11.36% |
| Total return <sup>(F)</sup>                          |    | 11.96   |    | 24.26   |    | 4.73   |    | 5.58   |    | 38.56  |

- (A) Per share data is based on the weighted average common stock outstanding for both basic and diluted.
- (B) As a BDC, we are generally required to maintain an asset coverage ratio (as defined in Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act) of at least 200% on our Senior Securities. Our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock is a senior security that is stock.
- (C) Includes borrowings under our Credit Facility, other secured borrowings, and short-term loans, as applicable.
- (D) Asset coverage per unit is the asset coverage ratio expressed in terms of dollar amounts per one thousand dollars of indebtedness.
- (E) Weighted average yield on investments equals interest income earned on investments divided by the weighted average interest-bearing principal balance throughout the fiscal year.
- (F) 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 our 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, please refer to Note 9 *Distributions to Common Stockholders* to our *Consolidated Financial Statements* included in this prospectus.

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The following tables set forth certain quarterly financial information for each of the eight quarters in the two years ended March 31, 2015. 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.

| <b>Fiscal Year 2015</b>  | <b>Quarter Ended</b> |                           |                          |                       |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | <b>June 30, 2015</b> | <b>September 30, 2015</b> | <b>December 31, 2015</b> | <b>March 31, 2015</b> |
| Total investment income  | \$ 9,837             | \$ 9,071                  | \$ 11,562                | \$ 11,173             |
| Net investment income  | 4,859                | 4,204                     | 5,839                    | 4,995                 |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations   | 10,770               | 2,697                     | 7,589                    | 29,158                |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations per weighted average common share basic & diluted | \$ 0.41              | \$ 0.10                   | \$ 0.29                  | \$ 1.08               |

| <b>Fiscal Year 2014</b>   | <b>Quarter Ended</b> |                           |                          |                       |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | <b>June 30, 2014</b> | <b>September 30, 2014</b> | <b>December 31, 2014</b> | <b>March 31, 2014</b> |
| Total investment income   | \$ 7,398             | \$ 11,359                 | \$ 8,696                 | \$ 8,811              |
| Net investment income   | 4,033                | 6,228                     | 4,402                    | 4,644                 |
| Net (decrease) increase in net assets resulting from operations   | (6,519)              | 14,939                    | (10,686)                 | 937                   |
| Net (decrease) increase in net assets resulting from operations per weighted average common share basic & diluted | \$ (0.25)            | \$ 0.57                   | \$ (0.40)                | \$ 0.03               |

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF  
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**(dollar amounts included in tables 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.

**OVERVIEW**

**General**

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Laws 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 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" ). 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 United States ( "U.S." ). Our investment objectives are to: (1) 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 (2) provide our stockholders with long-term capital appreciation in the value of our assets by investing in equity 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 each investment generally ranging from \$5 million to \$30 million, although investment size may vary, depending upon our total assets or available capital at the time of investment. We seek to avoid investments in high-risk, early stage enterprises. We expect 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, 2015, our investment portfolio was made up of 73% in debt securities and 27% in equity securities, at cost.

We focus on investing in small and medium-sized private businesses in the United States ( "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 borrower, reasonable capitalization of the borrower, 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 borrower, a public offering of the borrower's stock or by exercising our right to require the borrower to repurchase our warrants, though there can be no assurance that we will always have these rights. We lend to borrowers that need funds for growth capital or to finance acquisitions or recapitalize or 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. If we are participating in an investment with one or more co-investors, our investment is likely to be smaller than if we were investing alone.



In July 2012, the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) granted us an exemptive order that expanded our ability to co-invest with certain of our affiliates under certain circumstances and any future business development company or closed-end management investment company that is advised (or sub-advised if it controls the fund) by our external investment adviser, or any combination of the foregoing, subject to the conditions in the SEC s order. We believe this ability to co-invest has enhanced and will continue to enhance our ability to further our investment objectives and strategies.

In general, our investments in debt securities have a term of no more than seven years, accrue interest at variable rates (based on the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR )) and, to a lesser extent, at fixed rates. 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 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 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 PIK interest.

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Typically, our investments in equity securities take the form of common stock, preferred stock, limited liability company interests, or warrants or options to purchase the foregoing. Often, these equity investments occur in connection with our original investment, buyouts and recapitalizations of a business, or refinancing existing debt.

We are externally managed by our investment advisor, Gladstone Management Corporation (the *Adviser*), a SEC registered investment adviser and an affiliate of ours, pursuant to the Advisory Agreement. The Adviser manages our investment activities. We have also entered into an administration agreement (the *Administration Agreement*) with Gladstone Administration, LLC (our *Administrator*), an affiliate of ours and the Adviser, whereby we pay separately for administrative services.

Our shares of common stock, 7.125% Series A Cumulative Term Preferred Stock ( *Series A Term Preferred Stock* ), 6.75% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred Stock ( *Series B Term Preferred Stock* ), and 6.50% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock ( *Series C Term Preferred Stock* ) are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market ( *NASDAQ* ) under the trading symbols *GAIN*, *GAINP*, *GAINO*, and *GAINN*, respectively.

**Business*****Portfolio Activity***

While conditions remain challenging, we are seeing many new investment opportunities consistent with our investment strategy of providing a combination of debt and equity in support of management and sponsor-led buyouts of small and medium-sized companies in the U.S. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, we invested a total of \$108.2 million in six new deals, resulting in a net expansion in our overall portfolio to 34 portfolio companies and a year over year increase of 28.2% in our portfolio at cost. These new investments, along with our capital raising efforts discussed below, have allowed us to invest \$419.0 million in 25 new debt and equity deals since October 2010. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, our new investments consisted of approximately 78.3% senior and subordinated secured term loans and 21.7% equity investments, based on the originating principal balances, respectively.

Generally, the majority of our 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 they are received in cash. Due to their contingent nature, there are no guarantees that we will be able to collect any or all of these success fees or know the timing of such collections. As a result, as of March 31, 2015, we had unrecognized success fees of \$24.3 million, or \$0.82 per common share. Consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ( *GAAP* ), we generally have not recognized our success fee receivable and related income in our accompanying *Consolidated Financial Statements*.

The improved investing environment has presented us with an opportunity to realize gains and other income from four management-supported buyout liquidity events since June 2010, and in the aggregate, these four liquidity events have generated \$54.4 million in realized gains and \$13.1 million in other income, for a total increase to our net assets of \$67.5 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. With the four liquidity events that resulted in realized gains since June 2010, we have nearly overcome our cumulative realized losses since inception that were primarily incurred during the recession and in connection with the sale of performing loans at a realized loss to pay off a former lender. These successful exits, in part, enabled us to increase the monthly distribution 50.0% since March 2011 and allowed us to declare and pay a special distribution of \$0.03 per common share in fiscal year 2012, \$0.05 per common share in November 2013, and \$0.05 per common share in December 2014.

***Capital Raising Efforts***

Despite the challenges that have existed in the economy for the past several years, we have been able to meet our capital needs through extensions and increases to our revolving line of credit and by accessing the capital markets in the form of public offerings of stock. We have successfully extended our revolving line of credit pursuant to our fifth amended and restated credit agreement (the *Credit Facility* ) revolving period multiple times, most recently to June 2017, and increased the commitment from \$60.0 million to \$185.0 million (with a total commitment of \$250.0 million through additional commitments of new or existing lenders). Additionally, we issued approximately 1.7 million shares of our Series B Term Preferred Stock for gross proceeds of \$41.4 million in November 2014, approximately 3.8 million shares of common stock for gross proceeds of \$28.1 million in March and April 2015, and approximately 1.6 million shares of our Series C Term Preferred Stock for gross proceeds of approximately \$40.3 million in May 2015. Refer to *Liquidity and Capital Resources Equity Common Stock* and *Liquidity and Capital Resources Equity Term Preferred Stock* and *Description of Capital Stock* for further discussion of our common stock and Term Preferred Stock and *Liquidity and Capital Resources Revolving Credit Facility* for further discussion of our Credit Facility.

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Although we were able to access the capital markets during 2014 and 2015, we believe market conditions continue to affect the trading price of our common stock and thus our ability to finance new investments through the issuance of equity. On May 19, 2015, the closing market price of our common stock was \$7.54, which represented a 17.9% discount to our March 31, 2015 net asset value ( NAV ) per share of \$9.18. When our common stock trades below NAV, our ability to issue equity is constrained by provisions of the 1940 Act, which generally prohibit 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 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on August 7, 2014, 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 (our Board of Directors ) makes certain determinations prior to any such sale. This August 2014 stockholder authorization is in effect for one year from the date of stockholder approval. With our Board of Directors' subsequent approval, we issued shares of our common stock in March and April 2015 at a price per share below the then current NAV per share. We sought and obtained stockholder approval concerning a similar proposal at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held in August 2012, and with our Board of Directors' subsequent approval, we issued shares of our common stock in October and November 2012 at a price per share below the then current NAV per share. The resulting proceeds, in part, have allowed us to grow the portfolio by making new investments, generate additional income through these new investments, provide us additional equity capital to help ensure continued compliance with regulatory tests and 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 Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act), of at least 200% on our senior securities representing indebtedness and our senior securities that are stock (collectively the Senior Securities ). As of March 31, 2015, our asset coverage ratio was 229.9%.

**Investment Highlights**

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, we disbursed \$108.2 million in new debt and equity investments and extended \$24.7 million of investments to existing portfolio companies through revolver draws or additions to term notes. From our initial public offering in June 2005 through March 31, 2015, we have made 237 investments in 113 companies for a total of approximately \$1.1 billion, before giving effect to principal repayments on investments and divestitures.

***Investment Activity***

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, the following significant transactions occurred:

In May 2014, NDLI, Inc. ( NDLI ), one of our portfolio companies, completed the purchase of certain of Noble Logistics, Inc.'s assets, one of our other portfolio companies, out of bankruptcy.

In August 2014, we made a \$1.8 million equity investment in Roanoke Industries Corp. ( Roanoke ), formerly known as Tread Real Estate Corp., which purchased the building owned by another one of our portfolio companies, Tread Corporation ( Tread ). This building has subsequently been leased back to Tread.

In September 2014, we invested \$20.2 million in Cambridge through a combination of secured debt and equity. Cambridge, based in Waltham, Massachusetts, is the developer of sound systems and solutions.

In October 2014, we invested \$24.4 million in Old World through a combination of secured debt and equity. Old World, headquartered in Spokane, Washington, is a designer and distributor of an extensive collection of blown glass Christmas ornaments, table top figurines, vintage-style light covers and nostalgic greeting cards into the independent gift channel.

In December 2014, we invested \$19.6 million in B+T Group Acquisition Inc. ( B+T ) through a combination of secured debt and equity. B+T, headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a full-service provider of structural engineering, construction, and technical services to the wireless tower industry for tower upgrades and modifications. Gladstone Capital also participated as a co-investor by providing \$8.4 million of debt and equity financing at the same price and terms as our investment.

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In December 2014, B-Dry, LLC ( B-Dry ) was restructured, resulting in \$2.0 million of secured debt being converted into preferred equity.

In March 2015, we invested \$10.8 million in Logo Sportswear, Inc. ( Logo ) through a combination of secured debt and equity. Logo, headquartered in Cheshire, Connecticut, is an online provider of user-customized uniforms and apparel for teams, leagues, schools, businesses and organizations.

In March 2015, we invested \$32.0 million in Counsel Press through a combination of secured debt and equity. Counsel Press, headquartered in New York, New York, provides expert assistance in preparing, filing, and serving appeals in state and federal appellate courts nationwide and several international tribunals.

## **Recent Developments**

### ***Credit Facility Extension and Expansion***

In June 2014, we, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Gladstone Business Investment ( Business Investment ), entered into Amendment No. 1 to the Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement originally entered into on April 30, 2013, with Key Equipment Finance, a division of KeyBank National Association ( KeyBank ) as administrative agent, lead arranger and lender; other lenders; and the Adviser, as servicer, to extend the revolving period and reduce the interest rate of our revolving line of credit. The revolving period was extended 14 months to June 26, 2017. We incurred fees of \$0.4 million in connection with this amendment, which are being amortized through our Credit Facility's revolver period end date of June 26, 2017.

In September 2014, we further increased our borrowing capacity under our Credit Facility from \$105.0 million to \$185.0 million (with a total commitment up to \$250.0 million through additional commitments of new or existing lenders) by entering into Joinder Agreements pursuant to our Credit Facility, by and among Business Investment, KeyBank, the Adviser and other lenders. We incurred fees of \$1.3 million in connection with this expansion, which are being amortized through our Credit Facility's revolver period end date of June 26, 2017. Refer to *Liquidity and Capital Resources - Revolving Credit Facility* for further discussion of our Credit Facility.

### ***Term Preferred Stock Offerings***

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 expenses borne by us, were approximately \$39.7 million.

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 expenses borne by us, were approximately \$38.6 million. Refer to *Liquidity and Capital Resources - Equity - Term Preferred Stock* for further discussion of our recently issued Series C Term Preferred Stock.

### ***Common Stock Offering***

In March 2015, we completed a public offering of 3.3 million shares of our common stock. Gross proceeds totaled \$24.4 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses borne by us, were approximately \$23.0 million. In April 2015, the underwriters fully exercised their overallotment option to purchase

approximately 0.5 million additional shares of our common stock, resulting in net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses borne by us, of approximately \$3.5 million. Refer to *Liquidity and Capital Resources*, *Equity*, *Common Stock* for further discussion of our common stock.

***Executive Officers***

On January 9, 2015, David Watson resigned as the Company's chief financial officer and treasurer. On January 13, 2015, our Board of Directors accepted Mr. Watson's resignation and appointed Melissa Morrison, Gladstone Capital's chief financial officer and treasurer, as the Company's chief financial officer and treasurer. On April 14, 2015, our Board of Directors appointed Julia Ryan as the Company's chief accounting officer.

**Table of Contents****RESULTS OF OPERATIONS***Comparison of the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2015, to the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2014*

|  | For the Fiscal Years Ended March 31, |            |           |          |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
|  | \$                                   |            |           |          |
|  | 2015                                 | 2014       | Change    | % Change |
| <b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>   |                                      |            |           |          |
| Interest income  | \$ 36,685                            | \$ 30,460  | \$ 6,225  | 20.4%    |
| Other income   | 4,958                                | 5,804      | (846)     | (14.6)   |
| Total investment income  | 41,643                               | 36,264     | 5,379     | 14.8     |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>  |                                      |            |           |          |
| Base management fee  | 7,569                                | 6,207      | 1,362     | 21.9     |
| Loan servicing fee   | 4,994                                | 4,326      | 668       | 15.4     |
| Incentive fee  | 4,975                                | 3,983      | 992       | 24.9     |
| Administration fee   | 932                                  | 863        | 69        | 8.0      |
| Interest and dividend expense  | 7,460                                | 4,925      | 2,535     | 51.5     |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs                               | 1,329                                | 1,024      | 305       | 29.8     |
| Other  | 2,329                                | 2,264      | 65        | 2.9      |
| Total expenses before credits from Adviser                             | 29,588                               | 23,592     | 5,996     | 25.4     |
| Credits to fees from Adviser   | (7,842)                              | (6,635)    | (1,207)   | (18.2)   |
| Total expenses, net of credits to fees                                 | 21,746                               | 16,957     | 4,789     | 28.2     |
| <b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b>   | <b>19,897</b>                        | 19,307     | 590       | 3.1      |
| <b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)</b>                             |                                      |            |           |          |
| Net realized (loss) gain on investments                                | (73)                                 | 8,241      | (8,314)   | (100.9)  |
| Net realized loss on other   |                                      | (29)       | 29        | 100.0    |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments              | 29,940                               | (29,206)   | 59,146    | NM       |
| Net unrealized depreciation of other                                   | 450                                  | 358        | 92        | 25.7     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and other       | 30,317                               | (20,636)   | 50,953    | NM       |
| <b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b> | <b>\$ 50,214</b>                     | \$ (1,329) | \$ 51,543 | NM       |
| <b>BASIC AND DILUTED PER COMMON SHARE:</b>                             |                                      |            |           |          |
| Net investment income  | \$ 0.75                              | \$ 0.73    | \$ 0.02   | 2.7%     |



|   |         |           |         |    |
|---|---------|-----------|---------|----|
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | \$ 1.88 | \$ (0.05) | \$ 1.93 | NM |
|---|---------|-----------|---------|----|

*NM = Not Meaningful*

### **Investment Income**

Total investment income increased by 14.8% for the year ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the prior year. This increase was due to an increase in interest income, which resulted primarily from an increase in the size of our portfolio during the year ended March 31, 2015, partially offset by a decline in other income for the same period. This decline in other income was primarily a result of success fees and dividend income related to the exit of Venyu, which were recorded during the year ended March 31, 2014, but did not recur in the year ended March 31, 2015.

Interest income from our investments in debt securities increased 20.4% for the year ended March 31, 2015, 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, 2015, was approximately \$292.2 million, compared to approximately \$241.5 million for the prior year. This increase was primarily due to approximately \$84.7 million in new debt investments originated after March 31, 2014, including Roanoke, Cambridge, Old World, B+T, Logo, and Counsel Press.

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At March 31, 2015, the loans of one portfolio company, Tread, were on non-accrual status, with an aggregate weighted average principal balance of \$11.6 million during the year ended March 31, 2015. These loans had an aggregate weighted average principal balance of \$11.9 million during the year ended March 31, 2014. The weighted average yield on our interest-bearing investments, excluding cash and cash equivalents and receipts recorded as other income, was 12.6% for both years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. The weighted average yield may vary from period to period, based on the current stated interest rate on interest-bearing investments.

Other income for the year ended March 31, 2015 decreased 14.6% from the prior year. During the year ended March 31, 2015, other income primarily consisted of \$2.6 million and \$0.6 million of dividend income received from Mathey Investments, Inc. ( Mathey ) and Drew Foam Company, Inc. ( Drew Foam ), respectively, and \$0.5 million resulting from prepaid success fees received from SOG. During the year ended March 31, 2014, other income primarily consisted of a combined \$3.3 million in success fee and dividend income received in connection with the exit of Venyu, \$0.8 million and \$0.2 million in success and prepayment fees resulting from payoffs from Channel Technologies Group, LLC ( Channel ) and Cavert II Holding Corp. ( Cavert ), respectively, and SOG's and Frontier's elections to prepay success fees of \$0.5 million and \$0.2 million, respectively.

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

| Company                                  | As of March 31, 2015 |                | Year Ended March 31, 2015 |                              |
|--|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | Fair Value           | % of Portfolio | Investment Income         | % of Total Investment Income |
| Counsel Press, Inc. <sup>(A)</sup>       | \$ 31,995            | 6.9%           | \$ 9                      | 0.0%                         |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC        | 31,851               | 6.8            | 2,657                     | 6.4                          |
| Funko, LLC                               | 25,008               | 5.4            | 991                       | 2.4                          |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.                    | 23,019               | 4.9            | 1,691                     | 4.1                          |
| Old World Christmas, Inc. <sup>(A)</sup> | 22,427               | 4.8            | 1,060                     | 2.5                          |
| <b>Subtotal five largest investments</b> | <b>134,300</b>       | <b>28.8</b>    | <b>6,408</b>              | <b>15.4</b>                  |
| Other portfolio companies                | 331,753              | 71.2           | 35,235                    | 84.6                         |
| <b>Total investment portfolio</b>        | <b>\$ 466,053</b>    | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>\$ 41,643</b>          | <b>100.0%</b>                |

| Company                             | As of March 31, 2014 |                | Year Ended March 31, 2014 |                              |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                     | Fair Value           | % of Portfolio | Investment Income         | % of Total Investment Income |
| SOG Specialty Knives and Tools, LLC | \$ 26,639            | 8.5%           | \$ 3,157                  | 8.7%                         |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.               | 25,776               | 8.2            | 1,691                     | 4.7                          |
| Galaxy Tool Holding, Inc.           | 18,512               | 5.9            | 2,124                     | 5.9                          |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.         | 16,132               | 5.1            | 1,786                     | 4.9                          |

|  |                   |               |                  |               |
|--|-------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc. <sup>(A)</sup> | 15,969            | 5.1           | 142              | 0.4           |
| <b>Subtotal five largest investments</b>     | <b>103,028</b>    | <b>32.8</b>   | <b>8,900</b>     | <b>24.6</b>   |
| Other portfolio companies                    | 211,365           | 67.2          | 27,364           | 75.4          |
| <b>Total investment portfolio</b>            | <b>\$ 314,393</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>\$ 36,264</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

(A) New investment during the applicable year.

### Expenses

Total expenses, net of any voluntary, irrevocable and non-contractual credits from the Adviser, increased 28.2% for the year ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the prior year period, primarily due to an increase in the net base management fee, incentive fee, and interest and dividend expense as compared to the prior year.

The net base management fee increased for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the prior year period, as a result of the increased size of our portfolio over the respective periods. An incentive fee of \$5.0 million was earned by the Adviser during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, compared to an incentive fee of \$4.0 million for the prior year.

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The base management fee, loan servicing fee, incentive fee, and their related unconditional and irrevocable voluntary credits are computed quarterly, as described under *Investment Advisory and Management Agreement* in Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* of the notes to our accompanying *Consolidated Financial Statements* and are summarized in the following table:

|  | <b>Year Ended March 31,</b> |             |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>                 | <b>2014</b> |
| Average total assets subject to base management fee <sup>(A)</sup> | <b>\$ 378,450</b>           | \$ 310,350  |
| Multiplied by annual base management fee of 2%                     | <b>2.0%</b>                 | 2.0%        |
| <b>Base management fee<sup>(B)</sup></b>                           | <b>7,569</b>                | 6,207       |
| Credits to fees from Adviser other <sup>(B)</sup>                  | <b>(2,848)</b>              | (2,309)     |
| <b>Net base management fee</b>                                     | <b>\$ 4,721</b>             | \$ 3,898    |
| <b>Loan servicing fee<sup>(B)</sup></b>                            | <b>4,994</b>                | 4,326       |
| Credits to base management fee loan servicing fee <sup>(B)</sup>   | <b>(4,994)</b>              | (4,326)     |
| <b>Net loan servicing fee</b>                                      | <b>\$</b>                   | <b>\$</b>   |
| <b>Incentive fee<sup>(B)</sup></b>                                 | <b>4,975</b>                | 3,983       |
| Credits to fees from Adviser other <sup>(B)</sup>                  |                             |             |
| <b>Net incentive fee</b>   | <b>\$ 4,975</b>             | \$ 3,983    |

(A) Average total assets subject to the base management fee is defined 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.

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

Interest and dividend expense increased 51.5% for the year ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the prior year, primarily due to increased average borrowings under our Credit Facility. The weighted average balance outstanding on our Credit Facility during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, was \$79.2 million, as compared to \$34.6 million in the prior year. The increase in average borrowings under our Credit Facility was partially offset by a decrease in the interest rate due to an amendment of our Credit Facility that occurred in June 2014. Dividends on Term Preferred Stock increased as a result of the issuance of \$41.4 million of our Series B Term Preferred Stock in November 2014.

**Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)***Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments*

During the year ended March 31, 2015, we recorded minimal realized activity. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014, we recorded a net realized gain of \$8.2 million consisting of a \$24.8 million gain on the Venyu sale, partially offset by realized losses of \$11.4 million and \$1.8 million related to the equity sales of ASH and Packerland,

respectively, and realized losses of \$3.4 million related to the restructuring of Noble.

*Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) of Investments*

During the year ended March 31, 2015, we recorded net unrealized appreciation of investments in the aggregate amount of \$29.9 million.

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The realized loss and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, were as follows:

| Portfolio Company                 | Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2015 |  |  |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------|
|                                   | Realized Loss                      | Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) | Reversal of Unrealized Depreciation (Appreciation) | Net Gain (Loss)  |
| Funko, LLC                        | \$                                 | \$ 13,090                              | \$   | \$ 13,090        |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC |                                    | 5,211                                  |  | 5,211            |
| Drew Foam Company, Inc.           |                                    | 4,994                                  |  | 4,994            |
| Jackrabbit, Inc.                  |                                    | 4,575                                  |  | 4,575            |
| NDLI Inc.                         |                                    | 4,397                                  |  | 4,397            |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.       |                                    | 3,904                                  |  | 3,904            |
| Mathey Investments, Inc.          |                                    | 2,735                                  |  | 2,735            |
| Cambridge Sound Management, LLC   |                                    | 2,698                                  |  | 2,698            |
| Alloy Die Casting Corp.           |                                    | 2,068                                  |  | 2,068            |
| Tread Corp.                       |                                    | 1,896                                  |  | 1,896            |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc.          |                                    | 1,816                                  |  | 1,816            |
| SBS, Industries, LLC              |                                    | 1,746                                  |  | 1,746            |
| Behrens Manufacturing, LLC        |                                    | 692                                    |  | 692              |
| Old World Christmas, Inc.         |                                    | 477                                    |  | 477              |
| Quench Holdings Corp.             |                                    | 375                                    |  | 375              |
| B+T Group Acquisition Inc.        |                                    | 344                                    |  | 344              |
| Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc.     |                                    | (274)                                  |  | (274)            |
| Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.      |                                    | (411)                                  |  | (411)            |
| D.P.M.S., Inc.                    |                                    | (605)                                  |  | (605)            |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC     |                                    | (806)                                  |  | (806)            |
| Channel Technologies Group, LLC   |                                    | (807)                                  |  | (807)            |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corp.         |                                    | (2,992)                                |  | (2,992)          |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.             |                                    | (3,881)                                |  | (3,881)          |
| B-Dry, LLC                        |                                    | (4,081)                                |  | (4,081)          |
| Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.    |                                    | (7,178)                                |  | (7,178)          |
| Other, net (<\$250 Net)           | (73)                               | (43)                                   |  | (116)            |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$(73)</b>                      | <b>\$ 29,940</b>                       | <b>\$</b>  | <b>\$ 29,867</b> |

The primary reason for the change in our net unrealized appreciation of \$29.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2015, was an increase in the equity valuations of Funko, SOG, Drew Foam, Jackrabbit, Inc. ( Jackrabbit ), and NDLI, due to an increase in the portfolio companies performance and an increase in certain comparable multiples used to estimate the fair value of our investments. This was partially offset by decreased performance in several of our portfolio companies.

During the year ended March 31, 2014, we recorded net unrealized depreciation on investments in the aggregate amount of \$29.2 million, which included the reversal of \$0.8 million in aggregate unrealized appreciation, primarily

related to the sale of Venyu, partially offset by the sale of ASH and Packerland, and the restructure of Noble. Excluding reversals, we had \$28.4 million in net unrealized depreciation for the year ended March 31, 2014.

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Realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the year ended March 31, 2014, were as follows:

| Portfolio Company                             | Year Ended March 31, 2014 |  |  |                    |
|---|---------------------------|--|--|--------------------|
|   | Realized Gain (Loss)      | Unrealized (Depreciation) Appreciation | Reversal of Unrealized (Appreciation) Depreciation | Net Gain (Loss)    |
| Venue Solutions, Inc. <sup>(A)</sup>          | \$ 24,798                 | \$ (1,596)                             | \$ (17,374)  | \$ 5,828           |
| Auto Safety House, LLC <sup>(B)</sup>         | (11,402)                  | 4,925                                  | 11,410   | 4,933              |
| Quench Holdings Corp.                         |                           | 3,377                                  |  | 3,377              |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc.                      |                           | 1,712                                  |  | 1,712              |
| Channel Technologies Group, LLC               |                           | 2,187                                  | (583)  | 1,604              |
| B-Dry, LLC                                    |                           | 1,555                                  |  | 1,555              |
| Funko, LLC                                    |                           | 1,113                                  |  | 1,113              |
| Packerland Whey Products, Inc. <sup>(C)</sup> | (1,764)                   | (369)                                  | 2,500  | 367                |
| Tread Corp.                                   |                           | (735)                                  |  | (735)              |
| Mathey Investments, Inc.                      |                           | (922)                                  |  | (922)              |
| D.P.M.S., Inc.                                |                           | (1,229)                                |  | (1,229)            |
| Star Seed, Inc.                               |                           | (1,406)                                |  | (1,406)            |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.                         |                           | (1,564)                                |  | (1,564)            |
| Jackrabbit, Inc.                              |                           | (1,687)                                |  | (1,687)            |
| Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.                |                           | (2,016)                                |  | (2,016)            |
| Alloy Die Casting Corp.                       |                           | (2,111)                                |  | (2,111)            |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corp.                     |                           | (2,364)                                |  | (2,364)            |
| Drew Foam Company, Inc.                       |                           | (2,837)                                |  | (2,837)            |
| Noble Logistics, Inc. <sup>(D)</sup>          | (3,432)                   | (2,989)                                | 3,432  | (2,989)            |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC             |                           | (3,183)                                |  | (3,183)            |
| Precision Southeast, Inc.                     |                           | (3,227)                                |  | (3,227)            |
| Schylling, Inc.                               |                           | (3,853)                                |  | (3,853)            |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.                   |                           | (5,702)                                |  | (5,702)            |
| SBS, Industries, LLC                          |                           | (5,823)                                |  | (5,823)            |
| Other, net (<\$250 Net)                       | 41                        | 328                                    | (175)  | 194                |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>\$ 8,241</b>           | <b>\$ (28,416)</b>                     | <b>\$ (790)</b>                                    | <b>\$ (20,965)</b> |

(A) Venue was sold in August 2013.

(B) ASH equity investment was sold in October 2013.

(C) Packerland equity investment was sold in November 2013.

(D) Noble was restructured in February 2014.

The primary changes in our net unrealized depreciation for the year ended March 31, 2014, were due to decreased equity valuations in several of our portfolio companies, primarily due to decreased portfolio company performance and decreases in certain comparable multiples used to estimate the fair value of our investments.



Over our entire investment portfolio, we recorded approximately \$1.0 million of net unrealized appreciation on our debt positions and \$28.9 million of net unrealized appreciation on our equity holdings for the year ended March 31, 2015. At March 31, 2015, the fair value of our investment portfolio was less than our cost basis by approximately \$39.2 million, as compared to \$69.1 million at March 31, 2014, representing net unrealized appreciation of \$29.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2015. We believe that our aggregate investment portfolio is valued at a depreciated value due to the lingering effects of the recent recession on the performance of certain of our portfolio companies. Our entire portfolio was fair valued at 92.2% of cost as of March 31, 2015. The unrealized depreciation of our investments does not have an impact on our current ability to pay distributions to stockholders; however, it may be an indication of future realized losses, which could ultimately reduce our income available for distribution.

*Realized Loss on Other*

For the year ended March 31, 2014, we recorded a net realized loss of \$29, due to the expiration of interest rate cap agreements. For the year ended March 31, 2015, no such amounts were incurred.

**Table of Contents***Net Unrealized Depreciation on Other*

For the years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, we recorded \$0.5 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, of net unrealized depreciation on our Credit Facility recorded at fair value.

**Comparison of the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2014, to the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2013**

|  | For the Fiscal Years Ended March 31, |                  |                    |             |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|
|  | \$                                   |                  |                    |             |
|  | 2014                                 | 2013             | Change             | % Change    |
| <b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>   |                                      |                  |                    |             |
| Interest income  | \$ 30,460                            | \$ 24,798        | \$ 5,662           | 22.8%       |
| Other income   | 5,804                                | 5,740            | 64                 | 1.1         |
| Total investment income  | 36,264                               | 30,538           | 5,726              | 18.8        |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>  |                                      |                  |                    |             |
| Base management fee  | 6,207                                | 5,412            | 795                | 14.7        |
| Loan servicing fee   | 4,326                                | 3,725            | 601                | 16.1        |
| Incentive fee  | 3,983                                | 2,585            | 1,398              | 54.1        |
| Administration fee   | 863                                  | 785              | 78                 | 9.9         |
| Interest and dividend expense  | 4,925                                | 3,977            | 948                | 23.8        |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs                               | 1,024                                | 791              | 233                | 29.5        |
| Other  | 2,264                                | 1,828            | 436                | 23.9        |
| Total expenses before credits from Adviser                             | 23,592                               | 19,103           | 4,489              | 23.5        |
| Credits to fees from Adviser   | (6,635)                              | (5,053)          | (1,582)            | (31.3)      |
| Total expenses, net of credits to fees                                 | 16,957                               | 14,050           | 2,907              | 20.7        |
| <b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b>   | <b>19,307</b>                        | <b>16,488</b>    | <b>2,819</b>       | <b>17.1</b> |
| <b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED (LOSS) GAIN</b>                             |                                      |                  |                    |             |
| Net realized gain on investments                                       | 8,241                                | 843              | 7,398              | 877.6       |
| Net realized loss on other   | (29)                                 | (41)             | 12                 | 29.3        |
| Net unrealized (depreciation) appreciation of investments              | (29,206)                             | 804              | (30,010)           | NM          |
| Net unrealized depreciation (appreciation) of other                    | 358                                  | (815)            | 1,173              | NM          |
| Net realized and unrealized (loss) gain on investments and other       | (20,636)                             | 791              | (21,427)           | NM          |
| <b>NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b> | <b>\$ (1,329)</b>                    | <b>\$ 17,279</b> | <b>\$ (18,608)</b> | <b>NM</b>   |

**BASIC AND DILUTED PER COMMON SHARE:**

|   |         |         |         |      |
|---|---------|---------|---------|------|
| Net investment income   | \$ 0.73 | \$ 0.68 | \$ 0.05 | 7.4% |
| Net (decrease) increase in net assets resulting from operations | (0.05)  | 0.71    | (0.76)  | NM   |

*NM = Not Meaningful*

**Investment Income**

Total investment income increased by 18.8% for the year ended March 31, 2014, as compared to the prior year. This increase was primarily due an increase in interest income in the year ended March 31, 2014, as a result of an increase in the size of our loan portfolio and holding higher-yielding debt investments.

