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REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

o PRE-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO.
þ POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2

GLADSTONE CAPITAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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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, as amended, other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, check the following box. þ

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.

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 APRIL 7, 2011

PROSPECTUS

$300,000,000

COMMON STOCK
SENIOR COMMON STOCK
PREFERRED STOCK
SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS
WARRANTS
DEBT SECURITIES

We may offer, from time to time, up to $300,000,000 aggregate initial offering price of our common stock, $0.001 par value per share, senior 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 a combination 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 majority of our common stockholders, or (iii) under such other circumstances as the Securities and Exchange Commission may permit. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in our Securities.

Our Securities may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, including existing stockholders in a rights offering, through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to the offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our Securities, and will disclose any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters or among our underwriters or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See Plan of Distribution. We may not sell any of our Securities through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such Securities. Our common stock is traded on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol GLAD. As of April 5, 2011, the last reported sales price for our common stock was $11.56.

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 Securities and Exchange Commission. This information is available free of charge on our corporate website located at *http://www.gladstonecapital.com*. See Additional Information. This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

An investment in our Securities involves certain risks, including, among other things, 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 8. Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value and this may 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 Securities being offered have not been approved or disapproved by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission nor has the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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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 or incorporated by reference 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 the 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.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary contains basic information about this offering. It likely does not contain all the information that is important to an investor. For a more complete understanding of this offering, we encourage you to read this entire document and the documents to which we have referred. Except where the context suggests otherwise, the terms we, us, our, the Company and Gladstone Capital refer to Gladstone Capital Corporation; Adviser refers to Gl Management Corporation; Administrator refers to Gladstone Administration, LLC; Gladstone Commercial refers to Gladstone Commercial Corporation; Gladstone Investment refers to Gladstone Investment 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 CAPITAL CORPORATION

General

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Laws of the State of Maryland on May 30, 2001. Our investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income by investing in debt securities, consisting primarily of senior notes, senior subordinated notes and junior subordinated notes, of established private businesses that are substantially owned by leveraged buyout funds, individual investors or are family-owned businesses, with a particular focus on senior notes. In addition, we may acquire from other funds existing loans that meet this profile. We also seek to provide our stockholders with long-term capital growth through appreciation in the value of warrants or other equity instruments that we may receive when we make loans. We operate as a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company, and we have elected to be treated as a business development company, or BDC, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, which we refer to as the 1940 Act. In addition, for tax purposes we have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company, or RIC, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code.

We seek to invest in small and medium-sized private U.S. businesses that meet certain criteria, including some but not necessarily all of the following: the potential for growth in cash flow, adequate assets for loan collateral, experienced management teams with a significant ownership interest in the borrower, profitable operations based on the borrower s cash flow, reasonable capitalization of the borrower (usually by leveraged buyout funds or venture capital funds) 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 seek to lend to borrowers that need funds to finance growth, restructure their balance sheets or effect a change of control. Our loans typically range from $5 million to $20 million, although this investment size may vary proportionately as the size of our capital base changes, generally mature in no more than seven years and accrue interest at a fixed or variable rate that exceeds the prime rate.

Our Investment Adviser and Administrator

Our Adviser is our affiliate and investment adviser and is led by a management team which has extensive experience in our lines of business. Excluding our chief financial officer, all of our executive officers serve as either directors or executive officers, or both, of Gladstone Commercial, a publicly traded real estate investment trust; Gladstone Investment, a publicly traded BDC and RIC; our Adviser; and our Administrator. Our treasurer is also an executive officer of Gladstone Securities, a broker-dealer registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA. Our Administrator employs our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, internal counsel, controller,

treasurer and their respective staffs.

Our Adviser and Administrator also provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to our affiliates Gladstone Commercial; Gladstone Investment; Gladstone Partners Fund, L.P., a private partnership fund formed primarily to co-invest with us and Gladstone Investment; Gladstone Land, a private agricultural real estate company owned by David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer; and Gladstone Lending

Corporation, a private corporation that has filed a registration statement on Form N-2 with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. In the future, our Adviser and Administrator may provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to other funds, both public and private.

We have been externally managed by our Adviser pursuant to a contractual investment advisory arrangement since October 1, 2004. Our 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. Our Adviser is headquartered in McLean, Virginia, a suburb of Washington D.C., and our Adviser also has offices in New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Texas, Connecticut and Georgia.

Our Investment Strategy

We seek to achieve a high level of current income by investing in debt securities, consisting primarily of senior notes, senior subordinated notes and junior subordinated notes, of established private businesses that are substantially owned by leveraged buyout funds or individual investors or are family-owned businesses, with a particular focus on senior notes. In addition, we may acquire from others existing loans that meet this profile. We also seek to provide our stockholders with long-term capital growth through the appreciation in the value of warrants or other equity instruments that we may receive when we make loans. We seek to invest primarily in three categories of loans of private companies:

Senior Loans. We seek to invest a portion of our assets in senior notes of borrowers. Using its assets and cash flow as collateral, the borrower typically uses senior notes to cover a substantial portion of the funding needed to operate. Senior lenders are exposed to the least risk of all providers of debt because they command a senior position with respect to scheduled interest and principal payments and assets of the borrower. However, unlike senior subordinated and junior subordinated lenders, these senior lenders typically do not receive any stock, warrants to purchase stock of the borrowers or other yield enhancements. As such, they generally do not participate in the equity appreciation of the value of the business. Senior notes may include revolving lines of credit, senior term loans, senior syndicated loans and senior last-out tranche loans.

Senior Subordinated Loans. We seek to invest a portion of our assets in senior subordinated notes, which include second lien notes. Holders of senior subordinated notes are subordinated to the rights of holders of senior debt in their right to receive principal and interest payments or, in the case of last out tranches of senior debt, liquidation proceeds from the borrower. As a result, senior subordinated notes are riskier than senior notes. Although such loans are sometimes secured by significant collateral (assets of the borrower), the lender is largely dependent on the borrower s cash flow for repayment. Additionally, lenders may receive warrants to acquire shares of stock in borrowers or other yield enhancements in connection with these loans. Senior subordinated notes include second lien loans and syndicated second lien loans.

Junior Subordinated Loans. We also seek to invest a small portion of our assets in junior subordinated notes, which include mezzanine notes. Holders of junior subordinated notes are subordinated to the rights of the holders of senior debt and senior subordinated debt in their rights to receive principal and interest payments from the borrower and assets of the borrower. The risk profile of junior subordinated notes is high, which permits the junior subordinated lender to obtain higher interest rates and more equity and equity-like compensation.

We may also receive yield enhancements in connection with many of our loans, which may include warrants to purchase stock, stock or success fees.

THE OFFERING

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 offering of our common stock and warrants or rights to acquire such common stock hereunder in any offering, the offering price per share, less any underwriting commissions or discounts, will not be less than 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 majority of our common stockholders, or

(iii) under such other circumstances as the SEC may permit. If we were to sell shares of our common stock below our then current net asset value per share, such sales would result in an immediate dilution to the net asset value per share. This dilution would occur as a result of the sale of shares at a price below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock and a proportionately greater decrease in a stockholder s interest in our earnings and assets and voting interest in us 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:

The Nasdaq Global Select Market Symbol	GLAD
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 small and mid-sized companies in accordance with our investment objective, 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 and generally intend to continue to do so. The amount of the monthly distributions is determined by our Board of Directors on a quarterly basis and is based on our estimate of our annual investment company taxable income and net short-term taxable capital gains, if any. 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 we might offer will likely pay distributions in accordance with their terms.
Taxation	We intend to continue to elect 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	Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value. The possibility that our shares may trade at a discount to our net asset value is separate and distinct from the risk that

	our net asset value per share may decline. We cannot predict whether our shares will trade above, at or below net asset value, although during the past two years, our common stock has traded consistently, and at times significantly, below net asset value.
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 Maryland law and other measures we have adopted. See Certain Provisions of Maryland Law and of Our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.
Dividend Reinvestment Plan	We have a dividend reinvestment plan for our 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, Management Certain Transactions Administration Agreement and Management Certain Transactions Loan Servicing Agreement.

FEES AND EXPENSES

The following table is intended to assist you in understanding the costs and expenses that an investor in this offering will bear directly or indirectly. We caution you that some of the percentages indicated in the table below are estimates and may vary. Except where the context suggests otherwise, whenever this prospectus contains a reference to fees or expenses paid by us or Gladstone Capital, or that we will pay fees or expenses, stockholders will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as investors in Gladstone Capital. The following percentages were calculated based on actual expenses incurred in the quarter ended December 31, 2010 and net assets as of December 31, 2010.

Stockholder Transaction Expenses:	
Sales load (as a percentage of offering price)	%
Dividend reinvestment plan expenses[(1)]	None
Estimated annual expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock):	
Management fees[(2)]	2.18%
Incentive fees payable under investment advisory and management agreement (20% of realized capital gains and 20% of pre-incentive fee net investment income)[(3)]	0.47%
Interest payments on borrowed funds[(4)]	1.23%
Other expenses[(5)]	1.19%
Total annual expenses (estimated)[(2)(3)(5)]	5.07%

(1) The expenses of the reinvestment plan are included in stock record expenses, a component of Other expenses. We do not have a cash purchase plan. 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.

(2) Our annual base management fee is 2.0% (0.5% quarterly) of our average gross assets, which are defined as total assets of Gladstone Capital, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested

cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings. For the three months ended December 31, 2010, our Adviser voluntarily agreed to waive the annual base management fee of 2.0% to 0.5% for those senior syndicated loan participations that we purchase using borrowings from our credit facility. Although there can be no guarantee that our Adviser will continue to waive any portion of the fees due under the Advisory Agreement, on an annual basis after giving effect to this waiver, the estimated management fees as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock were 2.10% and the total estimated annual expenses as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock were 4.99%. See Management Certain Transactions Investment Advisory and Management Agreement and footnote 3 below.

(3) 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 2 above). The capital gains-based incentive fee equals 20% of our net realized capital gains since our inception, if any, computed 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.

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% × (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% × (catch-up : 2.1875% − 1.75%)) + (20% × (2.30% − 2.1875%))

= (100% × 0.4375%) + (20% × 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% × (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.

(4) Includes deferred financing costs. We entered into a revolving credit facility, effective November 22, 2010, under which our borrowing capacity is $127 million. We have drawn down on this credit facility and we expect

to borrow additional funds in the future up to an amount so that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least 200% after each issuance of our senior securities. Assuming that we borrowed $127 million at an interest rate of 5.25% plus an additional fee related to borrowings of 0.90%, for an aggregate rate of 6.15%, interest payments and amortization of deferred financing costs on borrowed funds would have been 3.16% of our net assets as of December 31, 2010.

(5) 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 example demonstrates the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses that would be incurred over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in our Securities. 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. In the event that securities to which this prospectus related are sold to or through underwriters, a corresponding prospectus supplement will restate this example to reflect the applicable sales load.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
You would pay the following expenses on a $1,000 investment, assuming a 5% annual return	$ 53	$ 159	$ 265	$ 525

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%. Additionally, we have assumed that the entire amount of such 5% annual return would constitute ordinary income as we have not historically realized positive capital gains (computed net of all realized capital losses) on our investments. 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 the above example, that no income-based incentive fee would be payable if we realized a 5% annual return on our investments. Additionally, because the capital gains-based incentive fee is calculated on a cumulative basis (computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation) and because of the significant capital losses realized to date, we have assumed that we will not trigger the payment of any capital gains-based incentive fee in any of the indicated time periods. If we achieve sufficient returns on our investments, including through the realization of capital gains, to trigger an incentive fee of a material amount, our expenses, and returns to our investors after such expenses, would be higher than reflected in the example. The expenses you would pay, based on a $1,000 investment and assuming a 5% annual return resulting entirely from net realized capital gains (disregarding for purposes of this example all net historical realized losses and aggregate unrealized depreciation) (and therefore subject to the capital gains-based incentive fee), and otherwise making the same assumptions in the example above, would be: 1 year, $63; 3 years, $186; 5 years, $306; and 10 years, $593. In addition, while the example assumes reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value, 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. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan for additional information regarding our dividend reinvestment plan.

This example and the expenses in the table above should not be considered a representation of our future expenses, and actual expenses (including the cost of debt, incentive fees, if any, and other expenses) may be greater or less than those shown.

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 website 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 The Nasdaq Global Select Market and our corporate website is located at *http://www.gladstonecapital.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.

RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risks described below and all other information provided and incorporated by reference 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 the Economy

The current state of the economy and the capital markets increases the possibility of adverse effects on our financial position and results of operations. Continued economic adversity could impair our portfolio companies financial positions and operating results and affect the industries in which we invest, which could, in turn, harm our operating results. Continued adversity in the capital markets could impact our ability to raise capital and reduce our volume of new investments.

The United States is beginning to recover from the recession that largely began in late 2007. Despite signs of economic improvement and stabilization in both the equity and debt markets, however, conditions within the global credit markets generally continue to experience dislocation and stress. As a result, we do not know if adverse conditions will again intensify, and we are unable to gauge the full extent to which the disruptions will affect us. The longer these uncertain conditions persist, the greater the probability that these factors could continue to increase our costs of, and significantly limit our access to, debt and equity capital and, thus, have an adverse effect on our operations and financial results. Many of our portfolio companies, as well as those companies that we evaluate for investment, are impacted by these economic conditions, and if these conditions persist, it may affect their ability to repay our loans or engage in a liquidity event, such as a sale, recapitalization or initial public offering.

The uncertain economic conditions have affected the availability of credit generally. Our current credit facility limits our distributions to stockholders and as a result we decreased our monthly cash distribution rate by 50% starting with the April 2009 distributions in an effort to more closely align our distributions to our net investment income. We do not know when market conditions will stabilize, if adverse conditions will intensify or the full extent to which the disruptions will continue to affect us. Also, it is possible that persistent instability of the financial markets could have other unforeseen material effects on our business.

We may experience fluctuations in our quarterly and annual results based on the impact of inflation in the United States.

The majority of our portfolio companies are in industries that are directly impacted by inflation, such as consumer goods and services and manufacturing. Our portfolio companies may not be able to pass on to customers increases in their costs of operations 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 unrealized losses and therefore reduce our net assets resulting from operations.

Risks Related to Our External Management

We are dependent upon our key management personnel and the key management personnel of our Adviser, particularly David Gladstone, George Stelljes III and Terry Lee Brubaker, and on the continued operations of our

Adviser, for our future success.

We have no employees. Our chief executive officer, president and chief investment officer, chief operating officer and chief financial officer, and the employees of our Adviser, do not spend all of their time managing our activities and our investment portfolio. We are particularly dependent upon David Gladstone, George Stelljes III and Terry Lee Brubaker in this regard. Our executive officers and the employees of our 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 our 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 our 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 our Adviser and that discontinuation of its operations could have a material adverse effect on our ability to achieve our investment objectives.

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

The management compensation structure that has been implemented under the Advisory Agreement may cause our Adviser to invest in high-risk investments or take other risks. In addition to its management fee, our 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 income may lead our Adviser to place undue emphasis on the maximization of net 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 our Adviser incentive compensation even if we incur a loss.

The Advisory Agreement entitles our Adviser to incentive compensation for each fiscal quarter in an amount equal to a percentage of the excess of our investment income for that quarter (before deducting incentive compensation, net operating losses and certain other items) above a threshold return for that quarter. When calculating our incentive compensation, our pre-incentive fee net investment income excludes realized and unrealized capital losses that we may incur in the fiscal quarter, even if such capital losses result in a net loss on our statement of operations for that quarter. Thus, we may be required to pay our Adviser incentive compensation for a fiscal quarter even if there is a decline in the value of our portfolio or we incur a net loss for that quarter. For additional information on incentive compensation under the Advisory Agreement with our Adviser, see Business Investment Advisory and Management Agreements Management services and fees under the Advisory Agreement.

Our Adviser s failure to identify and invest in securities that meet our investment criteria or perform its responsibilities under the Advisory Agreement may 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 our 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 our 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 our Adviser has substantial responsibilities under the Advisory Agreement. In order to grow, our Adviser will need to hire, train, supervise, and manage new employees successfully. Any failure to manage our future growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

There are significant potential conflicts of interest which could impact our investment returns.

Our executive officers and directors, and the officers and directors of our 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 our Adviser, Gladstone Investment and Gladstone Commercial and the sole stockholder of Gladstone Land. In addition, Mr. Brubaker, our vice chairman, chief operating officer and secretary is the vice chairman, chief operating officer and secretary of our Adviser,

Gladstone Investment and Gladstone Commercial. Mr. Stelljes, our president and chief investment officer, is also the president and chief investment officer of our Adviser and Gladstone Commercial and vice chairman and chief investment officer of Gladstone Investment. Moreover, our Adviser may establish or

sponsor other investment vehicles which from time to time may have potentially overlapping investment objectives with those of ours and accordingly may invest in, whether principally or secondarily, asset classes similar to those we target. While our Adviser generally has broad authority to make investments on behalf of the investment vehicles that it advises, our 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 our Adviser may face conflicts in the allocation of investment opportunities to other entities managed by our Adviser. As a result, it is possible that we may not be given the opportunity to participate in certain investments made by other members of the Gladstone Companies or investment funds managed by investment managers affiliated with our 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, to the prior approval of our Board of Directors. As of December 31, 2010, our Board of Directors has approved the following types of co-investment transactions:

Our affiliate, Gladstone Commercial, may lease property to portfolio companies that we do not control under certain circumstances. 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 Investment in senior syndicated loans 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 Securities and Exchange Commission, our Adviser may sponsor a private investment fund to co-invest with us or Gladstone Investment in accordance with the terms and conditions of the order.

Certain of our officers, who are also officers of our 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 our Adviser and will reimburse our 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 our Adviser has interests that differ from those of our stockholders, giving rise to a conflict. In addition, as a business development company, we make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies and provide other services to such portfolio companies. Although, neither we nor our Adviser currently receives fees in connection with managerial assistance, our Adviser provides other services to our portfolio companies and receives fees for these other services. For example, certain of our portfolio companies contract directly with our Adviser for the provision of consulting services. In addition, Gladstone Securities provides investment banking and due diligence services to certain of our portfolio companies.

Our Adviser is not obligated to provide a waiver of the base management fee, 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. Since our 2008 fiscal year, our Board of Directors has accepted on a quarterly basis voluntary, unconditional and irrevocable waivers to reduce the annual 2.0% base management fee on senior syndicated loan participations to 0.5% to the extent that proceeds resulting from borrowings were used to purchase such syndicated loan participations, and any waived fees may not be recouped by our Adviser in the future. However, our Adviser is not required to issue these or other

waivers of fees under the Advisory Agreement, and to the extent our investment portfolio grows in the future, we expect these fees will increase. If our Adviser does not issue these waivers in future quarters, 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 stock price.

Our business model is dependent upon developing and sustaining strong referral relationships with investment bankers, business brokers and other intermediaries.

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 loans and fully execute our business plan.

Risks Related to Our External Financing

Because of the limited amount of committed funding under our credit facility, we will have limited ability to fund new investments if we are unable to expand the facility.

In recent years, creditors have significantly curtailed their lending to business development companies, including us. In March 2010, we entered into a fourth amended and restated credit agreement providing for a revolving line of credit, which we refer to as the Credit Facility. Committed funding under the Credit Facility is $127.0 million. The Credit Facility may be expanded up to $202.0 million through the addition of other committed 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 line of credit. The Credit Facility matures on March 15, 2012, and, if the facility is not renewed or extended by this date, all principal and interest will be due and payable on March 15, 2013. As of December 31, 2010, we had $24.6 million drawn and outstanding under the Credit Facility.

There can be no guarantee that we will be able to renew, extend or replace the Credit Facility upon its maturity on terms that are favorable to us, if at all. Our ability to expand the Credit Facility, and to obtain replacement financing at the time of maturity, will be constrained by then-current economic conditions affecting the credit markets. In the event that we are not able to expand the Credit Facility, or to renew, extend or refinance the Credit Facility at the time of its maturity, 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.

Our business plan is dependent upon external financing, which is constrained by the limitations of the 1940 Act.

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 debt securities, other evidences of indebtedness (including borrowings under our line of credit) and possibly senior common stock and preferred stock, up to the maximum amount permitted by the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act currently permits us, as a business development company, to issue debt securities, senior common stock and preferred stock, which we refer to collectively as senior securities, in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least 200% after each issuance of senior securities. As a result of issuing senior securities, 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 or incur additional indebtedness would be restricted if asset coverage is not at least twice our indebtedness. If the value of our assets declines, we might be unable to satisfy that test. If this happens, we may be required to liquidate a portion of our loan portfolio and repay a portion of our indebtedness at a time when a sale, to the extent possible given the limited market for many of

our investments, may be disadvantageous. Furthermore, any amounts that we use to service our indebtedness will not be available for distributions to our stockholders.

Common Stock. Because we are constrained in our ability to issue debt 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 or senior securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock, the percentage ownership of our stockholders at the time of the issuance would decrease and our common stock may experience dilution. In addition, any convertible or exchangeable securities that we issue in the future may have rights, preferences and privileges more favorable than those of our common stock. In addition, under the 1940 Act, we will generally not be able to issue additional shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value per share to purchasers, other than to our existing 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 net asset value per share, such sales would result in an immediate dilution to the net asset value per share. This dilution would occur as a result of the sale of shares at a price below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock and a proportionately greater decrease in a stockholder s interest in our earnings and assets and voting interest in us 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 net asset value, a stockholder who does not participate in that offering for its proportionate interest will suffer net asset value dilution of up to 0.5% or $5 per $1,000 of net asset value. This imposes constraints on our ability to raise capital when our common stock is trading at below net asset value, as it has for most of the last two years.

A change in interest rates may adversely affect our profitability.

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 difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we loan these funds. Higher interest rates on our borrowings will decrease the overall return on our portfolio.

Ultimately, we expect approximately 80% of the loans in our portfolio to be at variable rates determined on the basis of the LIBOR, and approximately 20% to be at fixed rates. As of December 31, 2010, our portfolio had approximately 84.7% of the total loan cost value at variable rates with floors, approximately 5.6% of the total of the loan cost value at variable rates without a floor or ceiling and approximately 9.7% of the total loan portfolio cost basis at fixed rates.

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

We will have a continuing need for capital to finance our loans. In order to maintain RIC status, we are required to distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our ordinary income and short-term capital gains on an annual basis. Accordingly, such earnings will not be available to fund additional loans. Therefore, we are party to the Credit Facility, which provides us with a revolving credit line facility of $127.0 million, of which $82.1 million was available for borrowings as of December 31, 2010. The Credit Facility permits us to fund additional loans and investments as long as we are within the conditions set out in the credit agreement. Current market conditions have forced us to write down the value of a portion of our assets as required by the 1940 Act and fair value accounting rules. These are not realized losses, but constitute adjustment in asset values for purposes of financial reporting and for collateral value for the Credit Facility. As assets are marked down in value, the amount we can borrow on the Credit Facility decreases.

As a result of the Credit Facility, we are subject to certain limitations on the type of loan investments we make, including restrictions on geographic concentrations, sector concentrations, loan size, dividend payout, payment frequency and status, and average life. The credit agreement also requires us to comply with other financial and operational covenants, which require us to, among other things, maintain certain financial ratios, including asset and

interest coverage and a minimum net worth. As of December 31, 2010, we were in compliance with these covenants, however, our continued compliance with these covenants depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control. In particular, depreciation in the valuation of our assets, which valuation is subject to changing market conditions that remain very volatile, affects our ability to comply with these covenants. During the year ended September 30, 2010, net unrealized appreciation on our investments was approximately $2.3 million, compared to $9.5 million unrealized appreciation during the prior fiscal year. Given the continued deterioration in the capital markets, the cumulative unrealized depreciation in our portfolio may increase in future periods and threaten our ability to comply with the covenants under the Credit Facility. Accordingly, there are no assurances that we will continue to comply with these covenants. Under the Credit Facility, we are also required to maintain our status as a BDC under the 1940 Act and as a RIC under the Code. 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.

Risks Related to Our Investments

We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities.

A large number of entities compete with us and make the types of investments that we seek to make in small and mid-sized companies. We compete with public and private buyout funds, commercial and investment banks, commercial financing companies, and, to the extent 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 business development company. 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. Therefore, current uncertain economic conditions and any future 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. Moreover, in light of our current near-term strategy of preserving capital, our inability to make additional investments in our portfolio companies at a time when they need capital may increase their exposure to the risks of current uncertain economic conditions and future economic downturns.

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 is not readily available to them. 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. A deterioration in a borrower s financial condition and prospects usually will be accompanied by a deterioration in the value of any collateral and a reduction in the likelihood of us realizing on any guarantees we may have obtained from the borrower s management. As of December 31, 2010, six investments were on non-accrual. While we are working with the portfolio companies to improve their profitability and cash flows, there can be no assurance that our efforts will prove successful. Although we will sometimes seek to be the senior, secured lender to a borrower, in most 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 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, our Adviser, and its employees 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 parties 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.

We may not be able to replace lost income due to the reduction in the size of our portfolio and as a result, we may have to reduce our distributions to stockholders.

Since September 30, 2009, the cost basis of our portfolio has experienced a net decrease of 18.6%. The decrease in the size of our portfolio was driven predominantly by repayments and sales during the year ended September 30, 2010 totaling approximately $85.6 million. The decrease in our portfolio has resulted in a reduction of income-producing assets which has reduced our income and may result in reduced income in future periods if we are unable to reinvest our cash in comparable income producing assets. Even though this lost income is partially offset by a reduction in interest expense due to reduced borrowings outstanding under our Credit Facility and, to a lesser extent, reduced operating expenses, we still have experienced a net decrease in our net investment income as a

result of these sales. While we intend to reinvest our cash as quickly as possible into income and capital gain-generating assets, there is no guarantee that that we will be able to do so or that we will able to do so at yields comparable to the assets that we have recently sold. If we are unable to reinvest our cash and replace our lost income, we may need to reduce our distributions to stockholders.

