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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To Prospectus dated June 27, 2014)

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3.875% Notes due 2020

We are offering $ in aggregate principal amount of our 3.875% notes due 2020, which we refer to as the Notes. The Notes will mature on January 15, 2020. We will pay interest on the Notes on January 15 and July 15 of each year, beginning July 15, 2015.

The Notes offered hereby are a further issuance of the 3.875% notes due 2020 that we issued on November 21, 2014 in the aggregate principal amount of $400,000,000 (the "existing 2020 Notes"). The Notes offered hereby will be treated as a single series with the existing 2020 Notes under the indenture and will have the same terms as the existing 2020 Notes. The Notes offered hereby will have the same CUSIP number and will be fungible and rank equally with the existing 2020 Notes. Upon the issuance of the Notes offered hereby, the outstanding aggregate principal amount of our 3.875% notes due 2020 will be $. Unless the context otherwise requires, references herein to the "Notes" or the "2020 Notes" include the Notes offered hereby and the existing 2020 Notes.

We may redeem the Notes in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the redemption price discussed under the caption "Description of Notes Optional Redemption" in this prospectus supplement. In addition, holders of the Notes can require us to repurchase the Notes at 100% of their principal amount upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined herein). The Notes will be issued in minimum denominations of $2,000 and integral multiples of $1,000 in excess thereof.

The Notes will be our direct senior unsecured obligations and rank pari passu, or equally, with all outstanding and future unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness issued by Ares Capital Corporation.

Ares Capital Corporation is a specialty finance company that is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company incorporated in Maryland. We have elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in first lien senior secured loans (including "unitranche" loans, which are loans that combine both senior and mezzanine debt, generally in a first lien position), second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component. To a lesser extent, we also make equity investments. We are externally managed by our investment adviser, Ares Capital Management LLC, a subsidiary of Ares Management, L.P., a publicly traded, leading global alternative asset manager with approximately $80 billion of assets under management as of September 30, 2014. Ares Operations LLC, a subsidiary of Ares Management, L.P., provides certain administrative and other services necessary for us to operate.

Investing in the Notes involves risks that are described in the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page S-12 of this prospectus supplement and page 22 of the accompanying prospectus, including the risk of leverage.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus concisely provide important information about us that you should know before investing in the Notes. Please read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before you invest and keep it for future reference. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. This information is available free of charge by calling us collect at (310) 201-4200 or on our website at www.arescapitalcorp.com. The SEC also maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains such information. The information on the websites referred to herein is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

	Per Note	Total
Public offering price(1)	%	$
Underwriting discount (sales load)	%	$
Proceeds, before expenses, to Ares Capital Corporation(2)	%	$

(1) The public offering price set forth above does not include accrued interest of $ in the aggregate from November 21, 2014 up to, but not including, the date of delivery, which will be paid by the purchasers of the Notes offered hereby. On July 15, 2015, we will pay this pre-issuance accrued interest to the holders of the Notes offered hereby as of the applicable record date along with interest accrued on the Notes offered hereby from the date of delivery to such interest payment date.

(2) Before deducting expenses payable by us related to this offering, estimated at $.

THE NOTES ARE NOT DEPOSITS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF A BANK AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Delivery of the Notes offered hereby in book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company will be made on or about January , 2015.

BofA Merrill Lynch **J.P. Morgan** **Wells Fargo Securities**

The date of this prospectus supplement is January , 2015.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, as applicable. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date. This prospectus supplement may add, update or change information contained in the accompanying prospectus. If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the accompanying prospectus, this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede that information in the accompanying prospectus.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus constitute forward-looking statements, which relate to future events or our future performance or financial condition. The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including statements concerning:

- our, or our portfolio companies', future business, operations, operating results or prospects;
- the return or impact of current and future investments;
- the impact of a protracted decline in the liquidity of credit markets on our business;
- the impact of fluctuations in interest rates on our business;
- the impact of changes in laws or regulations (including the interpretation thereof) governing our operations or the operations of our portfolio companies or the operations of our competitors;
- the valuation of our investments in portfolio companies, particularly those having no liquid trading market;
- our ability to recover unrealized losses;
- our ability to successfully invest any capital raised in this offering;
- market conditions and our ability to access alternative debt markets and additional debt and equity capital;
- our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties;
- uncertainty surrounding the financial stability of the U.S. and the EU;
- Middle East turmoil and the potential for rising energy prices and its impact on the industries in which we invest;
- the general economy and its impact on the industries in which we invest;
- the uncertainty surrounding the strength of the U.S. economic recovery;
- European sovereign debt issues;

the financial condition of and ability of our current and prospective portfolio companies to achieve their objectives;

our expected financings and investments;

our ability to successfully complete and integrate any acquisitions;

the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital;

the timing, form and amount of any dividend distributions;

the timing of cash flows, if any, from the operations of our portfolio companies; and

the ability of our investment adviser to locate suitable investments for us and to monitor and administer our investments.

We use words such as "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "intends," "will," "should," "may" and similar expressions to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements include these words. Our actual results and condition could differ materially from those implied or expressed in the forward-looking statements for any reason, including the factors set forth in

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"Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus and the other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

We have based the forward-looking statements included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus on information available to us as of their respective dates, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures that we may make directly to you or through reports that we have filed or in the future may file with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

The forward-looking statements in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

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THE COMPANY

This summary highlights some of the information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. It is not complete and may not contain all of the information that you may want to consider. You should read carefully the more detailed information set forth under "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus and the other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Except where the context suggests otherwise, the terms "we," "us," "our," "the Company" and "Ares Capital" refer to Ares Capital Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries; "Ares Capital Management" and "our investment adviser" refer to Ares Capital Management LLC; "Ares Operations" and "our administrator" refer to Ares Operations LLC; and "Ares" and "Ares Management" refer to Ares Management, L.P. and its affiliated companies (other than portfolio companies of its affiliated funds).

Ares Capital

Ares Capital, a Maryland corporation, is a specialty finance company that is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company. We have elected to be regulated as a business development company, or a "BDC," under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or the "Investment Company Act." We were founded on April 16, 2004, were initially funded on June 23, 2004 and completed our initial public offering on October 8, 2004. We are one of the largest BDCs with approximately $9.2 billion of total assets as of September 30, 2014.

We are externally managed by our investment adviser, Ares Capital Management, a subsidiary of Ares Management, a publicly traded, leading global alternative asset manager with approximately $80 billion of assets under management ("AUM")[1] as of September 30, 2014. Our administrator, Ares Operations, a subsidiary of Ares Management, provides certain administrative and other services necessary for us to operate.

Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in U.S. middle-market companies, where we believe the supply of primary capital is limited and the investment opportunities are most attractive. However, we may from time to time invest in larger or smaller (in particular, for investments in early stage and/or venture capital-backed) companies. We generally use the term "middle-market" to refer to companies with annual EBITDA between $10 million and $250 million. As used herein, EBITDA represents net income before net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization.

We invest primarily in first lien senior secured loans (including unitranche loans), second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component. First and second lien senior secured loans generally are senior debt instruments that rank ahead of subordinated debt of a given portfolio company. Mezzanine debt is subordinated to senior loans and is generally unsecured. Our investments in corporate borrowers generally range between $30 million and $500 million each, investments in project finance/power generation projects generally range between $10 million and $200 million each and investments in early-stage and/or venture capital-backed companies generally range between $1 million and $25 million each. However, the investment sizes may

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1 AUM refers to the assets of the funds, alternative asset companies and other entities and accounts that are managed or co-managed by Ares (including funds managed by Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P., a wholly owned portfolio company of Ares Capital, and a registered investment adviser). It includes drawn and undrawn amounts, including certain amounts that are subject to regulatory leverage restrictions and/or borrowing base restrictions. AUM amounts are as of September 30, 2014 and are unaudited. Certain amounts are preliminary and remain subject to change, and differences may arise due to rounding.

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be more or less than these ranges and may vary based on, among other things, our capital availability, the composition of our portfolio and general micro- and macro-economic factors.

To a lesser extent, we also make preferred and/or common equity investments, which have generally been non-control equity investments of less than $20 million (usually in conjunction with a concurrent debt investment). However, we may increase the size or change the nature of these investments.

The proportion of these types of investments will change over time given our views on, among other things, the economic and credit environment in which we are operating. In connection with our investing activities, we may make commitments with respect to indebtedness or securities of a potential portfolio company substantially in excess of our final investment. In such situations, while we may initially agree to fund up to a certain dollar amount of an investment, we may subsequently syndicate or sell a portion of such amount (including, without limitation, to vehicles managed by our portfolio company, Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P. ("IHAM")), such that we are left with a smaller investment than what was reflected in our original commitment. In addition to originating investments, we may also acquire investments in the secondary market (including purchases of a portfolio of investments).

The first and second lien senior secured loans in which we invest generally have stated terms of three to 10 years and the mezzanine debt investments in which we invest generally have stated terms of up to 10 years, but the expected average life of such first and second lien loans and mezzanine debt is generally between three and seven years. However, we may invest in loans and securities with any maturity or duration. The instruments in which we invest typically are not rated by any rating agency, but we believe that if such instruments were rated, they would be below investment grade (rated lower than "Baa3" by Moody's Investors Service, lower than "BBB " by Fitch Ratings or lower than "BBB " by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services), which, under the guidelines established by these entities, is an indication of having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Bonds that are rated below investment grade are sometimes referred to as "high yield bonds" or "junk bonds." We may invest without limit in debt or other securities of any rating, as well as debt or other securities that have not been rated by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

We believe that our investment adviser, Ares Capital Management, is able to leverage the current investment platform, resources and existing relationships of Ares with financial sponsors, financial institutions, hedge funds and other investment firms to provide us with attractive investment opportunities. In addition to deal flow, the Ares investment platform assists our investment adviser in analyzing, structuring and monitoring investments. Ares has been in existence for more than 16 years and its senior partners have an average of over 26 years of experience in leveraged finance, private equity, distressed debt, commercial real estate finance, investment banking and capital markets. The Company has access to Ares' investment professionals and administrative professionals, who provide assistance in accounting, finance, legal, compliance, operations, information technology and investor relations. As of September 30, 2014, Ares had approximately 320 investment professionals and approximately 420 administrative professionals.

We and General Electric Capital Corporation and GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC (collectively, "GE") also co-invest in first lien senior secured loans of middle market companies through an unconsolidated vehicle, the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC, which operates using the name "Senior Secured Loan Program" (the "SSLP"). As of September 30, 2014, the SSLP had available capital of $11.0 billion of which approximately $9.5 billion in aggregate principal amount was funded. As of September 30, 2014, we had agreed to make available to the SSLP approximately $2.3 billion, of which approximately $2.0 billion was funded. The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with

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approval from a representative of each required). As of September 30, 2014, our investment in the SSLP was approximately $2.0 billion at fair value (including unrealized appreciation of $29.3 million), which represented approximately 23% of our total portfolio at fair value. As of September 30, 2014, the SSLP had 49 underlying borrowers. For more information on the SSLP, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Portfolio and Investment Activity Senior Secured Loan Program."

While our primary focus is to generate current income and capital appreciation through investments in first and second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt and, to a lesser extent, equity securities of eligible portfolio companies, we also may invest up to 30% of our portfolio in non-qualifying assets, as permitted by the Investment Company Act. See "Regulation" in the accompanying prospectus. Specifically, as part of this 30% basket, we may invest in entities that are not considered "eligible portfolio companies" (as defined in the Investment Company Act), including companies located outside of the United States, entities that are operating pursuant to certain exceptions under the Investment Company Act, and publicly traded entities whose public equity market capitalization exceeds the levels provided for under the Investment Company Act.

In the first quarter of 2011, the staff of the SEC (the "Staff") informally communicated to certain BDCs the Staff's belief that certain entities, which would be classified as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act but for the exception from the definition of "investment company" set forth in Rule 3a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act, could not be treated as "eligible portfolio companies" (as defined in Section 2(a)(46) under the Investment Company Act) (i.e., not eligible to be included in a BDC's 70% "qualifying assets" basket). Subsequently, in August 2011 the SEC issued a concept release (the "Concept Release") which stated that "[a]s a general matter, the Commission presently does not believe that Rule 3a-7 issuers are the type of small, developing and financially troubled businesses in which the U.S. Congress intended BDCs primarily to invest" and requested comment on whether or not a 3a-7 issuer should be considered an "eligible portfolio company." We provided a comment letter in respect of the Concept Release and continue to believe that the language of Section 2(a)(46) of the Investment Company Act permits a BDC to treat as "eligible portfolio companies" entities that rely on the 3a-7 exception. However, given the current uncertainty in this area (including the language in the Concept Release) and subsequent discussions with the Staff, we have, solely for purposes of calculating the composition of our portfolio pursuant to Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act, identified such entities, which include the SSLP, as "non-qualifying assets" should the Staff ultimately disagree with our position.