Interest income from our investments in debt securities increased 22.8% for the year ended March 31, 2014, 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, 2014, was approximately \$241.5 million, compared to approximately \$198.1 million for the prior year. This increase was primarily due to \$125.6 million in new investments originated after March 31, 2013, including Jackrabbit, Funko, Star Seed, Schylling, Inc. ( Schylling ), Alloy Die Casting Corp. ( ADC ), Behrens Manufacturing, LLC ( Behrens ), Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. ( Meridian ), Head Country Food Products, Inc. ( Head Country ) and Edge Adhesives Holdings Inc. ( Edge ), partially offset by the exit of Venyu and the repayment of debt investments of Cavert and Channel.

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As of March 31, 2014, our loans to Tread were on non-accrual. ASH, which was on non-accrual as of September 30, 2013, was sold to certain members of its existing management team in October 2013. As a result of the sale, we retained a \$5.0 million accruing revolving credit facility in ASH, which is no longer on non-accrual. The non-accrual aggregate weighted average principal balance was \$19.9 million during the year ended March 31, 2014. As of March 31, 2013, loans to two portfolio companies, ASH and Tread, were on non-accrual, with an aggregate weighted average principal balance of \$20.5 million during the year ended March 31, 2013. Tread was put on non-accrual and Country Club Enterprises, LLC ( CCE ) was taken off non-accrual during the three months ended December 31, 2012. The weighted average yield on our interest-bearing investments, excluding cash and cash equivalents and excluding receipts recorded as other income, for the year ended March 31, 2014, was 12.6%, compared to 12.5% for the prior year.

Other income for the year ended March 31, 2014 remained relatively unchanged from the prior year. During the year ended March 31, 2014, other income primarily consisted of a combined \$3.3 million in success fee and dividend income received in connection with the exit of Venyu, \$0.8 million and \$0.2 million in success and prepayment fees resulting from payoffs from Channel and Cavert, respectively, and SOG's and Frontier's elections to prepay success fees of \$0.5 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. During the year ended March 31, 2013, other income primarily consisted of \$4.1 million of dividend income from the Galaxy Tool Holding Corp. ( Galaxy ) recapitalization, \$0.7 million in dividend income received on preferred shares of Acme, and Mathey's and Cavert's elections to each prepay \$0.4 million of success fees.

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

| Company                                      | As of March 31, 2014 |                | Year Ended March 31, 2014 |                              |
|--|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | Fair Value           | % of Portfolio | Investment Income         | % of Total Investment Income |
| SOG Specialty Knives and Tools, LLC          | \$ 26,639            | 8.5%           | \$ 3,157                  | 8.7%                         |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.                        | 25,776               | 8.2            | 1,691                     | 4.7                          |
| Galaxy Tool Holding, Inc.                    | 18,512               | 5.9            | 2,124                     | 5.9                          |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.                  | 16,132               | 5.1            | 1,786                     | 4.9                          |
| Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc. <sup>(A)</sup> | 15,969               | 5.1            | 142                       | 0.4                          |
| <b>Subtotal five largest investments</b>     | <b>103,028</b>       | <b>32.8</b>    | <b>8,900</b>              | <b>24.6</b>                  |
| Other portfolio companies                    | 211,365              | 67.2           | 27,364                    | 75.4                         |
| <b>Total investment portfolio</b>            | <b>\$ 314,393</b>    | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>\$ 36,264</b>          | <b>100.0%</b>                |

| Company | As of March 31, 2013 |                | Year Ended March 31, 2013 |                              |
|---------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|         | Fair Value           | % of Portfolio | Investment Income         | % of Total Investment Income |

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|  |                   |               |                  |               |
|--|-------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| VenYu Solutions, Inc. <sup>(B)</sup>       | \$ 43,970         | 15.4%         | \$ 2,502         | 8.2%          |
| SOG Specialty Knives and Tools, LLC        | 29,822            | 10.4          | 2,657            | 8.7           |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.                      | 27,340            | 9.5           | 2,368            | 7.8           |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc. <sup>(A)</sup> | 21,833            | 7.6           | 1,331            | 4.4           |
| Galaxy Tool Holding, Inc. <sup>(C)</sup>   | 20,876            | 7.3           | 4,711            | 15.4          |
| <b>Subtotal five largest investments</b>   | <b>143,841</b>    | <b>50.2</b>   | <b>13,569</b>    | <b>44.5</b>   |
| Other portfolio companies                  | 142,641           | 49.8          | 16,969           | 55.5          |
| <b>Total investment portfolio</b>          | <b>\$ 286,482</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>\$ 30,538</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

(A) New investment during the applicable year.

(B) Venyu was sold in August 2013.

(C) Investment income includes \$4.1 million non-cash dividend recognized from recapitalization.

**Table of Contents****Expenses**

Total expenses, excluding any voluntary, irrevocable and non-contractual credits from the Adviser, increased 23.4% for the year ended March 31, 2014, as compared to the prior year, primarily due to an increase in the base management fee, incentive fee, and interest expense as compared to the prior year.

The base management fee increased for the year ended March 31, 2014, as compared to the prior year, as a result of the increased size of our portfolio. Additionally, a net incentive fee of \$3.9 million was earned by the Adviser during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$2.4 million for the prior year. The base management fee, loan servicing fee, and incentive fee, and their related unconditional and irrevocable voluntary credits, are computed quarterly, as described under *Investment Advisory and Management Agreement* in Note 4 of the notes to our accompanying *Consolidated Financial Statements* and are summarized in the following table:

|  | <b>Year Ended March 31,</b> |             |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------|
|  | <b>2014</b>                 | <b>2013</b> |
| Average total assets subject to base management fee <sup>(A)</sup> | <b>\$ 310,350</b>           | \$ 270,600  |
| Multiplied by annual base management fee of 2%                     | <b>2.0%</b>                 | 2.0%        |
| <b>Base management fee<sup>(B)</sup></b>                           | <b>6,207</b>                | 5,412       |
| Credits to fees from Adviser other <sup>(P)</sup>                  | <b>(2,309)</b>              | (1,107)     |
| <b>Net base management fee</b>                                     | <b>\$ 3,898</b>             | \$ 4,305    |
| <b>Loan servicing fee<sup>(B)</sup></b>                            | <b>4,326</b>                | 3,725       |
| Credits to base management fee loan servicing fee <sup>(B)</sup>   | <b>(4,326)</b>              | (3,725)     |
| <b>Net loan servicing fee</b>                                      | <b>\$</b>                   | <b>\$</b>   |
| <b>Incentive fee<sup>(B)</sup></b>                                 | <b>3,983</b>                | 2,585       |
| Credits to fees from Adviser other <sup>(P)</sup>                  |                             | (221)       |
| <b>Net Incentive fee</b>   | <b>\$ 3,983</b>             | \$ 2,364    |

(A) Average total assets subject to the base management fee is defined 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.

(B) Reflected as a line item on our accompanying *Consolidated Statement of Operations*. For the year ended March 31, 2013, the credits to incentive fee and the credits to base management fee are combined into one line item, Credits to fees from Adviser-other, on the accompanying *Consolidated Statement of Operations*.

Interest and dividend expense increased 23.8% for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014, as compared to the prior year, primarily due to increased commitment (unused) fees related to the expansion of our Credit Facility from \$60 million to \$105 million and increased average borrowings under our Credit Facility. The average balance outstanding on our Credit Facility during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014, was \$34.6 million, as compared to \$15.5 million in

the prior year.

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

#### *Net Realized Gain on Investments*

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014, we recorded a net realized gain of \$8.2 million consisting of a \$24.8 million gain on the Venyu sale, partially offset by the realized losses of \$11.4 million and \$1.8 million related to the equity sales of ASH and Packerland, respectively, and the realized loss of \$3.4 million related to the restructuring of Noble. During the year ended March 31, 2013, we recorded a realized gain of \$0.8 million relating to post-closing adjustments on the previous investment exit of A. Stucki.

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

During the year ended March 31, 2014, we recorded net unrealized depreciation on investments in the aggregate amount of \$29.2 million, which included the reversal of \$0.8 million in aggregate unrealized appreciation, primarily related to the sale of Venyu, partially offset by the sale of ASH and Packerland, and the restructure of Noble. Excluding reversals, we had \$28.4 million in net unrealized depreciation for the year ended March 31, 2014.

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The realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the year ended March 31, 2014, were as follows:

| Portfolio Company                             | Year Ended March 31, 2014 |  |   |                       |
|---|---------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
|   | Realized<br>Gain (Loss)   | Unrealized<br>Appreciation<br>(Depreciation) | Reversal of<br>Unrealized<br>(Appreciation)<br>Depreciation | Net<br>Gain<br>(Loss) |
| VenYu Solutions, Inc. <sup>(A)</sup>          | \$ 24,798                 | \$ (1,596)                                   | \$ (17,374)   | \$ 5,828              |
| Auto Safety House, LLC <sup>(B)</sup>         | (11,402)                  | 4,925  | 11,410  | 4,933                 |
| Quench Holdings Corp.                         |                           | 3,377  |   | 3,377                 |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc.                      |                           | 1,712  |   | 1,712                 |
| Channel Technologies Group, LLC               |                           | 2,187  | (583)   | 1,604                 |
| B-Dry, LLC                                    |                           | 1,555  |   | 1,555                 |
| Funko, LLC                                    |                           | 1,113  |   | 1,113                 |
| Packerland Whey Products, Inc. <sup>(C)</sup> | (1,764)                   | (369)  | 2,500   | 367                   |
| Tread Corp.                                   |                           | (735)  |   | (735)                 |
| Mathey Investments, Inc.                      |                           | (922)  |   | (922)                 |
| D.P.M.S., Inc.                                |                           | (1,229)                                      |   | (1,229)               |
| Star Seed, Inc.                               |                           | (1,406)                                      |   | (1,406)               |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.                         |                           | (1,564)                                      |   | (1,564)               |
| Jackrabbit, Inc.                              |                           | (1,687)                                      |   | (1,687)               |
| Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.                |                           | (2,016)                                      |   | (2,016)               |
| Alloy Die Casting Corp.                       |                           | (2,111)                                      |   | (2,111)               |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corp.                     |                           | (2,364)                                      |   | (2,364)               |
| Drew Foam Company, Inc.                       |                           | (2,837)                                      |   | (2,837)               |
| Noble Logistics, Inc. <sup>(D)</sup>          | (3,432)                   | (2,989)                                      | 3,432   | (2,989)               |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC             |                           | (3,183)                                      |   | (3,183)               |
| Precision Southeast, Inc.                     |                           | (3,227)                                      |   | (3,227)               |
| Schylling, Inc.                               |                           | (3,853)                                      |   | (3,853)               |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.                   |                           | (5,702)                                      |   | (5,702)               |
| SBS, Industries, LLC                          |                           | (5,823)                                      |   | (5,823)               |
| Other, net (<\$250 Net)                       | 41                        | 328  | (175)   | 194                   |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>\$ 8,241</b>           | <b>\$ (28,416)</b>                           | <b>\$ (790)</b>   | <b>\$ (20,965)</b>    |

(A) Venyu was sold in August 2013.

(B) ASH equity investment was sold in October 2013.

(C) Packerland equity investment was sold in November 2013.

(D) Noble was restructured in February 2014.

The primary changes in our net unrealized depreciation for the year ended March 31, 2014, were due to decreased equity valuations in several of our portfolio companies, primarily due to decreased portfolio company performance and decreases in certain comparable multiples used to estimate the fair value of our investments.





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During the year ended March 31, 2013, we recorded net unrealized depreciation on investments in the aggregate amount of \$0.8 million. The realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the year ended March 31, 2013, were as follows:

| Portfolio Company                 | Year Ended March 31, 2013 |  |  |                    |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--------------------|
|                                   | Realized<br>Gain (Loss)   | Unrealized<br>Appreciation<br>(Depreciation) | Reversal<br>of<br>Unrealized<br>(Appreciation)<br>Depreciation | Net Gain<br>(Loss) |
| Venyu Solutions, Inc.             | \$                        | \$ 20,640                                    | \$   | \$ 20,640          |
| Galaxy Tool Holdings, Inc.        |                           | 12,057                                       |  | 12,057             |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC     |                           | 7,467  |  | 7,467              |
| Mathey Investments, Inc.          |                           | 1,653  |  | 1,653              |
| Precision Southeast, Inc.         |                           | 1,594  |  | 1,594              |
| SBS, Industries, LLC              |                           | 1,238  |  | 1,238              |
| A. Stucki Holding Corp.           | 861                       |  |  | 861                |
| Drew Foam Company, Inc.           |                           | 750  |  | 750                |
| SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC |                           | (273)  |  | (273)              |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.       |                           | (618)  |  | (618)              |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc.          |                           | (872)  |  | (872)              |
| Quench Holdings Corp.             |                           | (944)  |  | (944)              |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.             |                           | (962)  |  | (962)              |
| Channel Technologies Group, LLC   |                           | (1,288)                                      |  | (1,288)            |
| Auto Safety House, LLC            |                           | (1,458)                                      |  | (1,458)            |
| Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.    |                           | (1,762)                                      |  | (1,762)            |
| Packerland Whey Products, Inc.    |                           | (2,131)                                      |  | (2,131)            |
| B-Dry, LLC                        |                           | (3,953)                                      |  | (3,953)            |
| Noble Logistics, Inc.             |                           | (6,420)                                      |  | (6,420)            |
| D.P.M.S., Inc.                    |                           | (8,225)                                      |  | (8,225)            |
| Tread Corp.                       |                           | (15,930)                                     |  | (15,930)           |
| Other, net (<\$250 Net)           | (18)                      | 241  |  | 223                |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$ 843</b>             | <b>\$ 804</b>                                | <b>\$</b>  | <b>\$ 1,647</b>    |

The primary changes in our net unrealized appreciation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013, were due to notable unrealized appreciation of our equity investment in Venyu, primarily due to increased portfolio company performance and an increase in certain comparable multiples used to estimate the fair value. We also experienced notable appreciation in our investments in Galaxy and CCE, primarily due to increased portfolio company performance. This unrealized appreciation was partially offset by notable depreciation of our debt investments in D.P.M.S., Inc. (d/b/a Danco Acquisition Corp.) ( Danco ) and in our debt and equity investments in Tread, Noble and B-Dry, primarily due to decreased portfolio company performance and, to a lesser extent, a decrease in certain comparable multiples used to estimate the fair value of our investments.

Over our entire investment portfolio, we recorded, in the aggregate, \$10.7 million of net unrealized appreciation and \$39.9 million of net unrealized depreciation on our debt positions and equity holdings, respectively, for the year ended

March 31, 2014. As of March 31, 2014, the fair value of our investment portfolio was less than our cost basis by \$69.1 million, as compared to \$39.9 million as of March 31, 2013, representing net unrealized depreciation of \$29.2 million for fiscal year 2014. We believe that our aggregate investment portfolio was valued at a depreciated value due to the lingering effects of the recent recession on the performance of certain of our portfolio companies. Our entire investment portfolio was fair valued at 82.0% of cost as of March 31, 2014. The unrealized depreciation of our investments does not have an impact on our current ability to pay distributions to stockholders; however, it may be an indication of future realized losses, which could ultimately reduce our income available for distribution.

*Realized Loss on other*

For the years ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, we recorded a net realized loss of \$29 and \$41, respectively, due to the expiration of interest rate cap agreements in each year.

*Net Unrealized Depreciation (Appreciation) on other*

For the years ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, we recorded \$0.4 million of net unrealized depreciation and \$0.9 million of net unrealized appreciation, respectively, on our Credit Facility recorded at fair value.

Table of Contents**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES****Operating Activities**

Our cash flows from operating activities are primarily generated from cash collections of interest and dividend payments from our portfolio companies, as well as cash proceeds received through repayments of debt investments and sales of equity investments. These cash collections are primarily used to pay distributions to our stockholders, interest payments on our Credit Facility, dividend payments on our Term Preferred Stock, management fees to the Adviser, and for other operating expenses. Net cash used in operating activities for the year ended March 31, 2015, was approximately \$97.6 million, as compared to \$33.6 million for the year ended March 31, 2014. This increase in cash used in operating activities was primarily due to a decrease in principal repayments and proceeds from the sale of investments year over year. Repayments and proceeds from the sale of investments totaled \$11.3 million during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$83.4 million during the year ended March 31, 2014, largely due to our exit of Venyu in August 2013, which resulted in sale proceeds of \$30.8 million and principal repayments of \$19.0 million.

Net cash used in operating activities for the year ended March 31, 2014, was \$33.6 million, as compared to \$39.7 million during the year ended March 31, 2013. This decrease in cash used in operating activities was primarily due to an increase in principal repayments and sales proceeds of \$55 million over the prior year, largely due to our exit of Venyu in August 2013, partially offset by increased investment originations of \$48.7 million over the prior year.

As of March 31, 2015, we had equity investments in or loans to 34 private companies with an aggregate cost basis of approximately \$505.3 million. As of March 31, 2014, we had equity investments in or loans to 29 private companies with an aggregate cost basis of approximately \$383.5 million. The following table summarizes our total portfolio investment activity for the years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014:

|   | <b>Years Ended</b> |                   |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
|   | <b>March 31,</b>   |                   |
|   | <b>2015</b>        | <b>2014</b>       |
| Beginning investment portfolio, at fair value     | <b>\$ 314,393</b>  | \$ 286,482        |
| New investments                                   | <b>108,197</b>     | 125,567           |
| Disbursements to existing portfolio companies     | <b>24,705</b>      | 6,636             |
| Increase in investment balance due to PIK         | <b>78</b>          | 88                |
| Scheduled principal repayments                    | <b>(878)</b>       | (110)             |
| Unscheduled principal repayments                  | <b>(10,382)</b>    | (51,718)          |
| Proceeds from sales                               |                    | (31,587)          |
| Net realized gain                                 |                    | 8,241             |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)        | <b>29,940</b>      | (28,416)          |
| Reversal of net unrealized appreciation           |                    | (790)             |
| <b>Ending Investment Portfolio, at Fair Value</b> | <b>\$ 466,053</b>  | <b>\$ 314,393</b> |

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, 2015:

|                                       |   | <b>Amount</b>     |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| For the fiscal years ending March 31: | 2016  | \$ 19,567         |
|                                       | 2017  | 43,861            |
|                                       | 2018  | 100,316           |
|                                       | 2019  | 81,681            |
|                                       | 2020  | 115,403           |
|                                       | Thereafter  | 9,618             |
|                                       | <b>Total contractual repayments</b>                               | <b>\$ 370,446</b> |
|                                       | Investments in equity securities                                  | 134,812           |
|                                       | <b>Total Cost Basis of Investments Held as of March 31, 2015:</b> | <b>\$ 505,258</b> |

### **Financing Activities**

Net cash provided by financing activities for the year ended March 31, 2015, was approximately \$97.9 million, which consisted primarily of \$41.4 million of proceeds from the issuance of our Series B Term Preferred Stock, \$23.0 million of net proceeds from the issuance of additional shares of our common stock, and \$57.5 million of net borrowings on our Credit Facility, partially offset by \$20.6 million in distributions to common stockholders. Net cash used in financing activities for the year ended March 31, 2014, was \$47.7 million and consisted primarily of net repayments of our short-term borrowings of \$58.0 million and distributions to common stockholders of \$18.8 million, partially offset by \$30.3 million in net borrowings from our Credit Facility.

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**Table of Contents****Distributions 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, our 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 \$0.06 per common share for each month during the year ended March 31, 2015, as well as a special distribution of \$0.05 in December 2014. In April 2015, our Board of Directors also declared a monthly distribution of \$0.0625 per common share for each of April, May, and June 2015, which is a 4.2% run rate increase on a monthly basis. Our Board of Directors declared these distributions based on estimates of taxable income for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016.

For federal income tax purposes, we determine the tax characterization of our common distributions as of the end of our fiscal year based upon our taxable income for the full fiscal year and distributions paid during the full fiscal year. The characterization of the common stockholder distributions declared and paid for the year ending March 31, 2016 will be determined after the 2016 fiscal year end based upon our taxable income for the full year and distributions paid during the full year. Such a characterization made on a quarterly basis may not be representative of the actual full year characterization.

For the year ended March 31, 2015, distributions to common stockholders totaled of \$20.6 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. In addition, we recorded a \$0.6 million adjustment for estimated book-tax differences, which decreased capital in excess of par value and increased net investment income in excess of distributions. At March 31, 2015, we elected to treat \$4.0 million of the first distribution paid after fiscal year-end as having been paid in the prior fiscal year, in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code. For the year ended March 31, 2014, distributions to common stockholders totaled \$18.8 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, 2014, we elected to treat \$3.9 million of the first distribution paid after fiscal year-end as having been paid in the prior fiscal year, in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code.

***Preferred Stock Dividends***

Our Board of Directors declared and we paid monthly cash dividends of \$0.1484375 per share to holders of our Series A Term Preferred Stock for each month during the year ended March 31, 2015. For the year ended March 31, 2015, our Board of Directors declared and we paid dividends for the pro-rated month of November 2014 and for each full month from December 2014 through March 31, 2015 in aggregate of \$0.703125 per share to our holders of Series B Term Preferred Stock. In April 2015, our Board of Directors also declared a monthly dividend of \$0.1484375 and \$0.140625 per preferred share for each of April, May, and June 2015 to the holders of our Series A Term Preferred Stock and Series B Term Preferred Stock, respectively. In May 2015, our Board of Directors declared a combined prorated dividend for May 2015 and a full month dividend for June 2015, which totaled \$0.221181 per share, to the holders of our Series C Term Preferred Stock. In accordance with GAAP, we treat these monthly dividends as an operating expense. For federal income tax purposes, the dividends paid by us to preferred stockholders generally constitute ordinary income to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits.

***Dividend Reinvestment Plan***

We offer a dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders who hold their shares through our transfer agent, Computershare, Inc. 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 so elect 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. Our plan agent purchases shares in the open market in connection with the obligations under the plan. We do not have a dividend reinvestment plan for our preferred stock stockholders.

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### **Equity**

#### ***Registration Statement***

The Registration Statement, of which this prospectus is a part, 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 or preferred stock, including through concurrent, separate offerings of such securities.

#### ***Common Stock***

Pursuant to a prior registration statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-181879), on October 5, 2012, we completed a public offering of 4.0 million shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$7.50 per share, which was below then current NAV of \$8.65 per share. Gross proceeds totaled \$30.0 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses borne by us, were approximately \$28.3 million, which was used to repay borrowings under our Credit Facility. In connection with the offering, in November 2012, the underwriters exercised their option to purchase an additional 395,825 shares at the public offering price to cover over-allotments, which resulted in gross proceeds of \$3.0 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts, of approximately \$2.8 million.

Also pursuant to a 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 expenses borne by us, were approximately \$23.0 million, which were primarily used to repay borrowings under our 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, of approximately \$3.5 million.

We anticipate issuing equity securities to obtain additional capital in the future. However, we cannot determine the 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, as it has consistently since September 30, 2008, 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. On May 19, 2015, the closing market price of our common stock was \$7.54 per share, representing a 17.9% discount to our NAV of \$9.18 as of March 31, 2015. To the extent that our common stock continues to trade at a market price below our NAV per common share, we will generally be precluded from raising equity capital through public offerings of our common stock, other than pursuant to stockholder approval or through a rights offering to existing common stockholders. At our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on August 7, 2014, 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 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, scheduled to take place in August 2015, 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 a prior 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 expenses borne by us, were approximately \$38.0 million, a portion of which was used to repay borrowings under our Credit Facility, with the remaining proceeds being held to make additional investments and for general corporate purposes. We incurred \$2.0 million in total offering costs related to the offering, which have been recorded as deferred financing costs on our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* and are being amortized over the period ending February 28, 2017, the mandatory redemption date.

Our Series A Term Preferred Stock provides for a fixed dividend equal to 7.125% per year, payable monthly (which equates to \$2.9 million per year). We are 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 is not convertible into our common stock or any other security. In addition, three other potential 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 the outstanding Series A 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 the outstanding Series A Term Preferred Stock or otherwise cure the ratio redemption trigger and (3) at our sole option, at any time on or after February 28, 2016, we may redeem some or all of our Series A Term Preferred Stock.

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Pursuant to a 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 expenses borne by us, were \$39.7 million. We incurred \$1.7 million in total offering costs related to this offering, which have been recorded as deferred financing costs 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. We may also voluntarily redeem all or a portion of our Series B Term Preferred Stock at our sole option at the redemption price in order to have an asset coverage ratio of up to and including 215.0% and at any time on or after December 31, 2017.

Also pursuant to a 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 expenses borne by us, were \$38.6 million. We incurred \$1.6 million in total offering costs related to this offering, which will be recorded as deferred financing costs on future *Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities* and will be 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. We may also voluntarily redeem all or a portion of our Series C Term Preferred Stock at our sole option at the redemption price in order to have an asset coverage ratio of up to and including 215.0% and at any time on or after May 31, 2018.

Each series of our Term 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 A, B, and C Term Preferred Stock are considered liabilities in accordance with GAAP and, as such, affect our asset coverage, exposing us to additional leverage risks.

**Revolving Credit Facility**

On June 26, 2014, we, through Business Investment, entered into Amendment No. 1 to our Credit Facility, with KeyBank, administrative agent, lead arranger and a lender; other lenders; and the Adviser, as servicer, to extend the revolving period and reduce the interest rate of our revolving line of credit. The revolving period was extended 14 months to June 26, 2017, and if not renewed or extended by June 26, 2017, all principal and interest will be due and payable on or before June 26, 2019 (two years after the revolving period end date). In addition, we have retained the two one-year extension options, to be agreed upon by all parties, which may be exercised on or before June 26, 2015 and 2016, respectively, and upon exercise, the options would extend the revolving period to June 26, 2018 and 2019 and the maturity date to June 26, 2020 and 2021, respectively. Subject to certain terms and conditions, our Credit Facility can be expanded by up to \$145.0 million, to a total facility amount of \$250 million, through additional commitments of existing or new committed lenders. Advances under our Credit Facility generally bear interest at 30-day LIBOR, plus 3.25% per annum, down from 3.75% prior to the amendment, and our Credit Facility includes an unused fee of 0.50% on undrawn amounts. Once the revolving period ends, the interest rate margin increases to 3.75% for the period from June 26, 2017 to June 26, 2018, and further increases to 4.25% through maturity. We incurred fees of \$0.4 million in connection with this amendment, which are being amortized through our Credit Facility's revolver period end date of June 26, 2017.

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On September 19, 2014, we further increased our borrowing capacity under our Credit Facility from \$105.0 million to \$185.0 million by entering into Joinder Agreements pursuant to our Credit Facility, by and among Business Investment, KeyBank, the Adviser and other lenders. We incurred fees of \$1.3 million in connection with this expansion, which are being amortized through our Credit Facility's revolver period end date of June 26, 2017.

Our 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 material changes to our credit and collection policies without lenders' consent. The Credit Facility generally also limits distributions 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, for each of the twelve month periods ending March 31, 2016 and 2017. We are also subject to certain limitations on the type of loan investments we can make, including restrictions on geographic concentrations, sector concentrations, loan size, payment frequency and status, average life and lien property. Our Credit Facility also requires us to comply with other financial and operational covenants, which obligate us to, among other things, maintain certain financial ratios, including asset and interest coverage and a minimum number of obligors required in the borrowing base of the credit agreement. Additionally, we are subject to a performance guaranty that requires us to maintain (i) a minimum net worth of \$170.0 million plus 50.0% of all equity and subordinated debt raised minus any equity or subordinated debt redeemed or retired after June 26, 2014, which equates to \$202.9 million as of March 31, 2015, (ii) asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness of at least 200%, in accordance with Section 18 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, 2015, and as defined in the performance guaranty of our Credit Facility, we had a net worth of \$354.8 million, an asset coverage of 229.9% and an active status as a BDC and RIC. As of March 31, 2015, we were in compliance with all covenants under our Credit Facility.

Our Credit Facility also requires that any interest or principal payments on pledged loans be remitted directly by the borrower into a lockbox account with KeyBank and with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as custodian. KeyBank is also the trustee of the account and generally remits the collected funds to us once a month.

Pursuant to the terms of our Credit Facility, in July 2013, we entered into a forward interest rate cap agreement, effective October 2013 and expiring April 2016, for a notional amount of \$45.0 million. We incurred a premium fee of \$75 in conjunction with this agreement. The interest rate cap agreement effectively limits the interest rate on a portion of the borrowings pursuant to the terms of our Credit Facility.

**CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

We have lines of credit and other uncalled capital commitments to certain of our portfolio companies that have not been fully drawn. Since these lines of credit and uncalled capital commitments have expiration dates and we expect many will never be fully drawn, the total line of credit and other uncalled capital commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. We estimate the fair value of the combined unused line of credit and other uncalled capital commitments as of March 31, 2015 to be minimal.

In addition to the lines of credit and other uncalled capital commitments to our portfolio companies, we have also extended certain guarantees on behalf of some of our portfolio companies, whereby we have guaranteed an aggregate of \$2.6 million of obligations of CCE. As of March 31, 2015, we have not been required to make any payments on any of the guarantees, and we consider the credit risks to be remote and the fair value of the guaranties to be minimal.

The following table shows our contractual obligations as of March 31, 2015, at cost:

| Contractual Obligations <sup>(A)</sup>                | Total             | Payments Due by Period |                   |                 |                      |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|   |                   | Less than<br>1 Year    | 1-3<br>Years      | 3-5 Years       | More than<br>5 Years |
| Credit Facility <sup>(B)</sup>                        | \$ 118,800        | \$                     | \$ 118,800        | \$              | \$                   |
| Mandatorily redeemable preferred stock <sup>(C)</sup> | 81,400            |                        | 40,000            |                 | 41,400               |
| Secured borrowing                                     | 5,096             |                        | 5,096             |                 |                      |
| Interest payments on obligations <sup>(D)</sup>       | 35,681            | 10,571                 | 17,301            | 5,674           | 2,135                |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ 240,977</b> | <b>\$ 10,571</b>       | <b>\$ 181,197</b> | <b>\$ 5,674</b> | <b>\$ 43,535</b>     |

- (A) Excludes our unused line of credit commitments and uncalled capital commitments and guaranties to our portfolio companies in the aggregate amount of \$12.6 million.
- (B) Principal balance of borrowings outstanding under our Credit Facility, based on the current contractual revolver period end date due to the revolving nature of the facility.
- (C) Excludes \$40.3 million of our Series C Term Preferred Stock issued in May 2015 with a mandatory redemption date in May 2022.
- (D) Includes interest payments due on our Credit Facility and dividend obligations on each series of our Term Preferred Stock. Dividend payments on our mandatorily redeemable term preferred stock assume quarterly declarations and monthly distributions through the date of mandatory redemption of each series.

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Of our interest bearing debt investments as of March 31, 2015, 83.0% had a success fee component, which enhances the yield on our debt investments. Unlike PIK income, we generally recognize success fees as income only when the payment has been received. As a result, as of March 31, 2015 and 2014, we had aggregate off-balance sheet success fee receivables of \$24.3 million and \$17.7 million (or approximately \$0.82 and \$0.69 per common share), respectively, on our accruing debt investments that would be owed to us based on our current portfolio if fully paid off. Consistent with GAAP, we have not recognized our success fee receivable on our balance sheet or income statement. Due to our success fees' contingent nature, there are no guarantees that we will be able to collect all of these success fees or know the timing of such collections.

## **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) (the Policy ) as our most critical accounting policy.

## ***Investment Valuation***

The most significant estimate inherent in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements is the valuation of our investments and the related amounts of unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments recorded in our accompanying *Consolidated Financial Statements*.

## **Accounting Recognition**

We record our investments at fair value in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB ) Accounting Standards Codification 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 measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and amortized 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.

In accordance with ASC 820, our investments' fair value is determined 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

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*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 (as defined below) 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 March 31, 2015 and 2014, all of our investments were valued using Level 3 inputs and during the years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no investments transferred into or out of Level 1, 2 or 3.

## 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 the Policy. Our Board of Directors reviews valuation recommendations that are provided by professionals of the Adviser and Administrator with oversight and direction from the chief valuation officer, (the Valuation Team). 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 our Board of Directors reviews the Policy to determine if changes thereto are advisable and also reviews 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.

Standard & Poor's Securities Evaluation, Inc. ( SPSE ) provides estimates of fair value on our debt investments. The Valuation Team generally assigns SPSE'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 SPSE'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 SPSE's. When this occurs, our Board of Directors reviews 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 of certain of our investments. Generally, at least once per year, we engage an independent valuation firm to value or review the Company's valuation of our significant equity investments, which includes providing the information noted above. The Valuation Team evaluates such information for incorporation into our total enterprise value, including review of all inputs provided by the independent valuation firm. The Valuation Team then makes a recommendation to our 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 total enterprise value ( 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 or revenue multiples obtained from our indexing methodology whereby the original transaction EBITDA or revenue multiple at the time of our closing is indexed to a general subset of comparable disclosed transactions and EBITDA or revenue multiples from recent sales to third parties of similar securities in similar industries; a comparison to publicly traded securities in similar industries, and other pertinent

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factors. The Valuation Team generally references industry statistics and may use outside experts when gathering this information. Once the TEV is determined for a portfolio company, the Valuation Team then generally allocates the TEV to the portfolio company's securities in 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 or revenue multiples; however, TEV may also be calculated using 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 the DCF 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 using the yield analysis, which includes a DCF calculation and the Valuation Team's own assumptions, 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 SPSE and market quotes.