Because a large percentage of 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.

A large percentage of our portfolio investments are, and we expect will continue to be, in the form of securities that are not publicly traded. The fair value of securities and other investments that are not publicly traded may not be readily determinable. Our Board of Directors has established an investment valuation policy and consistently applied valuation procedures used to determine the fair value of these securities quarterly. These procedures for the determination of value of many of our debt securities rely on the opinions of value submitted to us by Standard & Poor s Securities Evaluations, Inc., or SPSE, the use of internally developed discounted cash flow, or DCF, methodologies, or internal methodologies based on the total enterprise value, or TEV, of the issuer used for certain of our equity investments. SPSE will only evaluate the debt portion of our investments for which we specifically request evaluation, and SPSE may decline to make requested evaluations for any reason in its sole discretion. However, to date, SPSE has accepted each of our requests for evaluation.

Our use of these fair value methods is inherently subjective and is based on estimates and assumptions of each security. In the event that we are required to sell a security, we may ultimately sell for an amount materially less than the estimated fair value calculated by SPSE, TEV or the DCF methodology.

Our procedures also include provisions whereby our Adviser will establish the fair value of any equity securities we may hold where SPSE or third-party agent banks are unable to provide evaluations. The types of factors that may be considered in determining the fair value of our debt and equity securities include some or all of the following:

- the nature and realizable value of any collateral;
- the portfolio company s earnings and cash flows and its ability to make payments on its obligations;
- the markets in which the portfolio company does business;
- the comparison to publicly traded companies; and
- discounted cash flow and other relevant factors.

Because such valuations, particularly valuations of private securities and private companies, are not susceptible to precise determination, may fluctuate over short periods of time, and may be based on estimates, our determinations of fair value may differ from the values that might have actually resulted had a readily available market for these securities been available.

A portion of our assets are, and will continue to be, comprised of equity securities that are valued based on internal assessment using our own valuation methods approved by our Board of Directors, without the input of SPSE or any other third-party evaluator. We believe that our equity valuation methods reflect those regularly used as standards by other professionals in our industry who value equity securities. However, determination of fair value for securities that are not publicly traded, whether or not we use the recommendations of an independent third-party evaluator, necessarily involves the exercise of subjective judgment. Our net asset value could be adversely affected if our

determinations regarding the fair value of our investments were materially 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, our 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, our determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that could be obtained if a ready market for these securities existed. Our net asset value could be materially affected if our 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.

When we are a debt or minority equity investor in a portfolio company, which we expect will generally be the case, we may not be in a position to control the entity, and its management may make decisions that could decrease the value of our investment.

We anticipate that most of our investments will continue to be either debt or minority equity investments in our portfolio companies. Therefore, we are and will remain subject to risk that a portfolio company may make business decisions with which we disagree, and the shareholders and management of such company may take risks or otherwise act in ways that do not serve our best interests. As a result, a portfolio company may make decisions that could decrease the value of our portfolio holdings. In addition, we will generally not be in a position to control any portfolio company by investing in its debt securities.

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

We invest primarily in 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 instruments may provide that the holders thereof are entitled to receive payment of interest and principal on or before the dates on which we are entitled to receive payments in respect of the debt securities in which we invest. Also, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization, or bankruptcy of a portfolio company, holders of debt instruments ranking senior to our investment in that portfolio company would typically be entitled to receive payment in full before we receive any distribution in respect of our investment. 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 that we make in our portfolio companies may be repaid prior to maturity. For the year ended September 30, 2010, we

received principal payments prior to maturity of $59.7 million. We will first 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 elects 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 affect 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 December 31, 2010 we had loans outstanding to 41 portfolio companies. 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, 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 25.0% or more of our total investments 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 25.0% of the value of our total investments. As of December 31, 2010, 16.6% were invested in healthcare, education and childcare companies, 14.3% of our total investments were invested in broadcast companies, and 12.8% were invested in printing and publishing companies. As a result, a downturn in an industry in which we have invested a significant portion of our total assets could have a materially adverse effect on us.

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.

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 some of our investments as senior 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

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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 litigation could result in additional costs and the diversion of management time and resources.

In the course of providing significant managerial assistance to certain of our portfolio companies, our executive officers sometimes serve as directors on the boards of such companies. To the extent that litigation arises out of our investments in these companies, such executive officers may be named as defendants in such litigation, which could result in additional costs and the diversion of management time and resources.

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

When we make a subordinated 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 experience 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.

Any 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 business development company 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. Decreases in the market values or fair values of our investments will be recorded 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.

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, asset diversification, and annual distribution requirements. The annual distribution requirement is satisfied if we distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and short-term capital gains 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, which we must recognize as ordinary income, increasing the amounts we are required to distribute to maintain RIC status. Because such warrants will not produce distributable cash for us at the same time as we are required to make distributions in respect of the related original issue discount, we will need to use cash from other sources to satisfy such distribution requirements. The asset diversification requirements must be met 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 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 shares. For additional information regarding asset coverage ratio and RIC requirements, see Business Competitive Advantages Leverage and Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Regulated Investment Company Status.

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 Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Regulated Investment Company Status and Regulation as a Business Development Company.

We are subject to restrictions that may discourage a change of control. Certain provisions contained in our articles of incorporation and Maryland law may prohibit or restrict a change of control and adversely impact the price of our shares.

Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes, with the term of the directors in each class expiring every third year. At each annual meeting of 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. After election, a director may only be removed by our stockholders for cause. Election of directors for staggered terms with limited rights to remove directors makes it more difficult for a hostile bidder to acquire control of us. The existence of this provision may negatively impact the price of our securities and may discourage third-party bids to acquire our securities. This provision may reduce any premiums paid to stockholders in a change in control transaction.

Certain provisions of Maryland law applicable to us prohibit business combinations with:

- any person who beneficially owns 10% or more of the voting power of our common stock (an interested stockholder);

- an affiliate of ours who at any time within the two-year period prior to the date in question was an interested stockholder; or

- an affiliate of an interested stockholder.

These prohibitions last for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder became an interested stockholder. Thereafter, any business combination with the interested stockholder must be recommended by our board of directors and approved by the affirmative vote of at least 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of our outstanding shares of common stock and two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of our common stock other than shares held by the interested stockholder. These requirements could have the effect of inhibiting a change in control even if a change in control were in our stockholders interest. These provisions of Maryland law do not apply, however, to business combinations that are approved or exempted by our Board of Directors prior to the time that someone becomes an interested stockholder.

Our articles of incorporation permit our Board of Directors to issue up to 50,000,000 shares of capital stock. In addition, our Board of Directors, without any action by our stockholders, may amend our articles of incorporation from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares or the number of shares of any class or series of stock that we have authority to issue. Our Board of Directors may classify or reclassify any unissued common stock or preferred stock and establish the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption of any such stock. Thus, our Board of Directors

could authorize the issuance of senior common stock or 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. Senior common stock or preferred stock could also have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of us, including an extraordinary transaction (such as a merger, tender offer or sale of all or substantially all of our assets) that might provide a premium price for holders of our common stock.

Risks Related to an Investment in Our Common Stock

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, 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.

Our current intention is to distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and short-term capital gains to our stockholders on a quarterly basis by paying monthly distributions. On an annual basis, we intend to distribute net long-term capital gains, after giving effect to any prior year realized losses that are carried forward, by paying a one-time distribution. However, our Board of Directors may determine in certain cases to retain net realized long-term capital gains through a deemed distribution to supplement our equity capital and support the growth of our portfolio.

Distributions by us have included and may in the future include a return of capital.

Our Board of Directors declares monthly distributions based on estimates of net investment income for each fiscal year, which may differ, and in the past have differed, from actual results. Because our distributions are based on estimates of net investment income that may differ from actual results, future distributions payable to our 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 stockholder s original investment in 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 shares by reducing the investor s tax basis for such shares. 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 may fluctuate substantially. The extreme volatility and disruption that have affected the capital and credit markets for over a year have reached unprecedented levels in recent months We have experienced greater than usual stock 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;

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, business development companies or other companies in our sector, which is not necessarily related to the operating performance of these companies;

changes in regulatory policies or tax guidelines, particularly with respect to RICs or business development companies;

loss of business development company status;

loss of RIC status;

changes in our earnings or variations in our operating results;

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 business development companies generally;

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.

The issuance of subscription rights to our existing stockholders may dilute the ownership and voting powers by existing stockholders in our common stock, dilute the net asset value of their shares and have a material adverse effect on the trading price of our common stock.

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

Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from net asset value.

Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from net asset value. Since our inception, our common stock has at times traded above net asset value, and at times traded below net asset value. During the past two years, our common stock has traded consistently, and at times significantly, below net asset value. Subsequent to December 31, 2010, our stock has traded at discounts of up to 10.2% of our net asset value as of December 31, 2010. This characteristic of shares of closed-end investment companies is separate and distinct from the risk that our net

asset value per share will decline. As with any stock, the price of our shares will fluctuate with market conditions and other factors. If shares are sold, the price received may be more or less than the original investment. Whether investors will realize gains or losses upon the sale of our shares will not depend directly upon our net asset value, but will depend upon the market price of the shares at the time of sale. Since the market price of our shares will be affected by such factors as the relative demand for and supply of the shares in the market, general market and economic conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict whether the shares will trade at, below or above our net asset value. Under the 1940 Act, we are generally not able to issue additional shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value per share to purchasers other than our existing stockholders through a rights offering without first obtaining the approval of our stockholders and our independent directors. Additionally, at times when our stock is trading below its net asset value 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 shares in such circumstances. Thus, for as long as our common stock trades below net asset value 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.

Stockholders may incur dilution if we sell shares of our common stock in one or more offerings at prices below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock.

At our most recent annual meeting, our stockholders approved a proposal designed to allow us to access the capital markets in a way that we were previously unable to as a result of restrictions that, absent stockholder approval, apply to business development companies under the 1940 Act. Specifically, our stockholders approved a proposal that authorizes us to sell shares of our common stock below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock in one or more offerings for a period of one year, provided that the number of shares issued and sold pursuant to such authority does not exceed 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to such sale. During the past two years, our common stock has traded consistently, and at times significantly, below net asset value. Any decision to sell shares of our common stock below the then current net asset value 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 net asset value per share, such sales would result in an immediate dilution to the net asset value per share. This dilution would occur as a result of the sale of shares at a price below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock and a proportionately greater decrease in a 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 net asset value per share at the time of the offering, the more significant the dilutive impact would be. Because the number of shares of common stock that could be so issued and the timing of any issuance is not currently known, the actual dilutive effect, if any, cannot be currently predicted. However, if for example, we sold an additional 10% of our common stock at a 5% discount from net asset value, a stockholder who did not participate in that offering for its proportionate interest would suffer net asset value dilution of up to 0.5% or $5 per $1,000 of net asset value.

Other Risks

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, 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 common 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.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement, other than historical facts, may constitute forward-looking statements. These statements may relate to, among other things, future events or our future performance or financial condition. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, might, believe, will, provided, anticipate, future, could, grow expect, should, would, if, seek, possible, potential, likely or the negative of such terms or comparable t 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 George Stelljes III; (4) changes in our business strategy; (5) availability, terms and deployment of capital; (6) changes in our industry, interest rates, exchange rates or the general economy; (7) the degree and nature of our competition; and (8) those factors described in the Risk Factors section of this prospectus. We caution readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, 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.

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 for general corporate purposes. We expect the proceeds to be used first to pay down existing short-term debt, then to make investments in small and mid-sized businesses in accordance with our investment objective, 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 5.25% and matures on March 15, 2012. 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 ordinary income and 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 dividend when declared while the actual tax characteristics of dividends are reported annually to each stockholder on 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 can be reinvested automatically under our dividend reinvestment plan in additional whole and fractional shares. A stockholder whose shares 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 We will be subject to corporate-level tax if we are unable to satisfy Code requirements for RIC qualification; Dividend Reinvestment Plan; and Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.

Our common stock is quoted on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol GLAD. Our common stock has historically traded at prices both above and below its net asset value. There can be no assurance, however, that any premium to net asset value will be attained or maintained. As of April 5, 2011, we had 69 stockholders of record, meaning individuals or entities that we carry in our records as the registered holder (although not necessarily the beneficial owner) of our common stock.

The following table sets forth the range of high and low closing sales prices of our common stock as reported on The Nasdaq Global Select Market and the dividends declared by us for the last two completed fiscal years and the current fiscal year through April 5, 2011.

SHARE PRICE DATA

	NAV[1]	Closing Sales Price High	Closing Sales Price Low	Dividend Declared	Premium (Discount) of High Sales Price to NAV[2]	Discount of Low Sales Price to NAV[2]
Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2009						
First Quarter	$ 12.04	$ 15.38	$ 5.50	$ 0.42	28%	(54)%
Second Quarter	$ 12.10	$ 10.28	$ 5.01	$ 0.42	(15)%	(59)%
Third Quarter	$ 11.86	$ 7.80	$ 5.49	$ 0.21	(34)%	(54)%
Fourth Quarter	$ 11.81	$ 10.40	$ 7.17	$ 0.21	(12)%	(39)%
Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2010						
First Quarter	$ 11.92	$ 9.49	$ 7.50	$ 0.21	(20)%	(37)%
Second Quarter	$ 12.10	$ 12.19	$ 7.19	$ 0.21	1%	(41)%
Third Quarter	$ 11.81	$ 13.94	$ 10.09	$ 0.21	18%	(15)%
Fourth Quarter	$ 11.85	$ 12.34	$ 10.30	$ 0.21	4%	(13)%
Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2011						
First Quarter	$ 11.74	$ 12.00	$ 10.91	$ 0.21	2%	(7)%
Second Quarter	$ *	$ 12.05	$ 10.54	$ 0.21	*%	*%
Third Quarter (through April 5, 2011)	$ *	$ 11.56	$ 11.34	$ 0.00	*%	*%

(1) Net asset value per share is determined as of the last day in the relevant quarter and therefore may not reflect the net asset value per share on the date of the high and low sale price. The net asset values shown are based on outstanding shares at the end of each period.

(2) The premiums set forth in these columns represent the high or low, as applicable, closing price per share for the relevant quarter minus the net asset value per share as of the end of such quarter, and therefore may not reflect the premium to net asset value per share on the date of the high and low closing prices.

* Not yet available, as the net asset value per share as of the end of this quarter has not yet been determined.

CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table summarizes our consolidated selected financial data and other data. The consolidated selected financial data as of September 30, 2010 and 2009 and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 is derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus. The consolidated selected financial data as of and for the three months ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 is derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus. The consolidated selected financial data as of September 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 is derived from our audited consolidated financial statements that are not included in this prospectus. The other data included in the second table is unaudited. You should read this data together with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto presented elsewhere in this prospectus and the information under Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for more information.

	Three Months Ended December 31,		**Year Ended September 30,**				
	2010 (unaudited)	**2009 (unaudited)**	**2010**	**2009**	**2008**	**2007**	**2006**
	(Dollar amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)						
ement of ations :							
l stment me	**$ 8,006**	$ 9,804	$ 35,539	$ 42,618	$ 45,725	$ 36,687	$ 26,90
l enses net redits n iser	**3,369**	5,376	17,780	21,587	19,172	14,426	7,44
stment me	**4,637**	4,428	17,759	21,031	26,553	22,261	19,35
(loss) on stments	**(2,505)**	1,898	(1,365)	(17,248)	(47,815)	(7,309)	5,07
increase rease) in assets lting n ations	**$ 2,132**	$ 6,326	$ 16,394	$ 3,783	$ (21,262)	$ 14,952	$ 24,43

share [1]:							
increase rease) in ssets lting n ations common e							
c	**$ 0.10**	$ 0.30	$ 0.78	$ 0.18	$ (1.08)	$ 1.13	$ 2.1
ted	**0.10**	0.30	0.78	0.18	(1.08)	1.13	2.1
stment me re net on stments common e							
c	**0.22**	0.21	0.84	1.00	1.35	1.69	1.7
ted	**0.22**	0.21	0.84	1.00	1.35	1.69	1.6
n ibutions ared per e	**(0.21)**	(0.21)	(0.84)	(1.26)	(1.68)	(1.68)	(1.6
ement of ts and lities :							
l assets	**$ 275,497**	$ 270,518	$ 270,518	$ 335,910	$ 425,698	$ 367,729	$ 225,78
assets	**246,960**	251,449	249,246	249,076	271,748	220,959	172,57
asset e per e	**11.74**	11.92	11.85	11.81	12.89	14.97	14.0
mon es tanding	**21,039,242**	21,087,574	21,039,242	21,087,574	21,087,574	14,762,574	12,305,00
ghted mon es tanding							
c	**21,039,242**	21,087,574	21,060,351	21,087,574	19,699,796	13,173,822	11,381,37
ted	**21,039,242**	21,087,574	21,060,351	21,087,574	19,699,796	13,173,822	11,615,92
or rities :							
rowings er line of it[2]	**$ 25,301**	$ 73,531	$ 17,940	$ 83,350	$ 151,030	$ 144,440	$ 49,99
	1,061%	442%	1,419%	396%	279%	252%	44

et erage (3)(4)													
et erage per 4)	**$**	**10,612**	$	4,420	$	14,187	$	3,963	$	2,792	$	2,294	$ 4,43

(1) Per share data for net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations is based on the weighted common stock outstanding for both basic and diluted.

(2) See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for more information regarding our level of indebtedness.

(3) As a business development company, we are generally required to maintain an asset coverage ratio of 200% of total consolidated assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, to total borrowings and guaranty commitments.

(4) Asset coverage per unit is the asset coverage ratio expressed in terms of dollar amounts per one thousand of indebtedness.

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended September 30,				
	2010	**2009**	**2010**	**2009**	**2008**	**2007**	**2006**
	(Dollar amounts in thousands)						
Other unaudited data:							
Number of portfolio companies	**41**	46	39	48	63	56	32
Average size of portfolio company investment at cost	**$ 7,233**	$ 7,554	$ 7,647	$ 7,592	$ 7,315	$ 6,352	$ 6,756
Principal amount of new investments	**(11,794)**	(2,064)	(23,245)	(24,911)	(176,550)	(261,700)	(135,955)
Proceeds from loan repayments and investments sold	**13,245**	18,186	85,634	96,693	70,482	121,818	124,010
Weighted average yield on investments[1]:	**11.37%**	10.79%	9.88%	9.82%	10.0%	11.22%	12.08%
Total return[2]	**4.11%**	(11.58)%	37.46%	(30.94)%	(13.90)%	(4.40)%	5.21%

(1) Weighted average yield on investments equals interest income on investments divided by the annualized weighted average investment balance throughout the year.

(2) Total return equals the increase (decrease) of the ending market value over the beginning market value plus monthly distributions divided by the monthly beginning market value.

MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data or unless 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.

OVERVIEW

General

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Laws of the State of Maryland on May 30, 2001. Our investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income by investing in debt securities, consisting primarily of senior notes, senior subordinated notes and junior subordinated notes, of established private businesses that are substantially owned by leveraged buyout funds, individual investors or are family-owned businesses, with a particular focus on senior notes. In addition, we may acquire from other funds existing loans that meet this profile. We also seek to provide our stockholders with long-term capital growth through the appreciation in the value of warrants or other equity instruments that we may receive when we make loans. We operate as a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company, and have elected to be treated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. In addition, for tax purposes we have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code.

We seek to invest in small and medium-sized private U.S. businesses that meet certain criteria, including some but not necessarily all of the following: the potential for growth in cash flow, adequate assets for loan collateral, experienced management teams with a significant ownership interest in the borrower, profitable operations based on the borrower s cash flow, reasonable capitalization of the borrower (usually by leveraged buyout funds or venture capital funds) 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 to finance growth, restructure their balance sheets or effect a change of control.

Business Environment

While economic conditions generally appear to be improving, we remain cautious about a long-term economic recovery. The recent recession in general, and the disruptions in the capital markets in particular, have decreased liquidity for us and increased our cost of debt and equity capital. The longer these economic conditions persist, the greater the probability that these factors could continue to increase our costs of, and significantly limit our access to, debt and equity capital and, thus, have an adverse effect on our operations and financial results. Many of the companies in which we have made investments are still susceptible to the economic conditions, which may affect the ability of one or more of our portfolio companies to repay our loans or engage in a liquidity event, such as a sale, recapitalization or initial public offering. The economic conditions could also disproportionately impact some of the industries in which we have invested, causing us to be more vulnerable to losses in our portfolio, which could cause the number of our non-performing assets to increase and the fair market value of our portfolio to decrease. We do not know when market conditions will begin to grow again or if adverse conditions will intensify, and we do not know the full extent to which the continued recession will affect us. If market instability persists or intensifies, we may experience difficulty in raising capital.

Challenges in the current market are intensified for us by certain regulatory limitations under the Code and the 1940 Act, as well as contractual restrictions under the agreement governing our credit facility that further constrain our ability to access the capital markets. To maintain our qualification as a RIC, we must satisfy, among other requirements, an annual distribution requirement to pay out at least 90% of our ordinary income and short-term capital gains to our stockholders on an annual basis. Because we are required to distribute our income in this manner, and because the illiquidity of many of our investments makes it difficult for us to finance new investments through the sale of current investments, our ability to make new investments is highly dependent upon external financing. Our external financing sources include the issuance of equity securities, debt securities or other leverage, such as borrowings under our line of credit. 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 at least a 200% asset coverage ratio, meaning generally that for every dollar of debt, we must have two dollars of assets.

Market conditions have also affected the trading price of our common stock and thus our ability to finance new investments through the issuance of equity. When our stock trades below net asset value, or NAV, per share, as it has periodically traded for more than two years, 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 NAV per share without stockholder approval other than through sales to our then-existing stockholders pursuant to a rights offering. At our annual meeting of stockholders held on February 17, 2011, stockholders approved a proposal which authorizes us to sell shares of our common stock at a price below our then current NAV per share for a period of one year from the date of approval, provided that the number of shares issued and sold pursuant to such authority does not exceed 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such sale and that our Board of Directors makes certain determinations prior to any such sale. On February 4, 2011, the closing market price of our common stock was $10.80, which price represented a 8% discount to our December 31, 2010 NAV per share.

Unstable economic conditions may also continue to decrease the value of collateral securing some of our loans, as well as the value of our equity investments, which has impacted and may continue to impact our ability to borrow under our credit facility. Additionally, our credit facility contains covenants regarding the maintenance of certain minimum net worth covenants, which are affected by the decrease in value of our portfolio. Failure to meet these requirements would result in a default which, if we are unable to obtain a waiver from our lenders, would result in the acceleration of our repayment obligations under our credit facility. As of December 31, 2010, we were in compliance with all of our credit facility s covenants.

We expect that, given these regulatory and contractual constraints in combination with current market conditions, debt and equity capital may be costly or difficult for us to access. However, we believe that our $127 million credit facility with a two-year term increases our ability to make new investments consistent with our strategy of making conservative investments in businesses that we believe will weather the current economic conditions and are likely to produce attractive long-term returns for our stockholders.

Investment Highlights

Purchases: During the year ended September 30, 2010, we extended $10,580 of investments to three new portfolio companies and $12,665 of investments to existing portfolio companies through revolver draws or the additions of new term notes, for total investments of $23,245.

Repayments: During the year ended September 30, 2010, eight borrowers made unscheduled full payoffs of $58,731, one borrower made an unscheduled partial payoff of $950 and we experienced contractual amortization, revolver repayments and some principal payments received ahead of schedule for an aggregate of $22,885, for total principal repayments of $82,566.

Sales: During the year ended September 30, 2010, we sold three syndicated loans (which resulted in our exit from three portfolio companies) for an aggregate of $3,119 in net proceeds. In addition, we wrote off our investment in Western Directories, which had a cost basis of $2,865.

Since our initial public offering in August 2001, we have made 283 different loans to, or investments in, 139 companies for a total of approximately $1,021.8 million, before giving effect to principal repayments on investments and divestitures.

Financing Highlights

On March 15, 2010, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Gladstone Business Loan, LLC, or Business Loan, we entered into a fourth amended and restated credit agreement, which provides for a $127 million revolving line of credit arranged by Key Equipment Finance Inc. as administrative agent, which we refer to as the Credit Facility. Branch Banking and Trust Company and ING Capital LLC also joined the Credit Facility as committed lenders. Subject to certain terms and conditions, the Credit Facility may be expanded up to $202 million through the addition of other committed lenders to the facility. The Credit Facility matures on March 15, 2012, and, if the facility is not

renewed or extended by this date, all unpaid principal and interest will be due and payable one year thereafter on March 15, 2013. Advances under the Credit Facility initially bore interest at the 30-day LIBOR (subject to a minimum rate of 2%), plus 4.5% per annum, with a commitment fee of 0.5% per annum on undrawn amounts. However, on November 22, 2010, or the Amendment Date, we amended our Credit Facility such that advances bear interest at the 30-day LIBOR (subject to a minimum rate of 1.5%), plus 3.75% per annum, with a commitment fee of 0.5% per annum on undrawn amounts when the facility is drawn more than 50% and 1.0% per annum on undrawn amounts when the facility is drawn less than 50%.

In addition to the annual interest rate on borrowings outstanding, under the terms of the Credit Facility prior to the Amendment Date, we were obligated to pay an annual minimum earnings shortfall fee to the committed lenders on March 15, 2011, which was calculated as the difference between the weighted average of borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility and 50% of the commitment amount of the Credit Facility, multiplied by 4.5% per annum, less commitment fees paid during the year. However, as a result of the amendment to the Credit Facility, we are no longer obligated to pay an annual minimum earnings shortfall fee. As of September 30, 2010, we had accrued approximately $590 in minimum earnings shortfall fees. On the Amendment Date, we paid a $665 fee.