As of September 30, 2014, our portfolio company, IHAM, which became an SEC-registered investment adviser effective March 30, 2012, managed 13 vehicles and served as the sub-manager/sub-servicer for three other vehicles (these vehicles managed or sub-managed/sub-serviced by IHAM are collectively referred to as the "IHAM Vehicles"). As of September 30, 2014, IHAM had assets under management ("IHAM AUM")[2] of approximately $2.6 billion. As of September 30, 2014, Ares Capital had invested approximately $171 million (at amortized cost) in IHAM. In connection with IHAM's registration as a registered investment adviser, on March 30, 2012, we received exemptive relief from the SEC allowing us to, subject to certain conditions, own directly or indirectly up to 100% of IHAM's outstanding equity interests and make additional investments in IHAM once IHAM became an SEC-registered investment adviser. From time to time, IHAM or certain IHAM Vehicles may purchase investments from us or sell investments to us, in each case for a price equal to the fair market value of such investments determined at the time of such transactions.

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2 IHAM AUM refers to the assets of the vehicles managed, sub-managed and sub-serviced by IHAM. It includes drawn and undrawn amounts, including amounts that are subject to certain restrictions. IHAM AUM amounts are as of September 30, 2014 and are unaudited. Certain amounts are preliminary and remain subject to change, and differences may arise due to rounding.

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Ares Capital Management

Ares Capital Management, our investment adviser, is served by an origination, investment and portfolio management team of 82 U.S.-based investment professionals as of September 30, 2014 and led by the senior partners of the Ares Direct Lending Group: Michael Arougheti, Kipp deVeer, Mitchell Goldstein and Michael Smith. Ares Capital Management leverages off of Ares' investment platform and benefits from the significant capital markets, trading and research expertise of Ares' investment professionals. Ares Capital Management's investment committee has 12 members, including the senior partners and U.S.-based partners of the Ares Direct Lending Group, senior partners in the Ares Private Equity Group and a senior partner in the Ares Tradable Credit Group.

Recent Developments

We have applied to the Small Business Administration ("SBA") for a license to allow a new wholly owned subsidiary to operate as a Small Business Investment Company ("SBIC") under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. In May 2014, we received a "green light" or "go forth letter" from the SBA inviting us to continue our application process to obtain a license to form and operate an SBIC subsidiary, and we submitted our license application in October 2014. If approved, the license would provide us with an incremental source of long-term debt capital. Receipt of a green light letter from the SBA does not assure an applicant that the SBA will ultimately issue an SBIC license, and we have received no assurance or indication from the SBA that we will receive an SBIC license or of the timeframe in which we would receive a license should one ultimately be granted.

In November 2014, we declared a fourth quarter 2014 dividend of $0.38 per share payable on December 31, 2014 to stockholders of record as of December 15, 2014.

In November 2014, we issued $400 million aggregate principal amount of the existing 2020 Notes. We used the net proceeds of the issuance of the existing 2020 Notes to repay certain outstanding indebtedness under our debt facilities and for general corporate purposes, which included investing in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective. The Notes offered hereby will be treated as a single series with the existing 2020 Notes under the indenture and will have the same terms as the existing 2020 Notes. See "Description of Notes."

From October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, we made new investment commitments of approximately $1.4 billion, of which approximately $1.2 billion were funded. Of these new commitments, 51% were in first lien senior secured loans, 28% were in second lien senior secured loans, 9% were investments in subordinated certificates of the SSLP to make co-investments with GE in first lien senior secured loans through the SSLP, 9% were in senior subordinated debt and 3% were in other equity securities. Of the approximately $1.4 billion of new investment commitments, 88% were floating rate, 9% were fixed rate and 3% were non-interest bearing. The weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities funded during the period at amortized cost was 9.1%. We may seek to syndicate a portion of these new investment commitments, although there can be no assurance that we will be able to do so.

From October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, we exited approximately $1.3 billion of investment commitments. Of these investment commitments, 88% were first lien senior secured loans, 4% were senior subordinated debt, 4% were investments in subordinated certificates of the SSLP, 3% were other equity securities and 1% were preferred equity securities. Of the approximately $1.3 billion of exited investment commitments, 91% were floating rate, 6% were fixed rate and 3% were non-interest bearing. The weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities exited or repaid during the period at amortized cost was 7.9%. On the approximately $1.3 billion of investment commitments exited from October 1, 2014 through December 31, we recognized total net realized gains of approximately $54 million.

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In addition, as of December 31, 2014, we had an investment backlog and pipeline of approximately $200 million and $230 million, respectively. Investment backlog includes transactions approved by our investment adviser's investment committee and/or for which a formal mandate, letter of intent or a signed commitment have been issued, and therefore we believe are likely to close. Investment pipeline includes transactions where due diligence and analysis are in process, but no formal mandate, letter of intent or signed commitment have been issued. The consummation of any of the investments in this backlog and pipeline depends upon, among other things, one or more of the following: satisfactory completion of our due diligence investigation of the prospective portfolio company, our acceptance of the terms and structure of such investment and the execution and delivery of satisfactory transaction documentation. In addition, we may syndicate a portion of these investments and certain of these investments may result in the repayment of existing investments. We cannot assure you that we will make any of these investments or that we will syndicate any portion of these investments.

Our Corporate Information

Our administrative offices are located at 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067, telephone number (310) 201-4200, and our executive offices are located at 245 Park Avenue, 44th Floor, New York, New York 10167, telephone number (212) 750-7300.

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SPECIFIC TERMS OF THE NOTES AND THE OFFERING

This prospectus supplement sets forth certain terms of the Notes that we are offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement and supplements the accompanying prospectus that is attached to the back of this prospectus supplement. This section outlines the specific legal and financial terms of the Notes. You should read this section together with the more general description of the Notes under the heading "Description of Notes" in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus under the heading "Description of Our Debt Securities" before investing in the Notes. Capitalized terms used in this prospectus supplement and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the accompanying prospectus or in the indenture governing the Notes.

Issuer	Ares Capital Corporation
Title of the Securities	3.875% Notes due 2020
Initial Aggregate Principal Amount Being Offered	$ The Notes offered hereby are a further issuance of the existing 2020 Notes. The Notes offered hereby will be treated as a single series with the existing 2020 Notes under the indenture and will have the same terms as the existing 2020 Notes. The Notes offered hereby will have the same CUSIP number and will be fungible and rank equally with the existing 2020 Notes.
Initial Public Offering Price	% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest from November 21, 2014 up to, but not including, the date of delivery.
Aggregate Accrued Interest	$ of accrued and unpaid interest from November 21, 2014 up to, but not including, the date of delivery.
Interest Rate	3.875%
Yield to Maturity	%
Trade Date	January , 2015
Issue Date	January , 2015
Maturity Date	January 15, 2020
Interest Payment Dates	January 15 and July 15, commencing July 15, 2015
Ranking of Notes	The Notes are our general unsecured obligations that rank senior in right of payment to all of our future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated, or junior, in right of payment to the Notes. The Notes rank pari passu, or equally, in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior liabilities that are not so subordinated, or junior, effectively subordinated, or junior, to any of our secured indebtedness (including unsecured indebtedness that we later secure) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, and structurally subordinated, or junior, to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) incurred by our subsidiaries, financing vehicles or similar facilities.