*Market Quotes* For our investments for which a limited market exists, fair value is generally based 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.

*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 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 above valuation techniques, the Valuation Team may also consider other factors when determining fair values 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; and the markets in which the portfolio company operates. If applicable, new and follow-on debt and equity investments made during the current reporting quarter (the three months ended March 31, 2015) are generally valued at original cost basis.

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 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 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. 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* in the accompanying notes to our accompanying *Consolidated Financial Statements* included elsewhere in this report for additional information regarding fair value measurements and our application of ASC 820.

#### 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, 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.

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The Adviser risk rates all of our investments in debt securities. The Adviser does not risk rate our equity securities. For loans that have been rated by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ( NRSRO ) (as defined in Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act), 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 medium-sized companies do not exceed the grade of BBB on an NRSRO scale, so there would be no debt securities in the 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. During the three months ended June 30, 2014, we modified our risk rating model to incorporate additional factors in our qualitative and quantitative analysis. While the overall process did not change, we believe the additional factors enhance the quality of the risk ratings of our investments. No adjustments were made to prior periods as a result of this modification.

The following table reflects risk ratings for all loans in our portfolio as of March 31, 2015 and 2014:

| <b>Rating</b>    | <b>As of March 31,</b> |             |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------|
|                  | <b>2015</b>            | <b>2014</b> |
| Highest          | <b>10.0</b>            | <b>9.1</b>  |
| Average          | <b>5.9</b>             | <b>5.7</b>  |
| Weighted Average | <b>6.4</b>             | <b>5.2</b>  |
| Lowest           | <b>3.0</b>             | <b>2.6</b>  |

**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 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 meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements. In addition, in order to qualify to be taxed as a RIC, we must also meet certain annual stockholder distribution requirements. To satisfy the RIC annual distribution requirement, we must distribute to stockholders at least 90.0% of our investment company taxable income. Our policy generally is to make distributions to our stockholders in an amount up to 100.0% of our investment company taxable income.

In an effort to limit certain federal excise taxes imposed on RICs, we currently intend to distribute to our stockholders, during each calendar year, an amount at least equal to the sum of: (1) 98.0% of our ordinary income for the calendar year, (2) 98.2% of our capital gain net income for the one-year period ending on October 31 of the calendar year, and (3) any ordinary income and capital gain net income from preceding years that were not distributed during such years. Under the RIC Modernization Act (the RIC Act ), we are permitted to carryforward capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after September 30, 2011, for an unlimited period. However, any losses incurred during those future taxable years will be required to be utilized prior to the losses incurred in pre-enactment taxable years, which carry an expiration date. As a result of this ordering rule, pre-enactment capital loss carryforwards may be more likely to expire unused. Additionally, post-enactment capital loss carryforwards will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses rather than being considered all short-term as permitted under the Treasury regulations applicable to pre-enactment capital loss carryforwards. Our total capital loss carry forward balance was \$0.3 million as

of March 31, 2015.

***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

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remain current, or due to a restructuring, the interest income is deemed to be collectible. As of March 31, 2015, our loans to Tread were on non-accrual status, with an aggregate debt cost basis of \$11.7 million, or 3.1% of the cost basis of all debt investments in our portfolio, and an aggregate fair value of \$1.8 million, or 0.5% of the fair value of all debt investments in our portfolio. As of March 31, 2014, our loans to Tread were on non-accrual status, with an aggregate debt cost basis of \$11.7 million, or 4.2% of the cost basis of all debt investments in our portfolio, and an aggregate fair value of \$0.

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. To maintain our status as a RIC, this non-cash source of income must be included in our calculation of distributable income for purposes of complying with our distribution requirements, even though we have not yet collected the cash. During the years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, we recorded PIK income of \$0.1 million. We did not hold any loans in our portfolio that contained a PIK provision during the year ended March 31, 2013.

**Other Income Recognition**

We generally record success fees upon receipt of cash. Success fees are contractually due upon a change of control in a portfolio company, typically from an exit or sale. We recorded an aggregate of \$1.4 million of success fees during the year ended March 31, 2015 related to prepaid success fees from SOG, ASH, Drew Foam, Frontier, and Mathey. We recorded an aggregate of \$4.2 million of success fees during the year ended March 31, 2014 related to debt exits or prepayments from Venyu, Channel, Cavert, SOG, Mathey and Frontier. During the year ended March 31, 2013, we recorded an aggregate of \$0.8 million of success fees, representing prepayments received from Mathey and Cavert.

Dividend income on equity investments is accrued to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected and if we have the option to collect such amounts in cash. During the year ended March 31, 2015, we recorded an aggregate of \$3.5 million of dividend income from Funko, SOG, Drew Foam, Frontier, and Mathey. For the year ended March 31, 2014, we recorded \$1.4 million in dividend income related to the exit of Venyu. During the year ended March 31, 2013, we recorded an aggregate of \$4.8 million in dividend income, which resulted from payments from Galaxy and Acme, respectively.

Both dividend income and success fees are recorded in other income in our accompanying *Consolidated Statements of Operations*.

***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

In April 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2015-03, *Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs* ( ASU-2015-03 ), which simplifies the presentation of debt issuance costs. We are currently assessing the impact of ASU 2015-03 and do not anticipate a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows from adopting this standard. ASU 2015-03 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015 and interim periods within those years, with early adoption permitted.

In February 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2015-02, *Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis* ( ASU-2015-02 ), which amends or supersedes the scope and consolidation guidance under existing GAAP. The new standard changes the way a reporting entity evaluates whether a) limited partnerships and similar entities should be consolidated, b) fees paid to decision makers or service providers are variable interests in a variable interest entity ( VIE ), and c) variable interests in a VIE held by related parties require the reporting entity to consolidate the VIE. ASU 2015-02 also eliminates the VIE consolidation model based on majority exposure to variability that applied to certain investment companies and similar entities. We do not anticipate ASU 2015-02 to have a material impact on

our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. ASU 2015-02 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015 and interim periods within those years, with early adoption permitted.

In August 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2014-15, *Presentation of Financial Statements – Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40): Disclosure of Uncertainties About an Entity’s Ability to Continue as a Going Concern* (ASU 2014-15). ASU 2014-15 requires management to evaluate whether there are conditions or events that raise substantial doubt about the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern, and to provide certain disclosures when it is probable that the entity will be unable to meet its obligations as they become due within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued. Since this guidance is primarily around certain disclosures to the financial statements, we anticipate no impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows from adopting this standard. We are currently assessing the additional disclosure requirements, if any, of ASU 2014-15. ASU 2014-15 is effective for the annual period ending after December 31, 2016 and for annual periods and interim periods thereafter, with early adoption permitted.

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (ASU 2014-09), which supersedes or replaces nearly all GAAP revenue recognition guidance. The new guidance establishes a new control-based

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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. We are currently assessing the impact of ASU 2014-09 and anticipate no impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows from adopting this standard. ASU 2014-09 is effective for annual reporting periods that begin after December 15, 2016 and interim periods within those years, with early adoption not permitted.

In June 2013, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2013-08, *Financial Services - Investment Companies (Topic 946): Amendments to the Scope, Measurement, and Disclosure Requirements* ( ASU 2013-08 ), which amends the criteria that define an investment company and clarifies the measurement guidance and requires new disclosures for investment companies. Under ASU 2013-08, an entity already regulated under the 1940 Act is automatically an investment company under the new GAAP definition, so there was no impact from adopting this standard on our financial position or results of operations. We adopted ASU 2013-08 beginning with our quarter ended June 30, 2014, and have increased our disclosure requirements as necessary.



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

At our 2014 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, which we refer to as the Stockholder Approval, during a period beginning on August 7, 2014 and expiring on the first anniversary of such date. We intend to seek a similar approval at our 2015 annual meeting of stockholders in August 2015. 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.

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 par 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 the current 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 our Adviser as our 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 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 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.

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;

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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 share or who do not buy additional shares in the secondary market at the same or lower price we obtain in the offering (after expenses and commissions) face the greatest potential risks. These stockholders will experience an immediate decrease (often called dilution) in the NAV of the common shares they hold and their NAV per common share. These common 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 increases and decreases in NAV per common 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 any 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 common 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 common share are thus \$10,000,000 and \$10.00. The table illustrates the dilutive effect on a nonparticipating common stockholder of (1) an offering of 50,000 shares of common stock (5% of the outstanding common 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 common shares) at \$9.00 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 10% discount from NAV) and (3) an offering of 250,000 shares of common stock (25% of the outstanding common shares) at \$7.50 per common share after offering expenses and commissions (a 25% discount from NAV). The 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.

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|   | <b>Example 1</b><br><b>5% Offering at 5% Discount</b> |                 |                       | <b>Example 2</b><br><b>10% Offering at 10% Discount</b> |                       | <b>Example 3</b><br><b>25% Offering at 25% Discount</b> |          |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|----------|
| <b>Prior to Sale Below NAV</b>  | <b>Following Sale</b>                                 | <b>% Change</b> | <b>Following Sale</b> | <b>% Change</b>   | <b>Following Sale</b> | <b>% Change</b>   |          |
| <b>Offering Price</b>   |   |                 |                       |   |                       |   |          |
| Price per Common Share to Public  | \$ 10.00  |                 | \$ 9.47               |   | \$ 7.90               |   |          |
| Net Proceeds per Common Share to Issuer   | \$ 9.50   |                 | \$ 9.00               |   | \$ 7.50               |   |          |
| <b>Decrease to NAV</b>  |   |                 |                       |   |                       |   |          |
| Total Common Shares Outstanding   | 1,000,000   | 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 to Stockholder</b>  |   |                 |                       |   |                       |   |          |
| Common Shares Held by Stockholder   | 10,000  | 10,000          |                       | 10,000  |                       | 10,000  |          |
| Percentage Held by Common Stockholder   | 1.0%  | 0.95%           | (4.76)%               | 0.91%   | (9.09)%               | 0.83%   | (16.67)% |
| <b>Total Asset Values</b>   |   |                 |                       |   |                       |   |          |
| Total NAV Held by Common Stockholder  | \$ 100,000  | \$ 99,800       | (0.20)%               | \$ 99,100   | (0.90)%               | \$ 95,000   | (5.00)%  |
| Total Investment by Common Stockholder (Assumed to be \$10.00 per Common Share) | \$ 100,000  | \$ 100,000      |                       | \$ 100,000  |                       | \$ 100,000  |          |
| Total Dilution to Common Stockholder (Total NAV Less Total Investment)          |   | \$ (200)        |                       | \$ (900)  |                       | \$ 5,000  |          |
| <b>Per Share Amounts</b>  |   |                 |                       |   |                       |   |          |
| NAV Per Share Held by Common Stockholder  |   | \$ 9.98         |                       | \$ 9.91   |                       | \$ 9.50   |          |
| Investment per Share Held by Common Stockholder (Assumed to be                  | \$ 10.00  | \$ 10.00        |                       | \$ 10.00  |                       | \$ 10.00  |          |

\$10.00 per Common  
Share on Common  
Shares Held prior to  
Sale)

Dilution per  
Common Share Held  
by Stockholder  
(NAV per Common  
Share Less  
Investment per  
Share)

|    |        |    |        |    |        |
|----|--------|----|--------|----|--------|
| \$ | (0.02) | \$ | (0.09) | \$ | (0.50) |
|----|--------|----|--------|----|--------|

Percentage Dilution  
to Common  
Stockholder  
(Dilution per  
Common Share  
Divided by

Investment per  
Common Share)

(0.20)%

(0.90)%

(5.00)%

**Impact on Existing Stockholders Who Do Participate in an Offering**

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 expenses and commissions) 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

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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.

|  | Prior to<br>Sale<br>Below NAV | 50% Participation<br>Following<br>Sale | %<br>Change | 150% Participation<br>Following<br>Sale | %<br>Change |
|--|-------------------------------|--|-------------|---|-------------|
| <b>Offering Price</b>  |                               |  |             |   |             |
| Price per Common Share to Public   |                               | \$ 7.90                                |             | \$ 7.90                                 |             |
| Net Proceeds per Common Share to Issuer  |                               | \$ 7.50                                |             | \$ 7.50                                 |             |
| <b>Increases in Shares and Decrease to NAV</b>   |                               |  |             |   |             |
| Total Common Shares Outstanding  | 1,000,000                     | 1,250,000                              | 25.00%      | 1,250,000                               | 25.00%      |
| NAV per Common Share   | \$ 10.00                      | \$ 9.50                                | 5.00%       | \$ 9.50                                 | 5.00%       |
| <b>Dilution/Accretion to Common Stockholder</b>  |                               |  |             |   |             |
| 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%      |
| <b>Total Asset Values</b>  |                               |  |             |   |             |
| Total NAV Held by Common Stockholder   | \$ 100,000                    | \$ 106,875                             | 6.88%       | \$ 130,625                              | 30.63%      |
| Total Investment by Common Stockholder<br>(Assumed to be \$10.00 per Common<br>Share on Common Shares Held prior to<br>Sale) | \$ 100,000                    | \$ 109,875                             |             | \$ 129,625                              |             |
| Total Dilution/Accretion to Common<br>Stockholder (Total NAV Less Total<br>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) | \$ | 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 Stockholder (Dilution/Accretion per Common Share Divided by Investment per Common Share)    |    |       |      |      | 2.73% |      | 0.77% |       |

### **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 selling compensation and expenses 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 selling compensation and expenses paid by the issuer 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.



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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.

|  |                                  | Example 1<br>5% Offering at 5% Discount |             |                   | Example 2<br>10% Offering at 10% Discount |                   | Example 3<br>25% Offering at 25% Discount |  |
|--|----------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|---|--|
|  | Prior to<br>Sale<br>Below<br>NAV | Following<br>Sale                       | %<br>Change | Following<br>Sale | %<br>Change                               | Following<br>Sale | %<br>Change                               |  |
| <b>Offering Price</b>  |                                  |   |             |                   |   |                   |   |  |
| Price per Common Share to Public   |                                  | \$ 10.00                                |             | \$ 9.47           |   | \$ 7.90           |   |  |
| Net Proceeds per Common Share to Issuer  |                                  | \$ 9.50                                 |             | \$ 9.00           |   | \$ 7.50           |   |  |
| <b>Decrease to NAV</b>   |                                  |   |             |                   |   |                   |   |  |
| Total Common Shares Outstanding  | 1,000,000                        | 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 Common Stockholder</b>                                  |                                  |   |             |                   |   |                   |   |  |
| Common Shares Held by Stockholder  |                                  | 500                                     |             | 1,000             |   | 2,500             |   |  |
| Percentage Held by Common Stockholder  | 0.0%                             | 0.05%                                   |             | 0.09%             |   | 0.20%             |   |  |
| <b>Total Asset Values</b>  |                                  |   |             |                   |   |                   |   |  |
| 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 Investment) |                                  | \$ (10)                                 |             | \$ 440            |   | \$ 4,000          |   |  |
| <b>Per Common Share Amounts</b>  |                                  |   |             |                   |   |                   |   |  |
| NAV Per Common Share Held by Common Stockholder                                  |                                  | \$ 9.98                                 |             | \$ 9.91           |   | \$ 9.50           |   |  |

|  |           |         |         |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|
| Investment per Share<br>Held by Common<br>Stockholder  | \$ 10.00  | \$ 9.47 | \$ 7.90 |
| Dilution/Accretion per<br>Common Share Held<br>by Common<br>Stockholder (NAV per<br>Common Share Less<br>Investment per<br>Common Share)           | \$ (0.02) | \$ 0.44 | \$ 1.60 |
| Percentage<br>Dilution/Accretion to<br>Common Stockholder<br>(Dilution/Accretion<br>per Common Share<br>Divided by Investment<br>per Common Share) | (0.20)%   | 4.65%   | 20.25%  |

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Information about our senior securities is shown in the following table as of March 31, 2015, (the end of our fiscal year of operations) and for the years indicated in the table, 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, 2015 is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

| Class and Year   | Total Amount                         |                | Involuntary                         |                                   |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|  | Outstanding                          | Asset Coverage | Liquidating Preference Per Unit (3) | Average Market Value Per Unit (4) |
|  | Exclusive of Treasury Securities (1) | Per Unit (2)   |                                     |                                   |
| <b>7.125% Series A Cumulative Term Preferred Stock (5)</b> |                                      |                |                                     |                                   |
| 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                             |
| <b>6.750% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred Stock (6)</b> |                                      |                |                                     |                                   |
| March 31, 2015   | \$ 41,400,000                        | \$ 2,301       | \$ 25.00                            | \$ 25.38                          |
| <b>Revolving credit facilities</b>                         |                                      |                |                                     |                                   |
| 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   |                                      | N/A            |                                     | N/A                               |
| March 31, 2010   | 27,800,000                           | 2,814          |                                     | N/A                               |
| March 31, 2009   | 110,265,000                          | 2,930          |                                     | N/A                               |
| March 31, 2008   | 144,835,000                          | 2,422          |                                     | N/A                               |
| March 31, 2007   | 100,000,000                          | 3,228          |                                     | N/A                               |
| <b>Short-term loan</b>                                     |                                      |                |                                     |                                   |
| March 31, 2015   |                                      | N/A            |                                     | N/A                               |
| March 31, 2014   |                                      | N/A            |                                     | N/A                               |
| 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                               |
| <b>Secured borrowings (7)</b>                              |                                      |                |                                     |                                   |
| 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. Our Series C Term Preferred Stock was issued and outstanding subsequent to March 31, 2015 and is therefore not included in the table.
- (2) Asset coverage ratio 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 the NASDAQ during the last 10 trading days of the period.
- (5) Our Series A Term Preferred Stock was issued in March 2012.
- (6) Our Series B Term Preferred Stock was issued in November 2014.
- (7) In August 2012, we entered into a participation agreement with a third-party related to \$5.0 million of our senior subordinated term debt investment in Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc. ( Ginsey ). We evaluated whether the transaction should be accounted for as a sale or a financing-type transaction under the applicable guidance of ASC 860. Based on the terms of the participation agreement, we are required to treat the participation as a financing-type transaction. Specifically, the third-party has a senior

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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* reflects the entire senior subordinated term debt investment in Ginsey and a corresponding \$5.1 million secured borrowing liability. The secured borrowing has a stated interest rate of 7% and a maturity date of January 3, 2018.

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**Table of Contents****BUSINESS****Overview**

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Laws of the State of Delaware on February 18, 2005. On June 22, 2005 we completed an 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 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 ). 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 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: (1) 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 (2) 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 each investment generally ranging from \$5 million to \$30 million, although investment size may vary, depending upon our total assets or available capital at the time of investment. We seek to avoid investments in high-risk, early stage enterprises. We expect 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, 2015, our investment portfolio was made up of 73% in debt securities and 27% in equity securities, at cost.

We invest by ourselves or jointly with other funds or management of the portfolio company, depending on the opportunity. If we are participating in an investment with one or more co-investors, our investment is likely to be smaller than if we were investing alone.

In July 2012, the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) granted us an exemptive order that expanded our ability to co-invest with certain of our affiliates under certain circumstances and any future business development company or closed-end management investment company that is advised (or sub-advised if it controls the fund) by our external investment adviser, or any combination of the foregoing, subject to the conditions in the SEC 's order. We believe this ability to co-invest will continue to enhance our ability to further our investment objectives and strategies.

In general, our investments in debt securities have a term of no more than seven years, accrue interest at variable rates (based on the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR )) and, to a lesser extent, at fixed rates. In addition, many of the debt securities we hold typically do not amortize prior to maturity. 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 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 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.

Typically, our investments in equity securities take the form of common stock, preferred stock, limited liability company interests, or warrants or options to purchase the foregoing. Often, these equity investments occur in connection with our original investment, buyouts and recapitalizations of a business, or refinancing existing debt.

As of March 31, 2015, our portfolio consisted of investments in 34 companies located in 16 states in 18 different industries with an aggregate fair value of \$466.1 million. Since our initial public offering in 2005 and through March 31, 2015, we have invested in over 113 different companies, while making 118 consecutive monthly distributions to common stockholders.

We expect that our target portfolio over time will primarily include the following four categories of investments in private companies in the United States ( U.S. ):

*Senior Secured Debt Securities:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in senior 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 senior debt to cover a substantial portion of the funding needs of the business. The senior secured debt security usually takes the form of first priority liens on all, or substantially all, of the assets of the business.

*Senior Subordinated Secured Debt Securities:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in senior subordinated secured debt securities, also known as senior subordinated loans and senior subordinated notes. These senior subordinated secured debt securities rank junior to the borrower's senior debt securities and may be secured by first priority liens on a portion of the assets of the business or may be designated as second lien notes. Additionally, we may receive other yield enhancements, such as success fees, in connection with these senior subordinated secured debt securities.

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*Junior Subordinated Debt Securities:* We seek to invest a portion of our assets in junior subordinated debt securities, also known as subordinated loans, subordinated notes and mezzanine loans. These junior subordinated debts may be secured by certain assets of the borrower or may be unsecured loans. Additionally, we may receive other yield enhancements in addition to or in lieu of success fees, such as warrants to buy common and preferred stock or limited liability interests in connection with these junior subordinated 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, or limited liability company interests, or 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 which may include having voting control of the businesses in which we invest.

Additionally, 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 BDC 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 high risk, as compared to investment-grade debt instruments.

*Investment Concentrations*

Year over year, our investment concentration as a percentage of fair value and of cost has remained relatively unchanged. As of March 31, 2015, our investment portfolio consisted of investments in 34 portfolio companies located in 16 states across 18 different industries with an aggregate fair value of \$466.1 million, of which our investments in Counsel Press, SOG, Funko, Acme, and Old World our five largest portfolio investments at fair value, collectively comprised \$134.3 million, or 28.8%, of our total investment portfolio at fair value. The following table summarizes our investments by security type as of March 31, 2015 and 2014:

|                                  | March 31, 2015 |       |            |       | March 31, 2014 |       |            |       |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------|------------|-------|----------------|-------|------------|-------|
|                                  | Cost           |       | Fair Value |       | Cost           |       | Fair Value |       |
| Senior secured debt              | \$ 284,509     | 56.3% | \$ 263,141 | 56.5% | \$ 196,293     | 51.2% | \$ 169,870 | 54.0% |
| Senior subordinated secured debt | 85,937         | 17.0  | 70,378     | 15.1  | 82,348         | 21.5  | 70,827     | 22.5  |
| Total debt                       | 370,446        | 73.3  | 333,519    | 71.6  | 278,641        | 72.7  | 240,697    | 76.5  |
| Preferred equity                 | 127,762        | 25.3  | 111,090    | 23.8  | 98,099         | 25.6  | 62,901     | 20.0  |
| Common equity/equivalents        | 7,050          | 1.4   | 21,444     | 4.6   | 6,797          | 1.7   | 10,795     | 3.5   |
| Total equity/equivalents         | 134,812        | 26.7  | 132,534    | 28.4  | 104,896        | 27.3  | 73,696     | 23.5  |



|                          |                   |               |                   |               |            |        |            |        |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| <b>Total Investments</b> | <b>\$ 505,258</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>\$ 466,053</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | \$ 383,537 | 100.0% | \$ 314,393 | 100.0% |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|--------|------------|--------|

Our investments at fair value consisted of the following industry classifications as of March 31, 2015 and 2014:

|  | March 31, 2015 |                                 | March 31, 2014 |                                 |
|--|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
|  | Fair Value     | Percentage of Total Investments | Fair Value     | Percentage of Total Investments |
| Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Products | \$ 70,533      | 15.1%                           | \$ 21,188      | 6.7%                            |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing                                 | 62,996         | 13.5                            | 54,845         | 17.4                            |
| Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber  | 49,312         | 10.6                            | 52,753         | 16.8                            |
| Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, Entertainment                     | 44,931         | 9.6                             | 39,867         | 12.7                            |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Services                                      | 31,995         | 6.9                             |                |                                 |
| Machinery (Non-agriculture, Non-construction, Non-electronic)          | 30,397         | 6.5                             | 25,917         | 8.2                             |
| Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing Only)        | 25,008         | 5.4                             | 10,005         | 3.2                             |

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|                                  |                   |               |                   |               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Automobile                       | 24,530            | 5.3           | 25,735            | 8.2           |
| Farming and Agriculture          | 22,438            | 4.8           | 20,557            | 6.5           |
| Containers, Packaging, and Glass | 19,447            | 4.2           | 17,889            | 5.7           |
| Telecommunications               | 19,241            | 4.1           |                   |               |
| Aerospace and Defense            | 18,770            | 4.0           | 18,512            | 5.9           |
| Cargo Transport                  | 13,972            | 3.0           | 6,500             | 2.1           |
| Beverage, Food and Tobacco       | 12,982            | 2.8           | 13,050            | 4.2           |
| Textiles and Leather             | 10,750            | 2.3           |                   |               |
| Buildings and Real Estate        | 1,860             | 0.4           | 7,575             | 2.4           |
| Other < 2.0%                     | 6,891             | 1.5           |                   |               |
| <b>Total Investments</b>         | <b>\$ 466,053</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>\$ 314,393</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

Our investments at fair value were included in the following U.S. geographic regions as of March 31, 2015 and 2014:

|                          | March 31, 2015    |                                 | March 31, 2014    |                                 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
|                          | Fair Value        | Percentage of Total Investments | Fair Value        | Percentage of Total Investments |
| West                     | \$ 161,444        | 34.6%                           | \$ 117,781        | 37.5%                           |
| Northeast                | 133,814           | 28.7                            | 67,862            | 21.6                            |
| South                    | 133,703           | 28.7                            | 89,915            | 28.6                            |
| Midwest                  | 37,092            | 8.0                             | 38,835            | 12.3                            |
| <b>Total Investments</b> | <b>\$ 466,053</b> | <b>100.0%</b>                   | <b>\$ 314,393</b> | <b>100.0%</b>                   |

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 repayments and maturity of our investment portfolio for the next five fiscal years and thereafter, assuming no voluntary prepayments, as of March 31, 2015:

|                                      |                                     | Amount            |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| For the fiscal year ending March 31: | 2016                                | \$ 19,567         |
|                                      | 2017                                | 43,816            |
|                                      | 2018                                | 100,316           |
|                                      | 2019                                | 81,681            |
|                                      | 2020                                | 115,403           |
|                                      | Thereafter                          | 9,618             |
|                                      | <b>Total contractual repayments</b> | <b>\$ 370,446</b> |
|                                      | Investments in equity securities    | 134,812           |

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Total cost basis of investments held at March 31, 2015:</b> | <b>\$ 505,258</b> |
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*Receivables from Portfolio Companies*

Receivables from portfolio companies represent non-recurring costs that we incurred on behalf of portfolio companies and are included in other assets 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 charge the accounts receivable to the established allowance when collection efforts have been exhausted and the receivables are deemed uncollectible. As of March 31, 2015 and 2014, we had gross receivables from portfolio companies of \$1.5 million and \$1.2 million, respectively. The allowance for uncollectible receivables was \$349 and \$44 as of March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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**Table of Contents****Our Investment Adviser and Administrator**

Gladstone Management Corporation (the Adviser) is our affiliate, investment adviser, and a privately-held company led by a management team that has extensive experience in our lines of business. Another of our and the Adviser's affiliates, a privately-held company, Gladstone Administration, LLC (the Administrator), employs, among others, our chief financial officer and treasurer, chief accounting officer, chief valuation officer, chief compliance officer, general counsel and secretary (who also serves as the president of the Administrator) and their respective staffs. All but one of our executive officers serve as directors, executive officers, officers, or a combination of the foregoing, of the following of our affiliates: Gladstone Commercial Corporation (Gladstone Commercial), a publicly-traded real estate investment trust; Gladstone Capital Corporation (Gladstone Capital), a publicly-traded BDC and RIC; Gladstone Land Corporation (Gladstone Land), a publicly-traded real estate investment trust; the Adviser; and the Administrator. Our chief financial officer and treasurer is also the chief financial officer and treasurer of Gladstone Capital. David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, also serves on the board of managers of our affiliate, Gladstone Securities, LLC (Gladstone Securities), a privately-held broker-dealer registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and insured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

The Adviser and Administrator also provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to our affiliates, including, but not limited to, Gladstone Commercial; Gladstone Capital; and Gladstone Land. In the future, the Adviser and Administrator may provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to other funds and companies, both public and private.

We have been externally managed by the Adviser pursuant to an investment advisory and management agreement and the Administrator has provided administration services to us under an administration agreement since June 22, 2005. 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 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 Mr. Gladstone (our chairman and chief executive officer), Terry Lee Brubaker (our vice chairman and chief operating officer), and Mr. Dullum, to the prospective company. If this LOI is issued, then the Adviser and Gladstone Securities (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 (our Board of

Directors ), a majority of whom are not interested persons as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act.

***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 businesses in which we invest have experienced management teams or a hiring plan in place to install an experienced management team. We also require the businesses 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 earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ( 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 borrowers 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.

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*Strong Competitive Position in an Industry.* We seek to invest in businesses 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 businesses 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***

Our 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.

Upon completion of a due diligence investigation and a decision to proceed with an investment, the Adviser's investment professionals who have primary responsibility for the investment present the investment opportunity to the Adviser's investment committee. The investment committee then determines whether to pursue the potential investment. 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.

We also rely on the long-term relationships that the Adviser's investment professionals have with venture capitalists, leveraged buyout funds, investment bankers, commercial bankers, private equity sponsors, attorneys, accountants and business brokers. In addition, the extensive direct experiences of our executive officers and managing directors in the operations of and providing debt and equity capital to small and medium-sized private businesses plays a significant role in our investment evaluation and assessment of risk.

***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 senior secured debt, senior subordinated secured debt, junior subordinated secured debt, and preferred and common equity or equivalents, the majority of which is secured first and second lien debt investments. 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 rights and call protection 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, consistent with 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, but may sell our investments (including our equity investments) earlier if a liquidity event takes place, such as the sale or recapitalization of a portfolio company or, in the case of an equity investment in a company, its initial public offering. Occasionally, we may sell some or all of our investment interests in a portfolio company to a third party, such as an existing investor in the portfolio company, in a privately negotiated transaction.

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**Table of Contents****Competitive Advantages**

A large number of entities compete with us and make the types of investments that we seek to make in small and medium-sized privately-owned businesses. Such competitors include private equity funds, leveraged buyout funds, other BDCs, venture capital funds, 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 small and medium-sized businesses.

***Management Expertise***

Mr. Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, is also the chairman and chief executive officer of the Adviser and its affiliated companies, other than Gladstone Securities, (the Gladstone Companies ) and has been involved in all aspects of the Gladstone Companies' investment activities, including serving as a member of the Adviser's investment committees for each of the Company, Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Commercial, and Gladstone Land. Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Dullum, our president and a director, have extensive experience in investing in middle market companies and with operating in the BDC marketplace in general. Mr. Brubaker, our vice chairman and chief operating officer, has substantial experience in acquisitions and operations of companies. Messrs. Gladstone and Brubaker also have principal management responsibility for the Adviser as its executive officers. These three individuals dedicate a significant portion of their time to managing our investment portfolio. Our senior management has extensive experience providing capital to small and medium-sized companies and has worked together at the Gladstone 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 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 small and medium-sized 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 Gladstone Companies 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 businesses 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.

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### ***Flexible Transaction Structuring***

We believe 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 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. We believe that this approach enables the Adviser to develop a financing structure which best fits the investment and growth profile of the underlying business 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.

### ***Leverage***

For the purpose of making investments and taking advantage of favorable interest rates, we may issue senior securities up to the maximum amount permitted by the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act currently permits us to issue senior securities representing indebtedness and senior securities that are stock (collectively our Senior Securities) in amounts such that we maintain an asset coverage ratio, as defined in Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act, of at least 200% on our Senior Securities immediately after each issuance of such Senior Securities. We may also incur such indebtedness to repurchase our common stock. We may also be exposed to the risks of leverage as a result of incurring indebtedness, generally through our revolving line of credit or issuing Senior Securities representing indebtedness, such as our Term Preferred Stock. 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. Our Board of Directors is authorized to provide for the issuance of Senior Securities with such preferences, powers, rights and privileges as it deems appropriate, subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act. See Regulation as a BDC Asset Coverage for a discussion of our leveraging constraints and Risk Factors Risks Related to Our External Financing for further discussion of certain leveraging risks.

### **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 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;

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;

assessment of portfolio company management, sponsor, governance and strategic direction;

assessment of the portfolio company's industry and competitive environment; and

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;

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auditors; and

advisers and consultants.

***Managerial Assistance and Services***

As a BDC, we make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies and provide other services 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 provides other services to certain of our portfolio companies and it receives fees for these other services. 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. At the end of each quarter, the Adviser voluntarily 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 agreement with the Adviser, a small percentage of certain of such fees, primarily for the valuation of portfolio companies, is retained by the Adviser in the form of reimbursement, at cost, for tasks completed by personnel of the Adviser.

In February 2011, Gladstone Securities started providing other services (such as investment banking and due diligence services) to certain of our portfolio companies. Any such fees paid by portfolio companies to Gladstone Securities do not impact the overall fees we pay to the Adviser or the overall fees credited against the base management fee.