During the year ended September 30, 2010, we elected to apply ASC 825, Financial Instruments, specifically to our Credit Facility, which requires us to apply a fair value methodology to the Credit Facility as of September 30, 2010. The Credit Facility was fair valued at $17,940 as of September 30, 2010.

Investment Strategy

Our strategy is to make loans at favorable interest rates to small and medium-sized businesses. Our loans typically range from $5 million to $20 million, although this investment size may vary proportionately as the size of our capital base changes, generally mature in no more than seven years and accrue interest at fixed or variable rates. Because the majority of our portfolio loans consist of term debt of 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. We cannot accurately predict what ratings these loans might receive if they were rated, and thus cannot determine whether or not they could be considered investment grade quality.

Some of our loans may contain a provision that calls for some portion of the interest payments to be deferred and 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, or PIK, interest and, when earned, we record PIK interest as interest income and add the PIK interest to the principal balance of the loans. We seek to avoid PIK interest with all potential investments under review. As of December 31, 2010, we had loans in our portfolio which contained a PIK provision.

To the extent possible, our loans generally are collateralized by a security interest in the borrower s assets. Interest payments are generally made monthly or quarterly (except to the extent of any PIK interest) with amortization of principal generally being deferred for several years. The principal amount of the loans and any accrued but unpaid interest generally become due at maturity at five to seven years. When we receive a warrant to purchase stock in a borrower in connection with a loan, the warrant will typically have an exercise price equal to the fair value of the portfolio company s common stock at the time of the loan and entitle us to purchase a modest percentage of the borrower s stock.

Original issue discount, or OID, arises when we extend a loan and receive an equity interest in the borrower at the same time. To the extent that the price paid for the equity is not at market value, we must allocate part of the price paid for the loan, to the value of the equity. Then the amount allocated to the equity, the OID, must be amortized over the life of the loan. As with PIK interest, the amortization of OID also produces income that must be recognized for purposes of satisfying the distribution requirements for a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, whereas the cash is

received, if at all, when the equity instrument is sold. We seek to avoid OID with all potential investments under review. As of December 31, 2010, we had nine loans with OID income.

In addition, as a BDC under the 1940 Act, we are required to make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. Our Adviser provides these services on our behalf through its officers who are also our officers. Currently, neither we nor our Adviser charges a fee for managerial assistance, however, if our Adviser does

receive fees for managerial assistance, our Adviser will credit the managerial assistance fees to the base management fee due from us to our Adviser.

Our Adviser receives fees for the other services it provides to our portfolio companies. These other fees are typically non-recurring, are recognized as revenue when earned and are generally paid directly to our Adviser by the borrower or potential borrower upon the closing of the investment. The services our Adviser provides to our portfolio companies vary by investment, but generally include a broad array of services, such as investment banking services, arranging bank and equity financing, structuring financing from multiple lenders and investors, reviewing existing credit facilities, restructuring existing investments, raising equity and debt capital from other investors, turnaround management, merger and acquisition services and recruiting new management personnel. When our Adviser receives fees for these services, 50% or 100% of certain of those fees are credited against the base management fee that we pay to our Adviser. Any services of this nature subsequent to closing would typically generate a separate fee at the time of completion.

Our Adviser also receives fees for monitoring and reviewing portfolio company investments. These fees are recurring and are generally paid annually or quarterly in advance to our Adviser throughout the life of the investment. Fees of this nature are recorded as revenue by our Adviser when earned and are not credited against the base management fee. Our Adviser s affiliate, Gladstone Securities, also provides our portfolio companies with investment banking and due diligence services. These fees are recorded as revenue by Gladstone Securities when earned and do not impact the fees we pay our Adviser.

We may receive fees for the origination and closing services we provide to portfolio companies through our Adviser. These fees are paid directly to us and are recognized as revenue upon closing of the originated investment and are reported as fee income in the consolidated statements of operations.

Prior to making an investment, we ordinarily enter into a non-binding term sheet with the potential borrower. These non-binding term sheets are generally subject to a number of conditions, including, but not limited to, the satisfactory completion of our due diligence investigations of the potential borrower s business, reaching agreement on the legal documentation for the loan, and the receipt of all necessary consents. Upon execution of the non-binding term sheet, the potential borrower generally pays the Adviser a non-refundable fee for services rendered by the Adviser through the date of the non-binding term sheet. These fees are received by the Adviser and are offset against the base management fee payable to the Adviser, which has the effect of reducing our expenses to the extent of any such fees received by the Adviser.

In the event that we expend significant effort in considering and negotiating a potential investment that ultimately is not consummated, we generally will seek reimbursement from the proposed borrower for our reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the transaction, including legal fees. Any amounts collected for expenses incurred by the Adviser in connection with unconsummated investments will be reimbursed to the Adviser. Amounts collected for these expenses incurred by us will be reimbursed to us and will be recognized in the period in which such reimbursement is received, however, there can be no guarantee that we will be successful in collecting any such reimbursements.

Our Adviser and Administrator

Our Adviser is led by a management team which has extensive experience in our lines of business. Our Adviser is controlled by David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer. Mr. Gladstone is also the chairman and chief executive officer of our Adviser. Terry Lee Brubaker, our vice chairman, chief operating officer, secretary and director, is a member of the board of directors of our Adviser and its vice chairman and chief operating officer, George Stelljes III, our president, chief investment officer and director, is a member of the board of directors of our

Adviser and its president and chief investment officer. Our Administrator, an affiliate of our Adviser, employs our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, internal counsel, treasurer and their respective staffs.

Our Adviser and Administrator also provide investment advisory and administrative services to our affiliates, Gladstone Commercial, a publicly traded real estate investment trust; Gladstone Investment, a publicly traded business development company; and Gladstone Land, a private agricultural real estate company. Excluding our chief financial officer, all of our executive officers serve as either directors or executive officers, or both, of our

Adviser, our Administrator, Gladstone Commercial and Gladstone Investment. Our treasurer is also an executive office of Gladstone Securities, a broker-dealer registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. In the future, our Adviser may provide investment advisory and administrative services to other funds, both public and private, of which it is the sponsor.

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement

Under the amended and restated investment advisory agreement, or the Advisory Agreement, we pay our Adviser an annual base management fee of 2% of our average gross assets, which 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 two most recently completed calendar quarters and appropriately adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the current calendar quarter.

We also pay our Adviser a two-part incentive fee under the Advisory Agreement. The first part of the incentive fee is an income-based incentive fee which rewards our 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 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% of our realized capital gains as of the end of the fiscal year. In determining the capital gains-based incentive fee payable to our Adviser, we will calculate the cumulative aggregate realized capital gains and cumulative aggregate realized capital losses since our inception, and the aggregate unrealized capital depreciation as of the date of the calculation, as applicable, with respect to each of the investments in our portfolio. The Adviser did not earn the capital gains-based portion of the incentive fee for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010.

We pay our direct expenses including, but not limited to, directors fees, legal and accounting fees, stockholder related expenses, and directors and officers insurance under the Advisory Agreement.

Beginning in April 2006, our Board of Directors has accepted from the Adviser, unconditional and irrevocable voluntarily waivers on a quarterly basis to reduce the annual 2.0% base management fee on senior syndicated loans to 0.5% to the extent that proceeds resulting from borrowings were used to purchase such syndicated loan participations. In addition to the base management and incentive fees under the Advisory Agreement, 50% or 100% of certain fees received by the Adviser from our portfolio companies are credited against the investment advisory fee and paid to the Adviser.

The Adviser services our loan portfolio pursuant to a loan servicing agreement with Business Loan in return for a 1.5% annual fee, based on the monthly aggregate outstanding loan balance of the loans pledged under our credit facility. All fees received by the Adviser from Business Loan are credited toward the 2% base management fee.

Administration Agreement

We have entered into an administration agreement with our Administrator, or 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 overhead expenses in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement including, but not limited to, rent and our allocable portion of the salaries and benefits expenses of our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, internal counsel, treasurer and their respective staffs. Our allocable portion of expenses is primarily derived by multiplying our Administrator s total expenses by the percentage of our average assets (the total assets at the beginning and end of each quarter) in comparison to the average total assets of all funds that have administration agreements with our Administrator and are also managed by our Adviser under similar agreements. On July 7, 2010, our Board of Directors approved the renewal of this Administration Agreement through

August 31, 2011. We expect that the Board of Directors will consider a further one year renewal in July 2011.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported consolidated amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the years reported. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. We have identified our investment valuation process, which was modified during the year ended September 30, 2010, 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 investments and the related amounts of unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments recorded.

General Valuation Policy: We value our investments in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act. As discussed more fully below, we value securities for which market quotations are readily available and reliable at their market value. We value all other securities and assets at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors.

We adopted ASC 820 on October 1, 2008. In part, ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about assets and liabilities measured at fair value. ASC 820 provides a consistent definition of fair value that 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 an asset or liability as of the measurement date.

Level 1 inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets;

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

Level 3 inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs are those inputs that reflect our own assumptions that market participants would use to price the asset or liability based upon the best available information.

See Note 3, Investments in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for additional information regarding fair value measurements and our adoption of ASC 820.

We use generally accepted valuation techniques to value our portfolio unless we have specific information about the value of an investment to determine otherwise. From time to time we may accept an appraisal of a business in which we hold securities. These appraisals are expensive and occur infrequently but provide a third-party valuation opinion that may differ in results, techniques and scopes used to value our investments. When these specific third-party appraisals are engaged or accepted, we would use estimates of value provided by such appraisals and our own assumptions including estimated remaining life, current market yield and interest rate spreads of similar securities as

of the measurement date to value the investment we have in that business.

In determining the value of our investments, our Adviser has established an investment valuation policy, or the Policy. The Policy has been approved by our Board of Directors, and each quarter our Board of Directors reviews whether our Adviser has applied the Policy consistently and votes whether or not to accept the recommended valuation of our investment portfolio.

The Policy, which is summarized below, applies to the following categories of securities:

- Publicly-traded securities;
- Securities for which a limited market exists; and
- Securities for which no market exists.

Valuation Methods:

Publicly-traded securities: We determine the value of publicly-traded securities based on the closing price for the security on the exchange or securities market on which it is listed and primarily traded on the valuation date. To the extent that we own restricted securities that are not freely tradable, but for which a public market otherwise exists, we will use the market value of that security adjusted for any decrease in value resulting from the restrictive feature.

Securities for which a limited market exists: We value securities that are not traded on an established secondary securities market, but for which a limited market for the security exists, such as certain participations in, or assignments of, syndicated loans, at the quoted bid price. In valuing these assets, we assess trading activity in an asset class, evaluate variances in prices and other market insights to determine if any available quote prices are reliable. If we conclude that quotes based on active markets or trading activity may be relied upon, firm bid prices are requested; however, if a firm bid price is unavailable, we base the value of the security upon the indicative bid price, or IBP, offered by the respective originating syndication agent s trading desk, or secondary desk, on or near the valuation date. To the extent that we use the indicative bid price as a basis for valuing the security, our Adviser may take further steps to consider additional information to validate that price in accordance with the Policy.

In the event these limited markets become illiquid such that market prices are no longer readily available, we will value our syndicated loans using estimated net present values of the future cash flows or discounted cash flows. The use of a discounted cash flow, or DCF, methodology follows that prescribed by ASC 820, which provides guidance on the use of a reporting entity s own assumptions about future cash flows and risk-adjusted discount rates when relevant observable inputs, such as quotes in active markets, are not available. When relevant observable market data does not exist, the alternative outlined in ASC 820 is the use of valuing investments based on DCF. For the purposes of using DCF to provide fair value estimates, we consider multiple inputs such as a risk-adjusted discount rate that incorporates adjustments that market participants would make both for nonperformance and liquidity risks. As such, we develop a modified discount rate approach that incorporates risk premiums including, among others, increased probability of default, or higher loss given default, or increased liquidity risk. The DCF valuations applied to the syndicated loans provide an estimate of what we believe a market participant would pay to purchase a syndicated loan in an active market, thereby establishing a fair value. We will continue to apply the DCF methodology in illiquid markets until quoted prices are available or are deemed reliable based on trading activity.

As of December 31, 2010, we assessed trading activity in our syndicated loan assets and determined that there continued to be market liquidity and a secondary market for these assets. Thus, firm bid prices or IBPs were used to fair value our remaining syndicated loans as of December 31, 2010.

Securities for which no market exists: The valuation methodology for securities for which no market exists falls into three categories: (1) portfolio investments comprised solely of debt securities; (2) portfolio investments in controlled companies comprised of a bundle of securities, which can include debt and equity securities; and (3) portfolio investments in non-controlled companies comprised of a bundle of investments, which can include debt and equity securities.

(1) *Portfolio investments comprised solely of debt securities:* Debt securities that are not publicly traded on an established securities market, or for which a limited market does not exist, which we refer to as Non-Public Debt Securities, and that are issued by portfolio companies where we have no equity or equity-like securities, are fair valued in accordance with the terms of the policy, which utilizes opinions of value submitted to us by SPSE. We may also submit PIK interest to SPSE for their evaluation when it is determined that PIK interest is likely to be received.

In the case of Non-Public Debt Securities, we have engaged SPSE to submit opinions of value for our debt securities that are issued by portfolio companies in which we own no equity, or equity-like securities. SPSE s

opinions of value are based on the valuations prepared by our portfolio management team as described below. We request that SPSE also evaluate and assign values to success fees (conditional interest included in some loan securities) when we determine that there is reasonable probability of receiving a success fee on a given loan. SPSE will only evaluate the debt portion of our investments for which we specifically request evaluation, and may decline to make requested evaluations for any reason at its sole discretion. Upon completing our collection of data with respect to the investments (which may include the information described below under Credit Information, the risk ratings of the loans described below under Loan Grading and Risk Rating and the factors described hereunder), this valuation data is forwarded to SPSE for review and analysis. SPSE makes its independent assessment of the data that we have assembled and assesses its independent data to form an opinion as to what they consider to be the market values for the securities. With regard to its work, SPSE has issued the following paragraph:

SPSE provides evaluated price opinions which are reflective of what SPSE believes the bid side of the market would be for each loan after careful review and analysis of descriptive, market and credit information. Each price reflects SPSE s best judgment based upon careful examination of a variety of market factors. Because of fluctuation in the market and in other factors beyond its control, SPSE cannot guarantee these evaluations. The evaluations reflect the market prices, or estimates thereof, on the date specified. The prices are based on comparable market prices for similar securities. Market information has been obtained from reputable secondary market sources. Although these sources are considered reliable, SPSE cannot guarantee their accuracy.

SPSE opinions of value of our debt securities that are issued by portfolio companies where we have no equity or equity-like securities are submitted to our Board of Directors along with our Adviser s supplemental assessment and recommendation regarding valuation of each of these investments. Our Adviser generally accepts the opinion of value given by SPSE, however, in certain limited circumstances, such as when our Adviser may learn new information regarding an investment between the time of submission to SPSE and the date of the Board assessment our Adviser s conclusions as to value may differ from the opinion of value delivered by SPSE. Our Board of Directors then reviews whether our Adviser has followed its established procedures for determinations of fair value, and votes to accept or reject the recommended valuation of our investment portfolio. Our Adviser and our management recommended, and the Board of Directors voted to accept, the opinions of value delivered by SPSE on the loans in our portfolio as denoted on the Schedule of Investments included in our accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Because there is a delay between when we close an investment and when the investment can be evaluated by SPSE, new loans are not valued immediately by SPSE; rather, management makes its own determination about the value of these investments in accordance with our valuation policy using the methods described herein.

(2) *Portfolio investments in controlled companies comprised of a bundle of investments, which can include debt and equity securities:* The fair value of these investments is determined based on the total enterprise value of the portfolio company, or issuer, utilizing a liquidity waterfall approach. For Non-Public Debt Securities and equity or equity-like securities (e.g. preferred equity, common equity, or other equity-like securities) that are purchased together as part of a package, where we have control or could gain control through an option or warrant security, both the debt and equity securities of the portfolio investment would exit in the mergers and acquisitions market as the principal market, generally through a sale or recapitalization of the portfolio company. In accordance with ASC 820-10, we apply the in-use premise of value which assumes the debt and equity securities are sold together. Under this liquidity waterfall approach, we continue to use the enterprise value methodology utilizing a liquidity waterfall approach to determine the fair value of these investments under ASC 820-10 if we have the ability to initiate a sale of a portfolio company as of the measurement date. Under this approach, we first calculate the total enterprise value of the issuer by incorporating some or all of the following factors:

- the issuer s ability to make payments;

the earnings of the issuer;

recent sales to third parties of similar securities;

the comparison to publicly traded securities; and

discounted cash flow or other pertinent factors.

In gathering the sales to third parties of similar securities, we may reference industry statistics and use outside experts. Once we have estimated the total enterprise value of the issuer, we subtract the value of all the debt securities of the issuer; which are valued at the contractual principal balance. Fair values of these debt securities are discounted for any shortfall of total enterprise value over the total debt outstanding for the issuer. Once the values for all outstanding senior securities (which include the debt securities) have been subtracted from the total enterprise value of the issuer, the remaining amount, if any, is used to determine the value of the issuer s equity or equity-like securities. If, in our Adviser s judgment, the liquidity waterfall approach does not accurately reflect the value of the debt component, our Adviser may recommend that we use a valuation by SPSE or, if that is unavailable, a DCF valuation technique.

(3) *Portfolio investments in non-controlled companies comprised of a bundle of investments, which can include debt and equity securities:* We value Non-Public Debt Securities that are purchased together with equity or equity-like securities from the same portfolio company, or issuer, for which we do not control or cannot gain control as of the measurement date, using a hypothetical secondary market as our principal market. In accordance with ASC 820-10, we determine the fair value of these debt securities of non-control investments assuming the sale of an individual debt security using the in-exchange premise of value. As such, we estimate the fair value of the debt component using estimates of value provided by SPSE and our own assumptions in the absence of observable market data, including synthetic credit ratings, estimated remaining life, current market yield and interest rate spreads of similar securities as of the measurement date. Subsequent to June 30, 2009, for equity or equity-like securities of investments for which we do not control or cannot gain control as of the measurement date, we estimate the fair value of the equity using the in-exchange premise of value based on factors such as the overall value of the issuer, the relative fair value of other units of account including debt, or other relative value approaches. Consideration also is given to capital structure and other contractual obligations that may impact the fair value of the equity. Further, we may utilize comparable values of similar companies, recent investments and indices with similar structures and risk characteristics or our own assumptions in the absence of other observable market data and may also employ DCF valuation techniques.

(4) *Portfolio investments comprised of non-publicly traded non-control equity securities of other funds:* We value any uninvested capital of the non-control fund at par value and value any invested capital at the value provided by the non-control fund.

Due to the uncertainty inherent in the valuation process, such estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the values that would have been obtained had a ready market for the securities existed, and the differences could be material. Additionally, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investments may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the valuations currently assigned. There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith, as fair value depends upon circumstances of each individual case. In general, fair value is the amount that we might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security in an arms-length transaction in the security s principal market.

Valuation Considerations: From time to time, depending on certain circumstances, the Adviser may use the following valuation considerations, including but not limited to:

- the nature and realizable value of the collateral;
- the portfolio company s earnings and cash flows and its ability to make payments on its obligations;
- the markets in which the portfolio company does business;
- the comparison to publicly traded companies; and

DCF and other relevant factors.

Because such valuations, particularly valuations of private securities and private companies, are not susceptible to precise determination, may fluctuate over short periods of time, and may be based on estimates, our

determinations of fair value may differ from the values that might have actually resulted had a readily available market for these securities been available.

Credit Information: Our 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. We and our Adviser participate in the periodic board meetings of our portfolio companies in which we hold Control and Affiliate investments and also require them to provide annual audited and monthly unaudited financial statements. Using these statements or comparable information and board discussions, our Adviser calculates and evaluates the credit statistics.

Loan Grading and Risk Rating: As part of our valuation procedures above, we risk rate all of our investments in debt securities. For syndicated loans that have been rated by an NRSRO (as defined in Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act), we use the NRSRO s risk rating for such security. For all other debt securities, we use a proprietary risk rating system. Our risk rating system uses a scale of 0 to 10, with 10 being the lowest probability of default. This system is used to estimate the probability of default on debt securities and the probability of loss if there is a default. These types of systems are referred to as risk rating systems and are used by banks and rating agencies. The risk rating system covers both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the business and the securities we hold. During the three months ended March 31, 2010, 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.

For the debt securities for which we do not use a third-party NRSRO risk rating, we seek to have our risk rating system mirror the risk rating systems of major risk rating organizations, such as those provided by an NRSRO. While we seek to mirror the NRSRO systems, we cannot provide any assurance that our risk rating system will provide the same risk rating as an NRSRO for these securities. The following chart is an estimate of the relationship of our risk rating system to the designations used by two NRSROs as they risk rate debt securities of major companies. Because our system rates debt securities of companies that are unrated by any NRSRO, there can be no assurance that the correlation to the NRSRO set out below is accurate. We believe our risk rating would be significantly higher than a typical NRSRO risk rating because the risk rating of the typical NRSRO is designed for larger businesses. However, our risk rating has been designed to risk rate the securities of smaller businesses that are not rated by a typical NRSRO. Therefore, when we use our risk rating on larger business securities, the risk rating is higher than a typical NRSRO rating. The primary difference between our risk rating and the rating of a typical NRSRO is that our risk rating uses more quantitative determinants and includes qualitative determinants that we believe are not used in the NRSRO rating. It is our 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, our scale begins with the designation 10 as the best risk rating which may be equivalent to a BBB− or Baaa3 from an NRSRO, however, no assurance can be given that a 10 on our scale is equal to a BBB− or Baaa3 on an NRSRO scale.

Company s System	**First NRSRO**	**Second NRSRO**	**Description(a)**
> 10	Baa2	BBB	Probability of Default (PD) during the next ten years is 4% and the Expected Loss (EL) is 1% or less
10	Baa3	BBB−	PD is 5% and the EL is 1% to 2%
9	Ba1	BB+	PD is 10% and the EL is 2% to 3%
8	Ba2	BB	PD is 16% and the EL is 3% to 4%
7	Ba3	BB−	PD is 17.8% and the EL is 4% to 5%
6	B1	B+	PD is 22% and the EL is 5% to 6.5%

5	B2	B	PD is 25% and the EL is 6.5% to 8%
4	B3	B−	PD is 27% and the EL is 8% to 10%
3	Caa1	CCC+	PD is 30% and the EL is 10% to 13.3%
2	Caa2	CCC	PD is 35% and the EL is 13.3% to 16.7%
1	Caa3	CC	PD is 65% and the EL is 16.7% to 20%
< 1	N/A	D	PD is 85% or there is a payment default and the EL is greater than 20%

(a) The default rates set forth are for a ten year term debt security. If a debt security is less than ten years, then the probability of default is adjusted to a lower percentage for the shorter period, which may move the security higher on our risk rating scale.

The above scale gives an indication of the probability of default and the magnitude of the loss if there is a default. Our policy is to stop accruing interest on an investment if we determine that interest is no longer collectible. As of December 31, 2010, and September 30, 2010, two Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments and four Control investments were on non-accrual. As of September 30, 2009, one Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investment and four Control investments were on non-accrual. Additionally, we do not risk rate our equity securities.

The following table lists the risk ratings for all non-syndicated loans in our portfolio at December 31, 2010, September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, representing approximately 92%, 93% and 96%, respectively, of all loans in our portfolio at the end of each period:

Rating	Dec. 31, 2010	Sept. 30, 2010	Sept. 30, 2009
Highest	10.0	10.0	9.0
Average	6.4	6.1	7.1
Weighted Average	6.5	5.7	7.2
Lowest	3.0	1.0	3.0

The following table lists the risk ratings for all syndicated loans in our portfolio that were not rated by an NRSRO at September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, representing approximately 2% of all loans in our portfolio at the end of each year (all syndicated loans in our portfolio were rated by an NRSRO at December 31, 2010):

Rating	Sept. 30, 2010	Sept. 30, 2009
Highest	7.0	7.0
Average	7.0	7.0
Weighted Average	7.0	7.0
Lowest	7.0	7.0

For syndicated loans that are currently rated by an NRSRO, we risk rate such loans in accordance with the risk rating systems of major risk rating organizations, such as those provided by an NRSRO. The following table lists the risk ratings for all syndicated loans in our portfolio that were rated by an NRSRO at December 31, 2010, September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, representing approximately 8%, 4% and 2%, respectively, of all loans in our portfolio at the end of each period:

Rating	Dec. 31, 2010	Sept. 30, 2010	Sept. 30, 2009
Highest	B+/B2	B+/B2	B-/B3
Average	B-/B3	B+/B2	CCC+/Caa1

Weighted Average	B/B2	B+/B2	CCC+/Caa1
Lowest	B-/B3	B2	D/C

Tax Status

We intend to continue to qualify for treatment as a RIC under Subtitle A, Chapter 1 of Subchapter M of the Code. As a RIC, we are not subject to federal income tax on the portion of our taxable income and gains distributed to stockholders. To qualify as a RIC, we must meet certain source-of-income, asset diversification, and annual distribution requirements. Under the annual distribution requirement, we are required to distribute to stockholders at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code. We have a policy to pay out as distributions up to 100% of that amount.

In an effort to avoid certain excise taxes imposed on RICs, we currently intend to distribute during each calendar year, an amount at least equal to the sum of (1) 98% of our ordinary income for the calendar year, (2) 98%

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 net capital gains for preceding years that were not distributed during such years.

We sought and received a private letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, related to our tax treatment for success fees. In the ruling, executed by our consent on January 3, 2011, we, in effect, will continue to account for the recognition of income from the success fees upon receipt, or when the amount becomes fixed. However, starting January 1, 2011, the tax characterization of the success fee amount will be treated as ordinary income. Previously, we had treated the success fee amount as a realized gain for tax characterization purposes. The private letter ruling does not require us to retroactively change the capital gains treatment of the success fees received prior to January 1, 2011.