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	As of December 31, 2014, our total consolidated indebtedness was approximately $4.0 billion principal amount, of which approximately $170 million was secured indebtedness at the Ares Capital level, and of which an aggregate of approximately $386 million was indebtedness of our subsidiaries. After giving effect to the issuance of the Notes, including the Notes offered hereby, and assuming the proceeds therefrom are used to repay outstanding borrowings under our $1,250 million revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility"), the $540 million revolving funding facility of our consolidated subsidiary, Ares Capital CP Funding LLC (the "Revolving Funding Facility"), and/or the $400 million revolving funding facility of our consolidated subsidiary, Ares Capital JB Funding LLC (the "SMBC Funding Facility" and, together with the Revolving Credit Facility and the Revolving Funding Facility, the "Facilities"), our total consolidated indebtedness would have been approximately $4.0 billion principal amount as of December 31, 2014. See "Recent Developments" and "Capitalization" for more information on our outstanding indebtedness.
Denominations	We will issue the Notes in denominations of $2,000 and integral multiples of $1,000 in excess thereof.
Optional Redemption	We may redeem some or all of the Notes at any time, or from time to time, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (1) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed or (2) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (exclusive of accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption) on the Notes to be redeemed, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) using the applicable Treasury Rate plus 35 basis points, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date; *provided*, however, that if we redeem any Notes on or after December 15, 2019 (the date falling one month prior to the maturity date of the Notes), the redemption price for the Notes will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption.
Sinking Fund	The Notes will not be subject to any sinking fund. A sinking fund is a reserve fund accumulated over a period of time for the retirement of debt.
Offer to Purchase upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event	If a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs prior to maturity, holders will have the right, at their option, to require us to repurchase for cash some or all of the Notes at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the repurchase date.

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Legal Defeasance	The Notes are subject to legal defeasance by us, which means that, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including, but not limited to, (i) depositing in trust for the benefit of the holders of the Notes a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the Notes on their various due dates and (ii) delivering to the Trustee an opinion of counsel as described herein under "Description of Notes Satisfaction and Discharge; Defeasance," we can legally release ourselves from all payment and other obligations on the Notes.
Covenant Defeasance	The Notes are subject to covenant defeasance by us, which means that, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including, but not limited to, (i) depositing in trust for the benefit of the holders of the Notes a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the Notes on their various due dates and (ii) delivering to the Trustee an opinion of counsel as described herein under "Description of Notes Satisfaction and Discharge; Defeasance," we will be released from some of the restrictive covenants in the indenture.
Form of Notes	The Notes will be represented by global securities that will be deposited and registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its nominee. This means that, except in limited circumstances, you will not receive certificates for the Notes. Beneficial interests in the Notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Investors may elect to hold interests in the Notes through either DTC, if they are a participant, or indirectly through organizations that are participants in DTC.
Trustee, Paying Agent, Registrar and Transfer Agent	U.S. Bank National Association
Events of Default	If an event of default (as described herein under "Description of Notes") on the Notes occurs, the principal amount of the Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, may be declared immediately due and payable, subject to conditions set forth in the indenture. These amounts automatically become due and payable in the case of certain types of bankruptcy or insolvency events involving us.
Other Covenants	In addition to the covenants described in the accompanying prospectus, the following covenants shall apply to the Notes: We agree that for the period of time during which the Notes are outstanding, we will not violate, whether or not we are subject to, Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act or any successor provisions.

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	If, at any time, we are not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act to file any periodic reports with the SEC, we agree to furnish to holders of the Notes and the trustee, for the period of time during which the Notes are outstanding, our audited annual consolidated financial statements, within 90 days of our fiscal year end, and unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, within 45 days of our fiscal quarter end (other than our fourth fiscal quarter). All such financial statements will be prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").
Trading Market	While a trading market developed after issuing the existing 2020 Notes, we cannot assure you that an active and liquid market for the Notes will be maintained. Although the underwriters have informed us that they intend to continue to make a market in the Notes, as permitted by applicable laws and regulations, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making activities at any time without notice. See "Underwriting." Accordingly, we cannot assure you that a liquid market for the Notes will be maintained. The Notes are not listed on any securities exchange or quoted on any automated dealer quotation system, and we do not intend to apply for a listing of the Notes on any securities exchange or any automated dealer quotation system.
Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures	Interests in the Notes will trade in DTC's Same Day Funds Settlement System, and any permitted secondary market trading activity in such Notes will, therefore, be required by DTC to be settled in immediately available funds. None of the Company, the trustee or the paying agent will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC or its participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.
Governing Law	The Notes and the indenture are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

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RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risk factors described below and under the caption "Risk Factors" in the accompanying prospectus, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including our consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto, before you decide whether to make an investment in our securities. The risks set out below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results. If any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

The Notes are unsecured and therefore are effectively subordinated to any secured indebtedness we have currently incurred or may incur in the future.

The Notes are not secured by any of our assets or any of the assets of our subsidiaries. As a result, the Notes are effectively subordinated, or junior, to any secured indebtedness we or our subsidiaries have currently incurred and may incur in the future (or any indebtedness that is initially unsecured to which we subsequently grant security) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. In any liquidation, dissolution, bankruptcy or other similar proceeding, the holders of any of our existing or future secured indebtedness and the secured indebtedness of our subsidiaries may assert rights against the assets pledged to secure that indebtedness in order to receive full payment of their indebtedness before the assets may be used to pay other creditors, including the holders of the Notes. As of December 31, 2014, we had $170.0 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Credit Facility. The Revolving Credit Facility is secured by certain assets in our portfolio and excludes investments held by Ares Capital CP Funding LLC ("Ares Capital CP") under the Revolving Funding Facility, those held by Ares Capital JB Funding LLC ("ACJB") under the SMBC Funding Facility and certain other investments; the indebtedness thereunder is therefore effectively senior to the Notes to the extent of the value of such assets.

The Notes are structurally subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries.

The Notes are obligations exclusively of Ares Capital and not of any of our subsidiaries. None of our subsidiaries is a guarantor of the Notes and the Notes are not required to be guaranteed by any subsidiaries we may acquire or create in the future. A significant portion of the indebtedness required to be consolidated on our balance sheet is held through subsidiary financing vehicles and secured by certain assets of such subsidiaries. For example, the secured indebtedness with respect to the Revolving Funding Facility and the SMBC Funding Facility are each held through our consolidated subsidiaries, Ares Capital CP and ACJB, respectively. The assets of such subsidiaries are not directly available to satisfy the claims of our creditors, including holders of the Notes. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources Debt Capital Activities" for more detail on the Revolving Funding Facility and the SMBC Funding Facility.