***Valuation Process***

The following is a general description of the Company's investment valuation policy (the Policy) (which has been approved by our Board of Directors) that the professionals of the Adviser and Administrator, with oversight and direction from the chief valuation officer, an employee of the Administrator that reports directly to the Company's Board of Directors, (collectively, the Valuation Team) use 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 portfolio company or 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.

Next, our Board of Directors reviews this documentation and discusses the information provided by our Valuation Team, and determines whether the Valuation Team has followed the Policy, whether the Valuation Team's recommended fair value is reasonable in light of the Policy and reviews other facts and circumstances. Then our Board of Directors votes to accept or reject the Valuation Team's recommended valuation.

Fair value measurements of our investments may involve subjective judgment and estimates. Due to the uncertainty inherent in valuing these securities, the Adviser'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 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. Our valuation policies, procedures and processes are more fully described under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Policies Investment Valuation.

#### ***Investment Advisory and Management Agreement***

We entered into an investment advisory and management agreement with the Adviser (the Advisory Agreement). 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. On July 15, 2014, our Board of Directors approved the annual renewal of the Advisory Agreement with the Adviser through August 31, 2015. Our Board of Directors considered the following factors as the basis for its decision to renew the Advisory

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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 Company's affiliates that are managed by the same Adviser (Gladstone Commercial, Gladstone Capital and Gladstone Land) 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 Adviser created through the Company and (7) in light of the foregoing considerations, the overall fairness of the advisory fee paid under the Advisory Agreement.

***Base Management Fee***

The base management fee is computed and generally payable quarterly to the Adviser 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 other agreements and may receive fees for services other than managerial assistance, as discussed above. The Adviser generally voluntarily 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, primarily for the valuation of portfolio companies, is retained by the Adviser in the form of reimbursement, at cost, for tasks completed by personnel of the Adviser.

***Loan Servicing Fee***

The Adviser also services the loans held by our wholly-owned subsidiary, Gladstone Business Investment, LLC (Business Investment), in return for which the Adviser receives a 2.0% annual fee based on the monthly aggregate outstanding balance of loans pledged under our revolving line of credit. The entire loan servicing fee paid monthly to the Adviser by Business Investment is voluntarily and irrevocably credited against the base management fee otherwise payable to the Adviser since Business Investment is a consolidated subsidiary of the Company, and overall, the base management fee, inclusive of the loan servicing fee, cannot exceed 2.0% of total assets (as reduced by cash and cash equivalents pledged to creditors) during any given calendar year pursuant to the Advisory Agreement.

***Incentive Fee***

The incentive fee 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 (the hurdle rate). The income-based incentive fee with respect to our pre-incentive fee net investment income is generally 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 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 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

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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, if any, 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, 2015, as cumulative net unrealized capital depreciation has exceeded cumulative realized capital gains net of cumulative realized capital losses.

Additionally, in accordance with GAAP, a capital gains-based incentive fee accrual is calculated using the aggregate cumulative realized capital gains and losses and aggregate cumulative unrealized capital depreciation included in the calculation of the capital gains-based incentive fee plus the aggregate cumulative unrealized capital appreciation. If such amount is positive at the end of a reporting period, then GAAP requires us to record a capital gains-based incentive fee equal to 20.0% of such amount, less the aggregate amount of actual capital gains-based incentive fees paid in all prior years. If such amount is negative, then there is no accrual for such reporting period. GAAP requires that the capital gains-based incentive fee accrual consider the cumulative 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. There has been no GAAP accrual recorded for a capital gains-based incentive fee since our inception through March 31, 2015.

Our Board of Directors accepted an unconditional and irrevocable voluntary credit from the Adviser to reduce the income-based incentive fee to the extent net investment income did not cover 100% of the distributions to common stockholders for the year ended March 31, 2013, which credit totaled \$0.2 million. For the years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no such incentive fee credits from the Adviser.

***Administration Agreement***

We have entered into an administration agreement with the Administrator (the Administration Agreement), whereby we pay separately for administrative services. The Administration Agreement provides for payments equal to 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 our chief financial officer and treasurer, chief accounting officer, chief valuation officer, chief compliance officer and general counsel and secretary (who also serves as the Administrator's president) and their respective staff. Prior to July 1, 2014, our allocable portion of the expenses were generally derived by multiplying that portion of the Administrator's expenses allocable to all funds managed by the Adviser by the percentage of our total assets at the beginning of each quarter in comparison to the total assets at the beginning of each quarter of all funds managed by the Adviser.



Effective July 1, 2014, our allocable portion of the Administrator's expenses are 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. These administrative fees are accrued at the end of the quarter when the services are performed and generally paid the following quarter. On July 15, 2014, our Board of Directors approved the annual renewal of the Administration Agreement through August 31, 2015.

### **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 25 to 30 full time employees of the Adviser and the Administrator will spend substantial time on our matters during the remainder of calendar year 2015 and all of calendar year 2016. 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.

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As of June 12, 2015, the Adviser and Administrator collectively had 65 full-time employees. A breakdown of these employees is summarized by functional area in the table below:

| <b>Number of Individuals</b> | <b>Functional Area</b>  |
|------------------------------|---|
| 11                           | Executive management  |
| 16                           | Accounting, administration, compliance, human resources, legal and treasury |
| 38                           | Investment management, portfolio management and due diligence               |

**Properties**

We do not own any real estate or other physical properties materially important to our operations. Gladstone Management Corporation is the current leaseholder of all properties in which we operate. We occupy these premises pursuant to the Advisory Agreement and Administration Agreement. Our Adviser and Administrator are headquartered in McLean, Virginia and our Adviser also has offices in several 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 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 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.

**Table of Contents****PORTFOLIO COMPANIES**

The following table sets forth certain information as of March 31, 2015, 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 policies and procedures described in this prospectus.

| <b>Company<sup>(A)</sup></b>  | <b>Industry</b>                 | <b>Investment</b>                   | <b>Percentage of Class Held on a Fully Diluted Basis</b> | <b>Cost<br/>(Dollar amounts in thousands)<br/>(unaudited)</b> | <b>Fair Value<br/>(Dollar amounts in thousands)<br/>(unaudited)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>CONTROL INVESTMENTS:</b>   |                                 |                                     |  |   |   |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation<br>1111 Industrial Rd.<br>Winfield, KS 67156          | Aerospace and Defense           | Line of Credit<br>\$1,250 available |  | \$ 3,250  | \$ 3,250  |
|   |                                 | Senior Subordinated Term Debt       |  | 15,520  | 15,520  |
|   |                                 | Preferred Stock                     | 74.7%  | 11,464  |   |
|   |                                 | Common Stock                        | 55.0%  | 48  |   |
|   |                                 |                                     |  | 30,282  | 18,770  |
| Roanoke Industries Corp.<br>176 Eastpark Dr.<br>Roanoke, VA 24019                     | Buildings and Real Estate       | Senior Subordinated Term Debt       |  | 1,650   | 1,650   |
|   |                                 | Common Stock                        | 100%   | 100   | 210   |
|   |                                 |                                     |  | 1,750   | 1,860   |
| <b>Total Control Investments (represents 4.4% of total investments at fair value)</b> |                                 |                                     |  | <b>\$ 32,032</b>  | <b>\$ 20,630</b>  |
| <b>AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS:</b>   |                                 |                                     |  |   |   |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.<br>2801 Mitchell Avenue<br>Allentown, PA 18103                  | Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber | Senior Subordinated Term Debt       |  | \$ 14,500   | \$ 14,500   |
|   |                                 | Preferred Stock                     | 91.1%  | 7,956   | 8,519   |
|   |                                 | Common Stock                        | 78.6%  | 1,197   |   |
|   |                                 | Common Stock Warrants               | 78.6%  | 25  |   |

|                            |                          |                          |             |        |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------|
|                            |                          |                          | 23,678      | 23,019 |
| Alloy Die Casting Corp.    |                          |                          |             |        |
|                            | Diversified/Conglomerate |                          |             |        |
| 6550 Caballero Blvd        | Manufacturing            | Senior Secured Term Debt | 12,215      | 12,154 |
| Buena Park, CA 90620       |                          | Preferred Stock          | 68.8% 4,064 | 4,122  |
|                            |                          | Common Stock             | 62.0% 41    |        |
|                            |                          |                          | 16,320      | 16,276 |
| Behrens Manufacturing, LLC |                          |                          |             |        |
| 1250 E 8th St.             |                          |                          |             |        |
|                            | Diversified/Conglomerate |                          |             |        |
| Winona, MN 55987           | Manufacturing            | Senior Secured Term Debt | 9,975       | 9,975  |
|                            |                          | Preferred Stock          | 58.5% 2,922 | 3,447  |
|                            |                          |                          | 12,897      | 13,422 |

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| <b>Company<sup>(A)</sup></b>           | <b>Industry</b>  | <b>Investment</b>               | <b>Percentage of Class Held on a Fully Diluted Basis</b> | <b>Cost</b>                                      | <b>Fair Value</b> |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|
|  |  |                                 |  | <b>(Dollar amounts in thousands) (unaudited)</b> |                   |
| B-Dry, LLC                             | Personal, Food and Miscellaneous Services                            | Line of Credit, \$175 available |  | 2,075  | 1,124             |
| 13876 Cravath Place                    |  | Senior Secured Term Debt        |  | 6,443  | 3,490             |
| Woodbridge, VA 22191                   |  | Senior Secured Term Debt        |  | 840  | 455               |
|  |  | Preferred Stock                 | 90.0%  | 2,250  |                   |
|  |  | Common Stock                    | 56.0%  | 300  |                   |
|  |  |                                 |  | 11,908   | 5,069             |
| B+T Group Acquisition                  | Telecommunications   | Line of Credit, \$700 available |  | 700  | 700               |
| 1717 Boulder Ave #300, Tulsa, OK 74119 |  | Senior Secured Term Debt        |  | 14,000   | 14,000            |
|  |  | Preferred Stock                 | 69.9%  | 4,196  | 4,541             |
|  |  |                                 |  | 18,896   | 19,241            |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.       | Home and Office Furnishing, Housewares and Durable Consumer Products | Senior Secured Term Debt        |  | 15,000   | 15,000            |
| 404 Wyman St., Waltham, MA 02451       |  | Preferred Stock                 | 97.3%  | 4,500  | 7,198             |
|  |  |                                 |  | 19,500   | 22,198            |
| Channel Technologies Group, LLC        |  |                                 |  |  |                   |
| 879 Ward Drive                         |  |                                 |  |  |                   |
| Santa Barbara, CA 93111                | Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing                               | Preferred Stock                 | 6.3%   | 2,864  | 2,315             |
|  |  | Common Stock                    | 6.6%   |  |                   |

2,864 2,315

## Counsel Press, Inc.

460 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Fourth Floor

|                       |                                      |                                 |        |        |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|--------|
| New York, NY<br>10001 | Diversified/Conglomerate<br>Services | Line of Credit, \$500 available | 1,500  | 1,500  |
|                       |                                      | Senior Secured Term Debt        | 18,000 | 18,000 |
|                       |                                      | Senior Secured Term Debt        | 5,500  | 5,500  |
|                       |                                      | Preferred Stock                 | 89.9%  | 6,995  |
|                       |                                      |                                 |        | 6,995  |
|                       |                                      |                                 |        | 31,995 |
|                       |                                      |                                 |        | 31,995 |

## D.P.M.S., Inc.

950 George St.

|                          |   |                                 |       |        |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Santa Clara, CA<br>95054 | Diversified/Conglomerate<br>Manufacturing | Line of Credit, \$550 available | 4,000 | 762    |
|                          |   | Senior Secured Term Debt        | 2,575 | 490    |
|                          |   | Senior Secured Term Debt        | 8,795 | 1674   |
|                          |   | Senior Secured Term Debt        | 1,150 | 219    |
|                          |   | Preferred Stock                 | 59.5% | 2,500  |
|                          |   | Common Stock                    | 92.5% | 3      |
|                          |   |                                 |       | 19,023 |
|                          |   |                                 |       | 3,145  |

Edge Adhesives  
Holdings, Inc.

5117 Northeast Pkwy

|                         |   |                                |       |        |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Fort Worth, TX<br>76106 | Diversified/Conglomerate<br>Manufacturing | Line of Credit, \$10 available | 1,490 | 1,488  |
|                         |   | Senior Secured Term Debt       | 9,300 | 9,300  |
|                         |   | Senior Subordinated Term Debt  | 2,400 | 2,403  |
|                         |   | Preferred Stock                | 43.4% | 3,474  |
|                         |   |                                |       | 3,931  |
|                         |   |                                |       | 16,664 |
|                         |   |                                |       | 16,390 |

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|--|----------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Head Country Food Products, Inc.<br>2116 North Ash St.<br>Ponca City, OK 74601 | Beverage, Food and Tobacco | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>Preferred Stock                                    | 88.9%  | 9,050<br>4,000  | 9,050<br>3,931  |
|  |                            |  |  | 13,050  | 12,981  |
| Logo Sportswear, Inc.<br>500 Cornwall Avenue<br>Cheshire, CT 06410             | Textiles and Leather       | Line of Credit, \$500 available<br>Senior Secured Term Debt<br>Preferred Stock | 54.7%  | 9,200<br>1,550  | 9,200<br>1,550  |
|  |                            |  |  | 10,750  | 10,750  |
| Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc.<br>6740 Cobra Way<br>San Diego, CA 92121          | Automobile                 | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>Preferred Stock                                    | 54.4%  | 9,660<br>3,381  | 9,612<br>3,117  |
|  |                            |  |  | 13,041  | 13,236  |
| NDLI Acquisition, LLC.<br>11335 Clay Rd Ste. 100                               | Cargo Transport            | Line of Credit, \$50 available   |  | 2,875   | 2,308   |

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Houston, TX 77041

|  |                          |       |        |        |
|--|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
|  | Senior Secured Term Debt |       | 7,227  | 5,803  |
|  | Senior Secured Term Debt |       | 3,650  | 2,931  |
|  | Senior Secured Term Debt |       | 3,650  | 2,930  |
|  | Preferred Stock          | 100%  | 3,600  |        |
|  | Common Stock             | 85.0% |        |        |
|  |                          |       | 21,002 | 13,972 |

Old Word  
Christmas, Inc.

|                              |   |                          |        |        |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| PO Box 8000                  | Home and Office<br>Furnishings, Housewares,<br>and Durable Consumer<br>Products |                          |        |        |
| Spokane,<br>Washington 99203 |   | Senior Secured Term Debt | 15,770 | 15,770 |
|                              |   | Preferred Stock          | 99.2%  | 6,180  |
|                              |   |                          |        | 6,657  |
|                              |   |                          | 21,950 | 22,427 |

Precision Southeast,  
Inc.

|                           |   |                          |        |        |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| P.O. Box 50610            | Diversified/Conglomerate<br>Manufacturing |                          |        |        |
| 4900 Hwy 501              |   | Senior Secured Term Debt | 9,617  | 9,617  |
| Myrtle Beach, SC<br>29579 |   | Preferred Stock          | 100%   | 3,739  |
|                           |   | Common Stock             | 83.7%  | 91     |
|                           |   |                          | 13,477 | 11,447 |

SOG Specialty  
Knives & Tools,  
LLC

6521 212th St. SW

|                       |  |                          |        |        |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Lynnwood, WA<br>98036 | Leisure, Amusement,<br>Motion Pictures,<br>Entertainment |                          |        |        |
|                       |  | Senior Secured Term Debt | 6,200  | 6,200  |
|                       |  | Senior Secured Term Debt | 12,200 | 12,200 |
|                       |  | Preferred Stock          | 70.9%  | 9,749  |
|                       |  |                          | 28,149 | 31,851 |

Tread Corporation

176 Eastpark Dr.

|                   |             |  |       |     |
|-------------------|-------------|--|-------|-----|
| Roanoke, VA 24019 | Oil and Gas | Line of Credit, \$853<br>available       | 2,397 | 375 |
|                   |             | Senior Subordinated<br>Secured Term Debt | 5,000 | 782 |
|                   |             | Senior Subordinated<br>Secured Term Debt | 2,750 | 430 |
|                   |             |  | 1,000 | 156 |



|                                       |     |    |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt |     |    |
| Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt | 510 | 80 |

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| Company <sup>(A)</sup>   | Industry | Investment            | Percentage of Class Held on a Fully Diluted Basis | Cost<br>(Dollar amounts in thousands) | Fair Value<br>(Dollar amounts in thousands) |
|--|----------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
|  |          | Preferred Stock       | 86.4%   | 3,333                                 |   |
|  |          | Common Stock          | 89.7%   | 501                                   |   |
|  |          | Common Stock Warrants | 89.7%   | 3                                     |   |
|  |          |                       |   | 15,494                                | 1,823                                       |
| <b>Total Affiliate Investments (represents 58.2% of total investments at fair value)</b> |          |                       |   | <b>\$ 310,628</b>                     | <b>\$ 271,050</b>                           |

**NON-CONTROL/NON-AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS:**

|   |                                  |  |       |                 |                 |
|---|----------------------------------|--|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Auto Safety House, LLC<br>2630 W. Buckey Rd.<br>Phoenix, AZ 85009     | Automobile                       | Line of Credit, \$1,000 available<br>Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt       |       | \$ 5,000        | \$ 4,938        |
|   |                                  |  |       | 5,000           | 4,938           |
| Cavert II Holding Corp.<br>620 Forum Parkway<br>Rural Hall, NC 27045  | Containers, Packaging, and Glass | Preferred Stock  | 86.4% | 1,845           | 3,265           |
|   |                                  |  |       | 1,845           | 3,265           |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC<br>29 Tobey Rd.<br>W. Wareham, MA 02576 | Automobile                       | Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt<br>Preferred Stock<br>Guaranty<br>Guaranty | 59.9% | 4,000<br>7,725  | 4,000<br>2,863  |
|   |                                  |  |       | 11,725          | 6,863           |
| Drew Foam Company, Inc.<br>1093 Highway 278<br>East                   | Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber  | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>Preferred Stock                                      |       | 10,913<br>3,375 | 10,913<br>3,532 |

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|                                   |  |                                       |       |        |        |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Moticello, AR 71655               |  | Common Stock                          | 53.7% | 63     | 2,813  |
|                                   |  |                                       |       | 14,351 | 17,258 |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc.          | Containers, Packaging, and Glass                                       | Senior Secured Term Debt              |       | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| 1201 Andover Park East, Suite 101 |  | Preferred Stock                       | 67.8% | 1,373  | 1,404  |
| Tukwila, WA 98188                 |  | Common Stock                          | 57.6% | 152    | 2,777  |
|                                   |  |                                       |       | 13,525 | 16,181 |
| Funko, LLC                        |  |                                       |       |        |        |
| 1202 Shuksan Way                  | Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products                             | Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt |       | 7,500  | 7,734  |
| Everett, WA 98203                 | (Manufacturing Only)   | Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt |       | 2,000  | 2,063  |
|                                   |  | Preferred Stock                       | 10.0% | 1,305  | 15,211 |
|                                   |  |                                       |       | 10,805 | 25,008 |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.       |  |                                       |       |        |        |
| 2078 Center Square Rd             | Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Products | Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt |       | 13,300 | 13,300 |
| Swedesboro, NJ 08085              |  | Preferred Stock                       | 94.9% | 9,583  | 7,176  |
|                                   |  | Common Stock                          | 78.5% | 8      |        |
|                                   |  |                                       |       | 22,891 | 20,476 |

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| <b>Company<sup>(A)</sup></b>             | <b>Industry</b>   | <b>Investment</b>        | <b>Percentage of<br/>Class<br/>Held<br/>on a<br/>Fully<br/>Diluted<br/>Basis</b> | <b>Cost<br/>(Dollar amounts in<br/>thousands)<br/>(unaudited)</b> | <b>Fair Value</b> |
|--|---|--------------------------|--|---|-------------------|
| Jackrabbit, Inc.                         | Farming and<br>Agriculture  |                          |  |   |                   |
| 471 Industrial Ave.<br>Rippon, CA 95366  |   | Senior Secured Term Debt |  | 11,000  | 11,000            |
|  |   | Preferred Stock          | 79.8%  | 3,556   | 4,139             |
|  |   | Common Stock             | 55.4%  | 94  | 2,399             |
|  |   |                          |  | 14,650  | 17,538            |
| Mathey<br>Investments, Inc.              | Machinery<br>(Nonagriculture,<br>Nonconstruction,<br>Nonelectronic) |                          |  |   |                   |
| 4344 S. Maybelle Ave.<br>Tulsa, OK 74107 |   | Senior Secured Term Debt |  | 1,375   | 1,375             |
|  |   | Senior Secured Term Debt |  | 3,727   | 3,727             |
|  |   | Senior Secured Term Debt |  | 3,500   | 3,500             |
|  |   | Common Stock             | 85.0%  | 777   | 7,630             |
|  |   |                          |  | 9,379   | 16,232            |

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| <b>Company<sup>(A)</sup></b>  | <b>Industry</b>  | <b>Investment</b>              | <b>Percentage of Class Held on a Fully Diluted Basis</b> | <b>Cost<br/>(Dollar amounts in thousands)</b> | <b>Fair Value<br/>(Dollar amounts in thousands)</b> |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--|---|---|
|   |  |                                |  | <b>(unaudited)</b>                            |   |
| Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc.  | Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber  | Subordinated Secured Term Debt |  | 13,560  | 8,136   |
|   |  | Subordinated Secured Term Debt |  | 1,500   | 900   |
| 10220 San Sevane Way<br>Mira Loma, CA 91752   |  | Preferred Stock                | 31.7%  | 2,790   |   |
|   |  | Common Stock                   | 28.8%  | 28  |   |
|   |  |                                |  | 17,878  | 9,036   |
| Quench Holdings Corp.<br>780 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste, 110<br>Kings of Prussia, PA 19046 | Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Products | Common Stock                   | 3.3%   | 3,397   | 5,432   |
|   |  |                                |  | 3,397   | 5,432   |
| SBS, Industries, LLC<br>1843 N. 106 <sup>th</sup> E. Ave<br>Tulsa, OK 74116               | Machinery (Nonagriculture, Nonconstruction, Nonelectronic)             | Senior Secured Term Debt       |  | 11,355  | 11,355  |
|   |  | Preferred Stock                | 90.9%  | 1,994   | 2,627   |
|   |  | Common Stock                   | 76.2%  | 222   | 183   |
|   |  |                                |  | 13,571  | 14,165  |
| Schylling Investments, LLC<br>306 Newburyport Tpke<br>Rowley, MA 01969                    | Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, Entertainment                     | Senior Secured Term Debt       |  | 13,081  | 13,081  |
|   |  | Preferred Stock                | 72.7%  | 4,000   |   |
|   |  |                                |  | 17,081  | 13,081  |
| Star Seed, Inc.<br>101 N Industrial Ave   | Farming and Agriculture  | Senior Secured Term Debt       |  | 5,000   | 4,900   |
|   |  | Preferred Stock                | 60.0%  | 1,499   |   |

|  |              |       |                   |                   |
|--|--------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Osborne, KS 67473  | Common Stock | 50.8% | 1                 |                   |
|  |              |       | 6,500             | 4,900             |
| <b>Total Non-Control/Non-Affiliate Investments (represents 37.4% of total investments at fair value)</b> |              |       | <b>\$ 162,598</b> | <b>\$ 174,373</b> |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>   |              |       | <b>\$ 505,258</b> | <b>\$ 466,053</b> |

(A) Certain of the securities listed above are issued by affiliate(s) of the indicated portfolio company.

### Significant Portfolio Companies

Set forth below is a brief description of each portfolio company in which we have made an investment that represents greater than 5% of our total assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents pledged to creditors) as of March 31, 2015. Because of the relative size of our investments in these companies, we are exposed to a greater degree to the risks associated with these companies.

#### Counsel Press, Inc.

We hold investments, having an aggregate fair value of \$32.0 million as of March 31, 2015, in Counsel Press. Our investments in Counsel Press as of March 31, 2015 include \$7.0 million of preferred stock, at cost, two senior secured term loans with an aggregate principal amount outstanding of \$23.5 million, each maturing on March 31, 2020, and a revolving line of credit with an aggregate principal amount outstanding of \$1.5 million, which matures on March 31, 2017.

Founded in 1938, Counsel Press supports appellate attorneys and their clients pursuing appeals in courts across the U.S. Based in New York, NY, it provides document preparation, procedural and technical advice, and a full range of traditional printing and electronic filing services. Once engaged by a customer, Counsel Press organizes, prepares, and files appellate briefs, records and appendices.

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Our Adviser has entered into a services agreement with Counsel Press, pursuant to which our Adviser has agreed to advise and provide certain management and consulting services as mutually agreed upon by Counsel Press and our Adviser.

Because of the relative size of this investment, we are significantly exposed to the risks associated with Counsel Press's business. As courts replace paper filings with e-filings, the Company may lose economies of scale on its print business (e.g. ability to charge by page printed), although we expect lost print revenue to be captured by increased digital service fees. Thus, Counsel Press could be adversely affected by the change to paperless filings. Additionally, the death, disability or departure by one or more of Counsel Press's senior managers could have a negative impact on its business and operations.

One of the Adviser's managing directors, Erika Highland, serves as a director of Counsel Press's board. Counsel Press's principal executive office is located at 460 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10001.

### **Funko, LLC.**

We hold investments, having an aggregate fair value of \$25.0 million as of March 31, 2015, in Funko. Our investments in Funko as of March 31, 2015 include \$1.3 million of preferred stock, at cost, and two senior subordinated secured term loans with an aggregate principal amount outstanding of \$9.5 million, each maturing on May 28, 2019.

Based in Everett, WA, Funko is a designer, importer, and marketer of pop-culture collectibles. Funko, founded in 1998, has an extensive portfolio of licenses, ranging from tent pole movies to cult classics and retro pop icons. Although it originally operated a single product platform, bobbleheads, over time, Funko has expanded into six product platforms, across which it can deploy its portfolio of licenses. These platforms include plush toys, vinyl figures, 3-D bookmarks, electronics and more.

Because of the relative size of this investment, we are significantly exposed to the risks associated with Funko's business. Traditional toy companies generally experience large swings in activity from trendy toys that generally have a several year cycle or from seasonal products. Due to the collectible and pop culture nature of Funko's products, the Company is more insulated from this characteristic of the toy industry and experiences a relatively consistent revenue stream and profitability and minimal seasonality. However, fluctuations in the popularity of its licenses, as well as shifts in the overall toy industry, could adversely impact our investment in Funko. Further, the death, disability or departure by one or more of Funko's senior managers could have a negative impact on its business and operations.

One of our Adviser's managing directors, Chris Daniel, serves as a director on Funko's board. Funko's principal executive office is located at 1202 Shuksan Way, Everett, WA 98203.

### **SOG Specialty Knives & Tools, LLC**

We currently hold investments, having an aggregate fair value of \$31.9 million as of March 31, 2015, in SOG. Our investments in SOG as of March 31, 2015 include \$9.7 million of preferred stock, at cost, and two senior subordinated secured term loans with an aggregate principal amount outstanding of \$18.4 million, each maturing on October 3, 2017.

SOG, based in Lynnwood, Washington, takes its name from the Studies and Observations Group (the forefathers of the U.S. military's Special Operations Forces), designs and produces specialty knives and tools for the hunting/outdoors, military/law enforcement and industrial markets.

Because of the relative size of this investment, we are significantly exposed to the risks associated with SOG's business. The company's brand has a good reputation among those within the industry; however, it is largely viewed as more of a niche player, with somewhat limited awareness outside of core customer segments. Although it has experienced recent gains in market share, it still lags behind some of its competitors based on overall market size. Thus, SOG could be adversely affected by the aggressive actions of one of those competitors. SOG is dependent on a small group of long-time managers for the execution of its business plan. The death, disability or departure by one or more of these individuals could have a negative impact on its business and operations.



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Our Adviser has entered into an advisory services agreement with SOG. Under the terms of the agreement, our Adviser has agreed to assist SOG with obtaining or structuring credit facilities, long term loans or additional equity, to provide advice and administrative support in the management of SOG's credit facilities and other important contractual financial relationships, and to monitor and review SOG's capital structure and financial performance as it relates to raising additional debt and equity capital for growth and acquisitions. The agreement also provides that our Adviser will be available to assist and advise SOG in connection with adding key people to the management team that will lead to the development of best industry practices in business promotion, business development and employee and customer relations.

One of our Adviser's managing directors, Kyle Largent, is a director of SOG. The principal executive offices of SOG are located at 6521 212<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Lynnwood, Washington 98036.

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Our business and affairs are managed under the direction of our Board of Directors (the Board). Our Board currently consists of seven members, four of whom are not considered to be interested persons of Gladstone Investment as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. We refer to these individuals as our independent directors. Our Board of Directors elects our officers, who serve at the discretion of the Board.

**Board of Directors**

Under our certificate of incorporation, our directors are divided into three classes. Each class consists, as nearly as possible, of one-third of the total number of directors, and each class has a three year term. Holders of our common stock and preferred stock vote together as a class for the election of directors, except that the holders of our term preferred stock have the sole right to elect two of our directors. At each annual meeting of our stockholders, the successors to the class of directors whose term expires at such meeting will be elected to hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the third year following the year of their election. Each director will hold office for the term to which he or she is elected and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies. Information regarding our Board is as follows (the address for each director is c/o Gladstone Investment Corporation, 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100, McLean, Virginia 22102):

| <b>Name</b>                  | <b>Age</b> | <b>Position</b>  | <b>Director Since</b> | <b>Expiration of Term</b> |
|------------------------------|------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Interested Directors</b>  |            |  |                       |                           |
| David Gladstone              | 73         | Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer(1)(2)(6)   | 2005                  | 2016                      |
| Terry L. Brubaker            | 71         | Vice Chairman, Chief Operating Officer and Director(1)(2)(6) | 2005                  | 2015                      |
| David A. R. Dullum           | 67         | President and Director(1)                                    | 2005                  | 2015                      |
| <b>Independent Directors</b> |            |  |                       |                           |
| Paul W. Adelgren             | 72         | Director(4)(5)(7)  | 2005                  | 2016                      |
| Michela A. English           | 65         | Director(3)(7)   | 2005                  | 2017                      |
| Caren D. Merrick             | 55         | Director(3)(7)   | 2014                  | 2015                      |
| John H. Outland              | 69         | Director(3)(4)(5)(7)   | 2005                  | 2016                      |
| Anthony W. Parker            | 69         | Director(2)(3)(6)(7)   | 2005                  | 2017                      |
| Walter H. Wilkinson, Jr.     | 69         | Director(4)(5)(7)  | 2014                  | 2015                      |

- (1) Interested person as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act due to the director's position as our officer and/or employment by our Adviser.
- (2) Member of the executive committee.
- (3) Member of the audit committee.
- (4) Member of the ethics, nominating, and corporate governance committee.
- (5) Member of the compensation committee.
- (6) Member of the offering committee.
- (7) Each independent director serves as an alternate member of each committee for which they do not serve as a regular member. Alternate members of the committees serve and participate in meetings of the committees only

in the event of an absence of a regular member of the committee.

The biographical information for each of our directors includes all of the public company directorships held by such directors for the past five years.

***Independent Directors (in alphabetical order)***

*Paul W. Adelgren.* Mr. Adelgren has served as a director since June 2005. Mr. Adelgren has also served as a director of Gladstone Commercial since August 2003, Gladstone Capital since January 2003 and Gladstone Land since January 2013. From 1997 to the present, Mr. Adelgren has served as the pastor of Missionary Alliance Church. From 1991 to 1997, Mr. Adelgren was pastor of New Life Alliance Church. From 1988 to 1991, Mr. Adelgren was the comptroller, treasurer and the vice president-finance and materials for Williams & Watts, Inc., a logistics management and procurement business located in Fairfield, NJ. Prior to joining Williams & Watts, Mr. Adelgren served in the United States Navy, where he served in a number of capacities, including as the director of the Strategic Submarine Support Department, as an executive officer at the Naval Supply Center, and as the director of the Joint Uniform Military Pay System. He is a retired Navy Captain. Mr. Adelgren holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a BA from the University of Kansas. Mr. Adelgren was selected to serve as an independent director on our Board, due to his strength and experience in ethics, which also led to his appointment to the chairmanship of our Ethics, Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee.

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*Michela A. English.* Ms. English has served as a director since June 2005. Ms. English has served as President and CEO of Fight for Children, a non-profit charitable organization focused on providing high quality education and health care services to underserved youth in Washington, D.C. since June 2006. Ms. English has also been a director of Gladstone Commercial since August 2003, Gladstone Capital since June 2002 and Gladstone Land since January 2013. From March 1996 to March 2004, Ms. English held several positions with Discovery Communications, Inc., including president of Discovery Consumer Products, president of Discovery Enterprises Worldwide and president of Discovery.com. From 1991 to 1996, Ms. English served as senior vice president of the National Geographic Society and was a member of the National Geographic Society's Board of Trustees and Education Foundation Board. Prior to 1991, Ms. English served as vice president, corporate planning and business development for Marriott Corporation and as a senior engagement manager for McKinsey & Company. Ms. English currently serves as director of the Educational Testing Service (ETS), as a director of D.C. Preparatory Academy, a director of the D.C. Public Education Fund, a director of the Society for Science and the Public, a trustee of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and a member of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Council. Ms. English is an emeritus member of the board of Sweet Briar College. Ms. English holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs from Sweet Briar College and a Master of Public and Private Management degree from Yale University's School of Management. Ms. English was selected to serve as an independent director on our Board due to her greater than twenty years of senior management experience at various corporations and non-profit organizations as well as her past service on our Board since 2005.