Revenue Recognition

Interest Income Recognition

Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premiums and acquisition costs and for the accretion of discounts, is recorded on an 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 principal depending upon management s judgment. Non-accrual loans are restored to accrual status when past due principal and interest is paid and in management s judgment, are likely to remain current. As of December 31, 2010, two Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments and four Control investments were on non-accrual with an aggregate cost basis of approximately $30.4 million, or 10.3% of the cost basis of all loans in our portfolio. As of September 30, 2010, two Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments and four Control investments were on non-accrual with an aggregate cost basis of approximately $29.9 million or 10.0% of the cost basis of all investments in our portfolio. As of September 30, 2009, one Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investment and four Control investments were on non-accrual with an aggregate cost basis of approximately $10 million or 2.8% of the cost basis of all investments in our portfolio.

As of December 31, 2010, we had loans in our portfolio which contain a PIK provision. The PIK interest, computed at the contractual rate specified in each loan agreement, is added to the principal balance of the loan and recorded as income. To maintain our status as a RIC, this non-cash source of income must be paid out to stockholders in the form of distributions, even though we have not yet collected the cash. We recorded PIK income of $4 and $55 for the three months ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. We recorded PIK income of $53, $166 and $58 for the years ended September 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

We also transfer past due interest to the principal balance as stipulated in certain loan amendments with portfolio companies. For the three months ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, we transferred past due interest to the principal balance of $0 and $103. For the years ended September 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008, we rolled over past due interest to the principal balance of $529, $1,455 and $0, respectively.

As of December 31, 2010, we had nine OID loans. We recorded OID income of $25 and $0 for the three months ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. For the years ended September 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008, we recorded OID income of $21, $206 and $29, respectively.

Success fees are recorded upon receipt. Success fees are contractually due upon a change of control in a portfolio company and are recorded in Other income in our accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. We recorded $0.1 million of success fees during the quarter ended December 31, 2010, which resulted from the exit

and payoff of Interfilm Corp. During the quarter ended December 31, 2009, we received $0.3 million in prepaid success fees from Doe & Ingalls Management LLC and $0.3 million in success fees from our exit in Tulsa Welding School.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

COMPARISON OF THE THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 TO THE THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

A comparison of our operating results for the three months ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 is below:

	Three Months Ended December 31,			
	2010	**2009**	**$ Change**	**% Change**
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Interest income	$ 7,845	$ 9,251	$ (1,406)	(15.2)%
Other income	161	553	(392)	(70.9)%
Total investment income	8,006	9,804	(1,798)	(18.3)%
EXPENSES				
Loan servicing fee	842	929	(87)	(9.4)%
Base management fee	505	721	(216)	(30.0)%
Incentive fee	1,159	375	784	209.1%
Administration fee	186	178	8	4.5%
Interest expense	(120)	1,535	(1,655)	NM
Amortization of deferred financing fees	297	494	(197)	(39.9)%
Professional fees	332	912	(580)	(63.6)%
Other expenses	220	261	(41)	(15.7)%
Expenses before credit from Adviser	3,421	5,405	(1,984)	(36.7)%
Credit to base management and incentive fees from Adviser	(52)	(29)	(23)	79.3%
Total expenses net of credit to base management and incentive fees	3,369	5,376	(2,007)	(37.3)%
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	4,637	4,428	209	4.7%
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED (LOSS) GAIN ON:				

Net realized loss on investments		(920)	920	(100.0)%
Net unrealized (depreciation) appreciation on investments	(2,944)	2,599	(5,543)	NM
Net unrealized appreciation on borrowings	439	219	220	100.0%
Net (loss) gain on investments and borrowings	(2,505)	1,898	(4,403)	NM
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	$ 2,132	$ 6,326	$ (4,194)	(66.3)%

NM = Not Meaningful

Investment Income

Interest income from our investments in debt securities decreased for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, for several reasons. The level of interest income from investments is directly related to the balance, at cost, of the interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the period multiplied by the weighted average yield. The weighted average cost basis of our interest-bearing investment portfolio during the quarter ended December 31, 2010 was approximately $269.4 million, compared to approximately $336.1 million for the prior year quarter, due primarily to increased principal repayments, limited new investment activity and an increased number of investments placed on non-accrual subsequent to December 31, 2009. The annualized weighted average yield on our interest-bearing investment portfolio for the three months

ended December 31, 2010 was 11.37%, compared to 10.79% for the prior year period. The weighted average yield varies from period to period based on the current stated interest rate on interest-bearing investments and the amounts of loans for which interest is not accruing. The increase in the weighted average yield on our portfolio for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 resulted primarily from the repayment of loans with lower stated interest rates and the placement of loans with lower stated interest rates on non-accrual. During the three months ended December 31, 2010, six investments were on non-accrual, for an aggregate of approximately $30.4 million at cost, or 10.3% of the aggregate cost of our investment portfolio, and during the prior year period, six investments were on non-accrual, for an aggregate of approximately $19.9 million at cost, or 5.7% of the aggregate cost of our investment portfolio.

Other income decreased for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the prior year period, primarily due to success fees earned in the prior year period. We received $0.3 million in prepaid success fees from Doe & Ingalls Management LLC and $0.3 million in success fees from our exit in Tulsa Welding School during the three months ended December 31, 2009. The decrease in Other income was partially offset by the receipt of $0.1 million in success fees from our exit in Interfilm Holdings, Inc. during the three months ended December 31, 2010.

The following table lists the interest income from investments for our five largest portfolio company investments during the respective periods:

	As of December 31, 2010		Three Months Ended December 31, 2010	
Company	**Fair Value**	**% of Portfolio**	**Revenues**	**% of Total Revenues**
Reliable Biopharmaceutical Holding Inc.	$ 26,961	10.6%	$ 754	9.4%
Sunshine Media Holdings	22,235	8.8	864	10.8
Westlake Hardware, Inc.	19,645	7.8	652	8.2
Clinton Holdings LLC (Midwest Metal)	15,813	6.3	561	7.0
Defiance Acquisition Corp.	12,757	5.1	231	2.9
Subtotal five largest investments	97,411	38.6	3,062	38.3
Other portfolio companies	155,094	61.4	4,822	60.2
Other non-portfolio company revenue			122	1.5
Total	$ 252,505	100.0%	$ 8,006	100.0%

	As of December 31, 2009		Three Months Ended December 31, 2009	
Company	**Fair Value**	**% of Portfolio**	**Revenues**	**% of Total Revenues**
Reliable Biopharmaceutical Holding Inc.	$ 26,747	8.7%	$ 759	7.7%
Sunshine Media Holdings	26,228	8.6	846	8.6
Westlake Hardware, Inc.	24,213	7.9	924	9.4
Clinton Holdings LLC (Midwest Metal)	13,712	4.5	522	5.3

Defiance Acquisition Corp.	13,590	4.4	419	4.3
Subtotal five largest investments	104,490	34.1	3,470	35.3
Other portfolio companies	202,148	65.9	6,221	63.5
Other non-portfolio company revenue			113	1.2
Total	$ 306,638	100.0%	$ 9,804	100.0%

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses, net of credits from the Adviser for fees earned and voluntary and irrevocable waivers applied to the base management and incentive fees, decreased for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the prior year period. This reduction was primarily due to a decrease in interest expense and the

amortization of deferred financing fees incurred in connection with the Credit Facility, and a decrease in professional fees, which were partially offset by an increase in the incentive fee.

Interest expense decreased for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the prior year period due primarily to decreased borrowings under our Credit Facility and the reversal of $0.6 million minimum earnings shortfall fee during the three months ended December 31, 2010. The weighted average balance outstanding on our Credit Facility during the quarter ended December 31, 2010 was approximately $19.8 million, as compared to $78.8 million in the prior year period, a decrease of 74.8%. On November 22, 2010, we amended our Credit Facility such that advances bear interest at LIBOR subject to a minimum rate of 1.5%, plus 3.75% per annum. For the three months ended December 31, 2009, under our prior credit facility, advances generally bore interest at LIBOR subject to a minimum rate of 2.0%, plus 4.0% per annum. In addition to the lower interest rate, the amendment removed the annual minimum earnings shortfall fee to the committed lenders. As such, we reversed $0.6 million during the three months ended December 31, 2010 that we had accrued through September 30, 2010 for a projected minimum earnings shortfall fee, as it is no longer applicable.

Amortization of deferred financing fees decreased for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the prior year period due to significant one-time costs related to the termination of our prior credit facility and transition to our Credit Facility, resulting in increased amortization of deferred financing fees during the quarter ended December 31, 2009 when compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2010.

Professional fees decreased for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the prior period, primarily due to legal fees incurred in connection with troubled loans during the three months ended December 31, 2009.

The base management fee decreased for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the prior year period, which is reflective of holding fewer loans that generate loan servicing fees that reduce the base management fee as compared to the prior year period. An incentive fee was earned by the Adviser during the three months ended December 31, 2010, due primarily to decreased interest expense. The incentive fee earned during the prior year period was due in part to success fee income from two portfolio companies. The base management and incentive fees are computed quarterly, as described under Investment Advisory and Management Agreement in Note 4 of the notes to the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and are summarized in the following table:

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2010	**2009**
Average total assets subject to base management fee[1]	$ 269,408	$ 330,000
Multiplied by pro-rated annual base management fee of 2.0%	0.5%	0.5%
Unadjusted base management fee	$ 1,347	$ 1,650
Reduction for loan servicing fees[2]	(842)	(929)
Base management fee[2]	505	721
Credit for fees received by Adviser from the portfolio companies		
Fee reduction for the voluntary, irrevocable waiver of 2.0% fee on senior syndicated loans to 0.5% per annum	(52)	(7)
Net base management fee	$ 453	$ 714

Incentive fee	$	1,159	$	375
Credit from voluntary, irrevocable waiver issued by Adviser s board of directors				(22)
Net incentive fee	$	1,159	$	353
Credit for fees received by Adviser from the portfolio companies	$		$	
Fee reduction for the voluntary, irrevocable waiver of 2.0% fee on senior syndicated loans to 0.5% per annum		(52)		(7)
Incentive fee credit				(22)
Credit to base management and incentive fees from Adviser[2]	$	(52)	$	(29)

[1] 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 and cash equivalents resulting from borrowings, valued at the end of the applicable quarters within the respective periods and appropriately adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the periods.

[2] Reflected as a line item on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations located elsewhere in this prospectus.

Net Realized Loss on Investments

There were no realized gains or losses for the three months ended December 31, 2010. Net realized loss on investments for the three months ended December 31, 2009 was $0.9 million, which consisted of losses of $0.5 million and $0.4 million from the Kinetek Acquisition Corporation and Wesco Holdings, Inc. syndicated loan sales, respectively.

Net Unrealized (Depreciation) Appreciation on Investments

Net unrealized (depreciation) appreciation on investments is the net change in the fair value of our investment portfolio during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously-recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains and losses are actually realized. During the quarter ended December 31, 2010, we recorded net unrealized depreciation on investments in the aggregate amount of $2.9 million. During the prior year period, we recorded net unrealized appreciation on investments in the aggregate amount of $2.6 million, which included the reversal of $0.9 million in unrealized depreciation related to two syndicated loan sales. Excluding reversals, we had $1.7 million in net unrealized appreciation for the three months ended December 30, 2009. The net unrealized (depreciation) appreciation across our investments for the three months ended December 31, 2010 was as follows:

Three Months Ended December 31, 2010

Portfolio Company	**Investment Classification**	**Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)**
Defiance Integrated Technologies, Inc.	Control	$ 2,969
Puerto Rico Cable Acquisition Company, Inc.	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	732
Midwest Metal Distribution, Inc.	Control	272
Global Brass & Cooper, Inc.	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	263
Reliable Biopharmaceutical Holdings, Inc.	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	250
Sunshine Media Holdings	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	(5,450)
Lindmark Acquisitions	Control	(1,051)
GFRC Holdings LLC	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	(406)
Other, net (<$250)		(523)
	Total:	$ (2,944)

The primary drivers in our net unrealized depreciation for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 were notable depreciation in Sunshine Media Holdings, or Sunshine, which was primarily due to portfolio company performance and limited equity sponsor support, partially offset by appreciation in Defiance Integrated Technologies, Inc., which

was due to an increase in portfolio company performance and in certain comparable multiples.

The unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the three months ended December 31, 2009 was as follows:

Three Months Ended December 31, 2009

Portfolio Company	Investment Classification	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
BAS Broadcasting	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	$ 1,192(1)
Westlake Hardware, Inc.	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	544
Kinetek Acquisition Corp.	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	513(2)
Wesco Holdings, Inc.	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	408(3)
WP Evenflo Group Holdings, Inc.	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	343
Puerto Rico Cable Acquisition Company, Inc.	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	289
Sunshine Media Holdings	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	276
Allison Publications, LLC	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	265
Pinnacle Treatment Centers, Inc.	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	254
Defiance Integrated Technologies, Inc.	Control	(816)
Legend Communications of Wyoming LLC	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	(543)
LocalTel, LLC	Control	(524)
KMBQ Corporation	Non-Control / Non-Affiliate	(385)
Other, net (<$250)		783
	Total:	$ 2,599

(1) Reflects the reversal of $0.5 million in unrealized depreciation in connection with the payoff of the senior term B loan of BAS Broadcasting.

(2) Reflects the reversal of the unrealized depreciation in connection with the $0.5 million realized loss on the sale of Kinetek Acquisition Corp.

(3) Reflects the reversal of the unrealized depreciation in connection with the $0.4 million realized loss on the sale of Wesco Holdings, Inc.

Excluding reversals, general increase in our net unrealized appreciation was experienced throughout the majority of our entire portfolio of debt holdings based on increases in market comparables and portfolio company performance.

Over our entire investment portfolio, we recorded an aggregate of approximately $5.6 million of net unrealized depreciation on our debt positions for the quarter ended December 31, 2010, while our equity holdings experienced an aggregate of approximately $2.7 million of net unrealized appreciation. At December 31, 2010, the fair value of our investment portfolio was less than its cost basis by approximately $44.0 million, as compared to $41.1 million at September 30, 2010, representing net unrealized depreciation of $2.9 million for the period. We believe that our aggregate investment portfolio was valued at a depreciated value due primarily to the general instability of the loan markets and resulting decrease in market multiples relative to where multiples were when we originated the investments in our portfolio. Even though valuations have generally stabilized over the past several quarters, our

entire portfolio was fair valued at 85.1% of cost as of December 31, 2010. 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 to stockholders.

Net Unrealized Depreciation on Borrowings

Net unrealized depreciation on borrowings is the net change in the fair value of our borrowings during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains and losses are realized. We elected to apply ASC 825, Financial Instruments, which requires that we apply a fair

value methodology to the Credit Facility. We estimated the fair value of the Credit Facility using estimates of value provided by an independent third party and our own assumptions in the absence of observable market data, including estimated remaining life, current market yield and interest rate spreads of similar securities as of the measurement date. The Credit Facility was fair valued at $25.3 million as of December 31, 2010.

Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations

For the three months ended December 31, 2010, we realized a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of $2.1 million as a result of the factors discussed above. For the three months ended December 31, 2009, we realized a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of $6.3 million. Our net increase in net assets resulting from operations per basic and diluted weighted average common share for the three months ended December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were $0.10 and $0.30, respectively.

COMPARISON OF THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND 2009

A comparison of our operating results for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 is below:

	Year Ended September 30,			
	2010	**2009**	**$ Change**	**% Change**
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Interest income				
Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments	$ 29,938	$ 40,747	$ (10,809)	(26.5)%
Control investments	2,645	933	1,712	183.5%
Cash	1	11	(10)	(90.9)%
Notes receivable from employees	437	468	(31)	(6.6)%
Total interest income	33,021	42,159	(9,138)	(21.7)%
Other income	2,518	459	2,059	448.6%
Total investment income	35,539	42,618	(7,079)	(16.6)%
EXPENSES				
Loan servicing fee (Refer to Note 4)	3,412	5,620	(2,208)	(39.3)%
Base management fee (Refer to Note 4)	2,673	2,005	668	33.3%
Incentive fee (Refer to Note 4)	1,823	3,326	(1,503)	(45.2)%
Administration fee (Refer to Note 4)	807	872	(65)	(7.5)%
Interest expense	4,390	7,949	(3,559)	(44.8)%
Amortization of deferred financing fees	1,490	2,778	(1,288)	(46.4)%
Professional fees	2,101	1,586	515	32.5%
Compensation expense (Refer to Note 4)	245		245	NM
Other expenses	1,259	1,131	128	11.3%
Expenses before credit from Adviser	18,200	25,267	(7,067)	(28.0)%
Credit to fees from Adviser (Refer to Note 4)	(420)	(3,680)	3,260	(88.6)%
Total expenses net of credit to credits to fees	17,780	21,587	(3,807)	(17.6)%
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	17,759	21,031	(3,272)	(15.6)%
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED LOSS ON:				
Net realized loss on investments	(2,893)	(26,411)	23,518	(89.0)%
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	2,317	9,513	(7,196)	(75.6)%
Realized loss on settlement of derivative		(304)	304	(100.0)%
Net unrealized appreciation on derivative		304	(304)	(100.0)%
Net unrealized appreciation on borrowings under line of credit	(789)	(350)	(439)	NM

Net loss on investments, derivative and borrowings under line of credit	(1,365)	(17,248)	15,883	(92.1)%
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	$ 16,394	$ 3,783	$ 12,611	333.4%

NM = Not Meaningful

Investment Income

Investment income for the year ended September 30, 2010 was $35,539 as compared to $42,618 for the year ended September 30, 2009. Interest income from our aggregate investment portfolio decreased for the year ended

September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year. The level of interest income from investments is directly related to the balance, at cost, of the interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the year multiplied by the weighted average yield. The weighted average yield varies from year to year based on the current stated interest rate on interest-bearing investments and the amounts of loans for which interest is not accruing. Interest income from our investments decreased primarily due to the overall reduction in the cost basis of our investments, resulting primarily from the exit of 12 investments during the year ended September 30, 2010. The annualized weighted average yield on our portfolio was 9.9% for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to 9.8% for the prior year. As of September 30, 2010, six investments were on non-accrual, for an aggregate of approximately $29,926 at cost, or 10.0% of the aggregate cost of our investment portfolio and as of September 30, 2009, five investments were on non-accrual, for an aggregate of approximately $10,022 at cost, or 2.8% of the aggregate cost of our investment portfolio.

Interest income from Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments decreased for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year, primarily from an overall decrease in the aggregate cost basis of our Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments during the year.

Interest income from Control investments increased for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year. The increase was attributable to the Control investments (mainly Defiance and Midwest Metal) held for the entire year ended September 30, 2010, where those same investments were held for only a portion of the year ended September 30, 2009. Interest income from invested cash was nominal for the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

Interest income from loans to employees, in connection with the exercise of employee stock options, decreased slightly for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year due to principal payments on the employee loans during the year ended September 30, 2010. In addition, during the year ended September 30, 2010, $515 of an employee stock option loan to a former employee of the Adviser was transferred from notes receivable employees to other assets in connection with the termination of her employment with the Adviser and the later amendment of the loan. The interest on the loan from the time the employee stopped working for the Adviser is included in other income on the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

Other income increased for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year. Other income includes success fees as well as prepayment fees received upon the full repayment of certain loan investments ahead of contractual maturity and prepayment fees received upon the early unscheduled principal repayments, which was based on a percentage of the outstanding principal amount of the loan at the date of prepayment. Success fees earned during the year ended September 30, 2010 totaled $1,866, which we received from ActivStyle, Anitox, Doe & Ingalls, Saunders, Northern Contours, Tulsa Welding and Visual Edge. Success fees earned during the year ended September 30, 2009 totaled $387, which we received from ActivStyle, Interfilm and It s Just Lunch.

The following table lists the investment income for the five largest portfolio companies during the respective years:

Year Ended September 30, 2010

Company	**Investment Income**	**% of Total**
Sunshine Media	$ 3,254	9.3%
Reliable Biopharma	3,003	8.6%
Westlake Hardware	2,940	8.4%

Midwest Metal (Clinton)#		2,127	6.1%
Winchester		1,589	4.5%
Subtotal	**$**	**12,913**	**36.9%**
Other companies		22,036	63.1%
Total income from investments*	**$**	**34,949**	**100.0%**

Year Ended September 30, 2009

Company		**Investment Income**	**% of Total**
Sunshine Media	$	3,352	8.0%
Reliable Biopharma		3,073	7.3%
Westlake Hardware		2,417	5.7%
Clinton Holdings		1,888	4.5%
VantaCore		1,696	4.0%
Subtotal	**$**	**12,426**	**29.5%**
Other companies		29,711	70.5%
Total income from investments*	**$**	**42,137**	**100.0%**

During the year ended September 30, 2010 Clinton Holdings was restructured as Midwest Metal.

* Includes interest and other income from Non-Control and Control investments.

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses, net of credits from the Adviser for fees earned and voluntary irrevocable and unconditional waivers to the base management and incentive fees, decreased for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year. This reduction was primarily due to a decrease in interest expense and amortization of deferred financing fees incurred in connection with the Credit Facility, which were partially offset by an increase in professional fees.

Loan servicing fees decreased for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year. These fees were incurred in connection with a loan servicing agreement between Business Loan and our Adviser, which is based on the size and mix of the portfolio. The decrease was primarily due to the reduction in the size of our investment portfolio. Due to voluntary, irrevocable and unconditional waivers in place during these years, senior syndicated loans incurred a 0.5% annual fee, whereas proprietary loans incurred a 1.5% annual fee. All of these fees were reduced against the amount of the base management fee due to our Adviser.

Base management fee (which is net of loan servicing fees) increased for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year. However, the gross management fee (consisting of the loan servicing fees plus the base management fee) decreased from the prior year as shown below:

	Year Ended			
	September 30, 2010		**September 30, 2009**	
Loan servicing fee	$	3,412	$	5,620

Base management fee		2,673		2,005
Gross management fee	$	6,085	$	7,625

Gross management fee decreased due to fewer total assets held during the year ended September 30, 2010. The base management fee is computed quarterly as described under Investment Advisory and Management

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Agreement in Note 4 of the notes to the accompanying consolidated financial statements, and is summarized in the table below:

	Year Ended	
	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2009
Base management fee[1]	$ 2,673	$ 2,005
Credit for fees received by Adviser from the portfolio companies	(213)	(89)
Fee reduction for the voluntary, irrevocable and unconditional waiver of 2% fee on senior syndicated loans to 0.5%[2]	(42)	(265)
Net base management fee	$ 2,418	$ 1,651

[1] Base management fee is net of loan servicing fees per the terms of the Advisory Agreement.

[2] The board of our Adviser voluntarily, irrevocably and unconditionally waived on a quarterly basis the annual 2% base management fee to 0.5% for senior syndicated loan participations for the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009. Fees waived cannot be recouped by the Adviser in the future.

Incentive fee decreased for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year. The board of our Adviser voluntarily, irrevocably and unconditionally waived a portion of the incentive fee for the year ended September 30, 2010 and the entire incentive fee for the year ended September 30, 2009. The incentive fee and associated credits are summarized in the table below:

	Year Ended	
	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2009
Incentive fee	$ 1,823	$ 3,326
Credit from voluntary, irrevocable and unconditional waiver issued by Adviser s board of directors	(165)	(3,326)
Net incentive fee	$ 1,658	$

Administration fee decreased for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year, due to a decrease of administration staff and related expenses, as well as a decrease in our total assets in comparison to the total assets of all companies managed by our Adviser under similar agreements. The calculation of the administration fee is described in detail under Investment Advisory and Management Agreement in Note 4 of the notes to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Interest expense decreased for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year due primarily to decreased borrowings under our line of credit during the year ended September 30, 2010. The balance for the year ended September 30, 2010 included $590 of the minimum earnings shortfall fee that was accrued as of September 30,

2010.

Amortization of deferred financing fees decreased for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year due to significant one-time costs related to the termination of our prior credit facility and transition to the Credit Facility, resulting in increased amortization of deferred financing fees during the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the year ended September 30, 2010.

Compensation expense increased for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year due to the conversion of stock option loans of two former employees from recourse to non-recourse loans. The conversions were non-cash transactions and were accounted for as repurchases of the shares previously received by the employees upon exercise of the stock options in exchange for the non-recourse notes. The repurchases were accounted for as treasury stock transactions at the fair value of the shares, totaling $420. Since the value of the stock option loans totaled $665, we recorded compensation expense of $245.

Other operating expenses (including professional fees, stockholder related costs, director s fees, insurance and other direct expenses) increased for the year ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the prior year, due primarily

to legal fees incurred in connection with certain portfolio loans during the year ended September 30, 2010 and an increase in the provision for uncollectible receivables from portfolio companies.

Realized Loss and Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Investments

Realized Losses

For the year ended September 30, 2010, we recorded a net realized loss on investments of $2,893, which consisted of $4,259 of losses from three syndicated loan sales (Gold Toe, Kinetek and Wesco), the Western Directories write-off, and the CCS payoff, offset by a $1,366 gain from the ACE Expediters payoff. For the year ended September 30, 2009, we recorded a net realized loss on investments of $26,411, which consisted of $15,029 of losses from the sale of several syndicated loans and one non-syndicated loan, a $9,409 write-off of the Badanco loan, and a $2,000 write-off of a portion of the Greatwide second lien syndicated loan, partially offset by a $27 gain from the Country Road payoff.

Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments is the net change in the fair value of our investment portfolio during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains and losses are actually realized. The net unrealized appreciation for the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 consisted of the following:

	Year Ended September 30, 2010	Year Ended September 30, 2009
Reversal of previously recorded unrealized depreciation upon realization of losses	$ 6,411	$ 24,531
Appreciation from Control investments	1,098	1,564
Depreciation from Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments	(5,192)	(16,582)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	$ 2,317	$ 9,513

The primary driver of our net unrealized appreciation for the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 was the reversal of previously recorded unrealized depreciation on our exited investments. Our Control investments also experienced unrealized appreciation due to an increase in certain comparable multiples. However, our Non-Control investments experienced unrealized depreciation, which was due primarily to a reduction in certain comparable multiples and the performance of some of our portfolio companies used to estimate the fair value of our investments. Although our investment portfolio appreciated during the year ended September 30, 2010, our entire portfolio was fair valued at 86% of cost as of September 30, 2010. The cumulative 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 and Unrealized Appreciation on Derivative

For the year ended September 30, 2009, we realized a loss of $304 due to the expiration of the interest rate cap in February 2009. In addition, we recorded unrealized appreciation on derivative of $304, which resulted from the

reversal of previously recorded unrealized depreciation when the loss was realized during the year.

Net Unrealized Appreciation on Borrowings under Line of Credit

Net unrealized appreciation on borrowings under line of credit is the net change in the fair value of our line of credit borrowings during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains and losses are realized. The net unrealized appreciation on borrowings under line of credit for the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were $789 and $350, respectively. We elected to apply ASC 825, Financial Instruments, which requires that we apply a fair value methodology to the Credit Facility. We estimated the fair value of the Credit Facility using estimates of value provided by an independent third party and our own assumptions in the absence of observable market data, including estimated remaining life, current market

yield and interest rate spreads of similar securities as of the measurement date. The Credit Facility was fair valued at $17,940 and $83,350 as of September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. As a result, we recorded unrealized appreciation of $789 and $350 for the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Net Increase in Net Assets from Operations

For the year ended September 30, 2010, we realized a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of $16,394 as a result of the factors discussed above. For the year ended September 30, 2009, we realized a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of $3,783. Our net increase in net assets resulting from operations per basic and diluted weighted average common share for the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were $0.78 and $0.18, respectively.

COMPARISON OF THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

A comparison of our operating results for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 is below:

	Year Ended September 30,			
	2009	2008	$ Change	% Change
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Interest income non control/non affiliate investments	$ 40,747	$ 43,734	$ (2,987)	(6.8)%
Interest income control investments	933	64	869	1,357.8%
Interest income cash	11	335	(324)	(96.7)%
Interest income notes receivable from employees	468	471	(3)	(0.6)%
Prepayment fees and other income	459	1,121	(662)	(59.1)%
Total investment income	42,618	45,725	(3,107)	(6.8)%
EXPENSES				
Interest expense	7,949	8,284	(335)	(4.0)%
Loan servicing fee	5,620	6,117	(497)	(8.1)%
Base management fee	2,005	2,212	(207)	(9.4)%
Incentive fee	3,326	5,311	(1,985)	(37.4)%
Administration fee	872	985	(113)	(11.5)%
Professional fees	1,586	911	675	74.1%
Amortization of deferred financing fees	2,778	1,534	1,244	81.1%
Stockholder related costs	415	443	(28)	(6.3)%
Directors fees	197	220	(23)	(10.5)%
Insurance expense	241	227	14	6.2%
Other expenses	278	325	(47)	(14.5)%
Expenses before credit from Adviser	25,267	26,569	(1,302)	(4.9)%
Credit to base management and incentive fees from Adviser	(3,680)	(7,397)	3,717	(50.3)%
Total expenses net of credit to base management and incentive fees	21,587	19,172	2,415	12.6%
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	21,031	26,553	(5,522)	(20.8)%
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, DERIVATIVE AND BORROWINGS UNDER LINE OF CREDIT:				
Net realized loss on investments	(26,411)	(787)	(25,624)	3,255.9%
Realized (loss) gain on settlement of derivative	(304)	7	(311)	(4,442.9)%
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivative	304	(12)	316	(2,633.3)%
	9,513	(47,023)	56,536	(120.2)%

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments				
Net unrealized appreciation on borrowings under line of credit	(350)		(350)	
Net loss on investments, derivative and borrowings under line of credit	(17,248)	(47,815)	30,567	(63.9)%
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	$ 3,783	$ (21,262)	25,045	(117.8)%

Investment Income

Investment income for the year ended September 30, 2009 was $42,618 as compared to $45,725 for the year ended September 30, 2008. Interest income from our aggregate investment portfolio decreased for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the prior year. The level of interest income from investments is directly related to the balance, at cost, of the interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the year multiplied by the weighted average yield. The weighted average yield varies from year to year based on the current stated interest rate on interest-bearing investments and the amounts of loans for which interest is not accruing. Interest income from our investments decreased primarily due to the overall reduction in the cost basis of our investments, resulting primarily from the exit of 15 investments during the year ended September 30, 2009, as well as a slight decrease in the weighted average yield on our portfolio. The annualized weighted average yield on our portfolio was 9.8% for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to 10.0% for the prior year. During the year ended September 30, 2009, five investments were on non-accrual, for an aggregate of approximately $10,022 at cost, or 2.8% of the aggregate cost of our investment portfolio and during the prior year, three investments were on non-accrual for an aggregate of approximately $13,098 at cost, or 2.8% of the aggregate cost of our investment portfolio.

Interest income from Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments decreased for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the prior year, primarily from an overall decrease in the aggregate cost basis of our Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments during the year. In addition, the success fees earned during the year ended September 30, 2009 totaled $387, compared to $998 earned in the prior year. Success fees earned during the year ended September 30, 2009 resulted from refinancings by ActivStyle and It s Just Lunch and an amendment by Interfilm. Success fees earned during the year ended September 30, 2008 resulted from refinancings by Defiance and Westlake Hardware and a full repayment from Express Courier.

Interest income from Control investments increased for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the prior year. The increase was attributable to four additional Control investments held during the year ended September 30, 2009, which were converted from Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments.

The following table lists the interest income from investments for the five largest portfolio companies during the respective years:

Year ended September 30, 2009

Company	**Interest Income**	**% of Total**
Sunshine Media	$ 3,377	8.0%
Reliable Biopharma	3,076	7.3%
Westlake Hardware	2,451	5.8%
Clinton Holdings	1,899	4.5%
VantaCore	1,705	4.0%
Subtotal	**$ 12,508**	**29.6%**
Other companies	29,629	70.4%
Total interest income	**$ 42,137**	**100.0%**

Year ended September 30, 2008

Company	**Interest Income**	**% of Total**
Sunshine Media	$ 2,939	6.5%
Reliable Biopharma	2,871	6.4%
Westlake Hardware	2,860	6.4%
Clinton Holdings	1,903	4.2%
Winchester Electronics	1,401	3.1%
Subtotal	**$ 11,974**	**26.6%**
Other companies	32,945	73.4%
Total interest income	**$ 44,919**	**100.0%**

Interest income from invested cash decreased for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the prior year. Interest income came from the following sources:

	Year Ended	
	September 30, 2009	**September 30, 2008**
Interest earned on Gladstone Capital account[1]	$	$ 50
Interest earned on Business Loan custodial account[2]	10	199
Interest earned on Gladstone Financial account[3]	1	86
Total interest income from invested cash	$ 11	$ 335

(1) Interest earned on our Gladstone Capital account during the year ended September 30, 2008 resulted from proceeds received from the equity offerings completed during the fiscal year that were held in the account prior to being invested or used to pay down the line of credit.

(2) Interest earned on our Business Loan custodial account during the year ended September 30, 2008 resulted from large cash amounts held in the account prior to disbursement. During this fiscal year, we had $140,817 of originations to new portfolio companies.

(3) Interest earned on our Gladstone Financial account during the year ended September 30, 2008 resulted from the U.S. Treasury bill that was held with an original maturity of six months.

Interest income from loans to our employees, in connection with the exercise of employee stock options, decreased slightly for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the prior year due to principal payments on the employee loans during the current year.

Prepayment fees and other income decreased for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the prior year. The income for the prior year consisted of prepayment penalty fees received upon the full repayment of certain loan investments ahead of contractual maturity and prepayment fees received upon the early unscheduled principal repayments, which was based on a percentage of the outstanding principal amount of the loan at the date of prepayment.

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses, net of credits from the Adviser for fees earned and voluntary irrevocable and unconditional waivers to the base management and incentive fees, increased for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the prior year primarily due to an increase in professional fees and amortization of deferred financing fees incurred in connection with our previous credit facility with Deutsche Bank AG, or the DB Facility, and the new KEF Facility.

Interest expense decreased for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the prior year due primarily to decreased borrowings under our line of credit during the year ended September 30, 2009, partially offset by a

higher weighted average annual interest cost, which is determined by using the annual stated interest rate plus commitment and other fees, plus the amortization of deferred financing fees divided by the weighted average debt outstanding.

Loan servicing fees decreased for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the prior year. These fees were incurred in connection with a loan servicing agreement between Business Loan and our Adviser, which is based on the size and mix of the portfolio. The decrease was primarily due to the reduction in the size of our investment portfolio. Due to voluntary, irrevocable and unconditional waivers in place during these years, senior syndicated loans incurred a 0.5% annual fee, whereas proprietary loans incurred a 1.5% annual fee. All of these fees were reduced against the amount of the base management fee due to our Adviser.

The base management fee decreased for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the prior year, which is reflective of fewer total assets held during the year ended September 30, 2009. Furthermore, due to the liquidation of the majority of our syndicated loans, the credit received against the gross base management fee for investments in syndicated loans has also been reduced. The base management fee is computed quarterly as described under Investment Advisory and Management Agreement in Note 4 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements, and is summarized in the table below:

	Year Ended	
	September 30, 2009	**September 30, 2008**
Base management fee[1]	$ 2,005	$ 2,212
Credit for fees received by Adviser from the portfolio companies	(89)	(1,678)
Fee reduction for the voluntary, irrevocable and unconditional waiver of 2% fee on senior syndicated loans to 0.5%[2]	(265)	(408)
Net base management fee	$ 1,651	$ 126

[1] Base management fee is net of loan servicing fees per the terms of the Advisory Agreement.

[2] The board of our Adviser voluntarily, irrevocably and unconditionally waived on a quarterly basis the annual 2.0% base management fee to 0.5% for senior syndicated loan participations for the years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008. Fees waived cannot be recouped by the Adviser in the future.

Incentive fee decreased for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the prior year. The board of our Adviser voluntarily, irrevocably and unconditionally waived on a quarterly basis the entire incentive fee for each quarter of the years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008. The incentive fee and associated credits are summarized in the table below:

	Year Ended	
	September 30, 2009	**September 30, 2008**
Incentive fee	$ 3,326	$ 5,311

Credit from voluntary, irrevocable and unconditional waiver issued by Adviser s board of directors	(3,326)	(5,311)
Net incentive fee	$	$

Administration fee decreased for the year ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the prior year, due to a decrease of administration staff and related expenses, as well as a decrease in our total assets in comparison to the total assets of all companies managed by our Adviser under similar agreements. The calculation of the administrative fee is described in detail under Investment Advisory and Management Agreement in Note 4 of the notes to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Other operating expenses (including deferred financing fees, stockholder related costs, directors fees, insurance and other expenses) increased over the prior year driven by amortization of additional fees incurred with amending the DB Facility and entering into the new KEF Facility and legal fees incurred in connection with troubled loans in the current year.

Net Realized Loss on Investments

The realized loss for the year ended September 30, 2009 consisted of a $15,029 loss from the sale of several syndicated loans and one non-syndicated loan, a $9,409 write-off of the Badanco loan, and a $2,000 write-off of a portion of the Greatwide second lien syndicated loan, partially offset by a $27 gain from the Country Road payoff. Net realized loss on investments during the year ended September 30, 2008 resulted from the partial sale of the senior subordinated term debt of Greatwide Logistics, as well as the unamortized investment acquisition costs related to the Anitox and Macfadden loans, which were repaid in full during the year.

Realized (Loss) Gain on Settlement of Derivative

The realized loss for the year ended September 30, 2009 was due to the expiration of our interest rate cap agreement in February 2009. We did not receive any interest rate cap agreement payments during the period from October 2008 through February 2009 as a result of the one-month LIBOR having a downward trend. During the year ended September 30, 2008, we received interest rate cap agreement payments of only $7 as a result of the one-month LIBOR having a downward trend. We received payments when the one-month LIBOR was over 5%.

Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Derivative

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivative is the net change in the fair value of our interest rate cap during the year, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains and losses are realized. The unrealized appreciation on derivative during the year ended September 30, 2009 resulted from the reversal of previously recorded unrealized depreciation when the loss was realized during the three months ended March 31, 2009. For the year ended September 30, 2008, the unrealized depreciation was due to a decrease in the fair market value of our interest rate cap agreement.

Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Investments

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments is the net change in the fair value of our investment portfolio during the year, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains and losses are realized. The net unrealized appreciation on investments for the year ended September 30, 2009 consisted of the following:

Control investments	$	1,564
Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments		(16,582)
Reversal of previously unrealized depreciation upon realization of losses		24,531
Total	$	9,513

We believe that our investment portfolio was valued at a depreciated value due primarily to the general instability of the loan markets. Although our investment portfolio has depreciated, our entire portfolio was fair valued at 88% of cost as of September 30, 2009. The cumulative 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.

Net Unrealized Appreciation on Borrowings under Line of Credit

Unrealized appreciation on borrowings under line of credit is the net change in the fair value of our line of credit borrowings during the year, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains and losses are realized. During the year ended September 30, 2009, we elected to apply ASC 825, Financial Instruments, which requires that we apply a fair value methodology to the KEF Facility. We estimated the fair value of the KEF Facility using estimates of value provided by an independent third party and our own assumptions in the absence of observable market data, including estimated remaining life, current market yield and interest rate spreads of similar securities as of the measurement date. The KEF Facility was fair valued at $83,350 as of September 30, 2009, and an unrealized appreciation of $350 was recorded for the year ended September 30, 2009.

Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations

For the year ended September 30, 2009, we realized a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of $3,783 as a result of the factors discussed above. For the year ended September 30, 2008, we realized a net decrease in net assets resulting from operations of $21,262. Our net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations per basic and diluted weighted average common share for the years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 were $0.18 and ($1.08), respectively.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Operating Activities

Net cash used in operating activities for the three months ended December 31, 2010 was $4.0 million and consisted primarily of disbursements of $11.8 million in new investments and an increase of $10.5 million in due from custodian, which resulted from the repayment of Puerto Rico Cable on December 31, 2010, partially offset by principal repayments of $13.2 million and net unrealized depreciation of $2.9 million. Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended December 31, 2009 was $15.1 million and consisted primarily of principal repayments of $15.4 million.

At December 31, 2010, we had investments in equity of, loans to or syndicated participations in, 41 private companies with an aggregate cost basis of approximately $296.6 million. At December 31, 2009, we had investments in equity of, loans to, or syndicated participations in, 46 private companies with an aggregate cost basis of approximately $347.5 million. The following table summarizes our total portfolio investment activity during the three months ended December 31, 2010 and 2009:

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2010	**2009**
Beginning investment portfolio at fair value	$ 257,109	$ 320,969
New investments	9,000	
Disbursements to existing portfolio companies	2,794	2,063
Principal repayments (including repayment of PIK)	(13,208)	(15,404)
Proceeds from sales	(37)	(2,782)
Increase in investment balance due to PIK	4	55
Increase in investment balance due to transferred interest		103
Unrealized (depreciation) appreciation	(2,944)	1,193
Reversal of prior period depreciation on realization		1,406
Net realized loss		(920)
Amortization of premiums and discounts	(213)	(45)
Ending investment portfolio at fair value	$ 252,505	$ 306,638

The following table summarizes the contractual principal repayments and maturity of our investment portfolio by fiscal year, assuming no voluntary prepayments, at December 31, 2010.

	Amount
For the remaining nine months ending September 30:	
2011	$ 50,640
For the fiscal year ending September 30:	
2012	73,339
2013	123,043
2014	31,245
2015	9,925
2016	5,045
Total contractual repayments	$ 293,237
Investments in equity securities	4,469
Adjustments to cost basis on debt securities	(1,149)
Total cost basis of investments held at December 31, 2010:	$ 296,557

Net cash provided by operating activities for the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were $86,501 and $95,521, respectively, and consisted primarily of proceeds received from the principal payments received from existing investments, partially offset by the purchase of new investments. In contrast, net cash used in operating activities for the year ended September 30, 2008 was $80,218, and consisted of the purchase of new investments, partially offset by principal loan repayments.

As of September 30, 2010, we had investments in debt securities, or loans to or syndicated participations in 39 private companies with a cost basis totaling $298,216. As of September 30, 2009, we had investments in debt securities, or loans to or syndicated participations in 48 private companies with a cost basis totaling $364,393. The following table summarizes our total portfolio investment activity during the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009:

	Year Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009
Beginning investment portfolio at fair value	$ 320,969	$ 407,933
New investments	23,245	24,911
Principal repayments (including repayment of PIK)	(82,566)	(47,490)
Proceeds from sales	(3,119)	(49,203)
Increase in investment balance due to PIK	53	166
Increase in investment balance due to rolled-over interest	529	1,455
Loan impairment / contra-investment	(715)	
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)[1]	2,317	9,513
Net realized loss	(2,893)	(26,411)
Amortization of premiums and discounts	(711)	95

Ending investment portfolio at fair value	$ 257,109	$ 320,969

(1) Includes the reversal of unrealized depreciation due to investment exits for the years ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 of $6,411 and $24,835, respectively.

During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008, the following investment activity occurred during each quarter of the respective fiscal year:

Quarter Ended	New Investments[1]	Principal Repayments[2]	Proceeds from Sales/Exits[3]	Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal
September 30, 2010	$ 14,193	$ 25,615	$	$
June 30, 2010	2,171	18,482		(2,865)
March 31, 2010	4,817	23,065	337	892
December 31, 2009	2,064	15,404	2,782	(920)
Total fiscal year 2010	$ 23,245	$ 82,566	$ 3,119	$ (2,893)
September 30, 2009	$ 1,221	$ 4,071	$ 7,241	$ (12,086)
June 30, 2009	6,975	15,439	39,750	(10,594)
March 31, 2009	8,013	13,053		(2,000)
December 31, 2008	8,702	14,927	2,212	(1,731)
Total fiscal year 2009	$ 24,911	$ 47,490	$ 49,203	$ (26,411)
September 30, 2008	$ 39,048	$ 21,381	$ 1,299	$ (701)
June 30, 2008	43,678	40,755		(86)
March 31, 2008	20,483	3,000		
December 31, 2007	73,341	4,047		
Total fiscal year 2008	$ 176,550	$ 69,183	$ 1,299	$ (787)

[1] New Investments:

Quarter Ended	New Investments		Disbursements to Existing Portfolio Companies	Total Disbursements
	Companies	Investments		
September 30, 2010	1(a)	$ 10,000	$ 4,193	$ 14,193
June 30, 2010	1(b)	400	1,771	2,171
March 31, 2010			4,817	4,817
December 31, 2009	1(c)	180	1,884	2,064
Total fiscal year 2010	3	$ 10,580	$ 12,665	$ 23,245
September 30, 2009		$	$ 1,221	$ 1,221

June 30, 2009					6,975		6,975
March 31, 2009					8,013		8,013
December 31, 2008					8,702		8,702
Total fiscal year 2009		$		$	24,911	$	24,911
September 30, 2008	3(d)	$	33,375	$	5,673	$	39,048
June 30, 2008	3(e)		35,750		7,928		43,678
March 31, 2008	1(f)		13,700		6,783		20,483
December 31, 2007	5(g)		57,992		15,349		73,341
Total fiscal year 2008	12	$	140,817	$	35,733	$	176,550

(a) Airvana Network Solutions

(b) FedCap Partners

(c) Northstar Broadband

(d) AKQA, VantaCore and Tulsa Welding School

[e] Saunders, Legend and BAS Broadcasting

[f] ACE Expediters

[g] Interfilm, Reliable, Lindmark, GS Maritime and GFRC

[2] **Principal Repayments** ***(including repayment of PIK previously applied to principal balance)*****:**

Quarter Ended	Number of Companies Fully Exited	Unscheduled Principal Repayments(*)	Scheduled Principal Repayments	Total Principal Repayments	Net Gain on Sale/Exit(#)
September 30, 2010	2(a)	$ 14,135	$ 11,480	$ 25,615	$
June 30, 2010	1(b)	13,590	4,892	18,482	
March 31, 2010	4(c)	18,902	4,163	23,065	1,055
December 31, 2009	1(d)	13,054	2,350	15,404	
Total fiscal year 2010	8	$ 59,681	$ 22,885	$ 82,566	$ 1,055
September 30, 2009		$	$ 4,071	$ 4,071	$
June 30, 2009	1(e)	10,449	4,990	15,439	
March 31, 2009	(f)	7,813	5,240	13,053	
December 31, 2008	2(g)	6,966	7,961	14,927	
Total fiscal year 2009	3	$ 25,228	$ 22,262	$ 47,490	$
September 30, 2008	2(h)	$ 12,797	$ 8,584	$ 21,381	$
June 30, 2008	3(i)	28,134	12,621	40,755	
March 31, 2008	(j)	500	2,500	3,000	
December 31, 2007			4,047	4,047	
Total fiscal year 2008	5	$ 41,431	$ 27,752	$ 69,183	$

(*) Includes principal payments due to excess cash flows, covenant violations, exits, refinancing, etc.

(#) Net gain on principal repayments of $1,055 plus the net loss on sales/exits of $3,948 (per footnote 3 below) equals net loss of $2,893, which is included on the consolidated statement of operations for the year ended September 30, 2010.

[a] Full payoff from Anitox and Doe and Ingalls.

[b] Full payoff from VantaCore.

[c] Full payoff from ACE Expediters (which resulted in a gain on the warrants), ActivStyle, CCS and Visual Edge.

[d] Full payoff from Tulsa Welding and partial payoff from BAS Broadcasting senior term debt (last out tranche).

[e] Full payoff from Multi-Ag Media ($1,687), partial payoff from Saunders line of credit ($2,500) and refinancing from ActivStyle ($6,262).

[f] Refinancing from ACE Expediters and Sunburst media.

[g] Full payoff from Community Media and Country Road.

[h] Full payoff from Express Courier International and Meteor Holding.

[i] Full payoff from Macfadden Performing Arts, Reading Broadcasting and SCS ($25,074) and partial payoff from Anitox Senior Real Estate Term Debt ($3,060).

[j] Partial payoff from Risk Metrics Senior Subordinated Term Debt.

[(3)] **Loan Sales/Exits:**

Quarter Ended	Number of Companies Fully Exited	Proceeds Received		Position (Principal) Exited		Unamortized Loan Costs(*)		Net (Loss) Gain on Exit(#)	
September 30, 2010		$		$		$		$	
June 30, 2010	1(a)				(2,865)				(2,865)
March 31, 2010	1(b)		337		(500)				(163)
December 31, 2009	2(c)		2,782		(3,685)		(17)		(920)
Total fiscal year 2010	4	$	3,119	$	(7,050)	$	(17)	$	(3,948)
September 30, 2009	3(d)	$	7,241	$	(19,321)	$	(6)	$	(12,086)
June 30, 2009	8(e)		39,750		(52,295)		1,951		(10,594)
March 31, 2009	1(f)				(2,000)				(2,000)
December 31, 2008	(g)		2,212		(3,950)		7		(1,731)
Total fiscal year 2009	12	$	49,203	$	(77,566)	$	1,952	$	(26,411)
September 30, 2008	(h)	$	1,299	$	(2,000)	$		$	(701)
June 30, 2008							(86)		(86)
March 31, 2008									
December 31, 2007									
Total fiscal year 2008		$	1,299	$	(2,000)	$	(86)	$	(787)

(*) Includes balance of premiums, discounts and acquisition cost at time of exit.

(#) Net gain on principal repayments of $1,055 (per footnote 2 above) plus the net loss on sales/exits of $3,948 equals net loss of $2,893, which is included on the consolidated statement of operations for the year ended September 30, 2010.

(a) Write-off of Western Directories line of credit, preferred stock and common stock.

(b) Complete sale of Gold Toe senior subordinated syndicated loan.

(c) Complete sale of Kinetek senior term syndicated loan and Wesco Holdings senior subordinated syndicated loan.

(d) Full sale of CHG and John Henry syndicated loans, write-off of Badanco loan, and partial sale of Kinetek syndicated loan (senior subordinated debt).

(e) Full sale of 8 loans (7 syndicated and 1 non-syndicated) and partial sale of CHG, GTM and Wesco syndicated loans (senior term debt).

[f] Write-off of Greatwide syndicated loan (senior subordinated term debt).

[g] Partial sale of Greatwide Logistics syndicated loan (senior term debt).

[h] Partial sale of Greatwide Logistics syndicated loan (senior subordinated term debt).

The following table summarizes the contractual principal repayment and maturity of our investment portfolio by fiscal year, assuming no voluntary prepayments.

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,	**Amount**
2011	$ 59,575
2012	72,201
2013	124,496
2014	31,840
2015	6,850
Total Contractual Repayments	$ 294,962
Investments in equity securities	4,189
Unamortized premiums, discounts and investment acquisition costs on debt securities	(935)
Total	$ 298,216

Investing Activities

Net cash provided by investing activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 was $2,484 for the redemption of a U.S. Treasury Bill with an original maturity of six months. The U.S. Treasury Bill was purchased in 2007 with proceeds from our initial stock purchase in our wholly-owned subsidiary, Gladstone Financial Corporation (previously known as Gladstone SSBIC Corporation).

Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended December 31, 2010 was $2.7 million and consisted primarily of net borrowings from the Credit Facility of $7.8 million, partially offset by distributions to stockholders of $4.4 million and $0.7 million in financing fees for the Credit Facility. Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended December 31, 2009 was $14.0 million and primarily consisted of net payments on our Credit Facility of $9.6 million and distributions to stockholders of $4.4 million.

Net cash used in financing activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 was $84,043 and mainly consisted of net payments on the Credit Facility of $91,100, distribution payments of $17,690 and financing fees of $1,525 associated with the Credit Facility, which was entered into on March 15, 2010.