Except to the extent we are a creditor with recognized claims against our subsidiaries, all claims of creditors (including trade creditors) and holders of preferred stock, if any, of our subsidiaries will have priority over our equity interests in such subsidiaries (and therefore the claims of our creditors, including holders of the Notes) with respect to the assets of such subsidiaries. Even if we are recognized as a creditor of one or more of our subsidiaries, our claims would still be effectively subordinated to any security interests in the assets of any such subsidiary and to any indebtedness or other liabilities of any such subsidiary senior to our claims. Consequently, the Notes are structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities (including trade payables) of any of our subsidiaries and any subsidiaries that we may in the future acquire or establish as financing vehicles or

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otherwise. As of December 31, 2014, we had $324.0 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Funding Facility and $62.0 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding indebtedness under the SMBC Funding Facility. All of such indebtedness is structurally senior to the Notes. In addition, our subsidiaries may incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future, all of which would be structurally senior to the Notes.

The indenture governing the Notes contains limited protection for holders of the Notes.

The indenture governing the Notes offers limited protection to holders of the Notes. The terms of the indenture and the Notes do not restrict our or any of our subsidiaries' ability to engage in, or otherwise be a party to, a variety of corporate transactions, circumstances or events that could have an adverse impact on your investment in the Notes. In particular, the terms of the indenture and the Notes do not place any restrictions on our or our subsidiaries' ability to:

- issue securities or otherwise incur additional indebtedness or other obligations, including (1) any indebtedness or other obligations that would be equal in right of payment to the Notes, (2) any indebtedness or other obligations that would be secured and therefore rank effectively senior in right of payment to the Notes to the extent of the values of the assets securing such debt, (3) indebtedness of ours that is guaranteed by one or more of our subsidiaries and which therefore is structurally senior to the Notes and (4) securities, indebtedness or obligations issued or incurred by our subsidiaries that would be senior to our equity interests in our subsidiaries and therefore rank structurally senior to the Notes with respect to the assets of our subsidiaries, in each case other than an incurrence of indebtedness or other obligation that would cause a violation of Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act or any successor provisions;

- pay dividends on, or purchase or redeem or make any payments in respect of, capital stock or other securities ranking junior in right of payment to the Notes;

- sell assets (other than certain limited restrictions on our ability to consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets);

- create liens (including liens on the shares of our subsidiaries) or enter into sale and leaseback transactions;

- enter into transactions with affiliates;

- make investments; or

- create restrictions on the payment of dividends or other amounts to us from our subsidiaries.

Furthermore, the terms of the indenture and the Notes do not protect holders of the Notes in the event that we experience changes (including significant adverse changes) in our financial condition, results of operations or credit ratings, as they do not require that we or our subsidiaries adhere to any financial tests or ratios or specified levels of net worth, revenues, income, cash flow, or liquidity.

Our ability to recapitalize, incur additional debt and take a number of other actions that are not limited by the terms of the Notes may have important consequences for you as a holder of the Notes, including making it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the Notes or negatively affecting the trading value of the Notes.

Certain of our current debt instruments include more protections for their holders than the indenture and the Notes. See in the accompanying prospectus "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business In addition to regulatory requirements that restrict our ability to raise capital, the Facilities, the Unsecured Notes (as defined below) and the Convertible Unsecured Notes (as defined below)

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contain various covenants that, if not complied with, could accelerate repayment under the Facilities, the Unsecured Notes and the Convertible Unsecured Notes, thereby materially and adversely affecting our liquidity, financial condition and results of operations." In addition, other debt we issue or incur in the future could contain more protections for its holders than the indenture and the Notes, including additional covenants and events of default. The issuance or incurrence of any such debt with incremental protections could affect the market for and trading levels and prices of the Notes.

We may not be able to repurchase the Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event, as defined in the indenture that governs the Notes, as supplemented, subject to certain conditions, we will be required to offer to repurchase all outstanding Notes at 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The source of funds for that purchase of Notes will be our available cash or cash generated from our operations or other potential sources, including borrowings, investment repayments, sales of assets or sales of equity. We cannot assure you that sufficient funds from such sources will be available at the time of any Change of Control Repurchase Event to make required repurchases of Notes tendered. The terms of our Facilities provide that certain change of control events will constitute an event of default thereunder entitling the lenders to accelerate any indebtedness outstanding under the Facilities at that time and to terminate the Facilities. In addition, the indentures governing our Convertible Unsecured Notes contain a provision that would require us to offer to purchase the Convertible Unsecured Notes upon the occurrence of a fundamental change. A failure to purchase any tendered Convertible Unsecured Notes would constitute an event of default under the indentures for the Convertible Unsecured Notes, as applicable, which would, in turn, constitute a default under the Facilities and the indenture governing the Notes. Our future debt instruments also may contain similar restrictions and provisions. If the holders of the Notes exercise their right to require us to repurchase all the Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event, the financial effect of this repurchase could cause a default under our future debt instruments, even if the Change of Control Repurchase Event itself would not cause a default. It is possible that we will not have sufficient funds at the time of the Change of Control Repurchase Event to make the required repurchase of the Notes and/or our other debt. See "Description of Notes Offer to Repurchase Upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event."

While a trading market developed after issuing the existing 2020 Notes, we cannot assure you that an active trading market for the Notes will be maintained.

While a trading market developed after issuing the existing 2020 Notes, we cannot assure you that an active and liquid market for the Notes will be maintained. Although the underwriters have informed us that they intend to continue to make a market in the Notes, as permitted by applicable laws and regulations, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making activities at their sole discretion at any time without notice. In addition, any market-making activity will be subject to limits imposed by law. The liquidity of the trading market in the Notes, and the market price quoted for the Notes, may be adversely affected by changes in the overall market for this type of security and by changes in our financial performance or prospects or in the prospects for companies in our industry generally or other factors. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that an active trading market for the Notes will be maintained, that you will be able to sell your Notes at a particular time or that the price you receive when you sell will be favorable. If an active trading market is not maintained, the market price and liquidity of the Notes may be adversely affected. The Notes are not listed on any securities exchange or quoted on any automated dealer quotation system, and we do not intend to apply for a listing of the Notes on any securities exchange or any automated dealer quotation system.