*Caren D. Merrick.* Ms. Merrick has served as our director and as a director of Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Commercial, and Gladstone Land since November 2014. Ms. Merrick is the founder of, and since 2014 has served as the chief executive officer of Pocket Mentor, a mobile application and digital publishing company focused on leadership development and career advancement. Since 2004 she has served as a partner with Bibury Partners, an investment and advisory firm that focuses on enterprise and consumer technology sectors. In addition, Ms. Merrick has served as a board member of WashingtonFirst Bankshares, Inc. (NASDAQ: WFBI) since May 2015 and has served as a board member of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority since 2012. Ms. Merrick co-founded and from 1996 to 2001 served as an executive vice president of, webMethods, Inc., a company that provides business-to-business enterprise software solution for Global 2000 companies. Ms. Merrick served on the boards of directors of VisualCV, a venture-backed online resume and corporate talent management solution, from 2008 - 2011, Inova Healthcare Services from 2001 - 2005, and the Northern Virginia Technology Council from 2000 - 2004. Ms. Merrick previously served as a member of the Technology Subgroup on the Virginia Governor's Economic Development and Jobs Creation Commission from 2010 - 2011. Ms. Merrick also was director of AOL.com for America Online from 1996 - 1997, and has also been a consultant for Australia Post, a \$5 billion government business enterprise that provides postal, retail and financial, logistics and fulfillment services across Australia. Ms. Merrick is also a founding investor in Venture Philanthropy Partners, a philanthropic investment organization that mentors nonprofit leaders in growing programs to improve the lives of children from low income families in the National Capital Region. She has also served on the boards of several Washington, DC area charities, including Greater DC Cares, CharityWorks, the Fairfax Symphony and the Langley School. She is an active member of ARCS - Advancing Science in America - Achievement Awards for College Scientists. She also currently serves on the Board of the Global Good Fund and the Women in Technology's Leadership Foundry. Ms. Merrick received a BA in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and has received a Certificate of Director Education from the National Association of Corporate Directors. Ms. Merrick was selected to serve as an independent director on our Board due to her knowledge and experience in operating a business and her understanding of the small business area through experiences overseeing the successful growth of her own business and several large and small businesses, charities and non-profits.

*John H. Outland.* Mr. Outland has served as a director since June 2005. Mr. Outland has also served as a director of Gladstone Commercial and Gladstone Capital since December 2003 and Gladstone Land since January 2013. From March 2004 to June 2006, he served as vice president of Genworth Financial, Inc. From 2002 to March 2004,

Mr. Outland served as a managing director for 1789 Capital Advisors, where he provided market and transaction structure analysis and advice on a consulting basis for multifamily commercial mortgage purchase programs. From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Outland served as vice president of mortgage-backed securities at Financial Guaranty Insurance Company where he was team leader for bond insurance transactions, responsible for sourcing business, coordinating credit, loan files, due diligence and legal review processes, and negotiating structure and business issues. From 1993 to 1999, Mr. Outland was senior vice president for Citicorp Mortgage Securities, Inc., where he securitized non-conforming mortgage products. From 1989 to 1993, Mr. Outland was vice president of real estate and mortgage finance for Nomura Securities International, Inc., where he performed due diligence on and negotiated the financing of commercial mortgage packages in preparation for securitization. Mr. Outland holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology. Mr. Outland was selected to serve as an independent director on our Board due to his more than twenty years of experience in the real estate and mortgage industry as well as his past service on our Board since 2005.

*Anthony W. Parker.* Mr. Parker has served as a director since June 2005. Mr. Parker has also served as a director of Gladstone Commercial since August 2003, Gladstone Capital since August 2001 and Gladstone Land since January 2013. In January 2011, Mr. Parker was elected as treasurer of the Republican National Committee. In 1997 Mr. Parker founded Parker Tide Corp., formerly

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known as Snell Professional Corp. Parker Tide Corp. is a government contracting company providing mission critical solutions to the Federal government. From 1992 to 1996, Mr. Parker was chairman of Capitol Resource Funding, Inc., a commercial finance company. Mr. Parker practiced corporate and tax law for over 15 years: from 1980 to 1983, he practiced at Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard & McPherson and from 1983 to 1992, in private practice. From 1973 to 1977, Mr. Parker served as executive assistant to the administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Mr. Parker is currently a director of the Naval Sailing Foundation, a 501(c) organization located in Annapolis, MD. Mr. Parker received his J.D. and Masters in Tax Law from Georgetown Law Center and his undergraduate degree from Harvard College. Mr. Parker was selected to serve as an independent director on our Board due to his expertise and experience in the field of corporate taxation as well as his past service on our Board since 2005. Mr. Parker's knowledge of corporate tax was instrumental in his appointment to the chairmanship of our Audit Committee.

*Walter H. Wilkinson, Jr.* Mr. Wilkinson has served as our director and as a director of Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Commercial and Gladstone Land since October 2014. Mr. Wilkinson is the founder and general partner of Kitty Hawk Capital, a venture capital firm established in 1980 and based in Charlotte, North Carolina. He served as a director of RF Micro Devices (NASDAQ: RFMD) from 1992 to January 2015 and served as the Chairman of the board of directors from July 2008 until January 2015 when RF Micro Devices merged with Triquint Semiconductor, Inc. (NASDAQ: TQNT) to form the new company QORVO (NASDAQ:QRVO) where he currently serves as lead director. He currently serves on the board of the N.C. State University Foundation and has previously served on the boards of other universities and related organizations. He is a past member and director of the National Venture Capital Association and a past member and Chairman of the National Association of Small Business Investment Companies. He was founding Chairman of the Carolinas Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) and is currently on its board and is a NACD Leadership Fellow, having completed the NACD's program for corporate directors. During his career he has helped to start or expand dozens of rapidly growing companies in a variety of industries. Mr. Wilkinson serves or has served as a director of numerous venture-backed companies, both public and private. He is a graduate of N.C. State University (BS) and the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration (MBA). Mr. Wilkinson was selected to serve as an independent director on our Board due to his strong leadership skills and his valuable understanding of our industry from over 35 years of venture capital experience.

***Interested Directors***

*David Gladstone.* Mr. Gladstone is our founder and has served as our chief executive officer and chairman of our Board of Directors since our inception. Mr. Gladstone is also the founder of our Adviser and has served as its chief executive officer and chairman of its board of directors since its inception. Mr. Gladstone also founded and serves as the chief executive officer and chairman of the boards of directors of our affiliates, Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Commercial and Gladstone Land. Prior to founding the Gladstone Companies, Mr. Gladstone served as either chairman or vice chairman of the board of directors of American Capital Ltd. (NASDAQ: ACAS), a publicly traded leveraged buyout fund and mezzanine debt finance company, from June 1997 to August 2001. From 1974 to February 1997, Mr. Gladstone held various positions, including chairman and chief executive officer, with Allied Capital Corporation (NASDAQ: ALD) (a mezzanine debt lender), Allied Capital Corporation II (a subordinated debt lender), Allied Capital Lending Corporation (a small business lending company), Allied Capital Commercial Corporation (a real estate investment company), and Allied Capital Advisers, Inc., a registered investment adviser that managed the Allied companies. The Allied companies were the largest group of publicly-traded mezzanine debt funds in the United States and were managers of two private venture capital limited partnerships (Allied Venture Partnership and Allied Technology Partnership) and a private REIT (Business Mortgage Investors). From 1992 to 1997, Mr. Gladstone served as a director, president and chief executive officer of Business Mortgage Investors, a privately held mortgage REIT managed by Allied Capital Advisers, which invested in loans to small and medium-sized businesses. Mr. Gladstone is also a past director of Capital Automotive REIT, a real estate investment trust that purchases and net leases real estate to automobile dealerships. Mr. Gladstone served as a director of The Riggs

National Corporation (the parent of Riggs Bank) from 1993 to May 1997 and of Riggs Bank from 1991 to 1993. He has served as a trustee of The George Washington University and currently is a trustee emeritus. He is a past member of the Listings and Hearings Committee of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Mr. Gladstone was the founder and managing member of The Capital Investors, LLC, a group of angel investors, and is currently a member emeritus. Mr. Gladstone holds an MBA from the Harvard Business School, an MA from American University and a BA from the University of Virginia. Mr. Gladstone has co-authored two books on financing for small and medium-sized businesses, *Venture Capital Handbook* and *Venture Capital Investing*. Mr. Gladstone was selected to serve as a director on our Board due to the fact that he is our founder and has greater than thirty years of experience in the industry, including his service as our chairman and chief executive since our inception.

*Terry Lee Brubaker.* Mr. Brubaker has been our chief operating officer and vice chairman since our inception. Mr. Brubaker served as our secretary from our inception through October 2012, when he became assistant secretary. Mr. Brubaker has also served as a director of our Adviser since its inception. He also served as president of our Adviser from its inception through February 2006, when he assumed the duties of vice chairman and chief operating officer and as secretary from inception through October 2012. He has served as chief operating officer, secretary and as a director of Gladstone Capital since its inception. He also served as president of Gladstone Capital from May 2001 through April 2004, when he assumed the duties of vice chairman. Mr. Brubaker has also served chief operating officer, secretary and as a director of Gladstone Commercial since February 2003, and as president from February 2003 through July 2007, when he assumed the duties of vice chairman. Mr. Brubaker has also served as vice chairman and chief

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operating officer of Gladstone Land since April 2007. Mr. Brubaker stepped down as secretary and became assistant secretary of each of Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Commercial, Gladstone Land and the Adviser in October 2012. In March 1999, Mr. Brubaker founded and, until May 1, 2003, served as chairman of Heads Up Systems, a company providing process industries with leading edge technology. From 1996 to 1999, Mr. Brubaker served as vice president of the paper group for the American Forest & Paper Association. From 1992 to 1995, Mr. Brubaker served as president of Interstate Resources, a pulp and paper company. From 1991 to 1992, Mr. Brubaker served as president of IRI, a radiation measurement equipment manufacturer. From 1981 to 1991, Mr. Brubaker held several management positions at James River Corporation, a forest and paper company, including vice president of strategic planning from 1981 to 1982, group vice president of the Groveton Group and Premium Printing Papers from 1982 to 1990, and vice president of human resources development in 1991. From 1976 to 1981, Mr. Brubaker was strategic planning manager and marketing manager of white papers at Boise Cascade. Previously, Mr. Brubaker was a senior engagement manager at McKinsey & Company from 1972 to 1976. Prior to 1972, Mr. Brubaker was a U.S. Navy fighter pilot. Mr. Brubaker holds an MBA from the Harvard Business School and a BSE from Princeton University. Mr. Brubaker was selected to serve as a director on our Board due to his more than thirty years of experience in various mid-level and senior management positions at several corporations as well as his past service on our Board since our inception.

*David A. R. Dullum.* Mr. Dullum has served as our president since April 2008 and a director since June 2005. Mr. Dullum has been a senior managing director of our Adviser since February 2008, a director of Gladstone Commercial from August 2003 until May 2015, and a director of Gladstone Capital from August 2001 until February 2015. From 1995 to 2009, Mr. Dullum had been a partner of New England Partners, a venture capital firm focused on investments in small and medium-sized business in the Mid-Atlantic and New England regions. From 1976 to 1990, Mr. Dullum was a managing general partner of Frontenac Company, a Chicago-based venture capital firm. Mr. Dullum holds an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business and a BME from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Mr. Dullum was selected to serve as a director on our Board due to his more than thirty years of experience in various areas of the investment industry as well as his past service on our Board since 2005.

**Executive Officers Who Are Not Directors**

Information regarding our executive officers who are not directors is as follows (the address for each executive officer is c/o Gladstone Investment Corporation, 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100, McLean, Virginia 22102):

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Age</b> | <b>Position</b>                       |
|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Melissa Morrison | 42         | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer |



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*Melissa Morrison.* Ms. Morrison has served as our chief financial officer and treasurer since January 2015. She served as chief accounting officer of Gladstone Capital from November 2011 to April 2013 when she was appointed chief financial officer of Gladstone Capital and subsequently was appointed treasurer of Gladstone Capital in January 2015. Prior to that time, from September 2007 to September 2011, Ms. Morrison served in various positions providing accounting and finance services including accounting and sales finance controller roles to Tandberg, Inc., which was acquired by Cisco Systems, Inc. in April 2010. Prior to September 2007, Ms. Morrison worked at DynCorp and Ericsson NetQual Inc. in accounting manager, financial reporting manager and assistant controller positions, respectively. Her career began as an auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP. She received a BBA from The College of William and Mary and is a licensed CPA with the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## **Employment Agreements**

We are not a party to any employment agreements. Messrs. Gladstone and Brubaker have entered into employment agreements with our Adviser, whereby they are direct employees of our Adviser.

## **Director Independence**

As required under NASDAQ Global Select Market ( NASDAQ ) listing standards, our Board annually determines each director's independence. The NASDAQ listing standards provide that a director of a business development company is considered to be independent if he or she is not an interested person of ours, as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act defines an interested person to include, among other things, any person who has, or within the last two years had, a material business or professional relationship with us or our Adviser.

Consistent with these considerations, after review of all relevant transactions or relationships between each director, or any of his or her family members, and us, our senior management and our independent auditors, the Board has affirmatively determined that the following four directors are independent directors within the meaning of the applicable NASDAQ listing standards: Messrs. Adalgren, Outland, Parker and Wilkinson and Mes. English and Merrick. In making this determination, the Board found that none of these directors had a material or other disqualifying relationship with us. Mr. Gladstone, the chairman of our Board and chief executive officer, Mr. Brubaker, our vice chairman, chief operating officer and assistant secretary, and Mr. Dullum, our president, are not independent directors by virtue of their positions as our officers and their employment by our Adviser.

## **Corporate Leadership Structure**

Since our inception, Mr. Gladstone has served as chairman of our Board and our chief executive officer. Our Board believes that our chief executive officer is best situated to serve as chairman because he is the director most familiar with our business and industry, and most capable of effectively identifying strategic priorities and leading the discussion and execution of strategy. In addition, Mr. Adalgren, one of our independent directors, serves as the lead independent director for all meetings of our independent directors held in executive session. The lead independent director has the responsibility of presiding at all executive sessions of our Board, consulting with the chairman and chief executive officer on Board and committee meeting agendas, acting as a liaison between management and the independent directors and facilitating teamwork and communication between the independent directors and management.

Our Board believes the combined role of chairman and chief executive officer, together with a lead independent director, is in the best interest of stockholders because it provides the appropriate balance between strategic development and independent oversight of risk management.

## **Committees of Our Board of Directors**

*Executive Committee.* Membership of our executive committee is comprised of Messrs. Gladstone, Brubaker and Parker. The executive committee has the authority to exercise all powers of our Board of Directors except for actions that must be taken by the full Board of Directors under the Delaware General Corporation Law, including electing our chairman and president. Mr. Gladstone serves as chairman of the executive committee. The executive committee did not meet during the last fiscal year.

*Audit Committee.* The members of the audit committee are Messrs. Parker and Outland and Mmes. English and Merrick, who was appointed in November 2014. Mr. Adलगren and Mr. Wilkinson serve as alternate members of the committee. The alternate members of the audit committee serve only in the event of an absence of a regular committee member. Mr. Parker serves as chairman of the audit committee. Each member and alternate member of the audit committee is an independent director as defined by NASDAQ rules and our own standards, and none of the members or alternate members of the audit committee are interested persons as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. The Board has unanimously determined that all members and alternate members of the audit committee are financially literate under current NASDAQ rules and that each of Messrs. Parker and Outland and Mmes. English and Merrick qualify as an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of the SEC rules and regulations. The audit committee operates pursuant to a written charter and is primarily responsible for oversight of our financial statements and

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controls, assessing and ensuring the independence, qualifications and performance of the independent registered public accounting firm, approving the independent registered public accounting firm services and fees and reviewing and approving our annual audited financial statements before issuance, subject to board approval. The audit committee met eight times during the last fiscal year. Mr. John D. Reilly, a prior independent director, was a member of the audit committee prior to his passing in August 2014 and Mr. Outland was then appointed to the audit committee to fill the resulting vacancy.

*Compensation Committee.* The members of the compensation committee are Messrs. Adलगren, Outland and Wilkinson, who was appointed in October 2014. Mr. Parker and Mmes. English and Merrick serve as alternate members of the committee. The alternate members of the compensation committee serve only in the event of an absence of a regular committee member. Each member and alternate member of the compensation committee is independent for purposes of the 1940 Act and NASDAQ listing standards. Mr. Outland serves as chairman of the compensation committee. The compensation committee operates pursuant to a written charter and conducts periodic reviews of our Advisory Agreement and our Administration Agreement to evaluate whether the fees paid to our Adviser under the Advisory Agreement, and the fees paid to our Administrator under the Administration Agreement, respectively, are in the best interests of us and our stockholders. The committee considers in such periodic reviews, among other things, whether the performance of our Adviser and our Administrator are reasonable in relation to the nature and quality of services performed and whether the provisions of the Advisory and Administration Agreements are being satisfactorily performed. The compensation committee also reviews with management our Compensation Discussion and Analysis to consider whether to recommend that it be included in proxy statements and other filings. The compensation committee met four times during the last fiscal year.

*Ethics, Nominating, and Corporate Governance Committee.* The members of the ethics, nominating, and corporate governance committee are Messrs. Adलगren, Outland and Wilkinson. Mr. Parker and Mmes. English and Merrick serve as alternate members of the committee. The alternate members of the ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee serve only in the event of an absence of a regular committee member. Each member and alternate member of the ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee is independent for purposes of the 1940 Act and NASDAQ listing standards. Mr. Adलगren serves as chairman of the ethics, nominating, and corporate governance committee. The ethics, nominating, and corporate governance committee operates pursuant to a written charter and is responsible for selecting, researching, and nominating directors for election by our stockholders, selecting nominees to fill vacancies on the Board or a committee of the Board, developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles, and overseeing the evaluation of the Board and our management. The committee is also responsible for our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. The committee met four times during the last fiscal year.

The ethics, nominating, and corporate governance committee considers director candidates recommended by stockholders. The ethics, nominating, and corporate governance committee does not alter the manner in which it evaluates candidates, including the minimum criteria set forth above, based on whether the candidate was recommended by a stockholder or not. Stockholders who wish to recommend individuals for consideration to become nominees for election to our Board may do so by timely delivering a written recommendation to the committee containing the information required by our Bylaws.

For nominations for election to our Board or other business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, the stockholder must comply with the advance notice provisions and other requirements of Article III, Section 5 of our Bylaws. These notice provisions require that nominations for directors for the upcoming fiscal year must be received no earlier than 120 days before the first anniversary of the then-current fiscal year's annual meeting of stockholders, and no later than 90 days before the first anniversary of the then-current fiscal year's annual meeting of stockholders. In the event that an annual meeting is advanced or delayed by more than 30 days from the first

anniversary of the prior year's annual meeting, notice by the stockholder, to be timely, must be delivered not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to such annual meeting date and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such annual meeting or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made.

Submissions must include the full name of the proposed nominee, a description of the proposed nominee's business experience for at least the previous five years, complete biographical information, a description of the proposed nominee's qualifications as a director and a representation that the nominating stockholder is a beneficial or record owner of our stock. Any such submission must be accompanied by the written consent of the proposed nominee to be named as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected. To date, the ethics, nominating, and corporate governance committee has not received or rejected a timely director nominee proposal from a stockholder or stockholders.

*Offering Committee.* The committee, which is comprised of Messrs. Gladstone (Chairman), Brubaker and Parker, with each of our other current and future directors who meet the independence requirements of NASDAQ serving as alternates for Mr. Parker. The offering committee is responsible for assisting the Board in discharging its responsibilities regarding the offering from time to time of our securities. The offering committee has all powers of the Board that are necessary or appropriate and may lawfully be delegated to the offering committee in connection with an offering of our securities. Our offering committee was formed in January 2013, and operates pursuant to a written charter. The offering committee did not meet during the last fiscal year.

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### **Qualification for our Director Candidates**

The ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee believes that candidates for director should have certain minimum qualifications, including being able to read and understand basic financial statements, being over 21 years of age and having the highest personal integrity and ethics. The ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee also considers such factors as possessing relevant expertise upon which to be able to offer advice and guidance to management, having sufficient time to devote to our affairs, demonstrated excellence in his or her field, having the ability to exercise sound business judgment and having the commitment to rigorously represent the long-term interests of our stockholders. However, the ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee retains the right to modify these qualifications from time to time. Candidates for director nominees are reviewed in the context of the current composition of our Board, our operating requirements and the long-term interests of our stockholders.

Though we have no formal policy addressing diversity, the ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee and Board believe that diversity is an important attribute of directors and that our Board should be the culmination of an array of backgrounds and experiences and be capable of articulating a variety of viewpoints. Accordingly, the ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee considers in its review of director nominees factors such as values, disciplines, ethics, age, gender, race, culture, expertise, background and skills, all in the context of an assessment of the perceived needs of us and our Board at that point in time in order to maintain a balance of knowledge, experience and capability.

In the case of incumbent directors whose terms of office are set to expire, the ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee reviews such directors' overall service to us during their term, including the number of meetings attended, level of participation, quality of performance, and any transactions of such directors with us during their term. The ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee then uses its network of contacts to compile a list of potential candidates, but may also engage, if it deems appropriate, a professional search firm. The ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee conducts any appropriate and necessary inquiries into the backgrounds and qualifications of possible candidates after considering the function and needs of our Board. The ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee meets to discuss and consider such candidates' qualifications and then selects a nominee for recommendation to our Board by majority vote. To date, the ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee has not paid a fee to any third party to assist in the process of identifying or evaluating director candidates.

Nominations made by stockholders must be made by written notice (setting forth the information required by our bylaws) received by the secretary of our company at least 120 days in advance of an annual meeting or within 10 days of the date on which notice of a special meeting for the election of directors is first given to our stockholders.

### **Meetings**

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, each Board member attended 75% or more of the aggregate of the meetings of the Board and of the committees on which he or she served.

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### **Oversight of Risk Management**

Since September 2007, Jack Dellafiora, Jr. has served as our chief compliance officer and, in that position, Mr. Dellafiora directly oversees our enterprise risk management function and reports to our chief executive officer, the audit committee and our Board in this capacity. In fulfilling his risk management responsibilities, Mr. Dellafiora works closely with our internal counsel and members of our executive management including, among others, our chief executive officer, chief financial officer, and chief operating officer.

Our Board, in its entirety, plays an active role in overseeing management of our risks. Our Board regularly reviews information regarding our credit, liquidity and operations, as well as the risks associated with each. Each of the following committees of our Board plays a distinct role with respect to overseeing management of our risks:

**Audit Committee:** Our audit committee oversees the management of enterprise risks. To this end, our audit committee meets at least annually (i) to discuss our risk management guidelines, policies and exposures and (ii) with our independent registered public accounting firm to review our internal control environment and other risk exposures.

**Compensation Committee:** Our compensation committee oversees the management of risks relating to the fees paid to our Adviser and Administrator under the Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement, respectively. In fulfillment of this duty, the compensation committee meets at least annually to review these agreements. In addition, the compensation committee reviews the performance of our Adviser to determine whether the compensation paid to our Adviser was reasonable in relation to the nature and quality of services performed and whether the provisions of the Advisory Agreement were being satisfactorily performed.

**Ethics, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee:** Our ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee manages risks associated with the independence of our Board and potential conflicts of interest.

While each committee is responsible for evaluating certain risks and overseeing the management of such risks, the committees each report to our Board on a regular basis to apprise our Board regarding the status of remediation efforts of known risks and of any new risks that may have arisen since the previous report.

### **Summary of Compensation**

#### **Executive Compensation**

None of our executive officers receive direct compensation from us. We do not currently have any employees and do not expect to have any employees in the foreseeable future. The services necessary for the operation of our business are provided to us by our officers and the other employees of our Adviser and Administrator, pursuant to the terms of the Advisory and Administration Agreements, respectively. Mr. Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Brubaker, our vice chairman, chief operating officer and assistant secretary and Mr. Dullum, our president and a director, are all employees of and compensated directly by our Adviser. Ms. Morrison, our chief financial officer and treasurer is an employee of our Administrator. Mr. David Watson, our former chief financial officer and treasurer, was also an employee of our Administrator. Mr. Watson resigned in January 2015. Under the Administration Agreement,

we reimburse our Administrator for our allocable portion of the salary of our chief financial officer and treasurer. During our last fiscal year, our allocable portion of Mr. Watson's compensation paid by our Administrator was \$33,336 of his salary, \$18,311 of his bonus, and \$6,562 of the cost of his benefits. During our last fiscal year, our allocable portion of Ms. Morrison's compensation paid by our Administrator was \$11,200 of her salary, \$0 of her bonus, and \$1,745 of the cost of her benefits.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, we incurred net fees of approximately \$9.7 million to our Adviser under the Advisory Agreement and \$0.9 million to our Administrator under the Administration Agreement. For a discussion of the terms of our Advisory and Administration Agreement, see Certain Transactions.

**Table of Contents****Compensation of Directors**

The following table shows, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, compensation awarded to or paid to our directors and former directors who are not executive officers, which we refer to as our non-employee directors, for all services rendered to us during this period. No compensation is paid to directors who are our executive officers for their service on the Board of Directors.

| <b>Name</b>                 | <b>Aggregate<br/>Compensation<br/>from Fund<br/>(\$)</b> | <b>Total<br/>Compensation<br/>from Fund and<br/>Fund<br/>Complex<br/>Paid to<br/>Directors (\$)(1)</b> |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Paul W. Adalgren            | \$ 35,000  | 135,000  |
| Michela A. English          | 34,000   | 131,000  |
| Caren D. Merrick(2)         | 10,000   | 74,000   |
| John H. Outland             | 39,000   | 151,000  |
| Anthony W. Parker           | 37,000   | 143,000  |
| John D. Reilly(3)           | 26,000   | 45,000   |
| Walter H. Wilkinson, Jr.(4) | 16,000   | 98,000   |

- (1) Includes compensation the director received from Gladstone Capital, as part of our Fund Complex. Also includes compensation the director received from Gladstone Commercial, our affiliate and a real estate investment trust, and Gladstone Land, our affiliate real estate investment company, although not part of our Fund Complex.
- (2) Ms. Merrick became a director of the Company, Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Commercial and Gladstone Land in November 2014.
- (3) Mr. Reilly passed away in August 2014.
- (4) Mr. Wilkinson became a director of the Company, Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Commercial and Gladstone Land in November 2014.

As compensation for serving on our Board, each of our independent directors receives an annual fee of \$20,000, an additional \$1,000 for each Board meeting attended, and an additional \$1,000 for each committee meeting attended if such committee meeting takes place on a day other than when the full Board meets. In addition, the chairperson of the audit committee receives an annual fee of \$3,000, and the chairpersons of each of the compensation and ethics, nominating and corporate governance committees receive annual fees of \$1,000 for their additional services in these capacities. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, the total cash compensation paid to non-employee directors was \$197,000. We also reimburse our directors for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending Board and committee meetings.

We do not pay any compensation to directors who also serve as our officers, or as officers or directors of our Adviser or our Administrator, in consideration for their service to us. Our Board may change the compensation of our independent directors in its discretion. None of our independent directors received any compensation from us during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015 other than for Board or committee service and meeting fees.

**Certain Transactions**



***Investment Advisory and Management Agreement***

We are externally managed pursuant to contractual arrangements with our Adviser, under which our Adviser has directly employed our personnel and paid our payroll, benefits, and general expenses directly. The management services and fees in effect under the Advisory Agreement are described below. In addition, we pay our direct expenses including, but not limited to, directors' fees, legal and accounting fees and stockholder related expenses under the Advisory Agreement.

The principal executive office of the Adviser is 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100, McLean, Virginia 22102.

***Management Services***

Our Adviser is a Delaware corporation registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. Subject to the overall supervision of our Board, our Adviser provides investment advisory and management services to us. Under the terms of our Advisory Agreement, our Adviser has investment discretion with respect to our capital and, in that regard:

determines the composition of our portfolio, the nature and timing of the changes to our portfolio, and the manner of implementing such changes;

identifies, evaluates, and negotiates the structure of the investments we make (including performing due diligence on our prospective portfolio companies);

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closes and monitors the investments we make; and

makes available on our behalf, and provides if requested, managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. Our Adviser's services under the Advisory Agreement are not exclusive, and it is free to furnish similar services to other entities, provided that its services to us are not impaired.

### *Portfolio Management*

Our Adviser takes a team approach to portfolio management; however, the following persons are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of our portfolio and comprise our Adviser's investment committee: David Gladstone, Terry Lee Brubaker and David Dullum, whom we refer to collectively as the Portfolio Managers. Our investment decisions are made on our behalf by the investment committee of our Adviser by unanimous decision.

Mr. Gladstone has served as the chairman and the chief executive officer of the Adviser, since he founded the Adviser in 2002, along with Mr. Brubaker. Mr. Brubaker has served as the vice chairman, chief operating officer of the Adviser since 2002. Mr. Dullum has served as an executive managing director of the Adviser since 2008. For more complete biographical information on Messrs. Gladstone, Brubaker and Dullum, please see Management Interested Directors.

The Portfolio Managers are all officers or directors, or both, of our Adviser and our Administrator. David Gladstone is the controlling stockholder of the parent company of the Adviser and the Administrator. Although we believe that the terms of the Advisory Agreement are no less favorable to us than those that could be obtained from unaffiliated third parties in arms-length transactions, our Adviser and its officers and its directors have a material interest in the terms of this agreement. Based on an analysis of publicly available information, the Board believes that the terms and the fees payable under the Advisory Agreement are similar to those of the agreements between other business development companies that do not maintain equity incentive plans and their external investment advisers.

Our Adviser provides investment advisory services to other investment funds in the Gladstone Companies. As such, the Portfolio Managers also are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the portfolios of other pooled investment vehicles in the Gladstone Companies that are managed by the Adviser. As of the date hereof, Messrs. Gladstone, Brubaker and Mr. Robert Marcotte (the president of Gladstone Capital) are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the portfolio of Gladstone Capital, another publicly-traded business development company, Messrs. Gladstone, Brubaker and Cutlip (the president of Gladstone Commercial) are primarily responsible for the day to day management of Gladstone Commercial, a publicly-traded real estate investment trust and Messrs. Gladstone and Brubaker are primarily responsible for the day to day management of Gladstone Land, a publicly traded real estate investment trust. As of March 31, 2015, the Adviser had an aggregate of approximately \$1.7 billion in total assets under management.

### *Possible Conflicts of Interest*

Our Portfolio Managers provide investment advisory services and serve as officers, directors or principals of certain of the other Gladstone Companies, which operate in the same or a related line of business as we do. Accordingly, they have corresponding obligations to investors in those entities. For example, Mr. Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Adviser, Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Commercial, and Gladstone Land with management responsibilities for the other affiliated Gladstone Companies, other than Gladstone Securities, where he sits on the board of managers as an outside non-employee manager. In addition, Mr. Brubaker, our vice chairman and chief operating officer, is vice chairman and chief operating officer of

the Adviser, Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Commercial and Gladstone Land. Mr. Dullum, our president and a director, is also an executive managing director of the Adviser. Ms. Morrison, our chief financial officer and treasurer is also chief financial officer and treasurer of Gladstone Capital and chief accounting officer of our 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 Gladstone affiliate 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.

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, 2015, our Board of Directors has approved the following types of co-investment 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

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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.

Additionally, pursuant to an exemptive order granted by the SEC in July 2012, under certain circumstances, we may co-invest with Gladstone Capital and any future BDC or closed-end management investment company that is advised by the Adviser (or sub-advised by the Adviser if it controls the fund) or any combination of the foregoing subject to the conditions included therein.

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 all 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.

### *Portfolio Manager Compensation*

The Portfolio Managers receive compensation from our Adviser in the form of a base salary plus a bonus. Each of the Portfolio Managers' base salaries is determined by a review of salary surveys for persons with comparable experience who are serving in comparable capacities in the industry. Each Portfolio Manager's base salary is set and reviewed yearly. Like all employees of the Adviser, a Portfolio Manager's bonus is tied to the post-tax performance of the Adviser and the entities that it advises. A Portfolio Manager's bonus increases or decreases when the Adviser's income increases or decreases. The Adviser's income, in turn, is directly tied to the management and performance fees earned in managing its investment funds, including Gladstone Investment. Pursuant to the investment advisory and management agreement between the Adviser and the Company, the Adviser receives an incentive fee based on net investment income in excess of the hurdle rates and capital gains as set out in the Advisory Agreement. All compensation of the Portfolio Managers from the Adviser takes the form of cash. Each of the Portfolio Managers may elect to defer some or all of his bonus through the Adviser's deferred compensation plan.

### *Fees under the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement*

In accordance with the Advisory Agreement, we pay our Adviser fees, as compensation for its services, consisting of a base management fee and an incentive fee.

The base management fee is computed and payable quarterly and is assessed at an annual rate of 2%. The base management fee is computed on the basis of the average value of our gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed quarters, which are total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings.

The Adviser may provide services to our portfolio companies, and receive fees for such services, other than managerial assistance, under other agreements, including, but not limited to: (i) assistance obtaining, sourcing or

structuring credit facilities, long term loans or additional equity from un-affiliated 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. At the end of each quarter, we credit 100% of these fees against the base management fee that we would otherwise be required to pay to the Adviser; however, a small percentage of certain of such fees, primarily for valuation of the portfolio company, is retained by the Adviser in the form of reimbursement at cost for certain tasks completed by personnel of the Adviser that are deemed to be fund expenses pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement.