Net cash used in financing activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 was $96,738 and mainly consisted of net payments on our line of credit of $68,030, distribution payments of $26,570 and financing fees of $2,103 associated with the Credit Facility which was entered into on May 15, 2009.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 was $75,388 and mainly consisted of net borrowings on our line of credit of $6,590, proceeds of $105,374, net of offering costs, from the issuance of common stock and distribution payments of $33,379.

Distributions

In order to qualify as a RIC and to avoid corporate level tax on the income we distribute to our stockholders, we are required, under Subchapter M of the Code, to distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and short-term capital gains to our stockholders on an annual basis. In accordance with these requirements, we declared and paid monthly cash distributions of $0.14 per common share for each month from October 2008 through March 2009 and $0.07 per common share for each month from April 2009 through December 2010. We declared and paid monthly cash distributions of $0.14 per common share during each month of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

For the year ended September 30, 2010, our distribution payments were approximately $17.7 million. We declared these distributions based on our estimates of net investment income for the fiscal year. Our investment pace was slower than expected and, consequently, our net investment income was lower than our original estimates. A portion of the distributions declared during fiscal 2010 is expected to be treated as a return of capital to our stockholders.

Issuance of Equity

We have filed a registration statement with the SEC, which we refer to as the Registration Statement, of which this prospectus is a part, that permits us to issue, through one or more transactions, up to an aggregate of $300 million in securities, consisting of common stock, senior common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights, debt securities and warrants to purchase common stock, or a combination of these securities.

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. Additionally, when our common stock is trading below NAV, as it has consistently traded for most of the last 2 years, we will have regulatory constraints under the 1940 Act on our ability to obtain additional capital in this manner. Generally, the 1940 Act provides that we may not issue and sell our common stock at a price below our NAV per share, other than to our then existing stockholders pursuant to a rights offering, without first obtaining approval from our stockholders and our independent directors. As of December 31, 2010, our NAV per share was $11.74 per share and as of February 4, 2011 our closing market price was $10.80 per share. To the extent that our common stock trades at a market price below our NAV per share, we will generally be precluded from raising equity capital through public offerings of our common stock, other than pursuant to stockholder approval or a rights offering. The asset coverage requirement of a BDC under the 1940 Act effectively limits our ratio of debt to equity to 1:1. To the extent that we are unable to raise capital through the issuance of equity, our ability to raise capital through the issuance of debt may also be inhibited to the extent of our regulatory debt to equity ratio limits.

At our annual meeting of stockholders held on February 17, 2011, stockholders approved a proposal which authorizes us to sell shares of our common stock at a price below our then current NAV per share for a period of one year from the date of approval, provided that the number of shares issued and sold pursuant to such authority does not exceed 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such sale and that our Board of Directors makes certain determinations prior to any such sale. We have not issued any common stock since February 2008.

On May 17, 2010, we and our Adviser entered into an equity distribution agreement, which we refer to as the Equity Agreement, with BB&T Capital Markets, a division of Scott & Stringfellow, LLC, who we refer to as the Agent, under which we may, from time to time, issue and sell through the Agent up to 2,000,000 shares of our common stock, or the Shares, based upon instructions from us (including, at a minimum, the number of Shares to be offered, the time period during which sales are requested to be made, any limitation on the number of Shares that may be sold in any one day and any minimum price below which sales may not be made). Sales of Shares through the Agent, if any, will be executed by means of either ordinary brokers transactions on the NASDAQ Global Select Market in accordance with Rule 153 under the Securities Act or such other sales of the Shares as shall be agreed by us and the Agent. The compensation payable to the Agent for sales of Shares with respect to which the Agent acts as sales agent shall be equal to 2.0% of the gross sales price of the Shares for amounts of Shares sold pursuant to the Agreement. To date, we have not issued any shares pursuant to the Equity Agreement and the agreement may be terminated by us or the Agent at any time.

Revolving Credit Facility

On March 15, 2010, we entered into the Credit Facility, which currently provides for a $127 million revolving line of credit. Advances under the Credit Facility initially bore interest at the 30-day LIBOR (subject to a minimum rate of 2.0%), plus 4.5% per annum, with a commitment fee of 0.5% per annum on undrawn amounts. However, on November 22, 2010 (the Amendment Date), we amended our Credit Facility such that advances bear interest at the 30-day LIBOR (subject to a minimum rate of 1.5%), plus 3.75% per annum, with a commitment fee of 0.5% per annum on undrawn amounts when the facility is drawn more than 50% and 1.0% per annum on undrawn amounts

when the facility is drawn less than 50%. Subject to certain terms and conditions, the Credit Facility may be expanded up to $202,000 through the addition of other committed lenders to the facility. As of December 31, 2010, there was a cost basis of approximately $24.6 million of borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility at an average interest rate of 5.25%. As of April 5, 2011, there was a cost basis of approximately $33.2 million of borrowings outstanding. We expect that the Credit Facility will allow us to increase the rate of our investment activity and grow the size of our investment portfolio. Available borrowings are subject to various constraints

imposed under the Credit Facility, based on the aggregate loan balance pledged by us. Interest is payable monthly during the term of the Credit Facility. The Credit Facility matures on March 15, 2012, and, if the facility is not renewed or extended by this date, all unpaid principal and interest will be due and payable on March 15, 2013. In addition, if the Credit Facility is not renewed on or before March 15, 2012, we will be required to use all principal collections from our loans to pay outstanding principal on the Credit Facility.

In addition to the annual interest rate on borrowings outstanding, under the terms of the Credit Facility prior to the Amendment Date, we were obligated to pay an annual minimum earnings shortfall fee to the committed lenders on March 15, 2011, which was calculated as the difference between the weighted average of borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility and 50% of the commitment amount of the Credit Facility, multiplied by 4.5% per annum, less commitment fees paid during the year. As of the Amendment Date, we paid a $0.7 million fee.

The Credit Facility contains covenants that require Business Loan to maintain its status as a separate entity, prohibit certain significant corporate transactions (such as mergers, consolidations, liquidations or dissolutions) and restrict material changes to our credit and collection policies. The facility requires a minimum of 20 obligors in the borrowing base and also limits payments of distributions. As of December 31, 2010, Business Loan had 26 obligors and we were in compliance with all of the Credit Facility covenants.

Contractual Obligations and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of September 30, 2010, we had a commitment to purchase a $3,000 syndicated loan, which closed subsequent to September 30, 2010 and as of December 31, 2010, we were not party to any signed term sheets for potential investments. However, we have certain line of credit and capital commitments with our portfolio companies that have not been fully drawn or called, respectively. Since these commitments have expiration dates, and we expect many will never be fully drawn or called, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. In addition, we have certain lines of credit with our portfolio companies that have not been fully drawn. Since these lines of credit have expiration dates and we expect many will never be fully drawn, the total line of credit commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. We estimate the fair value of these unused lines of credit commitments as of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010 to be nominal.

In July 2009, we executed a guaranty of a line of credit agreement between Comerica Bank and Defiance Integrated Technologies, Inc., or Defiance, one of our Control investments. If Defiance has a payment default, the guaranty is callable once the bank has reduced its claim by using commercially reasonable efforts to collect through disposition of the Defiance collateral. The guaranty is limited to $0.3 million plus interest on that amount accrued from the date demand payment is made under the guaranty, and all costs incurred by the bank in its collection efforts. As of December 31, 2010, we had not been required to make any payments on the guaranty of the line of credit agreement and we consider the credit risk to be remote.

In accordance with GAAP, the unused portions of the lines of credit commitments are not recorded on the accompanying consolidated statements of assets and liabilities. The following table summarizes the nominal dollar balance of unused line of credit commitments, uncalled capital commitments and guarantees as of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010:

	As of	
	December 31, 2010	**September 30, 2010**
Unused lines of credit	$ 6,099	$ 9,304

Uncalled capital commitment	1,600	1,600
Guarantees	250	250

The following table shows our contractual obligations as of September 30, 2010:

	Payments Due by Period				
Contractual Obligations[1]	**Less than 1 Year**	**1-3 Years**	**4-5 Years**	**After 5 Years**	**Total**
Line of credit[2]		$ 17,940			$ 17,940

(1) Excludes the unused commitments to extend credit to our portfolio companies of $9,304, as discussed above.

(2) Borrowings under the Credit Facility are listed, at fair value, based on the contractual maturity due to the revolving nature of the facility.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Market risk includes risks that arise from changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices, equity prices and other market changes that affect market sensitive instruments. The prices of securities held by the us may decline in response to certain events, including those directly involving the companies whose securities are owned by us; conditions affecting the general economy; overall market changes; local, regional or global political, social or economic instability; and interest rate fluctuations.

The primary risk we believe we are exposed to is interest rate risk. Because we borrow money to make investments, our net investment is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we invest those funds. As a result, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. We use a combination of debt and equity capital to finance our investing activities. We may use interest rate risk management techniques to limit our exposure to interest rate fluctuations. Such techniques may include various interest rate hedging activities to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act. We have analyzed the potential impact of changes in interest rates on interest income net of interest expense.

While we expect that ultimately approximately 20% of the loans in our portfolio will be made at fixed rates, with approximately 80% made at variable rates or variables rates with a floor mechanism, all of our variable-rate loans have rates associated with either the current LIBOR or Prime Rate. At December 31, 2010, our portfolio, at cost, consisted of the following breakdown in relation to all outstanding debt investments:

84.7%	variable rates with a floor
5.6%	variable rates without a floor or ceiling
9.7%	fixed rate
100%	total

To illustrate the potential impact of changes in interest rates on our net increase in net assets resulting from operations, we have performed the following analysis, which assumes that our balance sheet remains constant and no further actions are taken to alter our existing interest rate sensitivity.

Basis Point Change	**Increase (Decrease) in Interest Income**	**Increase (Decrease) in Interest Expense[(a)]**	**Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations**
Up 200 basis points	$ 639	$ 43	$ 596
Up 100 basis points	246		246

Down 100 basis points	(128)	(128)
Down 200 basis points	(201)	(201)

[a] As of September 30, 2010, the LIBOR was 0.26%; since the Credit Facility interest rate was subject to a 2.0% floor, there is no impact from a 100 basis point increase or decrease.

Although management believes that this analysis is indicative of our existing interest rate sensitivity, it does not adjust for potential changes in credit quality, size and composition of our loan portfolio on the balance sheet and other business developments that could affect net increase in net assets resulting from operations. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that actual results would not differ materially from the results under this hypothetical analysis.

We may also experience risk associated with investing in securities of companies with foreign operations. We currently do not anticipate investing in debt or equity of foreign companies, however, some potential portfolio companies may have operations located outside the United States. These risks include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, imposition of foreign taxes, changes in exportation regulations and political and social instability.

SALES OF COMMON STOCK BELOW NET ASSET VALUE

At our 2011 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 net asset value, or NAV, per share during a one year period, which we refer to as the Stockholder Approval, beginning on February 17, 2011, and expiring on the first anniversary of the date of the 2011 annual stockholders meeting. In order to sell shares of common stock pursuant to this authorization, no further authorization from our stockholders will be solicited but the cumulative number of shares issued and sold pursuant to such authority can not exceed 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to such sale and 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.

Any offering of common stock below its NAV per share will be designed to raise capital for investment in accordance with our investment objective.

In making a determination that an offering of common stock below its NAV per share is in our and our stockholders best interests, our board of directors will consider a variety of factors including:

- the effect that an offering below NAV per 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 earn additional investment management fees on the proceeds of such offerings, as it would from the offering of any other of our securities or from the offering of common stock at a premium to NAV per share.

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 our 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 Common Stock.

The following three headings and accompanying tables explain and provide hypothetical examples on the impact of an offering of our common stock at a price less than NAV per share on three different types of investors:

- existing stockholders who do not purchase any shares in the offering;
- existing stockholders who purchase a relatively 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 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 shares they hold and their NAV per share. These stockholders will also experience a disproportionately greater decrease in their participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than the increase we will experience in our assets, potential earning power and voting interests due to the offering. These stockholders may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential decreases in NAV per share. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increase. Further, if current stockholders do not purchase sufficient shares to maintain their percentage interest, regardless of whether such offering is above or below the then current NAV, their voting power will be diluted.

The following table illustrates the level of NAV dilution that would be experienced by a nonparticipating stockholder in three different hypothetical offerings of different sizes and levels of discount from NAV per share, although it is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur. Actual sales prices and discounts may differ from the presentation below.

The examples assume that we have 1,000,000 common shares outstanding, $15,000,000 in total assets and $5,000,000 in total liabilities. The current NAV and NAV per share are thus $10,000,000 and $10.00, respectively. The table illustrates the dilutive effect on a nonparticipating stockholder of (1) an offering of 50,000 shares (5% of the outstanding shares) at $9.50 per share after offering expenses and commission (a 5% discount from NAV), (2) an offering of 100,000 shares (10% of the outstanding shares) at $9.00 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 10% discount from NAV) and (3) an offering of 200,000 shares (20% of the outstanding shares) at $8.00 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 20% 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.

		Example 1 5% Offering at 5% Discount		Example 2 10% Offering at 10% Discount		Example 3 20% Offering at 20% Discount	
	Prior to Sale Below NAV	**Following Sale**	**% Change**	**Following Sale**	**% Change**	**Following Sale**	**% Change**
Offering Price							
Price per Share to Public		$ 10.00		$ 9.47		$ 8.42	
Net Proceeds per Share to Issuer		$ 9.50		$ 9.00		$ 8.00	
Decrease to NAV per Share							
Total Shares Outstanding	1,000,000	1,050,000	5.00%	1,100,000	10.00%	1,200,000	20.00%
NAV per Share	$ 10.00	$ 9.98	(0.20)%	$ 9.91	(0.90)%	$ 9.67	(3.33)%
Dilution to Stockholder							
Shares Held by Stockholder	10,000	10,000		10,000		10,000	
Percentage Held by Stockholder	1.0%	0.95%	(4.76)%	0.91%	(9.09)%	0.83%	(16.67)%
Total Asset Values							
Total NAV Held by Stockholder	$ 100,000	$ 99,800	(0.20)%	$ 99,100	(0.90)%	$ 96,700	(3.33)%
Total Investment by Stockholder (Assumed to be $10.00 per Share)	$ 100,000	$ 100,000		$ 100,000		$ 100,000	
Total Dilution to Stockholder (Total NAV Less Total Investment)		$ (200)		$ (900)		$ (3,300)	
Per Share Amounts							
NAV Per Share Held by Stockholder		$ 9.98		$ 9.91		$ 9.67	
Investment per Share Held by Stockholder (Assumed to be $10.00 per Share on Shares Held prior to Sale)	$ 10.00	$ 10.00		$ 10.00		$ 10.00	
Dilution per Share Held by Stockholder (NAV per Share Less Investment per Share)		$ (0.02)		$ (0.09)		$ (0.33)	
Percentage Dilution to Stockholder (Dilution per Share Divided by Investment per Share)			(0.20)%		(0.90)%		(3.33)%

Impact on Existing Stockholders who do Participate in an Offering

Our existing stockholders who participate in an offering below NAV per 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 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 shares immediately prior to the offering. The level of NAV dilution will decrease as the number of shares such stockholders purchase increases. Existing stockholders who buy more than such percentage will experience NAV dilution but will, in contrast to existing stockholders who purchase less than their proportionate share of the offering, experience an

increase (often called accretion) in NAV per 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 stockholder purchases increases. Even a stockholder who over-participates will, however, be subject to the risk that we may make additional discounted offerings in which such 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 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 20% discount offering from the prior chart for a stockholder that acquires shares equal to (1) 50% of its proportionate share of the offering (i.e., 1,000 shares, which is 0.50% of the offering 200,000 shares rather than its 1% proportionate share) and (2) 150% of such percentage (i.e., 3,000 shares, which is 1.50% of an offering of 200,000 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 share. It is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur.

		50% Participation		**150% Participation**	
	Prior to Sale Below NAV	**Following Sale**	**% Change**	**Following Sale**	**% Change**
Offering Price					
Price per Share to Public		$ 8.42		$ 8.42	
Net Proceeds per Share to Issuer		$ 8.00		$ 8.00	
Increases in Shares and Decrease to NAV per Share					
Total Shares Outstanding	1,000,000	1,200,000	20.00%	1,200,000	20.00%
NAV per Share	$ 10.00	$ 9.67	(3.33)%	$ 9.67	(3.33)%
Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder					
Shares Held by Stockholder	10,000	11,000	10.00%	13,000	30.00%
Percentage Held by Stockholder	1.0%	0.92%	(8.33)%	1.08%	8.33%
Total Asset Values					
Total NAV Held by Stockholder	$ 100,000	$ 106,333	6.33%	$ 125,667	25.67%
Total Investment by Stockholder (Assumed to be $10.00 per Share on Shares Held prior to Sale)	$ 100,000	$ 108,420		$ 125,260	
Total Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder (Total NAV Less Total Investment)		(2,087)		$ 407	
Per Share Amounts					
NAV Per Share Held by Stockholder		$ 9.67		$ 9.67	
Investment per Share Held by Stockholder (Assumed to be $10.00 per Share on Shares Held prior to Sale)	$ 10.00	$ 9.86	(1.44)%	$ 9.64	(3.65)%

Dilution/Accretion per Share Held by Stockholder (NAV per Share Less Investment per Share)	$ (0.19)	$ 0.03
Percentage Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder (Dilution/Accretion per Share Divided by Investment per Share)	(1.92)%	0.32%

Impact on New Investors

Investors who are not currently stockholders, but who participate in an offering below NAV and whose investment per 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. Investors who are not currently stockholders and who participate in an offering below NAV per share and whose investment per share is also less than the resulting NAV per share due to selling compensation and expenses paid by the issuer being significantly less than the discount per 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. 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 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, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential decreases in NAV per share. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increases.

The following chart illustrates the level of dilution or accretion for new investors that would be experienced by a new investor in the same 5%, 10% and 20% discounted offerings as described in the first chart above. The illustration is for a new investor who purchases the same percentage (1%) of the shares in the offering as the 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 shares in such offering and the actual discount from the most recently determined NAV per share. It is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur.

		Example 1 5% Offering at 5% Discount		Example 2 10% Offering at 10% Discount		Example 3 20% Offering at 20% Discount	
	Prior to Sale Below NAV	**Following Sale**	**% Change**	**Following Sale**	**% Change**	**Following Sale**	**% Change**
Offering Price							
Price per Share to Public		$ 10.00		$ 9.47		$ 8.42	
Net Proceeds per Share to Issuer		$ 9.50		$ 9.00		$ 8.00	
Decrease to NAV per Share							
Total Shares Outstanding	1,000,000	1,050,000	5.00%	1,100,000	10.00%	1,200,000	20.00%
NAV per Share	$ 10.00	$ 9.98	(0.20)%	$ 9.91	(0.90)%	$ 9.67	(3.33)%
Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder							
Shares Held by Stockholder		500		1,000		2,000	
Percentage Held by Stockholder	0.0%	0.05%		0.09%		0.17%	
Total Asset Values							
Total NAV Held by Stockholder		$ 4,990		$ 9,910		$ 19,340	

Total Investment by Stockholder	$ 5,000	$ 9,470	$ 16,840
Total Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder (Total NAV Less Total Investment)	$ (10)	$ 440	$ 2,500

	Prior to Sale Below NAV	Example 1 5% Offering at 5% Discount		Example 2 10% Offering at 10% Discount		Example 3 20% Offering at 20% Discount	
		Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change
Per Share Amounts							
NAV Per Share Held by Stockholder		$ 9.98		$ 9.91		$ 9.67	
Investment per Share Held by Stockholder		$ 10.00		$ 9.47		$ 8.42	
Dilution/Accretion per Share Held by Stockholder (NAV per Share Less Investment per Share)		$ (0.02)		$ 0.44		$ 1.25	
Percentage Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder (Dilution/Accretion per Share Divided by Investment per Share)			(0.20)%		4.65%		14.85%

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BUSINESS

Overview

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Laws of the State of Maryland on May 30, 2001. Our investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income by investing in debt securities, consisting primarily of senior notes, senior subordinated notes and junior subordinated notes, of established private businesses that are substantially owned by leveraged buyout funds, individual investors or are family-owned businesses, with a particular focus on senior notes. In addition, we may acquire from other funds existing loans that meet this profile. We also seek to provide our stockholders with long-term capital growth through the appreciation in the value of warrants or other equity instruments that we may receive when we make loans. We operate as a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company, and we have elected to be treated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. In addition, for tax purposes we have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code.

We seek to invest in small and medium-sized private U.S. businesses that meet certain criteria, including some but not necessarily all of the following: the potential for growth in cash flow, adequate assets for loan collateral, experienced management teams with a significant ownership interest in the borrower, profitable operations based on the borrower s cash flow, reasonable capitalization of the borrower (usually by leveraged buyout funds or venture capital funds) 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 to finance growth, restructure their balance sheets or effect a change of control.

We seek to invest primarily in three categories of loans of private companies:

Senior Loans. We seek to invest a portion of our assets in senior notes of borrowers. Using its assets and cash flow as collateral, the borrower typically uses senior notes to cover a substantial portion of the funding needed to operate. Senior lenders are exposed to the least risk of all providers of debt because they command a senior position with respect to scheduled interest and principal payments and assets of the borrower. However, unlike senior subordinated and junior subordinated lenders, these senior lenders typically do not receive any stock, warrants to purchase stock of the borrowers or other yield enhancements. As such, they generally do not participate in the equity appreciation of the value of the business. Senior notes may include revolving lines of credit, senior term loans, senior syndicated loans and senior last-out tranche loans.

Senior Subordinated Loans. We seek to invest a portion of our assets in senior subordinated notes, which include second lien notes. Holders of senior subordinated notes are subordinated to the rights of holders of senior debt in their right to receive principal and interest payments or, in the case of last out tranches of senior debt, liquidation proceeds from the borrower. As a result, senior subordinated notes are riskier than senior notes. Although such loans are sometimes secured by significant collateral (assets of the borrower), the lender is largely dependent on the borrower s cash flow for repayment. Additionally, lenders may receive warrants to acquire shares of stock in borrowers or other yield enhancements in connection with these loans. Senior subordinated notes include second lien loans and syndicated second lien loans.

Junior Subordinated Loans. We also seek to invest a small portion of our assets in junior subordinated notes, which include mezzanine notes. Holders of junior subordinated notes are subordinated to the rights of the holders of senior debt and senior subordinated debt in their rights to receive principal and interest payments

from the borrower and the assets of the borrower. The risk profile of junior subordinated notes is high, which permits the junior subordinated lender to obtain higher interest rates and more equity and equity-like compensation.

We also may receive yield enhancements in connection with many of our loans, which may include warrants to purchase stock, stock or success fees.

Investment Concentrations

At September 30, 2010, we had aggregate investments in 39 portfolio companies, and approximately 67.1% of the aggregate fair value of such investments was senior term loans, approximately 31.9% was senior subordinated term loans, no investments were in junior subordinated loans and approximately 1.0% was in equity securities. The following table outlines our investments by type at December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010:

	December 31, 2010		September 30, 2010	
	Cost	**Fair Value**	**Cost**	**Fair Value**
Senior Term Loans	$ 203,258	$ 169,882	$ 200,041	$ 172,596
Senior Subordinated Term Loans	88,830	76,999	93,987	81,899
Preferred Equity	445	523	444	387
Common Equity/Equivalents	4,024	5,101	3,744	2,227
Total Investments	$ 296,557	$ 252,505	$ 298,216	$ 257,109

Investments at fair value consisted of the following industry classifications as of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010:

	December 31, 2010		September 30, 2010	
Industry Classification	**Fair Value**	**Percentage of Total Investments**	**Fair Value**	**Percentage of Total Investments**
Healthcare, education & childcare	$ 42,085	16.6%	$ 41,098	16.0%
Broadcast (TV & radio)	36,052	14.3	44,562	17.3
Printing & publishing	32,425	12.8	37,705	14.7
Electronics	24,945	9.9	25,080	9.8
Mining, steel, iron & non-precious metals	24,495	9.7	24,343	9.5
Retail stores	19,645	7.8	19,620	7.6
Automobile	12,757	5.1	9,868	3.8
Buildings & real estate	11,948	4.7	12,454	4.8
Personal & non-durable consumer products	11,177	4.4	9,230	3.6
Home & office furnishings	10,167	4.0	10,666	4.1
Machinery	8,627	3.4	8,719	3.4
Chemicals, plastics & rubber	4,605	1.8	7,044	2.7
Leisure, amusement, movies & entertainment	4,757	1.9	3,994	1.6
Diversified natural resources, precious metals & minerals	3,168	1.3		
Diversified/conglomerate manufacturing	2,227	0.9	2,042	0.8
Telecommunications	2,025	0.8		
Insurance	1,000	0.4		
Aerospace & defense	400	0.2	400	0.2

Farming & agriculture			284	0.1
Total investments	$ 252,505	100.0%	$ 257,109	100.0%

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The investments at fair value were included in the following geographic regions of the United States at December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010:

	December 31, 2010		September 30, 2010	
Geographic Region	**Fair Value**	**Percent of Total Investments**	**Fair Value**	**Percentage of Total Investments**
Midwest	$ 119,424	47.3%	$ 109,299	42.5%
West	56,156	22.2	59,684	23.2
South	41,582	16.5	44,704	17.4
Northeast	35,343	14.0	36,995	14.4
U.S. Territory			6,427	2.5
Total Investments	$ 252,505	100.0%	$ 257,109	100.0%

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

Our loans typically range from $5 million to $20 million, generally mature in no more than seven years and accrue interest at a fixed or variable rate that exceeds the prime rate. Because the majority of the loans in our portfolio consist of term debt of 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. Accordingly, we cannot accurately predict what ratings these loans might receive if they were in fact rated, and thus cannot determine whether or not they could be considered investment grade quality.

We hold our loan investment portfolio through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Business Loan.