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SELECTED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA OF ARES CAPITAL

The following selected financial and other data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009 are derived from our consolidated financial statements, which have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm whose report thereon is included elsewhere in the accompanying prospectus. The selected financial and other data as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2013 and other quarterly financial information is derived from our unaudited financial statements, but in the opinion of management, reflects all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that are necessary to present fairly the results of such interim periods. Interim results as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2014. The data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Senior Securities," which are included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA
As of and For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2013 and
As of and For the Years Ended December 31, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009
(dollar amounts in millions, except per share data and as otherwise indicated)

	As of and For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		As of and For the Year Ended December 31,				
	2014	2013	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	(unaudited)						
Total Investment Income	$ 718.0	$ 648.0	$ 881.7	$ 748.0	$ 634.5	$ 483.4	$ 245.3
Total Expenses	392.6	317.4	437.2	387.9	344.6	262.2	111.3
Net Investment Income Before Income Taxes	325.4	330.6	444.5	360.1	289.9	221.2	134.0
Income Tax Expense, Including Excise Tax	15.8	11.7	14.1	11.2	7.5	5.4	0.6
Net Investment Income	309.6	318.9	430.4	348.9	282.4	215.8	133.4
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments, Foreign Currencies, Extinguishment of Debt and Other Assets	127.9	35.7	58.1	159.3	37.1	280.1	69.3
Gain on the Allied Acquisition						195.9	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Stockholders' Equity Resulting from Operations	$ 437.5	$ 354.6	$ 488.5	$ 508.2	$ 319.5	$ 691.8	$ 202.7
Per Share Data:							
Net Increase (Decrease) in Stockholder's Equity Resulting from Operations:							
Basic	$ 1.45	$ 1.36	$ 1.83	$ 2.21	$ 1.56	$ 3.91	$ 1.99
Diluted	$ 1.45	$ 1.36	$ 1.83	$ 2.21	$ 1.56	$ 3.91	$ 1.99
Cash Dividend Declared	$ 1.19(1)	$ 1.14	$ 1.57(2)	$ 1.60(3)	$ 1.41	$ 1.40	$ 1.47
Net Asset Value	$ 16.71	$ 16.35	$ 16.46	$ 16.04	$ 15.34	$ 14.92	$ 11.44
Total Assets	$ 9,203.1	$ 7,754.1	$ 8,141.5	$ 6,401.2	$ 5,387.4	$ 4,562.5	$ 2,313.5
Total Debt (Carrying Value)	$ 3,679.2	$ 3,137.9	$ 2,986.3	$ 2,195.9	$ 2,073.6	$ 1,378.5	$ 969.5
Total Debt (Principal Amount)	$ 3,756.3	$ 3,230.8	$ 3,078.8	$ 2,293.8	$ 2,170.5	$ 1,435.1	$ 969.5
Total Stockholders' Equity	$ 5,249.6	$ 4,392.4	$ 4,904.4	$ 3,988.3	$ 3,147.3	$ 3,050.5	$ 1,257.9
Other Data:							
Number of Portfolio Companies at Period End(4)	204	175	193	152	141	170	95
Principal Amount of Investments Purchased	$ 3,082.7	$ 2,428.3	$ 3,493.2	$ 3,161.6	$ 3,239.0	$ 1,583.9	$ 575.0
Principal Amount of Investments Acquired as part of the Allied Acquisition	$	$	$	$	$	$ 1,833.8	$
Principal Amount of Investments Sold and Repayments	$ 2,030.7	$ 992.7	$ 1,801.4	$ 2,482.9	$ 2,468.2	$ 1,555.9	$ 515.2
Weighted Average Yield of Debt and Other Income Producing Securities at Fair Value(5):	9.9%	10.5%	10.4%	11.3%	12.0%	12.9%	12.7%
Weighted Average Yield of Debt and Other Income Producing Securities at Amortized Cost(5):	9.9%	10.6%	10.4%	11.4%	12.1%	13.2%	12.1%
Total Return Based on Market Value(6)	(2.36)%	5.31%	10.5%	23.6%	2.3%	43.6%	119.9%
Total Return Based on Net Asset Value(7)	8.81%	8.48%	11.4%	14.3%	10.5%	31.6%	17.8%

(1) Includes an additional dividend of $0.05 per share.

(2) Includes an additional dividend of $0.05 per share.

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(3) Includes additional dividends of $0.10 per share.

(4) Includes commitments to portfolio companies for which funding had yet to occur.

(5) Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities at fair value is computed as (a) the annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount earned on accruing debt and income producing securities, divided by (b) total accruing debt and income producing securities at fair value. Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities at amortized cost is computed as (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount earned on accruing debt and income producing securities, divided by (b) total accruing debt and income producing securities at amortized cost.

(6) Total return based on market value for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 equaled the decrease of the ending market value at September 30, 2014 of $16.16 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2013 of $17.77 per share plus the declared dividends of $1.19 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, divided by the market value at December 31, 2013. Total return based on market value for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 equaled the decrease of the ending market value at September 30, 2013 of $17.29 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2012 of $17.50 per share plus the declared dividends of $1.14 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, divided by the market value at December 31, 2012. Total return based on market value for the year ended December 31, 2013 equaled the increase of the ending market value at December 31, 2013 of $17.77 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2012 of $17.50 per share plus the dividends declared and payable of $1.57 per share for the year ended December 31, 2013, divided by the market value at December 31, 2012. Total return based on market value for the year ended December 31, 2012 equaled the increase of the ending market value at December 31, 2012 of $17.50 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2011 of $15.45 per share plus the declared dividends of $1.60 per share for the year ended December 31, 2012. Total return based on market value for the year ended December 31, 2011 equaled the decrease of the ending market value at December 30, 2011 of $15.45 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2010 of $16.48 per share plus the declared dividends of $1.41 per share for the year ended December 31, 2011. Total return based on market value for the year ended December 31, 2010 equaled the increase of the ending market value at December 31, 2010 of $16.48 per share over the ending market value at December 31, 2009 of $12.45 per share plus the declared dividends of $1.40 per share for the year ended December 31, 2010. Total return based on market value for the year ended December 31, 2009 equaled the increase of the ending market value at December 31, 2009 of $12.45 per share over the ending market value at December 31, 2008 of $6.33 per share plus the declared dividends of $1.47 per share for the year ended December 31, 2009. Total return based on market value is not annualized. Our shares fluctuate in value. Our performance changes over time and currently may be different than that shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

(7) Total return based on net asset value for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared dividends of $1.19 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, divided by the beginning net asset value. Total return based on net asset value for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared dividends of $1.14 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, divided by the beginning net asset value. Total return based on net asset value for the year ended December 31, 2013 equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the dividends declared and payable of $1.57 per share for the year ended December 31, 2013, divided by the beginning net asset value for the period. Total return based on net asset value for the year ended December 31, 2012 equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared dividends of $1.60 per share for the year ended December 31, 2012, divided by the beginning net asset value. Total return based on net asset value for the year ended December 31, 2011 equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared dividends of $1.41 per share for the year ended December 31, 2011, divided by the beginning net asset value. Total return based on net asset value for the year ended December 31, 2010 equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared dividends of $1.40 per share for the year ended December 31, 2010, divided by the beginning net asset value. Total return based on net asset value for the year ended December 31, 2009 equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared dividends of $1.47 per share for the year ended December 31, 2009, divided by the beginning net asset value. These calculations are adjusted for shares issued in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan, the issuance of common stock with any equity offerings and the equity components of any convertible notes issued during the period. Total return based on net asset value is not annualized. Our performance changes over time and currently may be different than that shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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SELECTED QUARTERLY DATA (Unaudited)
(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