In addition, our Adviser services, administers and collects on the loans held by Business Investment, in return for which our Adviser receives a 2% annual 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 we own these loans, all loan servicing fees paid to our Adviser are treated as reductions against the 2% base management fee as Business Investment's financial statements are consolidated with ours. Overall, the base management fee due to our Adviser cannot exceed 2% of total assets (as reduced by cash and cash equivalents pledged to creditors) during any given calendar year.

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The incentive fee consists of two parts: an income-based incentive fee and a capital gains-based incentive fee. The income-based incentive fee rewards our Adviser if our quarterly net investment income (before giving effect to any incentive fee) exceeds the hurdle rate. We pay our Adviser an income-based incentive fee with respect to our pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter 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% annualized);

100% 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% in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized); and

20% of the amount of our pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% 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, if any, 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, 2015, as cumulative net unrealized capital depreciation has exceeded cumulative realized capital gains net of cumulative realized capital losses.

Additionally, in accordance with GAAP, a capital gains-based incentive fee accrual is calculated using the aggregate cumulative realized capital gains and losses and aggregate cumulative unrealized capital depreciation included in the calculation of the capital gains-based incentive fee plus the aggregate cumulative unrealized capital appreciation. If such amount is positive at the end of a reporting period, then GAAP requires us to record a capital gains-based incentive fee equal to 20.0% of such amount, less the aggregate amount of actual capital gains-based incentive fees paid in all prior years. If such amount is negative, then there is no accrual for such reporting period. GAAP requires that the capital gains-based incentive fee accrual consider the cumulative 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. There has been no GAAP accrual recorded for a capital gains-based incentive fee since our inception through March 31, 2015.

Our Board of Directors accepted an unconditional and irrevocable voluntary credit from the Adviser to reduce the income-based incentive fee to the extent net investment income did not cover 100% of the distributions to common stockholders for the year ended March 31, 2013, which credit totaled \$0.2 million. For the years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no such incentive fee credits from the Adviser.

During the fiscal years ended March 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, we incurred net fees of approximately \$9.7 million, \$7.9 million, and \$6.7 million, respectively, to our Adviser under the Advisory Agreement.

#### *Duration and Termination*

Unless terminated earlier as described below, the Advisory Agreement will remain in effect from year to year if approved annually by our Board of Directors or by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities, including, in either case, approval by a majority of our directors who are not interested persons. On July 15, 2014, we renewed the Advisory Agreement through August 31, 2015. The 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 Company's affiliates that are managed by the same Adviser (Gladstone Commercial, Gladstone Capital and Gladstone Land) 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 Adviser created through the Company and (7) in light of the foregoing considerations, the overall fairness of the advisory fee paid under the Advisory Agreement.

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The Advisory Agreement will automatically terminate in the event of its assignment. The Advisory Agreement may be terminated by either party without penalty upon 60 days' written notice to the other. See Risk Factors We are dependent upon our key management personnel and the key management personnel of our Adviser, particularly David Gladstone, Terry Lee Brubaker and David Dullum, and on the continued operations of our Adviser, for our future success.

### ***Administration Agreement***

Pursuant to the Administration Agreement, our Administrator furnishes us with clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services and our Administrator also performs, or oversees the performance of, our required administrative services, which include, among other things, being responsible for the financial records which we are required to maintain and preparing reports to our stockholders and reports filed with the SEC. In addition, our Administrator assists us in determining and publishing our NAV, oversees the preparation and filing of our tax returns, the printing and dissemination of reports to our stockholders, and generally oversees the payment of our expenses and the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to us by others. Payments under the Administration Agreement are generally equal to an amount based upon our allocable portion of our Administrator's overhead in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent and our allocable portion of the salaries and benefits expenses of our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, controller, treasurer, general counsel and secretary, who also serves as the president of our Administrator, and their respective staffs. On July 15, 2014, we renewed the Administration Agreement through August 31, 2015.

During the fiscal years ended March 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, we incurred total fees of approximately \$0.9 million, \$0.9 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, to our Administrator under the Administration Agreement.

Based on an analysis of publicly available information, the Board believes that the terms and the fees payable under the Administration Agreement are similar to those of the agreements between other business development companies that do not maintain equity incentive plans and their external investment advisers.

David Gladstone and Terry Lee Brubaker are both officers and directors, of our Adviser and our Administrator. David Gladstone controls the parent company of our Adviser and our Administrator. Although we believe that the terms of the Advisory Agreement and Administration Agreement are no less favorable to us than those that could be obtained from unaffiliated third parties in arms-length transactions, our Adviser and Administrator and their officers and directors have a material interest in the terms of these agreements.

### ***Indemnification***

The Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement each provide that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith, or gross negligence in the performance of their respective duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of their respective duties and obligations, our Adviser and our Administrator, as applicable, and their respective officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons, members, and any other person or entity affiliated with them are entitled to indemnification from us for any damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of our Adviser's services under the Advisory Agreement or otherwise as an investment adviser of us and from the rendering of our Administrator's services under the Administration Agreement or otherwise as an administrator for us, as applicable.

In our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, we have also agreed to indemnify certain officers and directors by providing, among other things, that we will indemnify such officer or director, under the circumstances and to the extent provided for therein, for expenses, damages, judgments, fines and settlements he or she may be required to pay



in actions or proceedings which he or she is or may be made a party by reason of his or her position as our director, officer or other agent, to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law and our bylaws. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indemnification provisions shall not protect any officer or director from liability to us or our stockholders as a result of any action that would constitute willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of such officer's or director's duties, or reckless disregard of his or her obligations and duties.

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The following table sets forth, as of May 20, 2015 (unless otherwise indicated), the beneficial ownership of each current director, each of the executive officers, the executive officers and directors as a group and each stockholder known to our management to own beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding shares of common stock. None of our executive officers or directors own shares of our Series A Term Preferred Stock, Series B Term Preferred Stock or Series C Term Preferred Stock and, to our knowledge, no person beneficially owns more than 5% of our Series A Term Preferred Stock, Series B Term Preferred Stock or Series C Term Preferred Stock. Except as otherwise noted, the address of the individuals below is c/o Gladstone Investment Corporation, 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100, McLean, Virginia, 22102.

**Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock(1)(2)**

| <b>Name and Address</b>   | <b>Number<br/>of<br/>Shares</b> | <b>Percent of<br/>Total</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Directors:</b>   |                                 |                             |
| Paul Adelgren   | 4,996                           | *                           |
| Terry Lee Brubaker(3)   | 215,446                         | *                           |
| David A.R. Dullum(4)  | 64,565                          | *                           |
| Michela A. English  | 1,388                           | *                           |
| David Gladstone   | 368,473                         | 1.2%                        |
| Caren D. Merrick  | 0                               | *                           |
| John H. Outland   | 2,793                           | *                           |
| Anthony W. Parker   | 9,671                           | *                           |
| Walter H. Wilkinson, Jr.  | 6,860                           | *                           |
| <b>Named Executive Officers (that are not also<br/>Directors):</b>  |                                 |                             |
| Melissa Morrison  | 0                               | *                           |
| All executive officers and directors as a group (10<br>persons)   | 674,192                         | 2.2%                        |
| <b>5% Stockholders:</b>   |                                 |                             |
| Van Berkomp & Associates Inc.(5)<br>1130 Sherbrooke Street West, Suite 1005<br><br>Montreal, Quebec H3A 2M8 | 2,488,518                       | 7.54%                       |

\* Less than 1%

- (1) This table is based upon information supplied by officers, directors and principal stockholders. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to this table and subject to community property laws where applicable, we believe that each of the stockholders named in this table has sole voting and sole investment power with respect to the shares indicated as beneficially owned. Applicable percentages are based on 30,270,958 shares outstanding on May 20, 2015.
- (2) Ownership calculated in accordance with Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act.

- (3) Includes 10,280 shares held by Mr. Brubaker's spouse.  
 (4) Includes 1,349 shares held by Mr. Dullum's spouse.  
 (5) This information has been obtained from a Schedule 13G filed by Van Berkomp & Associates Inc., or Van Berkomp, on January 23, 2015, according to which Van Berkomp has sole voting and sole investment powers with respect to all 2,488,518 shares reported as beneficially owned.

The following table sets forth, as of May 20, 2015, the dollar range of equity securities that are beneficially owned by each of our directors in the Company and in Gladstone Capital, our affiliate and a business development company, which is also externally managed by our Adviser.

| Name                          | Dollar Range of Equity Securities of<br>the Company Owned by<br>Directors(1)(2) | Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities<br>in All Funds Overseen<br>or to be Overseen by Director or<br>Nominee in Family of Investment Companies(1)(2) |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Interested Directors:</b>  |   |   |
| David Gladstone               | Over \$100,000  | Over \$100,000  |
| Terry Lee Brubaker            | Over \$100,000  | Over \$100,000  |
| David A.R. Dullum             | Over \$100,000  | Over \$100,000  |
| <b>Independent Directors:</b> |   |   |
| Paul W. Adलगren               | \$10,001-\$50,000   | \$50,001-\$100,000  |

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| Name                     | Dollar Range of Equity Securities of<br>the Company Owned by | Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities<br>in All Funds Overseen<br>or to be Overseen by Director or<br>Nominee in Family of Investment Companies(1)(2) |
|--------------------------|--|---|
|                          | Directors(1)(2)  |   |
| Michela A. English       | \$10,001-\$50,000  | \$10,001-\$50,000   |
| Caren D. Merrick         | \$0-\$10,000   | \$0-\$10,000  |
| John H. Outland          | \$10,001-\$50,000  | \$10,001-\$50,000   |
| Anthony Parker           | \$50,001-\$100,000   | \$50,001-\$100,000  |
| Walter H. Wilkinson, Jr. | \$50,001-\$100,000   | Over \$100,000  |

- (1) Ownership is calculated in accordance with Rule 16-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act.
- (2) The dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned is calculated by multiplying the closing price of the respective class as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market as of May 20, 2015, times the number of shares of the respective class so beneficially owned and aggregated accordingly.
- Gladstone Commercial Corporation, our affiliate and a real estate investment trust, is also managed by our Adviser. The following table sets forth certain information regarding the ownership of the common and preferred stock of Gladstone Commercial as of May 20, 2015, by each independent director. None of our independent directors owns more than 1% of any respective class of stock of Gladstone Commercial Corporation.

| Name                          | Number of<br>Common<br>Shares | Number<br>of<br>7.125% Series<br>C<br>Cumulative<br>Term<br>Preferred<br>Stock | Number<br>of<br>7.5% Series<br>B Cumulative<br>Redeemable<br>Preferred<br>Stock | Number<br>of<br>7.75% Series<br>A Cumulative<br>Redeemable<br>Preferred<br>Stock | Value of Securities(\$)(1) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|                               |                               |  |   |  |                            |
| <b>Independent Directors:</b> |                               |  |   |  |                            |
| Paul W. Adलगren               | 6,516                         | 0  | 0   | 0  | \$ 114,884                 |
| Michela A. English            | 2,111                         | 0  | 0   | 0  | \$ 37,218                  |
| Caren D. Merrick              | 0                             | 0  | 0   | 0  | \$ 0                       |
| John H. Outland               | 1,805                         | 0  | 0   | 0  | \$ 31,822                  |
| Anthony Parker                | 22,813                        | 0  | 0   | 0  | \$ 402,196                 |
| Walter H. Wilkinson, Jr.      | 0                             | 0  | 0   | 0  | \$ 0                       |

- (1) Ownership calculated in accordance with Rule 16-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act. The value of securities beneficially owned is calculated by multiplying the closing price of the respective class as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market as of May 20, 2015, times the number of shares of the respective class so beneficially owned and aggregated accordingly.

Gladstone Land Corporation, our affiliate and a real estate investment company, is also managed by our Adviser. The following table sets forth certain information regarding the ownership of the common stock of Gladstone Land as of May 20, 2015, by each independent incumbent director and nominee. None of our independent directors owns more than 1% of the common stock of Gladstone Land Corporation.

| Name                          | Number of<br>Common<br>Shares | Value of Securities(\$)(1) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Independent Directors:</b> |                               |                            |
| Paul W. Adalgren              | 4,958                         | \$ 54,534                  |
| Michela A. English            | 1,030                         | \$ 11,331                  |
| Caren D. Merrick              | 0                             | \$ 0                       |
| John H. Outland               | 1,560                         | \$ 17,160                  |
| Anthony Parker                | 4,902                         | \$ 53,927                  |
| Walter H. Wilkinson, Jr.      | 0                             | \$ 0                       |

\* Less than 1%

(1) Ownership calculated in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act. The value of securities beneficially owned is calculated by multiplying the closing price of the respective class as reported on The NASDAQ Global Market as of May 20, 2015, times the number of shares of the respective class so beneficially owned and aggregated accordingly.

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**DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN**

Our transfer agency and services agreement with our transfer agent, Computershare, Inc., or Computershare, authorizes Computershare to provide a dividend reinvestment plan that allows for reinvestment of our distributions on behalf of our common stockholders upon their election as provided below. As a result, if our Board of Directors authorizes, and we declare, a cash dividend, then our common stockholders who have opted in to the dividend reinvestment plan will not receive cash dividends but, instead, such cash dividends will automatically be reinvested in additional shares of our common stock.

Pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan, if your shares of our common stock are registered in your own name you can have all distributions reinvested in additional shares of our common stock by Computershare, as the plan agent, if you enroll in the dividend reinvestment plan by delivering an enrollment form to the plan agent prior to the corresponding dividend record date, available at [www.computershare.com/investor](http://www.computershare.com/investor). The plan agent will effect purchases of our common stock under the dividend reinvestment plan in the open market.

If you do not elect to participate in the dividend reinvestment plan, you will receive all distributions in cash paid by check mailed directly to you (or if you hold your shares in street or other nominee name, then to your nominee) as of the relevant record date, by the plan agent, as our distribution disbursing agent. If your shares are held in the name of a broker or nominee, you can transfer the shares into your own name and then enroll in the dividend reinvestment plan or contact your broker or nominee to determine if they offer a dividend reinvestment plan.

The plan agent serves as agent for the holders of our common stock in administering the dividend reinvestment plan. After we declare a dividend, the plan agent will, as agent for the participants, receive the cash payment and use it to buy common stock on NASDAQ or elsewhere for the participants' accounts. The price of the shares will be the weighted average price of all shares purchased by the plan agent on such trade date or dates.

Participants in the dividend reinvestment plan may withdraw from the dividend reinvestment plan at any time online at [www.computershare.com/investor](http://www.computershare.com/investor), via telephone or by mailing a request to Computershare or by selling or transferring all applicable shares. If the plan agent receives a request to withdraw near a dividend record date, the plan agent, in its sole discretion, may either distribute such dividends in cash or reinvest the shares on behalf of the withdrawing participant. If such dividends are reinvested, the plan agent will process the withdrawal as soon as practicable, but in no event later than five business days after the reinvestment is completed.

The plan agent will maintain each participant's account in the dividend reinvestment plan and will furnish periodic written confirmations of all transactions in such account, including information needed by the stockholder for personal and tax records. Common stock in the account of each dividend reinvestment plan participant will be held by the plan agent in non-certificated form in the name of such participant; however participants may request that such shares be certificated in their name. The plan agent will provide proxy materials relating to our stockholders' meetings that will include those shares purchased through the plan agent, as well as shares held pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan.

We pay the plan agent's fees for the handling or reinvestment of dividends and other distributions. Each participant in the dividend reinvestment plan pays a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the plan agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of distributions. There are no other charges to participants for reinvesting distributions.

Distributions are taxable whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares, and the reinvestment of distributions pursuant to the dividend reinvestment plan will not relieve participants of any U.S. federal income tax or state income

tax that may be payable or required to be withheld on such distributions. For more information regarding taxes that our stockholders may be required to pay, see Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.

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**MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

***RIC Status***

To qualify for treatment as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, we must distribute to our stockholders, for each taxable year, at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, which is generally our ordinary income plus the excess of our net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses. We refer to this as the annual distribution requirement. We must also meet several additional requirements, including:

**Business Development Company status.** At all times during the taxable year, we must maintain our status as a BDC.

**Income source requirements.** At least 90% of our gross income for each taxable year must be from dividends, interest, payments with respect to securities loans, gains from sales or other dispositions of securities or other income derived with respect to our business of investing in securities, and net income derived from an interest in a qualified, publicly-traded partnership.

**Asset diversification requirements.** As of the close of each quarter of our taxable year: (1) at least 50% of the value of our assets must consist of cash, cash items, U.S. government securities, the securities of other regulated investment companies and other securities to the extent that (a) we do not hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of an issuer of such other securities and (b) such other securities of any one issuer do not represent more than 5% of our total assets (the 50% threshold), and (2) no more than 25% of the value of our total assets may be invested in the securities of one issuer (other than U.S. government securities or the securities of other regulated investment companies), or of two or more issuers that are controlled by us and are engaged in the same or similar or related trades or businesses or in the securities of one or more qualified, publicly-traded partnerships.

***Failure to Qualify as a RIC.***

If we are unable to qualify for treatment as a RIC, we would be subject to tax on all of our taxable income at regular corporate rates. We would not be able to deduct distributions to stockholders, nor would we be required to make such distributions. Distributions would be taxable to our stockholders as dividend income to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits. Subject to certain limitations under the Code, corporate distributees would be eligible for the dividends received deduction. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits would be treated first as a return of capital to the extent of the stockholder's adjusted tax basis, and then as a gain realized from the sale or exchange of property. If we fail to meet the RIC requirements for more than two consecutive years and then seek to requalify as a RIC, we generally would be subject to corporate-level federal income tax on any unrealized appreciation with respect to our assets to the extent that any such unrealized appreciation is recognized during a specified period up to ten years.

***Qualification as a RIC.***

If we qualify as a RIC and distribute to stockholders each year in a timely manner at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, we will not be subject to federal income tax on the portion of our taxable income and gains we distribute to stockholders. We would, however, be subject to a 4% nondeductible federal excise tax if we do not



distribute, actually or on a deemed basis, an amount at least equal 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 for preceding years that were not distributed during such years. For the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, we incurred \$0.1 million, \$0.3 million and \$31, respectively, in excise taxes. As of March 31, 2015, our capital loss carryforward totaled \$0.3 million.

The 4% federal excise tax applies only to the amount by which the required distributions exceed the amount of income we distribute, actually or on a deemed basis, to stockholders. We will be subject to regular corporate income tax, currently at rates up to 35%, on any income that is not distributed or deemed to be distributed, including both ordinary income and capital gains. We may retain some or all of our capital gains, but we generally intend to treat the retained amount as a deemed distribution. In that case, among other consequences, we will pay tax on the retained amount, each stockholder will be required to include its share of the deemed distribution in income as if it had been actually distributed to the stockholder and the stockholder will be entitled to claim a credit or refund equal to its allocable share of the tax we pay on the retained capital gain. The amount of the deemed distribution, net of such tax, will be added to the stockholder's cost basis for its stock. Since we expect to pay tax on any retained capital gains at our regular corporate capital gain tax rate, and since that rate is in excess of the maximum rate currently payable by individuals on long-term capital gains, the amount of tax that individual stockholders will be treated as having paid will exceed the tax they owe on the capital gain dividend and such excess may be claimed as a credit or refund against the stockholder's other tax obligations. A stockholder that is not subject to U.S. federal income tax or tax on long-term capital gains would be required to file a U.S. federal income tax return on the appropriate form in order to claim a refund for the taxes we paid. In order to utilize the deemed distribution approach, we must provide written notice to the stockholders after the close of the relevant tax year. We will also be subject to alternative minimum tax,

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but any tax preference items would be apportioned between us and our stockholders in the same proportion that distributions, other than capital gain dividends, paid to each stockholder bear to our taxable income determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction. As of March 31, 2015, we have never distributed investment company taxable income as a deemed distribution.

***Taxation of Our U.S. Stockholders***

*Distributions.* For any period during which we qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes, distributions to our stockholders attributable to our investment company taxable income generally will be taxable as ordinary income to stockholders to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits. We first allocate our earnings and profits to distributions to our preferred stockholders and then to distributions to our common stockholders based on priority in our capital structure. Any distributions in excess of our earnings and profits will first be treated as a return of capital to the extent of the stockholder's adjusted basis in his or her shares of stock and thereafter as gain from the sale of shares of our stock. Distributions of our long-term capital gains, reported by us as such, will be taxable to stockholders as long-term capital gains regardless of the stockholder's holding period for its stock and whether the distributions are paid in cash or invested in additional stock. Corporate stockholders are generally eligible for the 70% dividends received deduction with respect to dividends received from us, other than capital gains dividends, but only to the extent such amount is attributable to dividends received by us from taxable domestic corporations. Any distribution declared by us in October, November or December of any calendar year, payable to stockholders of record on a specified date in such a month and actually paid during January of the following year, will be treated as if it were paid by us and received by the stockholders on December 31 of the previous year. In addition, we may elect (in accordance with Section 855(a) of the Code) to relate a distribution back to the prior taxable year if we (1) declare such distribution prior to the later of the due date for filing our return for that taxable year or the 15th day of the ninth month following the close of the taxable year, (2) make the election in that return, and (3) distribute the amount in the 12-month period following the close of the taxable year but not later than the first regular distribution payment of the same type following the declaration. Any such election will not alter the general rule that a stockholder will be treated as receiving a distribution in the taxable year in which the distribution is made, subject to the October, November, December rule described above. As of March 31, 2015, our Section 855(a) distributions were \$4.0 million.

In general, the federal income tax rates applicable to our dividends other than dividends designated as capital gain dividends will be the rates applicable to ordinary income (currently up to 39.6%), and not the rates applicable to qualified dividend income (currently up to 20%). If we distribute dividends that are attributable to actual dividend income received by us that is eligible to be, and is, designated by us as qualified dividend income, such dividends would be eligible for such lower federal income tax rate. For this purpose, qualified dividend income means dividends received by us from United States corporations and qualifying foreign corporations, provided that both we and the stockholder recipient of our dividends satisfy certain holding period and other requirements in respect of our shares (in the case of our stockholder) and the stock of such corporations (in our case). However, we do not anticipate receiving or distributing a significant amount of qualified dividend income.

If a common stockholder participates in our opt in dividend reinvestment plan, any distributions reinvested under the plan will be taxable to the common stockholder to the same extent, and with the same character, as if the common stockholder had received the distribution 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 day on which the shares are credited to the common stockholder's account. We do not have a dividend reinvestment plan for our preferred stockholders.

*Sale of Our Shares.* A U.S. stockholder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss if the U.S. stockholder sells or otherwise disposes of his, her or its shares of our stock. Any gain arising from such sale or disposition generally will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. stockholder has held his, her or its shares for more than one year. Otherwise, it will be classified as short-term capital gain or loss. However, any capital loss arising from the sale or disposition of shares of our stock held for six months or less will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of the amount of capital gain dividends received, or undistributed capital gain deemed received, with respect to such shares. Individual U.S. stockholders are subject to a maximum federal income tax rate of 20% on their net capital gain (i.e. the excess of realized net long-term capital gain over realized net short-term capital loss for a taxable year) including any long-term capital gain derived from an investment in our stock. Such rate is lower than the maximum rate on ordinary income currently payable by individuals. Corporate U.S. stockholders currently are subject to federal income tax on net capital gain at the same rates applied to their ordinary income (currently up to a maximum of 35%). Capital losses are subject to limitations on use for both corporate and non-corporate stockholders.

*Medicare Tax on Unearned Income.* Stockholders that are individuals, estates or trusts and that have taxable income in excess of certain thresholds are required to pay a 3.8% Medicare tax on net investment income, which includes, among other things, dividends on, and gains from the sale or other disposition of, shares of our stock. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding the impact of this Medicare tax on an investment in our stock.

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*Backup Withholding.* We may be required to withhold federal income tax, or backup withholding, currently at a rate of 28%, from all taxable distributions to any non-corporate U.S. stockholder (1) who fails to furnish us with a correct taxpayer identification number or a certificate that such stockholder is exempt from backup withholding, or (2) with respect to whom the Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) notifies us that such stockholder has failed to properly report certain interest and dividend income to the IRS and to respond to notices to that effect. An individual s taxpayer identification number is generally his or her social security number. Any amount withheld under backup withholding is allowed as a credit against the U.S. stockholder s federal income tax liability, provided that proper information is provided to the IRS.

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act imposes a federal withholding tax on certain types of payments made to foreign financial institutions and certain other non-U.S. entities unless certain due diligence, reporting, withholding, and certification obligation requirements are satisfied. Under delayed effective dates provided for in the Treasury Regulations and other IRS guidance, such required withholding will not begin until January 1, 2017 with respect to gross proceeds from a sale or other disposition of our stock.

### **REGULATION AS A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY**

We are a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a BDC under Section 54 of the 1940 Act. As such, we are subject to regulation under the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act contains prohibitions and restrictions relating to transactions between BDCs and their affiliates, principal underwriters and affiliates of those affiliates or underwriters and requires that a majority of the directors be persons other than interested persons, as defined in the 1940 Act. In addition, the 1940 Act provides that we may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or to withdraw our election as, a BDC unless approved by a majority of our outstanding voting securities, as defined in the 1940 Act.

We intend to conduct our business so as to retain our status as a BDC. A BDC may use capital provided by public stockholders and from other sources to invest in long-term private investments in businesses. A BDC provides stockholders the ability to retain the liquidity of a publicly-traded stock while sharing in the possible benefits, if any, of investing in primarily privately owned companies. In general, a BDC must have been organized and have its principal place of business in the United States and must be operated for the purpose of making investments in qualifying assets, as described in Section 55(a) (1) (3) of the 1940 Act.

#### ***Qualifying Assets***

Under the 1940 Act, a BDC may not acquire any asset other than assets of the type listed in Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act, which are referred to as qualifying assets, unless, at the time the acquisition is made, qualifying assets, other than certain interests in furniture, equipment, real estate, or leasehold improvements ( operating assets ) represent at least 70% of the company s total assets, exclusive of operating assets. The types of qualifying assets in which we may invest under the 1940 Act include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Securities purchased in transactions not involving any public offering from the issuer of such securities, which issuer is an eligible portfolio company. An eligible portfolio company is generally defined in the 1940 Act as any issuer which:

- (a)

is organized under the laws of, and has its principal place of business in, any State or States in the United States;

- (b) is not an investment company (other than a small business investment company wholly owned by the BDC or otherwise excluded from the definition of investment company); and
- (c) satisfies one of the following:
  - (i) it does not have any class of securities with respect to which a broker or dealer may extend margin credit;
  - (ii) it is controlled by the BDC and for which an affiliate of the BDC serves as a director;
  - (iii) it has total assets of not more than \$4 million and capital and surplus of not less than \$2 million;
  - (iv) it does not have any class of securities listed on a national securities exchange; or
  - (v) it has a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange, with an aggregate market value of outstanding voting and non-voting equity of less than \$250 million.
- (2) Securities received in exchange for or distributed on or with respect to securities described in (1) above, or pursuant to the exercise of options, warrants or rights relating to such securities.
- (3) Cash, cash items, government securities or high quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment.

As of March 31, 2015, 98.8% of our assets were qualifying assets.

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### ***Asset Coverage***

Pursuant to Section 61(a)(2) 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 is stock. In either case, we may only issue such Senior Securities if such class of Senior Securities, after such issuance, has an asset coverage, as defined in Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act, of at least 200%.

In addition, our ability to pay dividends or distributions (other than dividends payable in our stock) to holders of any class of our capital stock would be restricted if our senior securities representing indebtedness fail to have an asset coverage of at least 200% (measured at the time of declaration of such distribution and accounting for such distribution). The 1940 Act does not apply this limitation to privately arranged debt that is not intended to be publicly distributed, unless this limitation is specifically negotiated by the lender. In addition, our ability to pay dividends or distributions (other than dividends payable in our common stock) to our common stockholders would be restricted if our senior securities that are stock fail to have an asset coverage of at least 200% (measured at the time of declaration of such distribution and accounting for such distribution). If the value of our assets declines, we might be unable to satisfy these asset coverage requirements. 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 expenses will not be available for distributions to our stockholders. If we are unable to regain asset coverage through these methods, we may be forced to suspend the payment of such dividends.

### ***Significant Managerial Assistance***

A BDC generally must make available significant managerial assistance to issuers of its portfolio securities that the BDC counts as a qualifying asset for the 70% test described above. Making available significant managerial assistance means, among other things, any arrangement whereby the BDC, through its directors, officers or employees, offers to provide, and, if accepted, does so provide, significant guidance and counsel concerning the management, operations or business objectives and policies of a portfolio company. Significant managerial assistance also may include the exercise of a controlling influence over the management and policies of the portfolio company. However, with respect to certain, but not all such securities, where the BDC purchases such securities in conjunction with one or more other persons acting together, one of the other persons in the group may make available such managerial assistance, or the BDC may exercise such control jointly.

### ***Investment Policies***

We seek to achieve a high level of current income and capital gains through investments in debt securities and preferred and common stock that we acquired in connection with buyout and other recapitalizations. The following investment policies, along with these investment objectives, may not be changed without the approval of our Board of Directors:

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 operate 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, as well as temporary investments, 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.

With the exception of our policy to conduct our business as a BDC, these policies are not fundamental and may be changed without stockholder approval.

### *Code of Ethics*

We and all of the Gladstone family of companies, have adopted a code of ethics and business conduct applicable to all of the officers, directors and employees of such companies that complies with the guidelines set forth in Item 406 of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act ) and Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act. As required by the 1940 Act, this code establishes procedures for personal investments, restricts certain transactions by such personnel and requires the reporting of certain transactions and holdings by such personnel. This code of ethics and business conduct is publicly available on our website under Corporate Governance at [www.GladstoneInvestment.com](http://www.GladstoneInvestment.com) or at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-202-942-8090. In addition, this code of ethics and business conduct is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and is also available on the EDGAR Database on

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the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may also obtain copies of each code of ethics, after paying a duplication fee, by electronic request to [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), or by writing the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20549-0102. We intend to provide any required disclosure of any amendments to or waivers of the provisions of this code by posting information regarding any such amendment or waiver to our website within four days of its effectiveness in a Current Report on Form 8-K.

***Compliance Policies and Procedures***

We and our Adviser have adopted and implemented written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation of the federal securities laws, and our Board of Directors is required to review these compliance policies and procedures annually to assess their adequacy and the effectiveness of their implementation. We have designated a chief compliance officer, John Dellaflora, Jr., who also serves as chief compliance officer for all of the Gladstone family of companies.

***Co-Investment***

In an order dated July 26, 2012, the SEC granted us the relief sought in the exemptive application we had previously filed with the SEC that expands our ability to co-invest with certain affiliates by permitting us, under certain circumstances, to co-invest with Gladstone Capital Corporation and any future business development company or closed-end management investment company that is advised by our Adviser (or sub-advised by the Adviser if it controls the fund) or any combination of the foregoing.



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**DESCRIPTION OF OUR SECURITIES**

Our authorized capital stock consists of 100,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share (our common stock and our preferred stock are collectively referred to as Capital Stock).

The following description is a summary based on relevant provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws and the Delaware General Corporation Law. This summary does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by the provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as amended, and applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

**Common Stock**

As of the date hereof, we have 30,270,958 share of common stock outstanding. All shares of our common stock have equal rights as to earnings, assets, dividends and voting and, when they are issued, will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Distributions may be paid to the holders of our common stock if, as and when authorized by our Board of Directors and declared by us out of funds legally available therefor. Shares of our common stock have no preemptive, exchange, conversion or redemption rights and are freely transferable, except where their transfer is restricted by federal and state securities laws or by contract. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of Gladstone Investment, each share of our common stock would be entitled to share ratably in all of our assets that are legally available for distribution after we pay all debts and other liabilities and subject to any preferential rights of holders of our preferred stock, if any preferred stock is outstanding at such time. Each share of our common stock is entitled to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors. Except as provided with respect to any other class or series of stock, the holders of our common stock will possess exclusive voting power. There is no cumulative voting in the election of directors, which means that holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock can elect all of our directors, and holders of less than a majority of such shares will be unable to elect any director. Our common stock is listed on NASDAQ under the ticker symbol GAIN.

**Preferred Stock**

Our certificate of incorporation gives the Board of Directors the authority, without further action by stockholders, to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series and to fix the rights, preferences, privileges, qualifications and restrictions granted to or imposed upon such preferred stock, including dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, rights and terms of redemption, and liquidation preference, any or all of which may be greater than the rights of the common stock. Thus, the Board of Directors could authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock with terms and conditions which could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in their best interest. The issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect the voting power of holders of common stock and reduce the likelihood that such holders will receive dividend payments and payments upon liquidation, and could also decrease the market price of our common stock.

You should note, however, that any issuance of preferred stock must comply with the requirements of the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act requires, among other things, that (1) immediately after issuance and before any dividend or other distribution is made with respect to our common stock and before any purchase of common stock is made, such preferred stock together with all other Senior Securities must not exceed an amount equal to 50% of our total assets after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution or purchase price, as the case may be, and (2) the holders of shares of preferred stock, if any are issued, must be entitled as a class to elect two directors at all times and to elect a

majority of the directors if dividends on such preferred stock are in arrears by two years or more. Certain matters under the 1940 Act require the separate vote of the holders of any issued and outstanding preferred stock. We have no present plans to issue any additional shares of our preferred stock, but believe that the availability for issuance of preferred stock will provide us with increased flexibility in structuring future financings. If we offer additional preferred stock under this prospectus, we will issue an appropriate prospectus supplement. You should read that prospectus supplement for a description of such preferred stock, including, but not limited to, whether there will be an arrearage in the payment of dividends or sinking fund installments, if any, restrictions with respect to the declaration of dividends, requirements in connection with the maintenance of any ratio or assets, or creation or maintenance of reserves, or provisions for permitting or restricting the issuance of additional securities.