Our Investment Adviser and Administrator

Gladstone Management Corporation, or the Adviser, is led by a management team which has extensive experience in our lines of business. Gladstone Administration, LLC, or the Administrator, an affiliate of our Adviser, employs our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, internal counsel, treasurer and their respective staffs. Excluding our chief financial officer, all of our executive officers are officers or directors, or both, of our Adviser and our Administrator.

Our Adviser and Administrator also provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to our affiliates Gladstone Commercial, a publicly traded real estate investment trust; Gladstone Investment, a publicly traded BDC and RIC; Gladstone Partners Fund, L.P., a private partnership fund formed primarily to co-invest with us and Gladstone Investment; Gladstone Land, a private agricultural real estate company owned by David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer; and Gladstone Lending, a private corporation that has filed a registration statement on Form N-2 with the SEC. The majority of our executive officers serve as either directors or executive officers, or both, of our Adviser, our Administrator, Gladstone Commercial, Gladstone Investment and Gladstone Lending. In the future, our Adviser and Administrator may provide investment advisory and administrative services,

respectively, to other funds, both public and private.

We have been externally managed by our Adviser pursuant to a contractual investment advisory arrangement since October 1, 2004. Our 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. Our Adviser is headquartered in McLean, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C., and our Adviser also has offices in New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Connecticut, Texas and Georgia.

Corporate Information

Our executive offices are located at 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 200, McLean, Virginia 22102 and our telephone number is (703) 287-5800. Our corporate website is located at *http://www.gladstonecapital.com*. Our website and the information contained therein or connected thereto shall not be deemed to be incorporated into this prospectus or the registration statement of which it forms a part.

Our Investment Strategy

Our strategy is to make loans at favorable interest rates to small and medium-sized businesses. Our Adviser uses the loan referral networks of Mr. David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Terry Brubaker, our vice chairman, chief operating officer and secretary, and Mr. George Stelljes III, our president and chief investment officer, and of its managing directors to identify and make senior and subordinated loans to borrowers that need funds to finance growth, restructure their balance sheets or effect a change of control. We believe that our business strategy will enable us to achieve a high level of current income by investing in debt securities, consisting primarily of senior notes, senior subordinated notes and junior subordinated notes of established private businesses that are backed by leveraged buyout funds, venture capital funds or others. In addition, from time to time we might acquire existing loans that meet this profile from leveraged buyout funds, venture capital funds and others. We also seek to provide our stockholders with long-term capital growth through the appreciation in the value of warrants or other equity instruments that we might receive when we make loans.

We target small and medium-sized private businesses that meet certain criteria, including some but not necessarily all of the following: the potential for growth in cash flow, adequate assets for loan collateral, experienced management teams with a significant ownership interest in the borrower, profitable operations based on the borrower s cash flow, reasonable capitalization of the borrower (usually by leveraged buyout funds or venture capital funds) and the potential to realize appreciation and gain liquidity in our equity position, if any. We may achieve liquidity in an equity position 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, although we cannot assure you that we will always have these rights. We can also achieve a similar effect by requiring the borrower to pay us conditional interest, which we refer to as a success fee, upon the occurrence of certain events. Success fees are dependent upon the success of the borrower and the occurrence of a triggering event, and are paid in lieu of warrants to purchase common stock of the borrower.

Investment Process

Overview of Investment and Approval Process

To originate investments, our Adviser s investment professionals use an extensive referral network comprised primarily of venture capitalists, leveraged buyout funds, investment bankers, attorneys, accountants, commercial bankers and business brokers. Our Adviser s investment professionals review informational packages 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 from our Adviser s investment committee, which is composed of Messrs. Gladstone, Brubaker and Stelljes. If the prospective portfolio company passes this initial screening, the investment professionals conduct a due diligence investigation and create a detailed profile summarizing the prospective portfolio company s historical financial statements, industry and management team and analyzing its conformity to our general investment criteria. The investment professionals then present this profile to our Adviser s investment committee, which must approve each investment. Further, each financing is available for review by the members of our Board of Directors, a majority of whom are not interested persons as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act.

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.

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 companies in which we can invest at relatively low multiples of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, and that have positive operating cash flow at the time of investment. In seeking income, we seek to invest in companies that generate relatively stable and high percentage of sales and cash flow to provide some assurance that they will be able to service their debt

and pay any required distributions on preferred stock. Typically, we do not expect to invest in start-up companies or companies with speculative business plans.

Experienced Management. We generally require that our portfolio companies have experienced management teams. We also require the portfolio companies to have in place proper incentives to induce management to succeed and act in concert with our interests as investors, including having significant equity or other interests in the financial performance of their companies.

Strong Competitive Position in an Industry. We seek to invest in target companies that have developed strong market positions within their respective markets and that we believe are well-positioned to capitalize on growth opportunities. We seek companies that demonstrate significant competitive advantages versus their competitors, which we believe will help to protect their market positions and profitability.

Exit Strategy. We seek to invest in companies that we believe will provide a stable stream of earnings and cash flow that is sufficient to repay the loans we make to them and to reinvest in their respective businesses. We expect that such internally generated cash flow, which will allow our portfolio companies to pay interest on, and repay the principal of, our investments, will be a key means by which we exit from our investments over time. In addition, we also seek to invest in companies whose business models and expected future cash flows offer attractive possibilities for capital appreciation on any equity interests we may obtain or retain. These capital appreciation possibilities include strategic acquisitions by other industry participants or financial buyers, initial public offerings of common stock, or other capital market transactions.

Liquidation Value of Assets. The prospective liquidation value of the assets, if any, collateralizing loans in which we invest is an important factor in our investment analysis. We emphasize both tangible assets, such as accounts receivable, inventory, equipment, and real estate and intangible assets, such as intellectual property, customer lists, networks, databases, although the relative weight we place on these assets will vary by company and industry.

Extensive Due Diligence

Our Adviser and its affiliate, Gladstone Securities, 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 and will generally include some or all of the following:

a review of the prospective portfolio company s historical and projected financial information;

visits to the prospective portfolio company s business site(s);

interviews with the prospective portfolio company s management, employees, customers and vendors;

review of all loan documents;

background checks on the prospective portfolio company s management team; and

research on the prospective portfolio company s products, services or particular industry.

Upon completion of the due diligence investigation and a decision to proceed with an investment, our Adviser s investment professionals who have primary responsibility for the investment present the investment opportunity to our Adviser s investment committee, which consists of Messrs. Gladstone, Brubaker and Stelljes. The investment

committee 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 our Adviser s investment professionals have with venture capitalists, leveraged buyout funds, investment bankers, commercial bankers and business brokers, and on the extensive direct experiences of our executive officers and managing directors in providing debt and equity capital to small and medium-sized private businesses.

Investment Structure

We typically invest in senior, senior subordinated and junior subordinated loans. Our loans typically range from $5 million to $20 million, although the size of our investments may vary as our capital base changes. Our loans generally mature within seven years and accrue interest at a variable rate that exceeds the London Interbank Offer Rate, or LIBOR, and prime rates. In the past, some of our loans have had a provision that calls for some portion of the interest payments to be deferred and 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, or PIK, interest. When earned, we record PIK interest as interest income and add the PIK interest to the principal balance of the loans. As of December 31, 2010, we had loans in our portfolio which contained a PIK provision.

To the extent possible, our loans generally are collateralized by a security interest in the borrower s assets. In senior and subordinated loans, we do not usually have the first claim on these assets. Interest payments on loans we make will generally be made monthly or quarterly (except to the extent of any PIK interest) with amortization of principal generally being deferred for several years. The principal amount of the loans and any accrued but unpaid interest will generally become due at maturity at five to seven years. We seek to make loans that are accompanied by warrants to purchase stock in the borrowers or other yield enhancement features, such as success fees. Any warrants that we receive will typically have an exercise price equal to the fair value of the portfolio company s common stock at the time of the loan and entitle us to purchase a modest percentage of the borrower s stock. Success fees are conditional interest that is paid if the borrower is successful. The success fee is calculated as additional interest on the loan and is paid upon the occurrence of certain triggering events, such as the sale of the borrower. If the event or events do not occur, no success fee will be paid.

From time to time, a portfolio company may request additional financing, providing us with additional lending opportunities. We will consider such requests for additional financing under the criteria we have established for initial investments and we anticipate that any debt securities we acquire in a follow-on financing will have characteristics comparable to those issued in the original financing. In some situations, our failure, inability or decision not to make a follow-on investment may be detrimental to the operations or survival of a portfolio company, and thus may jeopardize our investment in that borrower.

As noted above, we expect to receive yield enhancements in connection with many of our loans, which may include warrants to purchase stock or success fees. If a financing is successful, not only will our debt securities have been repaid with interest, but we will be in a position to realize a gain on the accompanying equity interests or other yield enhancements. The opportunity to realize such gain may occur if the borrower is sold to new owners or if it makes a public offering of its stock. In most cases, we will not have the right to require a borrower to undergo an initial public offering by registering securities under the Securities Act, but we generally will have the right to sell our equity interests in any subsequent public offering by the borrower. Even when we have the right to participate in a borrower s public offering, the underwriters might insist, particularly if we own a large amount of equity securities, that we retain all or a substantial portion of our shares for a specified period of time. Moreover, we may decide not to sell an equity position even when we have the right and the opportunity to do so. Thus, although we expect to dispose of an equity interest after a certain time, situations may arise in which we hold equity securities for a longer period.

Risk Management

We seek to limit the downside risk of our investments by:

- making investments with an expected total return (including both interest and potential equity appreciation) that we believe 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; and

negotiating covenants in connection with our investments that afford our portfolio companies as much flexibility as possible in managing their businesses, consistent with the preservation of our capital.

Temporary Investments

Pending investment in private companies, we invest our otherwise uninvested cash primarily in cash, cash items, government securities or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment, to which we refer collectively as temporary investments, so that at least 70% of our assets are qualifying assets for purposes of the business development company provisions of the 1940 Act. For information regarding regulations to which we are subject and the definition of qualifying assets, see Regulation as a Business Development Company Qualifying Assets.

Hedging Strategies

Although it has not yet happened, nor do we expect this to happen in the near future, when one of our portfolio companies goes public, we may undertake hedging strategies with regard to any equity interests that we may have in that company. We may mitigate risks associated with the volatility of publicly traded securities by, for example, selling securities short or writing or buying call or put options. Hedging against a decline in the value of such investments in public companies would not eliminate fluctuations in the values of such investments or prevent losses if the values of such investments decline, but would establish or enhance a hedging strategy to seek to protect our investment in such securities. Therefore, by engaging in hedging transactions, we seek to moderate the decline in the value of our hedged investments in public companies. However, such hedging transactions would also limit our opportunity to gain from an increase in the value of our investment in the public company. In the future, we may enter into hedging transactions, such as interest rate cap agreements, in connection with the borrowings that we make under our line of credit. To date, we do not hold any interest rate cap agreements. Hedging strategies can pose risks to us and our stockholders, however we believe that such activities are manageable because they will be limited to only a portion of our portfolio.

Section 12(a)(3) of the 1940 Act prohibits us from effecting a short sale of any security in contravention of such rules and regulations or orders as the [SEC] may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors . . . However, to date, the SEC has not promulgated regulations under this statute. It is possible that such regulations could be promulgated in the future in a way that would require us to change any hedging strategies that we may adopt. In addition, our ability to engage in short sales may be limited by the 1940 Act s leverage limitations. We will only engage in hedging activities in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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, 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 that are not available to us. 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, establish more relationships and build their market shares. Furthermore, many of these competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a business development company. However, we believe that we have the following competitive advantages over other providers of financing to small and mid-sized businesses.

Management Expertise

David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, is also the chairman and chief executive officer of our Adviser and the Gladstone Companies, and has been involved in all aspects of the Gladstone Companies investment activities, including serving as a member of our Adviser s investment committee. Terry Lee Brubaker is our vice chairman, chief operating officer and secretary, and has substantial experience in acquisitions and operations of companies. George Stelljes III is our president and chief investment officer and has extensive experience in leveraged finance. Messrs. Gladstone, Brubaker and Stelljes have principal management responsibility for our Adviser as its senior executive officers. These individuals dedicate a significant portion of their time

to managing our investment portfolio. Our senior management has extensive experience providing capital to small and mid-sized companies and has worked together for more than 10 years. In addition, we have access to the resources and expertise of our Adviser s investment professionals and supporting staff who possess a broad range of transactional, financial, managerial and investment skills.

Increased Access to Investment Opportunities Developed Through Proprietary Research Capability and an Extensive Network of Contacts

Our Adviser seeks to identify potential investments both 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 our Adviser s investment professionals have long-term relationships. We believe that our 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 in investment management enables us to identify well-positioned prospective portfolio companies which provide attractive investment opportunities. Additionally, our Adviser expects to generate information from its professionals network of accountants, consultants, lawyers and management teams of portfolio companies and other companies.

Disciplined, Value and Income-Oriented Investment Philosophy with a Focus on Preservation of Capital

In making its investment decisions, our 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 our 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 management of downside exposure. Our Adviser s approach seeks to reduce our risk in investments by using some or all of the following approaches:

- focusing on companies with good market positions, established management teams and good cash flow;
- investing in businesses with experienced management teams;
- engaging in extensive due diligence from the perspective of a long-term investor;
- investing at low price-to-cash flow multiples; or
- adopting flexible transaction structures by drawing on the experience of the investment professionals of our Adviser and its affiliates.

Longer Investment Horizon with Attractive Publicly Traded Model

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 both a lower overall return to investors and an adverse impact on their portfolio companies. We believe that our flexibility to make investments with a long-term view and without the capital return requirements of traditional private investment vehicles provides us with the opportunity to achieve greater long-term returns on invested capital.

Flexible Transaction Structuring

We believe our management team s broad expertise and its ability to draw upon many years of combined experience enables our 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,

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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. We believe that this approach enables our Adviser to identify 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. One example of our flexibility is our ability to exchange our publicly-traded stock for the stock of an acquisition target in a tax-free reorganization under the Code. After completing an acquisition in such an exchange, we can restructure the capital of the small company to include senior and subordinated debt.

Leverage

For the purpose of making investments other than temporary investments and to take advantage of favorable interest rates, we intend to issue senior debt securities (including borrowings under our current line of credit) up to the maximum amount permitted by the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act currently permits us to issue senior debt securities and preferred stock, to which we refer collectively as senior securities, in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least 200% after each issuance of senior securities. We may also incur such indebtedness to repurchase our common stock. As a result of issuing senior securities, we are exposed to the risks of 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 or incur additional indebtedness would be restricted if asset coverage is less than twice our indebtedness. If the value of our assets declines, we might be unable to satisfy that test. If this happens, we may be required to liquidate a portion of our loan portfolio and repay a portion of our indebtedness at a time when a sale may be disadvantageous. Furthermore, any amounts that we use to service our indebtedness will not be available for distributions to our stockholders. Our Board of Directors is authorized to provide for the issuance of preferred stock with such preferences, powers, rights and privileges as it deems appropriate, provided that such an issuance adheres to the requirements of the 1940 Act. See Regulation as a Business Development Company Asset Coverage for a discussion of our leveraging constraints.

Ongoing Relationships with and Monitoring of Portfolio Companies

Monitoring

Our Adviser s investment professionals, led by Terry Lee Brubaker, our chief operating officer, monitor the financial trends of each portfolio company on an ongoing basis to determine if each is meeting its respective business plans and to assess the appropriate course of action for each company. We monitor the status and performance of each portfolio company and use it to evaluate the overall performance of our portfolio.

Our Adviser employs various methods of evaluating and monitoring the performance of each of our portfolio companies, which include some or all of following:

- assessment of success in the portfolio company s overall adherence to its business plan and compliance with covenants;

- attendance at and participation in meetings of the portfolio company s board of directors;

- periodic contact, including formal update interviews with portfolio company management, and, if appropriate, the financial or strategic sponsor;

comparison with other companies in the portfolio company s industry; and

review of monthly and quarterly financial statements and financial projections for portfolio companies.

Managerial Assistance and Services

As a business development company, we make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies and provide other services to such portfolio companies. Neither we nor our Adviser currently receives fees in connection with managerial assistance we make available. At times, our Adviser provides other services to

certain of our portfolio companies and it receives fees for these other services, certain of which are credited by 50% or 100% against the investment advisory fees that we pay our Adviser. Gladstone Securities also provides investment banking and due diligence services to some of our portfolio companies, and it receives fees for these services which do not impact the fees we pay our Adviser.

Valuation Process

The following is a general description of the steps we take each quarter to determine the value of our investment portfolio. We value our investments in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act. We value securities for which market quotations are readily available at their market value. We value all other securities and assets at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. In determining the value of our investments, our Adviser has established an investment valuation policy, or the Policy.

The Policy has been approved by our Board of Directors and each quarter the Board of Directors reviews whether our Adviser has applied the Policy consistently and votes whether or not to accept the recommended valuation of our investment portfolio. Due to the uncertainty inherent in the valuation process, such estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the values that would have been obtained had a ready market for the securities existed. Investments for which market quotations are readily available are recorded in our financial statements at such market quotations. With respect to any investments for which market quotations are not readily available, we perform the following valuation process each quarter:

Our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially assessed by our Adviser s investment professionals responsible for the investment, using the Policy.

Preliminary valuation conclusions are then discussed with our management, and documented, along with any independent opinions of value provided by SPSE for review by our Board of Directors.

Our Board of Directors reviews this documentation and discusses the input of our Adviser, management, and the opinions of value of SPSE to arrive at a determination for the aggregate fair value of our portfolio of investments.

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 Agreements

We are externally managed pursuant to contractual arrangements with our Adviser and Administrator, under which our Adviser and Administrator employ all of our personnel and pay our payroll, benefits, and general expenses directly. On October 1, 2006, we entered into the Advisory Agreement with our Adviser and the Administration Agreement with our Administrator. On July 7, 2010, our Board of Directors renewed the Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement through August 31, 2011. 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.

Base Management Fee

The base management fee is computed and payable quarterly 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, which are total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents

resulting from borrowings. Overall, the base management fee cannot exceed 2.0% of total assets (as reduced by cash and cash equivalents pledged to creditors) during any given fiscal year. In addition, the following three items are potential adjustments to the base management fee calculation.

Loan Servicing Fees

Our Adviser also services the loans held by our wholly-owned subsidiary, Business Loan, in return for which our Adviser receives a 2.0% annual fee based on the monthly aggregate outstanding balance of loans pledged under our line of credit. Since we own these loans, all loan servicing fees paid to our Adviser are treated as reductions directly against the 2.0% base management fee under the Advisory Agreement.

Portfolio Company Fees

Under the Advisory Agreement, our Adviser has also provided and continues to provide managerial assistance and other services to our portfolio companies and may receive fees for services other than managerial assistance. 50% or 100% of certain of these fees are credited against the base management fee that we would otherwise be required to pay to our Adviser.

Senior Syndicated Loan Fee Waiver

Since our 2008 fiscal year, our Board of Directors has accepted on a quarterly basis unconditional and irrevocable voluntary waivers from the Adviser to reduce the annual 2.0% base management fee on senior syndicated loan participations to 0.5%, to the extent that proceeds resulting from borrowings were used to purchase such syndicated loan participations and any waived fees may not be recouped by our Adviser in the future.

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). We will pay the 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).

Quarterly Incentive Fee Based on Net Investment Income

Pre-incentive fee net investment income
(expressed as a percentage of the value of net assets)

Percentage of pre-incentive fee net investment income
allocated to income-related portion of incentive fee

The second part of the incentive fee is a capital gains-based incentive fee that is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each fiscal year (or upon termination of the Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), and equals 20% of our realized capital gains as of the end of the fiscal year. In determining the capital gains-based incentive fee payable to our Adviser, we calculate the cumulative aggregate realized capital gains and cumulative aggregate realized capital losses since our inception, and the aggregate unrealized capital depreciation as of the date

of the calculation, as applicable, with respect to each of the investments in our portfolio. For this purpose, cumulative aggregate realized capital gains, if any, equals the sum of the differences 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 amounts by which the net sales price of each investment, when sold, is less than the original cost of such investment since our inception. Aggregate unrealized capital depreciation equals the sum of the difference, if negative, between the valuation of each investment as of the applicable calculation date and the original cost of such investment. At the end of the applicable year, the amount of capital gains that serves as the basis for our calculation of the capital gains-based incentive fee equals the cumulative aggregate realized capital gains less cumulative aggregate realized capital losses, less aggregate unrealized capital depreciation, with respect to our portfolio of investments. If this number is positive at the end of such year, then the capital gains-based incentive fee for such year equals 20% of such amount, less the aggregate amount of any capital gains-based incentive fees paid in respect of our portfolio in all prior years.

Administration Agreement

Under the Administration Agreement, we pay separately for administrative services. The Administration Agreement provides for payments equal to our allocable portion of the Administrator s overhead expenses in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement including, but not limited to, rent and our allocable portion of the salaries and benefits expenses of our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, internal counsel, treasurer and their respective staffs. Our allocable portion of expenses is primarily derived by multiplying our Administrator s total expenses by the percentage of our average total assets (the total assets at the beginning and end of each quarter) in comparison to the average total assets of all funds that have administration agreements with our Administrator and are also managed by our Adviser under similar agreements.

Code of Ethics

We and our Adviser have each adopted a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct applicable to our officers, directors and all employees of our Adviser and our Administrator that complies with the guidelines set forth in Item 406 of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act. As required by the 1940 Act, this code establishes procedures for personal investments, restricts certain transactions by our personnel and requires the reporting of certain transactions and holdings by our personnel. A copy of this code is available for review, free of charge, at our website at *http://www.gladstonecapital.com*. 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.

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 Dellafiora, Jr., who also serves as chief compliance officer for our Adviser.

Competition

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, 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 that are not available to us. 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, establish more relationships and build their market shares. Furthermore, many of these competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a business development company. There is no assurance that the competitive pressures we face will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, because

of this competition, we may not be able to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities from time to time and there can be no assurance that we will be able to identify and make investments that satisfy our investment objective or that we will be able to meet our investment goals. Recently we have seen an increase in our competition such that terms and rates for proposed loans have been reduced. However, we believe that our extensive loan referral network and flexible transaction structuring enable us to compete effectively for opportunities in the current market environment.

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 our Adviser and our Administrator pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement, respectively. Each of our executive officers is an employee or officer, or both, of our Adviser or our Administrator. No employee of our Adviser and our Administrator will dedicate all of his or her time to us. However, we expect that 25-30 full time employees of our Adviser and our Administrator will spend substantial time on our matters during the remainder of calendar year 2011. To the extent we acquire more investments, we anticipate that the number of employees of our Adviser and our Administrator who devote time to our matters will increase.

As of March 31, 2011, our Adviser and Administrator collectively had 51 full-time employees. A breakdown of these employees is summarized by functional area in the table below:

Number of Individuals	Functional Area
9	Executive Management
32	Investment Management, Portfolio Management and Due Diligence
10	Administration, Accounting, Compliance, Human Resources, Legal and Treasury

Properties

We do not own any real estate or other physical properties materially important to our operations. Our Adviser 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 operations in New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Texas, Connecticut and Georgia.

Legal Proceedings

We are not currently subject to any material legal proceedings, nor, to our knowledge, is any material legal proceeding threatened against us.

PORTFOLIO COMPANIES

The following table sets forth certain information as of December 31, 2010, 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.