	2014			
	Q4	**Q3**	**Q2**	**Q1**
Total investment income		$ 253,396	$ 224,927	$ 239,719
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains and income based fees and capital gains incentive fees		$ 149,722	$ 127,699	$ 141,589
Income based fees and capital gains incentive fees		$ 44,432	$ 35,708	$ 29,253
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains		$ 105,290	$ 91,991	$ 112,336
Net realized and unrealized gains		$ 72,449	$ 50,840	$ 4,656
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations		$ 177,739	$ 142,831	$ 116,992
Basic and diluted earnings per common share		$ 0.57	$ 0.48	$ 0.39
Net asset value per share as of the end of the quarter		$ 16.71	$ 16.52	$ 16.42

	2013			
	Q4	**Q3**	**Q2**	**Q1**
Total investment income	$ 233,742	$ 246,801	$ 206,123	$ 195,055
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains (losses) and income based fees and capital gains incentive fees	$ 145,003	$ 161,421	$ 126,951	$ 119,182
Income based fees and capital gains incentive fees	$ 33,493	$ 35,199	$ 33,374	$ 20,085
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	$ 111,510	$ 126,222	$ 93,577	$ 99,097
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	$ 22,374	$ 14,575	$ 39,921	$ (18,755)
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 133,884	$ 140,797	$ 133,498	$ 80,342
Basic and diluted earnings per common share	$ 0.47	$ 0.52	$ 0.50	$ 0.32
Net asset value per share as of the end of the quarter	$ 16.46	$ 16.35	$ 16.21	$ 15.98

	2012			
	Q4	**Q3**	**Q2**	**Q1**
Total investment income	$ 212,160	$ 190,572	$ 177,555	$ 167,738
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains and income based fees and capital gains incentive fees	$ 138,249	$ 123,599	$ 110,634	$ 103,424
Income based fees and capital gains incentive fees	$ 43,787	$ 34,139	$ 22,733	$ 26,386
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains	$ 94,462	$ 89,460	$ 87,901	$ 77,038
Net realized and unrealized gains	$ 80,682	$ 47,095	$ 3,031	$ 28,509
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 175,144	$ 136,555	$ 90,932	$ 105,547
Basic and diluted earnings per common share	$ 0.71	$ 0.59	$ 0.41	$ 0.49
Net asset value per share as of the end of the quarter	$ 16.04	$ 15.74	$ 15.51	$ 15.47

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds we will receive from the sale of the Notes in this offering will be approximately $ million, after deducting the underwriting discount of approximately $ million payable by us and estimated offering expenses of approximately $ million payable by us.

We expect to use the net proceeds of this offering to repay outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Credit Facility ($170.0 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of December 31, 2014), the Revolving Funding Facility ($324.0 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of December 31, 2014) and/or the SMBC Funding Facility ($62.0 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of December 31, 2014).

Subject to certain exceptions, the interest charged on the indebtedness incurred under the Revolving Credit Facility is based on LIBOR (one-, two-, three- or six-month) plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Credit Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. As of December 31, 2014, one, two, three and six month LIBOR were 0.17%, 0.21%, 0.26% and 0.36%, respectively. The Revolving Credit Facility matures on May 4, 2019. Subject to certain exceptions, the interest charged on the indebtedness incurred under the Revolving Funding Facility is based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread ranging from 2.25% to 2.50% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Funding Facility) plus an applicable spread ranging from 1.25% to 1.50%, in each case, determined monthly based on the composition of the borrowing base relative to outstanding borrowings under the facility. The Revolving Funding Facility matures on May 14, 2019 (subject to extension exercisable upon mutual consent). Subject to certain exceptions, the interest charged on the indebtedness incurred under the SMBC Funding Facility is based on one month LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the SMBC Funding Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. The SMBC Funding Facility matures on September 14, 2021 (subject to two one-year extension options exercisable upon mutual consent).

Affiliates of certain of the underwriters are lenders under the Revolving Credit Facility or the Revolving Funding Facility. Accordingly, affiliates of certain of the underwriters may receive more than 5% of the proceeds of this offering to the extent such proceeds are used to repay or repurchase outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Credit Facility and/or the Revolving Funding Facility.

We intend to use any net proceeds from this offering that are not applied as described above for general corporate purposes, which include investing in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective.

Investing in portfolio companies could include investments in our investment backlog and pipeline that, as of December 31, 2014, were approximately $200 million and $230 million, respectively. Please note that the consummation of any of the investments in this backlog and pipeline depends upon, among other things: satisfactory completion of our due diligence investigation of the prospective portfolio company, our acceptance of the terms and structure of such investment and the execution and delivery of satisfactory transaction documentation. In addition, we may syndicate a portion of these investments and certain of these investments may result in the repayment of existing investments. We cannot assure you that we will make any of these investments or that we will syndicate any portion of these investments.

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RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009, the ratios of earnings to fixed charges of the Company, computed as set forth below, were as follows:

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014	For the Year Ended December 31, 2013	For the Year Ended December 31, 2012	For the Year Ended December 31, 2011	For the Year Ended December 31, 2010	For the Year Ended December 31, 2009
Earnings to Fixed Charges(1)	3.8(2)	3.9	4.6(3)	3.7(4)	9.8(5)	9.4(6)

For purposes of computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represent net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations plus (or minus) income tax expense (benefit) including excise tax expense plus fixed charges. Fixed charges include interest and credit facility fees expense and amortization of debt issuance costs.

(1) Earnings include net realized and unrealized gains or losses and the capital gains incentive fee expense accrued in accordance with GAAP. Net realized and unrealized gains or losses and the capital gains incentive fee expense accrued in accordance with GAAP can vary substantially from period to period.

Excluding the net realized and unrealized gains or losses and the capital gains incentive fee expense accrued in accordance with GAAP, the earnings to fixed charges ratio would be 3.2 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, 3.7 for the year ended December 31, 2013, 3.7 for the year ended December 31, 2012, 3.6 for the year ended December 31, 2011, 4.0 for the year ended December 31, 2010 and 6.5 for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(2) Earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 included a net realized loss on the extinguishment of debt of $0.1 million.

(3) Earnings for the year ended December 31, 2012 included a net realized loss on the extinguishment of debt of $2.7 million.

(4) Earnings for the year ended December 31, 2011 included a net realized loss on the extinguishment of debt of $19.3 million.