*Term Preferred Stock*

Of the 10,000,000 shares of our capital stock designated as preferred stock, 1,610,000 of such shares are designated as Series A Term Preferred Stock, 1,656,000 of such shares are designated as Series B Term Preferred Stock and 1,700,000 of such shares are designated as Series C Term Preferred Stock. As of the date hereof, we have 1,600,000 shares of Series A Term Preferred Stock outstanding, 1,656,000 shares of Series B Term Preferred Stock outstanding and 1,610,000 shares of Series C Term Preferred Stock outstanding. Shares of our Series A Term Preferred Stock, Series B Term Preferred Stock and Series C Term Preferred Stock are traded on the NASDAQ under the trading symbols GAINP, GAINO, and GAINN, respectively.

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The following is a summary of the material terms of each series of our Term Preferred Stock. The following summary is qualified in its entirety, with respect to each series, by reference to the Certificate of Designation of the 7.125% Series A Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, the Certificate of Designation of the 6.750% Series B Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, and the Certificate of Designation of the 6.500% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, which are each filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part:

### Dividend Rights

The holders of Series A Term Preferred Stock are entitled to monthly dividends in the amount of 7.125% per annum on the stated liquidation preference of Series A Term Preferred Stock, or \$0.1484375 per share. The holders of Series B Term Preferred Stock are entitled to monthly dividends in the amount of 6.750% per annum on the stated liquidation preference of the Series B Term Preferred Stock, or \$0.1406250. The holders of Series C Term Preferred Stock are entitled to monthly dividends in the amount of 6.500% per annum on the stated liquidation preference of the Series C Term Preferred Stock, or \$0.1354170. We are prohibited from issuing dividends or making distributions to the holders of our common stock while any shares of Term Preferred Stock are outstanding, unless all accrued and unpaid dividends on the Term Preferred Stock are paid in their entirety. In the event that we fail to pay dividends on the Series A Term Preferred Stock when required, the dividend rate on the Series A Term Preferred Stock will increase to 9% per annum until such default is cured. Further, in the event that we fail to redeem the Series A Term Preferred Stock when due, as discussed in *Redemption* below, the dividend rate will increase to 11% per annum until such shares are redeemed.

In the event that we fail to pay dividends on or to redeem the Series B Term Preferred Stock, or Series C Term Preferred Stock, when required, the dividend rate, with respect to such series shall increase by 4% per annum until such default is cured.

### Voting Rights

The holders of the Term Preferred Stock are entitled to one vote per share and do not have cumulative voting. The holders of the Term Preferred Stock generally vote together with the holders of our common stock, except that the holders of the Term Preferred Stock have the right to elect two of our directors. Furthermore, during any period that we owe accumulated dividends, whether or not earned or declared, on our Term Preferred Stock equal to at least two full years of dividends, the holders of Term Preferred Stock will have the right to elect a majority of our Board of Directors.

### Liquidation Rights

In the event of a dissolution, liquidation or winding up of our affairs, the Term Preferred Stock has a liquidation preference over our common stock equal to \$25 per share, plus all unpaid dividends and distributions accumulated to (but excluding) the date fixed for payment on such shares.

### Redemption

The Series A Term Preferred Stock has a mandatory term redemption date of February 28, 2017. The Series B Term Preferred Stock has a mandatory redemption date of December 31, 2021. The Series C Term Preferred has a mandatory redemption date of May 31, 2022. However, if we fail to maintain asset coverage as required by the 1940 Act, of at least 200%, we will be required to redeem a portion of the Term Preferred Stock to enable us to meet the required asset coverage at a price per share equal to the liquidation preference plus all accumulated and unpaid dividends and distributions. In the event of a change of control, we will also be required to redeem the shares of Term

Preferred Stock at a price per share equal to the liquidation preference plus all accumulated and unpaid dividends and distributions.

We have the option to redeem shares of Series A Term Preferred Stock at any time on or after February 28, 2016, subject to the requirement to pay an optional redemption premium on the amount of shares redeemed if we optionally redeem such shares before February 28, 2017.

We have the option to redeem shares of Series B Term Preferred Stock at any time on or after December 30, 2017, with no redemption premium.

We have the option to redeem shares of Series C Term Preferred Stock at any time on or after April 1, 2018, with no redemption premium.

## **Subscription Rights**

### *General*

We may issue subscription rights to our stockholders to purchase common stock or preferred stock. Subscription rights may be issued independently or together with any other offered security and may or may not be transferable by the person purchasing or receiving the subscription rights. In connection with any subscription rights offering to our stockholders, we may enter into a standby underwriting arrangement with one or more underwriters pursuant to which such underwriters would purchase any offered securities remaining unsubscribed after such subscription rights offering to the extent permissible under applicable law. In connection with a subscription rights offering to our stockholders, we would distribute certificates evidencing the subscription rights and a prospectus supplement to our stockholders on the record date that we set for receiving subscription rights in such subscription rights offering.

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The applicable prospectus supplement would describe the following terms of subscription rights in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered:

the period of time the offering would remain open (which in no event would be less than fifteen business days);

the title of such subscription rights;

the exercise price for such subscription rights;

the ratio of the offering (which in no event would exceed one new share of common stock for each three rights held);

the number of such subscription rights issued to each stockholder;

the extent to which such subscription rights are transferable;

if applicable, a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the issuance or exercise of such subscription rights;

the date on which the right to exercise such subscription rights shall commence, and the date on which such rights shall expire (subject to any extension);

the extent to which such subscription rights include an over-subscription privilege with respect to unsubscribed securities;

if applicable, the material terms of any standby underwriting or other purchase arrangement that we may enter into in connection with the subscription rights offering; and

any other terms of such subscription rights, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such subscription rights.

***Exercise of Subscription Rights***

Each subscription right would entitle the holder of the subscription right to purchase for cash such amount of shares of common stock, or preferred stock, at such exercise price as shall in each case be set forth in, or be determinable as set forth in, the prospectus supplement relating to the subscription rights offered thereby. Subscription rights may be

exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date for such subscription rights set forth in the prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, all unexercised subscription rights would become void.

Subscription rights may be exercised as set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the subscription rights offered thereby. Upon receipt of payment and the subscription rights certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the subscription rights agent or any other office indicated in the prospectus supplement we will forward, as soon as practicable, the shares of common stock purchasable upon such exercise. We may determine to offer any unsubscribed offered securities directly to persons other than stockholders, to or through agents, underwriters or dealers or through a combination of such methods, including pursuant to standby underwriting arrangements, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

## **Warrants**

The following is a general description of the terms of the warrants we may issue from time to time. Particular terms of any warrants we offer will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such warrants.

We may issue warrants to purchase shares of our common or preferred stock. Such warrants may be issued independently or together with shares of common or preferred stock or other equity or debt securities and may be attached or separate from such securities. We will issue each series of warrants under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a warrant agent. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency for or with holders or beneficial owners of warrants.

A prospectus supplement will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants we may issue, including the following:

the title of such warrants;

the aggregate number of such warrants;

the price or prices at which such warrants will be issued;

the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which the price of such warrants may be payable;

if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security or each principal amount of such security;

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the number of shares of common or preferred stock purchasable upon exercise of one warrant and the price at which and the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which these shares may be purchased upon such exercise;

the date on which the right to exercise such warrants shall commence and the date on which such right will expire;

whether such warrants will be issued in registered form or bearer form;

if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of such warrants which may be exercised at any one time;

if applicable, the date on and after which such warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;

information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;

the terms of the securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants;

if applicable, a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations; and

any other terms of such warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such warrants.

We and the warrant agent may amend or supplement the warrant agreement for a series of warrants without the consent of the holders of the warrants issued thereunder to effect changes that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the warrants and that do not materially and adversely affect the interests of the holders of the warrants.

Prior to exercising their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive distributions or dividends, if any, or payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up or to exercise any voting rights.

Under the 1940 Act, we may generally only offer warrants (except for warrants expiring not later than 120 days after issuance and issued exclusively and ratably to a class of our security holders) on the condition that (1) the warrants expire by their terms within ten years; (2) the exercise or conversion price is not less than the current market value of the securities underlying the warrants at the date of issuance; (3) our stockholders authorize the proposal to issue such warrants (our stockholders approved such a proposal to issue long-term rights, including warrants, in connection with our 2008 annual meeting of stockholders) and a required majority of our Board of Directors approves such issuance on the basis that the issuance is in the best interests of Gladstone Investment and our stockholders; and (4) if the warrants are accompanied by other securities, the warrants are not separately transferable unless no class of such warrants and the securities accompanying them has been publicly distributed. A required majority of our Board of Directors 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. The 1940 Act also provides that the amount of our voting securities that would result from the exercise of all outstanding warrants, options and subscription rights at the time of issuance may not exceed 25% of our outstanding voting securities.

### **Debt Securities**

Any debt securities that we issue may be senior or subordinated in priority of payment. We have no present plans to issue any debt securities. If we offer debt securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that describes the ranking, whether senior or subordinated, the specific designation, the aggregate principal amount, the purchase price, the maturity, the redemption terms, the interest rate or manner of calculating the interest rate, the time of payment of interest, if any, the terms for any conversion or exchange, including the terms relating to the adjustment of any conversion or exchange mechanism, the listing, if any, on a securities exchange, the name and address of the trustee and any other specific terms of the debt securities.

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**CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF DELAWARE LAW AND OF OUR  
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS**

*The following description of certain provisions of Delaware law and of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as amended, is only a summary. For a complete description, we refer you to the Delaware General Corporation Law, our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws. We have filed our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as amended, as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.*

**Classified Board of Directors**

Pursuant to our bylaws, as amended, our Board of Directors is divided into three classes of directors. Each class consists, as nearly as possible, of one-third of the total number of directors, and each class has a three-year term. The holders of outstanding shares of any preferred stock, including Term Preferred Stock, are entitled, as a class, to the exclusion of the holders of all other securities and classes of common stock, to elect two of our directors at all times (regardless of the total number of directors serving on the Board of Directors). We refer to these directors as the Preferred Directors. Michela A. English was elected as a Preferred Director at our annual meeting of stockholders on August 7, 2014 and will serve until our 2017 annual meeting. The other Preferred Directorship is currently vacant due to the unfortunate passing of John D. Reilly in August 2014 and we have nominated Walter H. Wilkinson, Jr. as a candidate for election to this Preferred Directorship at our 2015 annual meeting of Stockholders to be held on August 6, 2015. The holders of outstanding shares of common stock and preferred stock, voting together as a single class, elect the balance of our directors. Any director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the full term of the class in which the vacancy occurred and until a successor is elected and qualified. We believe that classification of our Board of Directors helps to assure the continuity and stability of our business strategies and policies as determined by our directors. Holders of shares of our stock have no right to cumulative voting in the election of directors. Consequently, at each annual meeting of our stockholders, the holders of a majority of the combined shares of common stock and preferred stock are able to elect all of the successors to the class of directors whose term expires at such meeting (other than the Preferred Directors, who will be elected by the holders of a majority of the preferred stock).

Our classified board could have the effect of making the replacement of incumbent directors more time consuming and difficult. Because our directors may only be removed for cause, at least two annual meetings of stockholders, instead of one, will generally be required to effect a change in a majority of our Board of Directors. Thus, our classified board could increase the likelihood that incumbent directors will retain their positions. The staggered terms of directors may delay, defer or prevent a tender offer or an attempt to change control of us or another transaction that might involve a premium price for our common stock that might be in the best interest of our stockholders.

**Removal of Directors**

Any director may be removed only for cause by the stockholders upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast at a meeting called for the purpose of the proposed removal. The notice of the meeting shall indicate that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to determine if the director shall be removed.

**Business Combinations**

Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law generally prohibits business combinations between us and an interested stockholder for three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder. In general, Delaware law defines an interested stockholder as any entity or person beneficially owning

15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation and any entity or person affiliated with or controlling, or controlled by, the entity or person. These business combinations include:

Any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder;

Any sale, transfer, pledge or other disposition involving the interested stockholder of 10% or more of the assets of the corporation;

Subject to exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder; or

The receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through the corporation.

Section 203 permits certain exemptions from its provisions for transactions in which:

Prior to the date of the transaction, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;

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The interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the number of shares outstanding (a) shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers, and (b) shares owned by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or

On or subsequent to the date of the transaction, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

### **Merger; Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation**

Under Delaware law, we will not be able to amend our certificate of incorporation or merge with another entity unless approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders holding at least a majority of the shares entitled to vote on the matter.

### **Term and Termination**

Our certificate of incorporation provides for us to have a perpetual existence. Pursuant to our certificate of incorporation, and subject to the provisions of any of our classes or series of stock then outstanding and the approval by a majority of the entire Board of Directors, our stockholders, at any meeting thereof, by the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter, may approve a plan of liquidation and dissolution.

### **Advance Notice of Director Nominations and New Business**

Our bylaws provide that, with respect to an annual meeting of stockholders, nominations of persons for election to our Board of Directors and the proposal of business to be considered by stockholders at the annual meeting may be made only:

pursuant to our notice of the meeting;

by our Board of Directors; or

by a stockholder who was a stockholder of record both at the time of the provision of notice and at the time of the meeting who is entitled to vote at the meeting and has complied with the advance notice procedures set forth in our bylaws.

With respect to special meetings of stockholders, only the business specified in our notice of meeting may be brought before the meeting of stockholders and nominations of persons for election to our Board of Directors may be made only:

pursuant to our notice of the meeting;

by our Board of Directors; or

provided that our Board of Directors has determined that directors shall be elected at such meeting, by a stockholder who was a stockholder of record both at the time of the provision of notice and at the time of the meeting who is entitled to vote at the meeting and has complied with the advance notice provisions set forth in our bylaws.

### **Possible Anti-Takeover Effect of Certain Provisions of Delaware Law and of Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws**

The business combination provisions of Delaware law, the provisions of our bylaws regarding the classification of our Board of Directors, the Board of Directors' ability to issue preferred stock with terms and conditions that could have a priority as to distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation over the rights of the holders of our common stock, and the restrictions on the transfer of stock and the advance notice provisions of our bylaws could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in the control that might involve a premium price for holders of common stock or otherwise be in their best interest.

### **Limitation on Liability of Directors and Officers; Indemnification and Advance of Expenses**

Our certificate of incorporation eliminates the liability of directors to the maximum extent permitted by Delaware law. In addition, our bylaws require us to indemnify our directors and executive officers, and allow us to indemnify other employees and agents, to the fullest extent permitted by law, subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act. Our bylaws obligate us to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while a director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee, from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her status as a present or former director or officer and to pay or reimburse their reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The certificate of incorporation and bylaws also permit us to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of us in any of the capacities described above and any of our employees or agents or any employees or agents of our predecessor. In accordance with the 1940 Act, we will not indemnify any person for any liability to which such person would be subject by reason of such person's willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office.

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Delaware law requires a corporation to indemnify a present or former director or officer who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Delaware law permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, or any other person who is or was an employee or agent, or is or was serving at the request of a corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another entity, against liability for expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred if such person acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation. In the case of a criminal proceeding, Delaware law further requires that the person to be indemnified have no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. In the case of an action or suit by or in the right of a corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of such person's service to the corporation, Delaware law provides that no indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person has been adjudged liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such an action or suit is brought determines, in view of all the circumstances of the case, that the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity. Insofar as certain members of our senior management team may from time to time serve, at the request of our Board of Directors, as directors of one or more of our portfolio companies, we may have indemnification obligations under our bylaws with respect to acts taken by our portfolio companies.

Any payment to an officer or director as indemnification under our governing documents or applicable law or pursuant to any agreement to hold such person harmless is recoverable only out of our assets and not from our stockholders. Indemnification could reduce the legal remedies available to us and our stockholders against the indemnified individuals. This provision for indemnification of our directors and officers does not reduce the exposure of our directors and officers to liability under federal or state securities laws, nor does it limit a stockholder's ability to obtain injunctive relief or other equitable remedies for a violation of a director's or an officer's duties to us or to our stockholders, although these equitable remedies may not be effective in some circumstances.

In addition to any indemnification to which our directors and officers are entitled pursuant to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws and the Delaware General Corporation Law, our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that we may indemnify other employees and agents to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law, whether they are serving us or, at our request, any other entity, including our Adviser and our Administrator.

The general effect to investors of any arrangement under which any person who controls us or any of our directors, officers or agents is insured or indemnified against liability is a potential reduction in distributions to our stockholders resulting from our payment of premiums associated with liability insurance. In addition, indemnification could reduce the legal remedies available to us and to our stockholders against our officers, directors and agents. The SEC takes the position that indemnification against liabilities arising under the Securities Act is against public policy and unenforceable. As a result, indemnification of our directors and officers and of our Adviser or its affiliates may not be allowed for liabilities arising from or out of a violation of state or federal securities laws. Indemnification will be allowed for settlements and related expenses of lawsuits alleging securities laws violations and for expenses incurred in successfully defending any lawsuit, provided that a court either:

approves the settlement and finds that indemnification of the settlement and related costs should be made; or

dismisses with prejudice or makes a successful adjudication on the merits of each count involving alleged securities law violations as to the particular indemnitee and a court approves the indemnification.

**Conflict with 1940 Act**

Our bylaws provide that, if and to the extent that any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law or any provision of our certificate of incorporation or bylaws conflicts with any provision of the 1940 Act, the applicable provision of the 1940 Act will control.

### **SHARE REPURCHASES**

Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at discounts to NAV. We cannot predict whether our shares will trade above, at or below NAV. The market price of our common stock is determined by, among other things, the supply and demand for our shares, our investment performance and investor perception of our overall attractiveness as an investment as compared with alternative investments. Our Board of Directors has authorized our officers, in their discretion and subject to compliance with the 1940 Act and other applicable law, to purchase on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, outstanding shares of our common stock in the event that our shares trade at a discount to NAV. We cannot assure you that we will ever conduct any open market purchases and if we do conduct open market purchases, we may terminate them at any time.

In addition, if our shares publicly trade for a substantial period of time at a substantial discount to our then current NAV per share, our Board of Directors will consider authorizing periodic repurchases of our shares or other actions designed to eliminate the discount. Our Board of Directors would consider all relevant factors in determining whether to take any such actions, including the effect of such actions on our status as a RIC under the Internal Revenue Code and the availability of cash to finance these repurchases

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in view of the restrictions on our ability to borrow. We cannot assure you that any share repurchases will be made or that if made, they will reduce or eliminate market discount. Should we make any such repurchases in the future, we expect that we would make them at prices at or below the then current NAV per share. Any such repurchase would cause our total assets to decrease, which may have the effect of increasing our expense ratio. We may borrow money to finance the repurchase of shares subject to the limitations described in this prospectus. Any interest on such borrowing for this purpose would reduce our net income.

## **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell the Securities through underwriters or dealers, directly to one or more purchasers, including existing stockholders in a rights offering, or through agents or through a combination of any such methods of sale. In the case of a rights offering, the applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the number of shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of each right and the other terms of such rights offering. Any underwriter or agent involved in the offer and sale of the Securities will also be named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The distribution of the Securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, in at the market offerings within the meaning of Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices, provided, however, that in the case of our common stock, the offering price per share less any underwriting commissions or discounts must equal or exceed the NAV per share of our common stock except (i) in connection with a rights offering to our existing stockholders, (ii) with the consent of the majority of our common stockholders, or (iii) under such other circumstances as the SEC may permit.

In connection with the sale of the Securities, underwriters or agents may receive compensation from us or from purchasers of the Securities, for whom they may act as agents, in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters may sell the Securities to or through dealers and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the Securities may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act, and any discounts and commissions they receive from us and any profit realized by them on the resale of the Securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Any such underwriter or agent will be identified and any such compensation received from us will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. The maximum commission or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer will not exceed 10%.

We may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell Securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of stock. The third parties in such sale transactions will be underwriters and, if not identified in this prospectus, will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment).

Any of our common stock sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement will be listed on NASDAQ, or another exchange on which our common stock is traded.

Under agreements into which we may enter, underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of the Securities may be entitled to indemnification by us against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities



Act. Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business.

If so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will authorize underwriters or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase the Securities from us pursuant to contracts providing for payment and delivery on a future date. Institutions with which such contracts may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions and others, but in all cases such institutions must be approved by us. The obligations of any purchaser under any such contract will be subject to the condition that the purchase of the Securities shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which such purchaser is subject. The underwriters and such other agents will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of such contracts. Such contracts will be subject only to those conditions set forth in the prospectus supplement, and the prospectus supplement will set forth the commission payable for solicitation of such contracts.

In order to comply with the securities laws of certain states, if applicable, the Securities offered hereby will be sold in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in certain states, the Securities may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

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**CUSTODIAN, TRANSFER AND DIVIDEND PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR**

Our securities are held under a custodian agreement with The Bank of New York Mellon Corp. The address of the custodian is: 500 Ross Street, Suite 625, Pittsburgh, PA 15262. Our assets are held under bank custodianship in compliance with the 1940 Act. Securities held through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Business Investment, are held under a custodian agreement with The Bank of New York Mellon Corp., which acts as collateral custodian pursuant to Business Investment's credit facility with BB&T and certain other parties. The address of the collateral custodian is 500 Ross Street, Suite 625, Pittsburgh, PA 15262. Computershare acts as our transfer and dividend paying agent and registrar. The principal business address of Computershare is 250 Royall Street, Canton, MA 02021, telephone number 781-575-2000. Computershare also maintains an internet web site at *www.computershare.com* and one specifically for shareholders at *www.computershare.com/investor*.

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**BROKERAGE ALLOCATION AND OTHER PRACTICES**

Since we generally acquire and dispose of our investments in privately negotiated transactions, we will infrequently use securities brokers or dealers in the normal course of our business. Subject to policies established by our Board of Directors, our Adviser will be primarily responsible for ensuring the execution of transactions involving publicly traded securities and the review of brokerage commissions in respect thereof, if any. In the event that our Adviser ensures the execution such transactions, we do not expect our Adviser to execute transactions through any particular broker or dealer, but we would expect our Adviser to seek to obtain the best net results for us, taking into account such factors as price (including any applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), size of order, difficulty of execution, and operational facilities of the broker dealer and the broker dealer's risk and skill in positioning blocks of securities. While we expect that our Adviser generally will seek reasonably competitive trade execution costs, we will not necessarily pay the lowest spread or commission available. Subject to applicable legal requirements, our Adviser may select a broker dealer based partly upon brokerage or market research services provided to us, our Adviser and any of its other clients, if any. In return for such services, we may pay a higher commission than other broker dealers would charge if our Adviser determines in good faith that such commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided by such broker dealer viewed in terms either of the particular transaction or our Adviser's overall responsibilities with respect to all of our Adviser's clients.

**PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

We have delegated our proxy voting responsibility to our Adviser. The proxy voting policies and procedures of our Adviser are set out below. The guidelines are reviewed periodically by our Adviser and our directors who are not interested persons, and, accordingly, are subject to change.

**Introduction**

As an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act, our Adviser has a fiduciary duty to act solely in our best interests. As part of this duty, our Adviser recognizes that it must vote our securities in a timely manner free of conflicts of interest and in our best interests.

Our Adviser's policies and procedures for voting proxies for its investment advisory clients are intended to comply with Section 206 of, and Rule 206(4)-6 under, the Advisers Act.

**Proxy Policies**

Our Adviser votes proxies relating to our portfolio securities in what it perceives to be the best interest of our stockholders. Our Adviser reviews on a case-by-case basis each proposal submitted to a stockholder vote to determine its effect on the portfolio securities we hold. In most cases our Adviser will vote in favor of proposals that our Adviser believes are likely to increase the value of the portfolio securities we hold. Although our Adviser will generally vote against proposals that may have a negative effect on our portfolio securities, our Adviser may vote for such a proposal if there exist compelling long-term reasons to do so.

Our proxy voting decisions are made by our Adviser's portfolio managers. To ensure that our Adviser's vote is not the product of a conflict of interest, our Adviser requires that (1) anyone involved in the decision-making process disclose to our Adviser's investment committee any potential conflict that he or she is aware of and any contact that he or she has had with any interested party regarding a proxy vote; and (2) employees involved in the decision-making process or vote administration are prohibited from revealing how our Adviser intends to vote on a proposal in order to reduce any attempted influence from interested parties. Where conflicts of interest may be present, our Adviser will disclose

such conflicts to us, including our independent directors and may request guidance from us on how to vote such proxies.

**Proxy Voting Records**

You may obtain information without charge about how the Adviser voted proxies by calling us collect at (703) 287-5893 or by making a written request for proxy voting information to:

Michael LiCalsi, General Counsel and Secretary

c/o Gladstone Investment Corporation

1521 Westbranch Dr., Suite 100

McLean, VA 22102

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

The legality of securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Nashville, Tennessee. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters, if any, by the counsel named in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

**EXPERTS**

The financial statements as of March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014 and for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2015 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, 2015 included in this 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. The address of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is 1800 Tysons Boulevard, McLean, Virginia 22102.

The financial statements of Danco Acquisition Corporation as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, included in this Prospectus have been so included in reliance on the report of Moss Adams LLP, independent auditors, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The financial statements of Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, included in this Prospectus have been so included in reliance on the reports of Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C., independent auditors, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The financial statements of SOG Specialty Knives and Tools, LLC as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, included in this Prospectus have been so included in reliance on the report of Moss Adams LLP, independent auditors, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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**Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of Gladstone Investment Corporation:

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Our internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and include those policies and procedures that: (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect our transactions and the dispositions of our assets; (2) provide reasonable assurance that our transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with appropriate authorizations; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on our financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer and treasurer, we assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2015, using the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)*. Based on its assessment, management has concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of March 31, 2015.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2015 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is included herein.

May 20, 2015

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of Gladstone Investment Corporation:

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated statements of assets and liabilities, including the consolidated schedules of investments, and the related consolidated statements of operations, of changes in net assets and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gladstone Investment Corporation and its subsidiaries (the Company) as of March 31, 2015 and 2014, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2015, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(2) presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. Also, in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedule, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements, on the financial statement schedule, and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities as of March 31, 2015 by correspondence with the custodian, provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.



/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

McLean, VA

May 20, 2015

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## GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

|  | March 31,         |            |
|--|-------------------|------------|
|  | 2015              | 2014       |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                   |            |
| Investments at fair value  |                   |            |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments (Cost of <b>\$162,598</b> and \$233,895, respectively)   | <b>\$ 174,373</b> | \$ 205,440 |
| Affiliate investments (Cost of <b>\$310,628</b> and \$120,010, respectively)   | <b>271,050</b>    | 87,849     |
| Control investments (Cost of <b>\$32,032</b> and \$29,632 respectively)  | <b>20,630</b>     | 21,104     |
| Total investments at fair value (Cost of <b>\$505,258</b> and \$383,537, respectively)   | <b>466,053</b>    | 314,393    |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | <b>4,921</b>      | 4,553      |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents   | <b>260</b>        | 5,314      |
| Interest receivable  | <b>1,867</b>      | 1,289      |
| Due from custodian   | <b>4,512</b>      | 1,704      |
| Deferred financing costs, net  | <b>4,529</b>      | 2,355      |
| Other assets   | <b>1,379</b>      | 1,086      |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>  | <b>\$ 483,521</b> | \$ 330,694 |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>   |                   |            |
| Borrowings:  |                   |            |
| Line of credit at fair value (Cost of <b>\$118,800</b> and \$61,250, respectively)   | <b>\$ 118,800</b> | \$ 61,701  |
| Other secured borrowings   | <b>5,096</b>      | 5,000      |
| Total borrowings   | <b>123,896</b>    | 66,701     |
| Mandatorily redeemable preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, \$25 liquidation preference; <b>3,610,000</b> and 1,610,000 shares authorized, respectively; <b>3,256,000</b> and 1,600,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively | <b>81,400</b>     | 40,000     |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses  | <b>1,271</b>      | 665        |
| Fees due to Adviser <sup>(A)</sup>   | <b>1,502</b>      | 1,225      |
| Fee due to Administrator <sup>(A)</sup>  | <b>262</b>        | 224        |
| Other liabilities  | <b>1,761</b>      | 1,042      |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>   | <b>210,092</b>    | 109,857    |
| Commitments and contingencies <sup>(B)</sup>   |                   |            |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>  | <b>\$ 273,429</b> | \$ 220,837 |
| <b>ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS</b>  |                   |            |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, <b>100,000,000</b> shares authorized; <b>29,775,958</b> and 26,475,958 shares issued and outstanding, respectively  | <b>\$ 30</b>      | \$ 26      |

|  |                   |            |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| Capital in excess of par value                                   | <b>309,438</b>    | 287,062    |
| Cumulative net unrealized depreciation of investments            | <b>(39,204)</b>   | (69,144)   |
| Cumulative net unrealized (depreciation) (appreciation) of other | <b>(75)</b>       | (525)      |
| Net investment income in excess of distributions                 | <b>3,511</b>      | 3,616      |
| Accumulated net realized loss                                    | <b>(271)</b>      | (198)      |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>  | <b>\$ 273,429</b> | \$ 220,837 |
| <b>NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE AT END OF YEAR</b>           | <b>\$ 9.18</b>    | \$ 8.34    |

(A) Refer to Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* for additional information.

(B) Refer to Note 11 *Commitments and Contingencies* for additional information.

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**GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

|  | Year Ended March 31, |                  |                  |
|--|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | 2015                 | 2014             | 2013             |
| <b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>   |                      |                  |                  |
| Interest income:   |                      |                  |                  |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments                            | \$ 17,541            | \$ 21,190        | \$ 15,292        |
| Affiliate investments  | 16,844               | 3,625            | 3,114            |
| Control investments  | 2,296                | 5,642            | 6,388            |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 4                    | 3                | 4                |
| <b>Total interest income</b>                                     | <b>36,685</b>        | <b>30,460</b>    | <b>24,798</b>    |
| Other income:  |                      |                  |                  |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments                            | 4,424                | 1,210            | 1,634            |
| Affiliate investments  | 534                  | 1,299            |                  |
| Control investments  |                      | 3,295            | 4,106            |
| <b>Total other income</b>  | <b>4,958</b>         | <b>5,804</b>     | <b>5,740</b>     |
| <b>Total investment income</b>                                   | <b>41,643</b>        | <b>36,264</b>    | <b>30,538</b>    |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>  |                      |                  |                  |
| Base management fee <sup>(A)</sup>                               | 7,569                | 6,207            | 5,412            |
| Loan servicing fee <sup>(A)</sup>                                | 4,994                | 4,326            | 3,725            |
| Incentive fee <sup>(A)</sup>                                     | 4,975                | 3,983            | 2,585            |
| Administration fee <sup>(A)</sup>                                | 932                  | 863              | 785              |
| Interest expense on borrowings                                   | 3,539                | 2,075            | 1,127            |
| Dividends on mandatorily redeemable preferred stock              | 3,921                | 2,850            | 2,850            |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs                         | 1,329                | 1,024            | 791              |
| Professional fees  | 908                  | 805              | 541              |
| Other general and administrative expenses                        | 1,421                | 1,459            | 1,287            |
| <b>Expenses before credits from Adviser</b>                      | <b>29,588</b>        | <b>23,592</b>    | <b>19,103</b>    |
| Credits to base management fee loan servicing fee <sup>(A)</sup> | (4,994)              | (4,326)          | (3,725)          |
| Credits to fees from Adviser - other <sup>(A)</sup>              | (2,848)              | (2,309)          | (1,328)          |
| <b>Total expenses, net of credits to fees</b>                    | <b>21,746</b>        | <b>16,957</b>    | <b>14,050</b>    |
| <b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b>                                     | <b>\$ 19,897</b>     | <b>\$ 19,307</b> | <b>\$ 16,488</b> |
| <b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)</b>                       |                      |                  |                  |
| Net realized (loss) gain:  |                      |                  |                  |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments                            |                      | (14,834)         | 849              |

|  |                  |                   |                  |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Affiliate investments  |                  | (1,763)           |                  |
| Control investments  | (73)             | 24,838            | (6)              |
| Other  |                  | (29)              | (41)             |
| <b>Total net realized (loss) gain</b>                                      | <b>(73)</b>      | <b>8,212</b>      | <b>802</b>       |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation):                                |                  |                   |                  |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments                                      | 37,047           | (6,382)           | (7,722)          |
| Affiliate investments  | (4,233)          | (1,481)           | (19,214)         |
| Control investments  | (2,874)          | (21,343)          | 27,740           |
| Other  | 450              | 358               | (815)            |
| <b>Total net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)</b>                    | <b>30,390</b>    | <b>(28,848)</b>   | <b>(11)</b>      |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)                                    | 30,317           | (20,636)          | 791              |
| <b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS<br/>RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b> | <b>\$ 50,214</b> | <b>\$ (1,329)</b> | <b>\$ 17,279</b> |
| <b>BASIC AND DILUTED PER COMMON SHARE:</b>                                 |                  |                   |                  |
| Net investment income  | \$ 0.75          | \$ 0.73           | \$ 0.68          |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations            | \$ 1.88          | \$ (0.05)         | \$ 0.71          |
| <b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OF COMMON<br/>STOCK OUTSTANDING:</b>            |                  |                   |                  |
| Basic and diluted  | 26,665,821       | 26,475,958        | 24,189,148       |

(A) Refer to Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* for additional information.