Company[1]	Industry	Investment	% of Class Held on a Fully Diluted Basis	December 31, 2010 Cost	Fair Value
NON-CONTROL/NON-AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS					
Non-syndicated Loans:					
Access Television Network, Inc. 2600 Michelson Drive, Ste 1650 Irvine, California 91612	Service-cable airtime (infomercials)	Senior Term Debt[4]		$ 948	$ 711
Allison Publications, LLC 4311 Oak Lawn, Suite 100 Dallas, Texas 75219	Service-publisher of consumer oriented magazines	Senior Term Debt[4]		8,940	8,413
BAS Broadcasting 905 West State St. Fremont, OH 43420	Service-radio station operator	Senior Term Debt[4]		7,465	6,606
Chinese Yellow Pages Company 9550 Flair Drive Suite 200 El Monte, CA 91731	Service-publisher of Chinese language directories	Line of Credit[4]		450	425
		Senior Term Debt[4]		288	273
CMI Acquisition, LLC 4211 E. 43rd St. Place Kearney, NE 68848	Service-recycling	Senior Term Debt[4]		5,976	5,901
FedCap Partners, LLC 11951 Freedom Drive, 13th Floor Reston, VA 20190	Private equity fund	Class A Membership Units[7]	6.67%	400	400
		Uncalled Capital Commitment			
GFRC Holdings LLC 3615 Miller Park Dr. Garland, TX 75042	Manufacturing-glass-fiber reinforced concrete	Senior Term Debt[4]		6,011	5,681
		Senior Subordinated Term Debt[3][4]		6,632	6,267
				3,360	2,780

Global Materials Technologies, Inc. 1540 E. Dundee Road Palatine, IL 60067	Manufacturing-steel wool products and metal fibers	Senior Term Debt[3][4]			
Heartland Communications Group 909 North Railroad Eagle River, WI 54521	Service-radio station operator	Line of Credit Senior Term Debt[4] Common Stock Warrants	8.75%	100 4,305 66	58 2,508
International Junior Golf Training Acquisition Company 58 Hospital Center Common Hilton Head, SC 29926	Service-golf training	Line of Credit[4] Senior Term Debt[4] Senior Term Debt[4]		1,000 1,391 2,500	972 1,353 2,431
KMBQ Corporation 2200 East Parks Highway Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Service-AM/FM radio broadcaster	Line of Credit[4][8][7] Senior Term Debt[4][8][7]		162 2,063	16 204
Legend Communications of Wyoming LLC 6805 Douglas Legum Dr, Ste 100 Elkridge, MD 21075	Service-operator of radio stations	Senior Term Debt[4]		9,880	6,274
Newhall Holdings, Inc. 26529 Ruether Ave Santa Clarita, CA 91350	Service-distributor of personal care products and supplements	Line of Credit[4] Senior Term Debt[5] Senior Term Debt[4] Senior Term Debt[3][4] Preferred Equity[6][7] Common Stock[6][7]	7.7% 10%	1,350 1,870 2,000 4,648	1,276 1,767 1,860 4,276
Northern Contours, Inc. 409 South Roberts Street Fergus Falls, MN 56537	Manufacturing veneer and laminate components	Senior Subordinated Term Debt[4]		6,258	5,741
Northstar Broadband, LLC 3660 East Covington Ave suite C Post Falls, ID 83854	Service cable TV franchise owner	Senior Term Debt[4]		104	92
Pinnacle Treatment Centers, Inc. 59 31st Street Pittsburgh, PA 15201	Service-Addiction treatment centers	Line of Credit[4][7] Senior Term Debt[4][7] Senior Term Debt[3][4][7]		100 1,750 7,500	100 1,750 7,500
Precision Acquisition Group Holdings, Inc. 435 Burt Street Sistersville, WV 26175	Manufacturing-consumable components for the aluminum industry	Equipment Note[4] Senior Term Debt[4] Senior Term Debt[3][4]		1,000 4,125 4,053	940 3,877 3,810

Company[1]	Industry	Investment	% of Class Held on a Fully Diluted Basis	December 31, 2010 Cost	Fair Value
PROFITSystems	Service-design and develop	Line of Credit		$	$
Acquisition Co.	ERP software	Senior Term Debt[4]		750	711
422 E. Vermijo Ave, Suite 100		Senior Term		2,900	2,719
Colorado Springs, CO 80903		Debt[3][4]			
RCS Management Holding	Service-healthcare supplies	Senior Term		1,813	1,785
Co.		Debt[2][3]		3,060	3,014
16535 Southpark Drive		Senior Term Debt[3]			
Westfield, IN 46074					
Reliable Biopharmaceutical	Manufacturing-pharmaceutical	Line of Credit[3]		1,500	1,491
Holdings, Inc.	and biochemical intermediates	Mortgage Note[3]		7,234	7,198
1945 Walton Rd.		Senior Term Debt[3]		967	961
St. Louis, MO 63114		Senior Term Debt[3]		11,663	11,415
		Senior Subordinated		6,000	5,760
		Term Debt[2][3]	6.70%	209	136
		Common Stock			
		Warrants[5][6]			
Saunders & Associates	Manufacturing-equipment	Senior Term Debt[3]		8,947	8,947
2520 East Rose Garden Ln.	provider				
Phoenix, AZ 85050	for frequency control devices				
SCI Cable, Inc.	Service-cable, internet, voice	Senior Term		601	132
6700 South Topeka Boulevard	provider	Debt[3][6]		2,931	293
Building 818, Unit N4		Senior Term			
Topeka, Kansas 66619		Debt[3][6]			
Sunburst Media-Louisiana,	Service-radio station operator	Senior Term Debt(3)		6,335	4,997
LLC					
300 Crescent Court, Suite 850					
Dallas, Texas 75201					
Sunshine Media Holdings	Service-publisher regional B2B	Line of Credit[3]		1,999	1,499
735 Broad St, Suite 708	trade magazines	Senior Term Debt[3]		16,948	12,711
Chattanooga, TN 37402		Senior Term		10,700	8,025
		Debt[2][3]			
Thibaut Acquisition Co.	Service-design and distribute	Line of Credit[3]		750	731
480 Frelinghuysen Avenue	wall covering	Senior Term Debt[3]		813	792
Newark, NJ 07114		Senior Term		3,000	2,903
		Debt[2][3]			
Viapack, Inc.	Manufacturing-polyethylene film	Senior Real Estate		650	647
1224 S. Hamilton St		Term Debt[3]		3,978	3,958
Dalton, GA 30720		Senior Term			
		Debt[2][3]			

Westlake Hardware, Inc. 14000 Marshall Dr. Lenexa, KS 66215	Retail-hardware and variety	Senior Subordinated Term Debt(3) Senior Subordinated Term Debt(3)		12,000 8,000	11,835 7,810
Winchester Electronics 62 Barnes Industrial Road North Wallingford, CT 06492	Manufacturing-high bandwidth connectors and cables	Senior Term Debt(3) Senior Term Debt(3) Senior Subordinated Term Debt(3)		1,250 1,686 9,875	1,247 1,669 9,653
Subtotal Non-syndicated loans				223,254	197,301
Syndicated Loans:					
Airvana Network Solutions, Inc. 19 Alpha Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824	Service-telecommunications	Senior Term Debt(4)		7,702	7,918
Applied Systems 200 Applied Parkway, University Park, IL 60466	Service-software for property & casualty insurance industry	Senior Subordinated Term Debt(4)		990	1,000
Ascend Learning 7500 West 160th Street, Stillwell, KS 66085	Service-technology-based learning solutions	Senior Subordinated Term Debt(4)		970	975
Covad Communications 2220 O Toole Avenue, San Jose, CA 95131	Service-telecommunications	Senior Term Debt(4)		1,961	2,025
Global Brass 1901 North Roselle Road, Suite 824 Schaumburg, IL 60195	Service-telecommunications	Senior Term Debt(4)		2,905	3,168
HGI 1810 Summit Commerce Park Twinsburg, OH 44087	Service-telecommunications	Senior Term Debt(4)		1,956	1,998
WP Evenflo Group Holdings Inc. 707 Crossroads Court	Manufacturing-infant and juvenile products	Senior Term Debt(4) Senior Preferred Equity(5)(6) Junior Preferred Equity(5)(6)	 1.10% 4.40%	1,876 333 111	1,651 389 134
Vandalia, OH 45377		Common Stock(5)(6)	0.76%		53
Subtotal Syndicated loans				18,804	19,311
Total Non-Control/Non-Affiliate Investments				$ 242,058	$ 216,612

Company[1]	Industry	Investment	% of Class Held on a Fully Diluted Basis	December 31, 2010 Cost	Fair Value
CONTROL INVESTMENTS					
BERTL, Inc.	Service-web-based evaluator	Line of		$ 1,399	$
200 Craig Road	of digital imaging products	Credit[5][6]	100%	424	
Manalapan, NJ 07726		Common			
		Stock[5][6]			
Defiance Acquisition Corp.	Manufacturing-trucking parts	Senior Term		8,245	8,245
1090 Perry Street		Debt[2][3]	58.7%	1	4,512
Defiance, OH 43512		Common			
		Stock[5][6]			
Lindmark Acquisition, LLC	Service-advertising	Senior		10,000	4,500
306 Lindmark Ave.		Subordinated		2,000	900
Purcell, OK 73080		Term		1,874	843
		Debt[3][6]	100%	317	
		Senior			
		Subordinated			
		Term			
		Debt[3][6]			
		Senior			
		Subordinated			
		Term			
		Debt[3][6]			
		Common			
		Stock[5][6]			
LocalTel, LLC	Service-yellow pages	Line of		1,723	1,075
360 Merrimack Street, Suite	publishing	Credit[5][6]		325	
216		Senior Term		1,170	
Lawrence, MA 01843		Debt[5][6]		2,688	
		Line of		2,750	
		Credit[5][6]	40%		
		Senior Term			
		Debt[5][6]			
		Senior Term			
		Debt[2][5][6]			
		Common			
		Stock			
		Warrants[5][6]			
Midwest Metal Distribution,	Distribution-aluminum sheets	Senior		18,256	15,813
Inc.	and stainless steel	Subordinated	70.1%	138	
6270 Van Buren Road		Term Debt[3]			

Clinton, OH 44216		Common Stock(5)(6)		
U.S. Healthcare Communications, Inc. 318 Cleveland Ave., Unit 1 Highland Park, NJ 08904	Service-magazine publisher/ operator	Line of Credit(5)(6)	269	5
		Line of Credit(5)(6)	450	
		Common Stock(5)(6)	2,470	
Total Control Investments			$ 54,499	$ 35,893
Total Investments			$ 296,557	$ 252,505

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

(2) Last Out Tranche (LOT) of senior debt, meaning if the portfolio company is liquidated, the holder of the LOT is paid after the senior debt.

(3) LOT of senior debt, meaning if the portfolio company is liquidated, the holder of the LOT is paid after the senior debt, however, the debt is also junior to another LOT.

(4) Fair value was primarily based on opinions of value submitted by Standard & Poor s Securities Evaluations, Inc.

(5) Security valued based on the indicative bid price on or near September 30, 2010, offered by the respective syndication agent s trading desk or secondary desk.

(6) Fair value was primarily based on the total enterprise value of the portfolio company using a liquidity waterfall approach. The Company also considered discounted cash flow methodologies.

(7) Security is non-income producing.

Significant Portfolio Companies

Set forth below is a brief description of each portfolio company in which we have made an investment that currently represents greater than 5% of our total assets (excluding cash pledged to creditors). 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.

Sunshine Media Holdings Corp.

We currently have invested approximately $30.4 million in Sunshine Media Holdings Corp., which we refer to as Sunshine. We invested in a senior term loan with a principal amount outstanding of $16.9 million, a senior term last out tranche loan with a principal amount outstanding of $10.7 million, and a revolving credit facility of $2.0 million, of which $0.4 million is currently undrawn. Additionally, we have invested $0.4 million in preferred

stock and we purchased common stock from existing shareholders for $0.7 million. The maturity date for all of the loans and the revolving credit facility is May 14, 2016.

Sunshine is a publisher of sponsored, custom publications for 145 organizations, such as community hospitals and financial institutions. The company also publishes 83 regionally focused business-to-business targeted trade magazines focused on the medical, construction and real estate fields.

Because of the relative size of this investment, we are significantly exposed to the risks associated with Sunshine s business. In particular, Sunshine has significant exposure to advertising cyclicality. Advertising spending is a leading indicator of general economic health, and the majority of Sunshine s revenues are advertising-based. There is a risk that poor performance of Sunshine s end market could impact spending on advertising and sponsorships, which could have a material adverse impact on Sunshine and the value of our investment in Sunshine.

Our Adviser s managing director, Lud Kimbrough, and one of our Adviser s directors, Kipp Kranbuhl, are directors of Sunshine. Sunshine s principal executive offices are located at 735 Broad St, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402.

Reliable Biopharmaceutical Holdings, Inc.

We currently have invested approximately $27.0 million in Reliable Biopharmaceutical Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries, which we refer to collectively as Reliable. We invested in a senior term last out tranche loan with a principal amount outstanding of $11.7 million, a senior subordinated term loan with a principal amount outstanding of $6.0 million, a mortgage note with a principal amount outstanding of $7.2 million, a revolving credit facility of $4.0 million, of which $1.9 million is currently undrawn, and we purchased warrants for common stock for $0.2 million. Each of the notes has a maturity date of December 22, 2014 and the revolving credit facility has a maturity date of January 30, 2013.

Reliable, based in St. Louis, Missouri, develops and manufactures active pharmaceutical ingredients and high purity processing chemicals used in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals and biological products. Reliable s products are the active ingredients for leading generic injectable drugs that treat cancer, heart disease, hypertension, anxiety and other serious illnesses.

Because of the relative size of this investment, we are significantly exposed to the risks associated with Reliable s business. In particular, Reliable is subject to regulation and approvals by the Food & Drug Administration, or FDA. Should Reliable fail to comply with FDA regulations, it could have a material adverse impact on Reliable and the value of our investment in Reliable.

Reliable s principal executive offices are located at 1945 Walton Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63114.

Westlake Hardware, Inc.

We currently have invested approximately $20.0 million in Westlake Hardware, Inc., which we refer to as Westlake. We invested in a senior subordinated term loan with a principal amount outstanding of $12.0 million and a senior subordinated term last out tranche loan with a principal amount outstanding of $8.0 million, both maturing on January 6, 2014.

Westlake is a business with a 100-year history as a retailer of home hardware. Westlake is the largest member of the ACE Hardware Corporation buying cooperative. Westlake operates more than 85 retail locations, averaging 20,000 square feet each, in seven Midwestern states that sell a variety of products and services to predominantly do-it-yourself, or DIY, customers and some professionals. Westlake has a strong brand name in the Midwest, gained

by providing customers quality products, a broad selection and superior service in a neighborhood retail setting.

Because of the relative size of this investment, we are significantly exposed to the risks associated with Westlake s business. Big-box retailers dominate the home improvement market and have impacted Westlake s revenue growth historically. There is a risk that they may change strategy and compete with stores like Westlake with smaller stores similar to Westlake. In fact, Big-box retailers have been doing this during the economic

downturn, but Westlake has had some success repositioning itself as offering more knowledgeable staff (older and more experienced with more training) who can offer guidance on a range of home repairs and projects. Westlake plans on growing through infill store growth and positioning itself as the neighborhood store. Slowdown in the economy could reduce personal incomes, leading to lower retail hardware purchases if customers defer repairs.

The principal executive offices of Westlake are located at 14000 Marshall Drive, Lenexa, Kansas 66215.

Midwest Metal Distribution, Inc.

We currently have invested approximately $18.4 million in Midwest Metal Distribution, Inc., which we refer to as Midwest Metal. We invested in a senior subordinated term loan with a principal amount outstanding of $18.3 million, maturing on July 31, 2013 and we purchased common stock for $0.1 million.

Midwest Metal is a metal service center that supplies custom cut aluminum sheet, plate, bar/extrusions, angle as well as stainless steel. Midwest Metal has focused on serving customers in the Midwest and Great Lakes region that require small batches of custom cut metal, and Just-in-time (JIT) delivery service at competitive prices.

Because of the relative size of this investment, we are significantly exposed to the risks associated with Midwest Metal s business. Midwest Metal is exposed to commodity price risk in aluminum and stainless steel, which historically have been substantially more volatile during the past three years than in previous historical periods. Additionally, despite a diversified customer base, a significant percentage of sales are to customers in the auto industry, which has historically been volatile and has undergone significant changes during the recent recession. To overcome these risks, Midwest Metal management will need to execute on offering competitively priced metal enhanced by high value-added processing with a quick turnaround.

Our vice chairman and chief operating officer, Terry Lee Brubaker, one of our Adviser s managing directors, Lud Kimbrough, and one of our Adviser s associates, Christopher Seneta, are directors of Midwest Metal. The principal executive offices of Midwest Metal are located at 6270 Van Buren Road, Clinton, Ohio 44216.

MANAGEMENT

Our business and affairs are managed under the direction of our Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors currently consists of ten members, six of whom are not considered to be interested persons of Gladstone Capital 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 of Directors.

Board of Directors

Under our articles 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. 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 of Directors is as follows (the address for each director is c/o Gladstone Capital Corporation, 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 200, McLean, Virginia 22102):

Name	Age	Position	Director Since	Expiration of Term
Interested Directors				
David Gladstone	68	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer(1)(2)	2001	2013
Terry L. Brubaker	67	Vice Chairman, Chief Operating Officer, Secretary and Director(1)(2)	2001	2012
George Stelljes III	49	President, Chief Investment Officer and Director(1)	2003	2014
David A. R. Dullum	63	Director(1)	2001	2012
Independent Directors				
Anthony W. Parker	65	Director(2)(3)(6)	2001	2014
Michela A. English	61	Director(3)(6)	2002	2014
Paul W. Adelgren	68	Director(4)(5)(6)	2003	2013
John H. Outland	65	Director(4)(5)(6)	2003	2013
Gerard Mead	67	Director(3)(5)(6)	2005	2012
John Reilly	68	Director(3)(6)	2011	2012

(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) Each independent director serves as an alternate member of each committee for which they do not serve as a regular member. Messrs. Adelgren and Outland serve as alternate members of the audit committee; Messrs. Parker and Reilly and Ms. English serve as alternates on the compensation committee; and Messrs. Parker, Mead and Reilly and Ms. English serve as alternates on the ethics, nominating and corporate governance committee. 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.

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 Capital Corporation, 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 200, McLean, Virginia 22102):

Name	Age	Position
David Watson	35	Chief Financial Officer
Gary Gerson	46	Treasurer

Independent Directors (in alphabetical order)

Paul W. Adelgren. Mr. Adelgren has served as a director since January 2003. Mr. Adelgren has also served as a director of Gladstone Commercial since August 2003 and a director of Gladstone Investment since June 2005. 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 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, as well as his past service on our Board since 2003.

Michela A. English. Ms. English has served as director since June 2002. Ms. English is 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. Ms. English has also been a director of Gladstone Commercial since August 2003, and a director of Gladstone Investment since June 2005. 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 District of Columbia Public Education Fund, a director of the National Women s Health Resource Center, a member of the Advisory Board of the Yale University School of Management, a director of the Society for Science and the Public and as 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 2002.

Gerard Mead. Mr. Mead has served as a director since December 2005. Mr. Mead has also served as a director of Gladstone Commercial and of Gladstone Investment since December 2005. Mr. Mead is chairman of Gerard Mead Capital Management, a firm which he founded in 2003 that provides investment management services to pension

funds, endowments, insurance companies, and high net worth individuals. From 1966 to 2003 Mr. Mead was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, where he held a series of engineering, corporate finance and investment positions with increasing management responsibility. From 1987 to 2003 Mr. Mead served as chairman and pension fund manager of the Pension Trust of Bethlehem Steel Corporation and Subsidiary Companies. From 1972 to 1987 he served successively as investment analyst, director of investment research, and trustee of the Pension Trust, during which time he was also a corporate finance analyst and investor relations contact for institutional investors of Bethlehem Steel. Prior to that time Mr. Mead was a steel plant engineer. Mr. Mead holds an MBA from the Harvard Business School and a BSCE from Lehigh University. Mr. Mead was selected to serve as an

independent director on our Board due to his more than forty years of experience in various areas of the investment analysis and management fields as well as his past service on our Board since 2005.

John H. Outland. Mr. Outland has served as a director since December 2003. Mr. Outland has also served as a director of Gladstone Commercial since December 2003 and of Gladstone Investment since June 2005. 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 product. 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 2003.

Anthony W. Parker. Mr. Parker has served as a director since August 2001. Mr. Parker has also served as a director of Gladstone Commercial since August 2003 and as a director of Gladstone Investment since June 2005. In 1997 Mr. Parker founded Parker Tide Corp., formerly 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, and a 50 percent stockholder of, Capitol Resource Funding, Inc., or CRF, 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 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 wealth of experience in the field of corporate taxation as well as his past service on our Board since our inception. Mr. Parker s knowledge of corporate tax was instrumental in his appointment to the chairmanship of our Audit Committee.

John Reilly. Mr. Reilly has served as a director since January 2011. Mr. Reilly has also served as a director of Gladstone Investment and Gladstone Commercial since January 2011. From 1987 until the present, Mr. Reilly has served as president of Reilly Investment Corporation, where he provides advisory services to public and private companies, and financing and joint venture development. From March 1976 until April 1984 he served as principal stockholder, president and chief executive officer of Reilly Mortgage Group, Inc., where he provided origination and construction lending and permanent loan placement of commercial real estate loans for institutional investors. In 1988, Mr. Reilly assumed the role of chairman. In 1994, Stonehurst Ventures, L.P., purchased Reilly Mortgage Group, at which time he then assumed the role of executive director. From 1971 to 1976, Mr. Reilly served as vice president of Walker & Dunlop, Inc. where he provided services for commercial loan originations, joint ventures, HUD programs and secondary marketing. From 1967 to 1969, Mr. Reilly served as a research engineer for Crane Company, and from 1964 to 1967 he served as a supply officer in the United States Navy. Mr. Reilly also currently serves a member of the board of directors of Beekman Helix India from 2009 to present, and is co-chairman of the board of directors for Community Preservation and Development Corporation from 2006 until present. Mr. Reilly has held a D.C. real estate broker license since 1973. Mr. Reilly is a graduate of Mortgage Bankers School I, II and II and Income School I and II. Mr. Reilly holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Reilly was selected to serve as an independent director on our Board due to his expertise and wealth of experience in the real estate and mortgage industry.

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 Investment and Gladstone Commercial. Prior to founding the Gladstone Companies, Mr. Gladstone served as either chairman or vice chairman of the board of directors of American Capital Strategies, Ltd., 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 (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 Advisors, 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. He is a past member of the advisory committee to the Women s Growth Capital Fund, a venture capital firm that finances women-owned small businesses. Mr. Gladstone was the founder and managing member of The Capital Investors, LLC, a group of angel investors, and is currently a member emeritus. He is also the past chairman and past owner of Coastal Berry Company, LLC, a large strawberry farming operation in California. He is also the chairman and owner of Gladstone Land Corporation, a privately held company that has substantial farmland holdings in agriculture real estate in California. 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, secretary and a director since our inception. He also served as our president from May 2001 through April 2004, when he assumed the duties of vice chairman. 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, chief operating officer and secretary. He has served as vice chairman, chief operating officer, secretary and as a director of Gladstone Investment since its inception. 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. 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.

George Stelljes III. Mr. Stelljes has served as our chief investment officer since September 2002 and a director from August 2001 to September 2002, and then rejoined the Board of Directors in July 2003. He also served

as our executive vice president from September 2002 through April 2004, when he assumed the duties of president. Mr. Stelljes has served as our Adviser s chief investment officer and a director of our Adviser since May 2003. He also served as executive vice president of our Adviser until February 2006, when he assumed the duties of president. Mr. Stelljes has served as Gladstone Investment s chief investment officer and a director since inception. Mr. Stelljes also served as Gladstone Investment s president from inception through April 2008, when he became a vice chairman. Mr. Stelljes has served as chief investment officer of Gladstone Commercial since February 2003, and as a director since July 2007. He also served as executive vice president of Gladstone Commercial from February 2003 through July 2007, when he assumed the duties of president. Prior to joining Gladstone Mr. Stelljes served as a managing member of St. John s Capital, a vehicle used to make private equity investments. From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Stelljes was a co-founder and managing member of Camden Partners and Cahill Warnock & Company, private equity firms which finance high growth companies in the communications, education, healthcare, and business services sectors. From 1997 to 1999, Mr. Stelljes was a managing director and partner of Columbia Capital, a venture capital firm focused on investments in communications and information technology. From 1989 to 1997, Mr. Stelljes held various positions, including executive vice president and principal, with the Allied companies. Mr. Stelljes serves as a general partner and investment committee member of Patriot Capital and Patriot Capital II, private equity funds, and serves on the board of Intrepid Capital Management, a money management firm. He is also a former board member and regional president of the National Association of Small Business Investment Companies. Mr. Stelljes holds an MBA from the University of Virginia and a BA in Economics from Vanderbilt University. Mr. Stelljes was selected to serve as a director on our Board due to his more than twenty years of experience in the investment analysis, management, and advisory industries as well as his past service on our Board since 2003.

David A. R. Dullum. Mr. Dullum has served as a director since August 2001. Mr. Dullum has been a senior managing director of our Adviser since February 2008, a director of Gladstone Commercial since August 2003, and a director of Gladstone Investment since June 2005 and has served as Gladstone Investment s president since April 2008. From 1995 through June 2009, Mr. Dullum was 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 May 2005 to May 2008, Mr. Dullum served as the President and a director of Harbor Acquisition Corporation, an operating business with emphasis in the consumer and industrial sectors. 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 our inception.

Executive Officers Who Are Not Directors

David Watson. Mr. Watson has served as our chief financial officer since January 2011 and has served as the chief financial officer of Gladstone Investment since January 2010. Prior to joining our company, from July 2007 until January 2010, Mr. Watson was Director of Portfolio Accounting of MCG Capital Corporation. Mr. Watson was employed by Capital Advisory Services, LLC, which subsequently joined Navigant Consulting, Inc., where he held various positions providing finance and accounting consulting services from 2001 to 2007. Prior to that, Mr. Watson was an auditor at Deloitte and Touche. He received a BS from Washington and Lee University, an MBA from the University of Maryland s Smith School of Business, and is a licensed CPA in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Gary Gerson. Mr. Gerson has served as our treasurer since April 2006. Mr. Gerson has also served as treasurer of Gladstone Investment and Gladstone Commercial since April 2006 and of our Adviser since May 2006. From 2004 to early 2006, Mr. Gerson was assistant vice president of finance at the Bozzuto Group, a real estate developer, manager and owner, where he was responsible for the financing of multi-family and for-sale residential projects. From 1995 to 2004 he held various finance positions, including director, finance from 2000 to 2004, at PG&E National Energy Group where he led, and assisted in, the financing of power generation assets. Mr. Gerson holds an MBA from the

Yale School of Management, a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, and is a CFA charter holder and is a licensed CPA in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Employment Agreements

We are not a party to any employment agreements. Messrs. Gladstone, Brubaker and Stelljes have entered into employment agreements with our Adviser, whereby they are direct employees of our Adviser. The employment agreement of Mr. Stelljes provides for his nomination to serve as our chief investment officer.

Director Independence

As required under NASDAQ listing standards, our Board of Directors annually determines each director s independence, and continually assesses the independence of each of the directors throughout the year. 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.

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 six directors are independent directors within the meaning of the applicable NASDAQ listing standards: Messrs. Adelgren, Mead, Outland, Parker and Reilly and Ms. English. In making this determination, the Board found that none of the these directors or nominees for director had a material or other disqualifying relationship with us. Mr. Gladstone, the chairman of our Board of Directors and chief executive officer, Mr. Brubaker, our vice chairman, chief operating officer and secretary, Mr. Stelljes, our president and chief investment officer, and Mr. Dullum, a senior managing director of our Adviser, are not independent directors by virtue of their positions as our officers or as officers of our Adviser or 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. Adelgren, one of our independent directors, serves as the lead director for all meetings of our independent directors held in executive session. The lead 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 an independent Lead Director, is in the best interest of stockholders because it provides the appropriate balance between strategic development and independent oversight of risk management. In coming to this conclusion, the Board considered the importance of having an interested chairperson that is familiar with our day-to-day management activities, our portfolio companies and the operations of our Adviser. The Board concluded that the combined role enhances, among other