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**GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

(IN THOUSANDS)

|  | Year Ended March 31, |                   |                   |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2015                 | 2014              | 2013              |
| <b>OPERATIONS</b>  |                      |                   |                   |
| Net investment income  | \$ 19,897            | \$ 19,307         | \$ 16,488         |
| Net realized (loss) gain on investments                            | (73)                 | 8,241             | 843               |
| Net realized loss on other   |                      | (29)              | (41)              |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments          | 29,940               | (29,206)          | 804               |
| Net unrealized depreciation (appreciation) of other                | 450                  | 358               | (815)             |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations              | 50,214               | (1,329)           | 17,279            |
| <b>EQUITY CAPITAL ACTIVITY</b>                                     |                      |                   |                   |
| Issuance of common stock   | 24,420               |                   | 32,969            |
| Offering costs for issuance of common stock                        | (1,458)              |                   | (1,954)           |
| Distributions to common stockholders                               | (20,584)             | (18,797)          | (14,547)          |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets from equity capital activity | 2,378                | (18,797)          | 16,468            |
| <b>TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>                     | <b>52,592</b>        | <b>(20,126)</b>   | <b>33,747</b>     |
| <b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>                             | <b>220,837</b>       | <b>240,963</b>    | <b>207,216</b>    |
| <b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>                                   | <b>\$ 273,429</b>    | <b>\$ 220,837</b> | <b>\$ 240,963</b> |

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**GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**

|  | Year Ended March 31, |            |           |
|--|----------------------|------------|-----------|
|  | 2015                 | 2014       | 2013      |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                      |            |           |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations  | \$ 50,214            | \$ (1,329) | \$ 17,279 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations to net cash used in operating activities: |                      |            |           |
| Purchase of investments  | (132,902)            | (132,203)  | (87,607)  |
| Principal repayments of investments  | 11,260               | 51,828     | 25,243    |
| Proceeds from the sale of investments  |                      | 31,587     | 3,181     |
| Increase in investment balance due to paid in kind interest  | (78)                 | (88)       |           |
| Net realized loss (gain) on investments  | 73                   | (8,241)    | (843)     |
| Net realized loss on other   |                      | 29         | 41        |
| Net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments  | (29,940)             | 29,206     | (804)     |
| Net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of other  | (450)                | (358)      | 815       |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs   | 1,329                | 1,024      | 791       |
| Decrease (increase) in restricted cash and cash equivalents  | 4,981                | (4,688)    | 1,302     |
| (Increase) decrease in interest receivable   | (578)                | 20         | (59)      |
| Increase in due from custodian   | (2,808)              | (27)       | (150)     |
| (Increase) decrease in other assets  | (293)                | 383        | (867)     |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses   | 606                  | (345)      | 613       |
| Increase (decrease) in fees due to Adviser <sup>(A)</sup>  | 277                  | (842)      | 1,571     |
| Increase in administration fee payable to Administrator <sup>(A)</sup>   | 38                   | 3          | 3         |
| Increase (decrease) in other liabilities   | 719                  | 429        | (243)     |
| Net cash used in operating activities  | (97,552)             | (33,612)   | (39,734)  |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                      |            |           |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock   | 24,420               |            | 32,969    |
| Offering costs for issuance of common stock  | (1,458)              |            | (1,954)   |
| Proceeds from short-term loans   |                      | 56,514     | 250,063   |
| Repayments on short-term loans   |                      | (114,530)  | (268,052) |
| Proceeds from line of credit   | 144,549              | 145,350    | 144,000   |
| Repayments on line of credit   | (87,000)             | (115,100)  | (113,000) |
| Proceeds from other secured borrowings   | 96                   |            | 5,000     |
| Proceeds from issuance of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock   | 41,400               |            |           |
| Purchase of derivatives  |                      | (75)       |           |
| Payment of deferred financing costs  | (3,503)              | (1,101)    | (387)     |
| Distributions paid to common stockholders  | (20,584)             | (18,797)   | (14,547)  |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities  | 97,920               | (47,739)   | 34,092    |

|   |                 |                 |                  |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b> | <b>368</b>      | <b>(81,351)</b> | <b>(5,642)</b>   |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>         | <b>4,553</b>    | <b>85,904</b>   | <b>91,546</b>    |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</b>               | <b>\$ 4,921</b> | <b>\$ 4,553</b> | <b>\$ 85,904</b> |
| <b>CASH PAID DURING YEAR FOR INTEREST</b>                   | <b>\$ 3,310</b> | <b>\$ 1,952</b> | <b>\$ 1,079</b>  |
| <b>NON-CASH ACTIVITIES<sup>(B)</sup></b>                    | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$ 4,106</b>  |

(A) Refer to Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* for additional information.

(B) In February 2013, we recapitalized our investment in Galaxy Tool Holdings Corp. ( Galaxy ), converting \$8.2 million of Galaxy preferred stock and its related \$4.1 million in accrued dividends into a new \$12.3 million senior debt investment in a non-cash transaction. We recognized \$4.1 million in dividend income on our *Consolidated Statements of Operations* during the year ended March 31, 2013 related to this recapitalization.

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**GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

**MARCH 31, 2015**

**(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)**

| Company <sup>(A)</sup>                                      | Industry                         | Investment <sup>(B)</sup>  | Principal | Cost   | Fair Value |
|---|----------------------------------|--|-----------|--------|------------|
| <b>NON-CONTROL/NON-AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS<sup>(N)</sup>:</b> |                                  |  |           |        |            |
| Auto Safety House, LLC                                      | Automobile                       | Secured Line of Credit, \$1,000 available<br>(7.0%, Due 10/2019) <sup>(I)(K)</sup> | \$        | \$     | \$         |
|   |                                  | Senior Secured Term Debt (7.0%, Due 10/2019) <sup>(I)(K)</sup>                     | 5,000     | 5,000  | 4,938      |
|   |                                  |  |           | 5,000  | 4,938      |
| Cavert II Holding Corp.                                     | Containers, Packaging, and Glass | Preferred Stock (18,446 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                               |           | 1,845  | 3,265      |
|   |                                  |  |           | 1,845  | 3,265      |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC                               | Automobile                       | Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt<br>(18.7%, Due 5/2017) <sup>(L)</sup>        | 4,000     | 4,000  | 4,000      |
|   |                                  | Preferred Stock (7,079,792 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                            |           | 7,725  | 2,863      |
|   |                                  | Guaranty (\$2,000) <sup>(D)</sup>  |           |        |            |
|   |                                  | Guaranty (\$593) <sup>(D)</sup>  |           |        |            |
|   |                                  |  |           | 11,725 | 6,863      |
| Drew Foam Company, Inc.                                     | Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber  | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(13.5%, Due 8/2017) <sup>(L)</sup>                     | 10,913    | 10,913 | 10,913     |
|   |                                  | Preferred Stock (34,045 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                               |           | 3,375  | 3,532      |
|   |                                  | Common Stock (5,372 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                   |           | 63     | 2,813      |
|   |                                  |  |           | 14,351 | 17,258     |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc.                                    | Containers, Packaging, and Glass | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(12.0%, Due 12/2017) <sup>(L)</sup>                    | 12,000    | 12,000 | 12,000     |
|   |                                  | Preferred Stock (1,373 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                |           | 1,373  | 1,404      |
|   |                                  |  |           | 152    | 2,777      |

Common Stock (152  
shares)<sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>

|                                |   |  |        |        |        |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--------|--------|--------|
|                                |   |  | 13,525 | 16,181 |        |
| Funko, LLC <sup>(M)</sup>      | Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing Only) | Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt (9.3%, Due 5/2019) <sup>(D)(K)</sup> | 7,500  | 7,500  | 7,734  |
|                                |   | Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt (9.3%, Due 5/2019) <sup>(D)(K)</sup> | 2,000  | 2,000  | 2,063  |
|                                |   | Preferred Stock (1,305 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                        |        | 1,305  | 15,211 |
|                                |   |  | 10,805 | 25,008 |        |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.    | Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable            | Senior Subordinate Secured Term Debt (13.5%, Due 1/2018) <sup>(H)(L)</sup> | 13,300 | 13,300 | 13,300 |
|                                | Consumer Products   | Preferred Stock (18,898 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                       |        | 9,583  | 7,176  |
|                                |   | Common Stock (63,747 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                          |        | 8      |        |
|                                |   |  | 22,891 | 20,476 |        |
| Jackrabbit, Inc.               | Farming and Agriculture   | Senior Secured Term Debt (13.5%, Due 4/2018) <sup>(L)</sup>                | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 |
|                                |   | Preferred Stock (3,556 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                        |        | 3,556  | 4,139  |
|                                |   | Common Stock (548 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                             |        | 94     | 2,399  |
|                                |   |  | 14,650 | 17,538 |        |
| Mathey Investments, Inc.       | Machinery (Nonagriculture, Nonconstruction, Nonelectronic)      | Senior Secured Term Debt (10.0%, Due 3/2016) <sup>(L)</sup>                | 1,375  | 1,375  | 1,375  |
|                                |   | Senior Secured Term Debt (12.0%, Due 3/2016) <sup>(L)</sup>                | 3,727  | 3,727  | 3,727  |
|                                |   | Senior Secured Term Debt (12.5%, Due 3/2016) <sup>(E)(I)(L)</sup>          | 3,500  | 3,500  | 3,500  |
|                                |   | Common Stock (29,102 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                          |        | 777    | 7,630  |
|                                |   |  | 9,379  | 16,232 |        |
| Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc. | Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber                                 | Subordinated Secured Term Debt (13.0%, Due 10/2016) <sup>(D)(K)</sup>      | 13,560 | 13,560 | 8,136  |
|                                |   | Subordinated Secured Term Debt (13.0%, Due 12/2015) <sup>(D)(K)</sup>      | 1,500  | 1,500  | 900    |
|                                |   | Preferred Stock (27,900 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                       |        | 2,790  |        |

|                       |  |   |        |        |        |
|-----------------------|--|---|--------|--------|--------|
|                       |  | Common Stock (27,900 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>           |        | 28     |        |
|                       |  |   |        | 17,878 | 9,036  |
| Quench Holdings Corp. | Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Products | Common Stock (4,770,391 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>        |        | 3,397  | 5,432  |
|                       |  |   |        | 3,397  | 5,432  |
| SBS, Industries, LLC  | Machinery (Nonagriculture, Nonconstruction, Nonelectronic)             | Senior Secured Term Debt (14.0%, Due 8/2016) <sup>(L)</sup> | 11,355 | 11,355 | 11,355 |
|                       |  | Preferred Stock (19,935 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>        |        | 1,994  | 2,627  |
|                       |  | Common Stock (221,500 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>          |        | 222    | 183    |
|                       |  |   |        | 13,571 | 14,165 |

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| Company <sup>(A)</sup>   | Industry   | Investment <sup>(B)</sup>   | Principal | Cost              | Fair Value        |
|--|--|---|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Schylling, Inc.  | Leisure, Amusement,<br>Motion<br><br>Pictures, Entertainment | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(13.0%, Due 8/2018) <sup>(L)</sup>                    | \$ 13,081 | \$ 13,081         | \$ 13,081         |
|  |  | Preferred Stock (4,000<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                            |           | 4,000             |                   |
|  |  |   |           | 17,081            | 13,081            |
| Star Seed, Inc.  | Farming and Agriculture                                      | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(12.5%, Due 5/2018) <sup>(E) (K)</sup>                | 5,000     | 5,000             | 4,900             |
|  |  | Preferred Stock (1,499<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                            |           | 1,499             |                   |
|  |  | Common Stock (600<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                 |           |                   | 1                 |
|  |  |   |           | 6,500             | 4,900             |
| <b>Total Non-Control/Non-Affiliate Investments (represents 37.4% of total investments at fair value)</b> |  |   |           | <b>\$ 162,598</b> | <b>\$ 174,373</b> |
| <b>AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS<sup>(O)</sup>:</b>  |  |   |           |                   |                   |
| Acme<br>Cryogenics, Inc.   | Chemicals, Plastics, and<br>Rubber                           | Senior Subordinated<br>Secured Term Debt (11.5%,<br>Due 3/2020) <sup>(I)(L)</sup> | \$ 14,500 | \$ 14,500         | \$ 14,500         |
|  |  | Preferred Stock (965,982<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                          |           | 7,956             | 8,519             |
|  |  | Common Stock (549,908<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                             |           | 1,197             |                   |
|  |  | Common Stock Warrants<br>(465,639 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                    |           |                   | 25                |
|  |  |   |           | 23,678            | 23,019            |
| Alloy Die Casting<br>Corp. <sup>(M)</sup>  | Diversified/Conglomerate<br>Manufacturing                    | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(13.5%, Due 10/2018) <sup>(K)</sup>                   | 12,215    | 12,215            | 12,154            |
|  |  | Preferred Stock (4,064<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                            |           | 4,064             | 4,122             |
|  |  | Common Stock (630<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                 |           |                   | 41                |

|   |   |  |        |        |        |
|---|---|--|--------|--------|--------|
|   |   |  |        | 16,320 | 16,276 |
| Behrens Manufacturing, LLC <sup>(M)</sup> | Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing    | Senior Secured Term Debt (13.0%, Due 12/2018) <sup>(L)</sup>               | 9,975  | 9,975  | 9,975  |
|   |   | Preferred Stock (2,923 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                        |        | 2,922  | 3,447  |
|   |   |  |        | 12,897 | 13,422 |
| B-Dry, LLC                                | Personal, Food and Miscellaneous Services | Secured Line of Credit, \$175 available (6.5%, Due 12/2016) <sup>(L)</sup> | 2,075  | 2,075  | 1,124  |
|   |   | Senior Secured Term Debt (13.5%, Due 12/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>               | 6,433  | 6,443  | 3,490  |
|   |   | Senior Secured Term Debt (13.5%, Due 12/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>               | 840    | 840    | 455    |
|   |   | Preferred Stock (2,250 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                        |        | 2,250  |        |
|   |   | Common Stock (2,250 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                           |        | 300    |        |
|   |   |  |        | 11,908 | 5,069  |
| B+T Group Acquisition Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> | Telecommunications                        | Secured Line of Credit, \$700 available (10.0%, Due 6/2015) <sup>(L)</sup> | 700    | 700    | 700    |
|   |   | Senior Secured Term Debt (13.0%, Due 12/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>               | 14,000 | 14,000 | 14,000 |
|   |   | Preferred Stock (12,841 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                       |        | 4,196  | 4,541  |
|   |   |  |        | 18,896 | 19,241 |
| Cambridge Sound Management, Inc.          | Home and Office Furnishing,               | Senior Secured Term Debt (13.0%, Due 9/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>                | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
|   | Housewares and Durable                    | Preferred Stock (4,500 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                        |        | 4,500  | 7,198  |
|   | Consumer Products                         |  |        | 19,500 | 22,198 |
| Channel Technologies Group, LLC           | Diversified/Conglomerate                  | Preferred Stock (2,279 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                        |        | 2,864  | 2,315  |
|   | Manufacturing                             | Common Stock (2,279,020 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                       |        |        |        |
|   |   |  |        | 2,864  | 2,315  |
| Counsel Press, Inc.                       | Diversified/Conglomerate Services         | Secured Line of Credit, \$500 available (12.8%, Due 3/2017) <sup>(J)</sup> | 1,500  | 1,500  | 1,500  |
|   |   | Senior Secured Term Debt (12.8%, Due 3/2020) <sup>(J)</sup>                | 18,000 | 18,000 | 18,000 |
|   |   | Senior Secured Term Debt (14.0%, Due 3/2020) <sup>(J)</sup>                | 5,500  | 5,500  | 5,500  |
|   |   |  |        | 6,995  | 6,995  |

|                |  | Preferred Stock (6,995 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(J)</sup>                          |       |        |        |
|----------------|--|--|-------|--------|--------|
|                |  |  |       | 31,995 | 31,995 |
| D.P.M.S., Inc. |  | Secured Line of Credit, \$550 available (4.0%, Due 8/2016) <sup>(I)(L)</sup> | 4,000 | 4,000  | 762    |
|                | Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing | Senior Secured Term Debt (4.0%, Due 8/2016) <sup>(I)(L)</sup>                | 2,575 | 2,575  | 490    |
|                |  | Senior Secured Term Debt (4.0%, Due 8/2016) <sup>(I)(L)</sup>                | 8,795 | 8,795  | 1,674  |
|                |  | Senior Secured Term Debt (5.0%, Due 8/2016) <sup>(E)(L)</sup>                | 1,150 | 1,150  | 219    |
|                |  | Preferred Stock (25 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                             |       | 2,500  |        |
|                |  | Common Stock Warrants (1,241 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                    |       | 3      |        |
|                |  |  |       | 19,023 | 3,145  |

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**(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)**

| Company <sup>(A)</sup>                       | Industry                               | Investment <sup>(B)</sup>  | Principal | Cost     | Fair Value |
|--|--|--|-----------|----------|------------|
| Edge Adhesives Holdings, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup> | Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing | Secured Line of Credit, \$10 available (12.5%, Due 8/2015) <sup>(K)</sup>  | \$ 1,490  | \$ 1,490 | \$ 1,488   |
|  |  | Senior Secured Term Debt (12.5%, Due 2/2019) <sup>(K)</sup>                | 9,300     | 9,300    | 9,300      |
|  |  | Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt (13.8%, Due 2/2019) <sup>(K)</sup>   | 2,400     | 2,400    | 2,403      |
|  |  | Preferred Stock (3,474 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                        |           | 3,474    | 3,199      |
|  |  |  |           | 16,664   | 16,390     |
| Head Country Food Products, Inc.             | Beverage, Food and Tobacco             | Senior Secured Term Debt (12.5%, Due 2/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>                | 9,050     | 9,050    | 9,050      |
|  |  | Preferred Stock (4,000 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                        |           | 4,000    | 3,931      |
|  |  |  |           | 13,050   | 12,981     |
| Logo Sportswear, Inc.                        | Textiles and Leather                   | Secured Line of Credit, \$500 available (10.0%, Due 9/2015) <sup>(J)</sup> |           |          |            |
|  |  | Senior Secured Term Debt (12.5%, Due 3/2020) <sup>(J)</sup>                | 9,200     | 9,200    | 9,200      |
|  |  | Preferred Stock (1,550 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(J)</sup>                        |           | 1,550    | 1,550      |
|  |  |  |           | 10,750   | 10,750     |
| Meridian Rack & Pinion, Inc. <sup>(M)</sup>  | Automobile                             | Senior Secured Term Debt (13.5%, Due 12/2018) <sup>(K)</sup>               | 9,660     | 9,660    | 9,612      |
|  |  | Preferred Stock (3,381 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                        |           | 3,381    | 3,117      |
|  |  |  |           | 13,041   | 12,729     |
| NDLI Acquisition, LLC                        | Cargo Transport                        | Secured Line of Credit, \$50 available (10.5%, Due 1/2016) <sup>(L)</sup>  | 2,875     | 2,875    | 2,308      |

|   |  |  |        |        |        |
|---|--|--|--------|--------|--------|
|   |  | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(11.0%, Due 1/2018) <sup>(L)</sup>                             | 7,227  | 7,227  | 5,803  |
|   |  | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(10.5%, Due 1/2018) <sup>(L)</sup>                             | 3,650  | 3,650  | 2,931  |
|   |  | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(10.5%, Due 1/2018) <sup>(E)(L)</sup>                          | 3,650  | 3,650  | 2,930  |
|   |  | Preferred Stock (3,600<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                     |        | 3,600  |        |
|   |  | Common Stock (545<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>  |        |        |        |
|   |  |  |        | 21,002 | 13,972 |
| Old World<br>Christmas, Inc.            | Home and Office<br>Furnishings, Housewares,<br>and Durable | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(13.3%, Due 10/2019) <sup>(L)</sup>                            | 15,770 | 15,770 | 15,770 |
|   |  | Preferred Stock (6,180<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                     |        | 6,180  | 6,657  |
|   | Consumer Products  |  |        | 21,950 | 22,427 |
| Precision<br>Southeast, Inc.            |  | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(14.0%, Due 9/2020) <sup>(L)</sup>                             | 9,617  | 9,617  | 9,617  |
|   | Diversified/Conglomerate<br>Manufacturing                  | Preferred Stock (37,391<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(J)</sup>                                    |        | 3,739  | 1,830  |
|   |  | Common Stock (90,909<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                       |        | 91     |        |
|   |  |  |        | 13,447 | 11,447 |
| SOG Specialty<br>Knives & Tools,<br>LLC | Leisure, Amusement,<br>Motion Pictures,<br>Entertainment   | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(13.3%, Due 10/2017) <sup>(L)</sup>                            | 6,200  | 6,200  | 6,200  |
|   |  | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(14.8%, Due 10/2017) <sup>(L)</sup>                            | 12,200 | 12,200 | 12,200 |
|   |  | Preferred Stock (9,749<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                     |        | 9,749  | 13,451 |
|   |  |  |        | 28,149 | 31,851 |
| Tread<br>Corporation                    | Oil and Gas  | Secured Line of Credit, \$853<br>available<br>(12.5%, Due 2/2018) <sup>(G)(L)</sup>        | 2,397  | 2,397  | 375    |
|   |  | Senior Subordinated Secured<br>Term Debt<br>(12.5%, Due 2/2018) <sup>(G)(I)(L)</sup>       | 5,000  | 5,000  | 782    |
|   |  | Senior Subordinated Secured<br>Term Debt<br>(12.5%, Due 2/2018) <sup>(G)(I)(L)</sup>       | 2,750  | 2,750  | 430    |
|   |  | Senior Subordinated Secured<br>Term Debt<br>(12.5%, Due 2/2018) <sup>(G)(I)(L)</sup>       | 1,000  | 1,000  | 156    |
|   |  | Senior Subordinated Secured<br>Term Debt<br>(12.5%, Due on<br>Demand) <sup>(G)(I)(L)</sup> | 510    | 510    | 80     |



|  |                   |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Preferred Stock (3,332,765 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                  | 3,333             |                   |
| Common Stock (7,716,320 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                     | 501               |                   |
| Common Stock Warrants (2,372,727 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                            | 3                 |                   |
|  | 15,494            | 1,823             |
| <b>Total Affiliate Investments (represents 58.2% of total investments at fair value)</b> | <b>\$ 310,628</b> | <b>\$ 271,050</b> |

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| Company <sup>(A)</sup>  | Industry                  | Investment <sup>(B)</sup>  | Principal | Cost              | Fair Value        |
|---|---------------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>CONTROL INVESTMENTS<sup>(P)</sup>:</b>   |                           |  |           |                   |                   |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corporation   | Aerospace and Defense     | Secured Line of Credit, \$1,250 available (10.0%, Due 9/2015) <sup>(L)</sup> | \$ 3,250  | \$ 3,250          | \$ 3,250          |
|   |                           | Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt (13.5%, Due 8/2017) <sup>(L)</sup>     | 15,520    | 15,520            | 15,520            |
|   |                           | Preferred Stock (6,039,387 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                      |           | 11,464            |                   |
|   |                           | Common Stock (88,843 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                            |           | 48                |                   |
|   |                           |  |           | 30,282            | 18,770            |
| Roanoke Industries Corp.  | Buildings and Real Estate | Senior Secured Term Debt (10.0%, Due 11/2019) <sup>(D)(L)</sup>              | 1,650     | 1,650             | 1,650             |
|   |                           | Common Stock (57 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                |           | 100               | 210               |
|   |                           |  |           | 1,750             | 1,860             |
| <b>Total Control Investments (represents 4.4% of total investments at fair value)</b> |                           |  |           | <b>\$ 32,032</b>  | <b>\$ 20,630</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS<sup>(Q)</sup></b>  |                           |  |           | <b>\$ 505,258</b> | <b>\$ 466,053</b> |

(A) Certain of the securities listed are issued by affiliate(s) of the indicated portfolio company. The majority of the securities listed, totaling \$435.9 million at fair value, are pledged as collateral to our credit facility as described further in Note 5 *Borrowings*. Additionally, all of our investments are considered qualifying assets under Section 55 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (the 1940 Act ) as of March 31, 2015.

(B) Percentages represent the weighted average cash interest rates in effect at March 31, 2015, and due date represents the contractual maturity date. Unless indicated otherwise, all cash interest rates are indexed to 30-day London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ). If applicable, paid-in-kind ( PIK ) interest rates are noted separately from the cash interest rates.

(C) Security is non-income producing.

(D) Refer to Note 11 *Commitments and Contingencies* for additional information regarding these guaranties.

- (E) Last Out Tranche ( LOT ) of senior secured debt, meaning if the portfolio company is liquidated, the holder of the LOT is paid after the other senior debt but before the senior subordinated debt.
- (F) Where applicable, aggregates all shares of such 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 such 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 participated to a third party but accounted for as collateral for a secured borrowing for accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ( GAAP ) purposes as of March 31, 2015.
- (I) Debt security has a fixed interest rate.
- (J) New portfolio investment valued at cost, as it was determined that the price paid during the three months ended March 31, 2015 best represents fair value as of March 31, 2015.
- (K) Fair value was based on internal yield analysis or on estimates of value submitted by Standard & Poor's Securities Evaluations, Inc. ( SPSE ).
- (L) 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.
- (M) One of our affiliated funds, Gladstone Capital Corporation ( Gladstone Capital ), co-invested with us in this portfolio company pursuant to an exemptive order granted by the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ).
- (N) 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.
- (O) 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.
- (Q) Cumulative gross unrealized depreciation for federal income tax purposes is \$80.6 million; cumulative gross unrealized appreciation for federal income tax purposes is \$41.4 million. Cumulative net unrealized depreciation is \$39.2 million, based on a tax cost of \$505.6 million.

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| Company <sup>(A)</sup>                                      | Industry                                  | Investment <sup>(B)</sup>   | Principal | Cost      | Fair Value |
|---|---|---|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>NON-CONTROL/NON-AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS<sup>(N)</sup>:</b> |   |   |           |           |            |
| Acme<br>Cryogenics, Inc.                                    | Chemicals, Plastics, and<br>Rubber        | Senior Subordinated Secured<br>Term Debt (11.5%, Due<br>3/2015) <sup>(I)(L)</sup>     | \$ 14,500 | \$ 14,500 | \$ 14,500  |
|   |   | Preferred Stock (898,814<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                              |           | 6,984     | 11,276     |
|   |   | Common Stock (418,072<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                 |           |           | 1,045      |
|   |   | Common Stock Warrants<br>(465,639 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                        |           |           | 25         |
|   |   |   |           | 22,554    | 25,776     |
| Alloy Die Casting<br>Corp. <sup>(M)</sup>                   | Diversified/Conglomerate<br>Manufacturing | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(13.5%, Due 10/2018) <sup>(K)</sup>                       | 12,215    | 12,215    | 12,261     |
|   |   | Preferred Stock (4,064<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                |           | 4,064     | 1,948      |
|   |   | Common Stock (630<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                     |           |           | 41         |
|   |   |   |           | 16,320    | 14,209     |
| Auto Safety House,<br>LLC <sup>(M)</sup>                    | Automobile                                | Secured Line of Credit,<br>\$1,000 available (7.0%, Due<br>10/2018) <sup>(I)(K)</sup> | 5,000     | 5,000     | 4,925      |
|   |   | Guaranty (\$500) <sup>(D)</sup><br>Guaranty (\$250) <sup>(D)</sup>                    |           |           |            |
|   |   |   |           | 5,000     | 4,925      |
| B-Dry, LLC  | Buildings and Real Estate                 | Secured Line of Credit, \$0<br>available (6.5%, Due<br>5/2014) <sup>(K)</sup>         | 750       | 750       | 566        |
|   |   | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(13.5%, Due 5/2014) <sup>(K)</sup>                        | 6,433     | 6,443     | 4,865      |
|   |   | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(13.5%, Due 5/2014) <sup>(K)</sup>                        | 2,840     | 2,840     | 2,144      |
|   |   | Common Stock Warrants (85<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                             |           |           | 300        |

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|                               |   |   |        |        |        |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|
|                               |   |   |        | 10,333 | 7,575  |
| Cavert II Holding Corp.       | Containers, Packaging, and Glass                                | Preferred Stock (18,446 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                  |        | 1,845  | 3,023  |
|                               |   |   |        | 1,845  | 3,023  |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC | Automobile  | Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt (18.6%, Due 11/2014) <sup>(L)</sup>             | 4,000  | 4,000  | 4,000  |
|                               |   | Preferred Stock (7,079,792 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                               |        | 7,725  | 3,670  |
|                               |   | Guaranty (\$2,000) <sup>(D)</sup>   |        |        |        |
|                               |   | Guaranty (\$878) <sup>(D)</sup>   |        |        |        |
|                               |   |   |        | 11,725 | 7,670  |
| Drew Foam Company, Inc.       | Chemicals, Plastics, and Rubber                                 | Senior Secured Term Debt (13.5%, Due 8/2017) <sup>(L)</sup>                           | 10,913 | 10,913 | 10,913 |
|                               |   | Preferred Stock (34,045 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                  |        | 3,375  | 1,351  |
|                               |   | Common Stock (5,372 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                      |        | 63     |        |
|                               |   |   |        | 14,351 | 12,264 |
| Frontier Packaging, Inc.      | Containers, Packaging, and Glass                                | Senior Secured Term Debt (12.0%, Due 12/2017) <sup>(L)</sup>                          | 12,500 | 12,500 | 12,500 |
|                               |   | Preferred Stock (1,373 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                   |        | 1,373  | 1,522  |
|                               |   | Common Stock (152 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>  |        | 152    | 843    |
|                               |   |   |        | 14,025 | 14,865 |
| Funko, LLC <sup>(M)</sup>     | Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing Only) | Senior Subordinated Secured Term Debt (12.0% and 1.5% PIK, Due 5/2019) <sup>(K)</sup> | 7,587  | 7,587  | 7,729  |
|                               |   | Preferred Stock (1,305 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                   |        | 1,305  | 2,276  |
|                               |   |   |        | 8,892  | 10,005 |
| Ginsey Home Solutions, Inc.   | Home and Office Furnishings,                                    | Senior Subordinate Secured Term Debt (13.5%, Due 1/2018) <sup>(H)(L)</sup>            | 13,050 | 13,050 | 13,050 |
|                               | Housewares, and Durable   | Preferred Stock (18,898 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                  |        | 9,393  | 3,082  |
|                               | Consumer Products   | Common Stock (63,747 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                                     |        | 8      |        |
|                               |   |   |        | 22,451 | 16,132 |
| Jackrabbit, Inc.              | Farming and Agriculture   | Secured Line of Credit, \$3,000 available (13.5%, Due 4/2014) <sup>(L)</sup>          |        |        |        |
|                               |   |   | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 |

|                             |   |  |       |        |        |
|-----------------------------|---|--|-------|--------|--------|
|                             |   | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(13.5%, Due 4/2018) <sup>(L)</sup>       |       |        |        |
|                             |   | Preferred Stock (3,556<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>               |       | 3,556  | 1,963  |
|                             |   | Common Stock (548<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                    |       | 94     |        |
|                             |   |  |       | 14,650 | 12,963 |
| Mathey<br>Investments, Inc. | Machinery<br>(Nonagriculture,<br>Nonconstruction,<br>Nonelectronic) | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(10.0%, Due 3/2016) <sup>(L)</sup>       | 1,375 | 1,375  | 1,375  |
|                             |   | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(12.0%, Due 3/2016) <sup>(L)</sup>       | 3,727 | 3,727  | 3,727  |
|                             |   | Senior Secured Term Debt<br>(12.5%, Due 3/2016) <sup>(E)(I)(L)</sup> | 3,500 | 3,500  | 3,500  |
|                             |   | Common Stock (29,102<br>shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                 |       | 777    | 4,895  |
|                             |   |  |       | 9,379  | 13,497 |

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**CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**MARCH 31, 2014**

**(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)**

| Company <sup>(A)</sup>         | Industry                       | Investment <sup>(B)</sup>  | Principal | Cost      | Fair Value |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Mitchell Rubber Products, Inc. | Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber | Subordinated Secured Term Debt (13.0%, Due 10/2016) <sup>(I)(K)</sup>    | \$ 13,560 | \$ 13,560 | \$ 13,628  |
|                                |                                | Preferred Stock (27,900 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                     |           | 2,790     | 1,086      |
|                                |                                | Common Stock (27,900 shares) <sup>(C)(F)(L)</sup>                        |           | 28        |            |
|                                |                                |  |           | 16,378    | 14,714     |
| Noble Logistics, Inc.          | Cargo Transport                | Secured Line of Credit, \$0 available (10.5%, Due 1/2015) <sup>(K)</sup> | 800       | 800       | 204        |
|                                |                                | Senior Secured Term Debt (11.0%, Due 1/2015) <sup>(K)</sup>              | 7,227     | 7,227     | 1,842      |
|                                |                                | Senior Secured Term Debt (10.5%, Due 1/2015) <sup>(K)</sup>              | 3,650     | 3,650     | 931        |
|                                |                                | Senior Secured Term Debt (10.5%, Due 1/2015) <sup>(E)(K)</sup>           | 3,650     | 3,650     | 931        |
|                                |                                |  | 15,327    | 3,908     |            |