(5) Earnings for year ended December 31, 2010 included a one-time gain on the Allied Acquisition (as defined below) of $195.9 million, a net realized loss on the extinguishment of debt of $2.0 million and net realized gain on sale of other assets of $5.9 million.

(6) Earnings for the year ended December 31 2009, included a net realized gain on the extinguishment of debt of $26.5 million.

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CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our actual capitalization at September 30, 2014. You should read this table together with "Use of Proceeds" described in this prospectus supplement and our most recent balance sheet included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

		As of September 30, 2014 (dollar amounts in thousands)
Cash and cash equivalents	$	107,878
Debt(1)		
Revolving Credit Facility	$	335,000
Revolving Funding Facility		324,000
SMBC Funding Facility		54,000
February 2016 Convertible Notes		562,805
June 2016 Convertible Notes		224,196
2017 Convertible Notes		159,936
2018 Convertible Notes		265,091
2019 Convertible Notes		295,913
2018 Notes		750,745
February 2022 Notes		143,750
October 2022 Notes		182,500
2040 Notes		200,000
2047 Notes		181,265
Total Debt	$	3,679,201
Stockholders' Equity		
Common stock, par value $0.001 per share, 500,000,000 common shares authorized, and 314,108,062 common shares issued and outstanding		314
Capital in excess of par value		5,250,934
Accumulated overdistributed net investment income		(59,999)
Accumulated net realized loss on investments, foreign currency transactions, extinguishment of debt and other assets		(124,980)
Net unrealized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions		183,379
Total stockholders' equity	$	5,249,648
Total capitalization	$	8,928,849

(1) The above table reflects the carrying value of indebtedness outstanding as of September 30, 2014. As of December 31, 2014, indebtedness under the Revolving Credit Facility, the Revolving Funding Facility and the SMBC Funding Facility were $170.0 million, $324.0 million and $62.0 million, respectively. In November 2014, we issued $400 million aggregate principal amount of the 2020 Notes, the net proceeds of which were used to pay down certain outstanding indebtedness under our debt facilities and for general corporate purposes, which included investing in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective. The net proceeds from the sale of the Notes offered hereby are expected to be used to pay down outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Funding Facility, the Revolving Credit Facility and/or the SMBC Funding Facility, and for general corporate purposes, which include investing in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective. See "Use of Proceeds."

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

The information contained in this section should be read in conjunction with the "Selected Condensed Consolidated Financial Data of Ares Capital" and our financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

OVERVIEW

We are a specialty finance company that is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company incorporated in Maryland. We have elected to be regulated as a BDC under the Investment Company Act.

We are externally managed by Ares Capital Management, a subsidiary of Ares Management, a publicly traded, leading global alternative asset manager, pursuant to our investment advisory and management agreement. Ares Operations, a subsidiary of Ares Management, provides certain administrative and other services necessary for us to operate.

Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in first lien senior secured loans (including unitranche loans), second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component like warrants.

To a lesser extent, we also make preferred and/or common equity investments, which have generally been non-control equity investments, of less than $20 million (usually in conjunction with a concurrent debt investment). However, we may increase the size or change the nature of these investments.

Since our initial public offering on October 8, 2004 through September 30, 2014, our exited investments resulted in an aggregate cash flow realized internal rate of return to us of approximately 13% (based on original cash invested, net of syndications, of approximately $9.2 billion and total proceeds from such exited investments of approximately $11.2 billion). Internal rate of return is the discount rate that makes the net present value of all cash flows related to a particular investment equal to zero. Internal rate of return is gross of expenses related to investments as these expenses are not allocable to specific investments. Investments are considered to be exited when the original investment objective has been achieved through the receipt of cash and/or non-cash consideration upon the repayment of a debt investment or sale of an investment or through the determination that no further consideration was collectible and, thus, a loss may have been realized. Approximately 69% of these exited investments resulted in an aggregate cash flow realized internal rate of return to us of 10% or greater.

Additionally, since our initial public offering on October 8, 2004 through September 30, 2014, our realized gains have exceeded our realized losses by approximately $296 million (excluding a one-time gain on the acquisition of Allied Capital Corporation ("Allied Capital") and realized gains/losses from the extinguishment of debt and other assets). For this same time period, our average annualized net realized gain rate was approximately 1.1% (excluding a one-time gain on the acquisition of Allied Capital and realized gains/losses from the extinguishment of debt and other assets). Net realized gain/loss rates for a particular period are the amount of net realized gains/losses during such period divided by the average quarterly investments at amortized cost in such period.

Information included herein regarding internal rates of return, realized gains and losses and annualized net realized gain rates since our initial public offering are historical results relating to our past performance and are not necessarily indicative of future results, the achievement of which cannot be assured.

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As a BDC, we are required to comply with certain regulatory requirements. For instance, we generally have to invest at least 70% of our total assets in "qualifying assets," including securities and indebtedness of private U.S. companies and certain public U.S. companies, cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less. We also may invest up to 30% of our portfolio in non- qualifying assets, as permitted by the Investment Company Act. Specifically, as part of this 30% basket, we may invest in entities that are not considered "eligible portfolio companies" (as defined in the Investment Company Act), including companies located outside of the United States, entities that are operating pursuant to certain exceptions under the Investment Company Act, and publicly traded entities whose public equity market capitalization exceeds the levels provided for under the Investment Company Act.

We have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company, or a "RIC," under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and operate in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. To qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and timely distribute to our stockholders generally at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. Pursuant to this election, we generally will not have to pay U.S. federal corporate-level taxes on any income that we distribute to our stockholders provided that we satisfy those requirements.

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PORTFOLIO AND INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

Our investment activity for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 is presented below (information presented herein is at amortized cost unless otherwise indicated).

(dollar amounts in millions)	For the three months ended September 30, 2014	2013
New investment commitments(1):		
New portfolio companies	$ 488.5	$ 842.3
Existing portfolio companies(2)	829.5	289.7
Total new investment commitments	1,318.0	1,132.0
Less:		
Investment commitments exited	654.2	391.1
Net investment commitments	$ 663.8	$ 740.9
Principal amount of investments funded:		
First lien senior secured loans	$ 826.1	$ 603.7
Second lien senior secured loans	294.0	134.9
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP(3)	86.4	182.4
Senior subordinated debt	126.4	
Preferred equity securities	5.0	
Other equity securities	12.2	10.7
Total	$ 1,350.1	$ 931.7
Principal amount of investments sold or repaid:		
First lien senior secured loans	$ 365.0	$ 190.9
Second lien senior secured loans	102.6	42.9
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP(3)	70.4	25.3
Senior subordinated debt	40.9	106.1
Preferred equity securities	11.0	5.5
Other equity securities	39.3	2.1
Commercial real estate	4.0	
Total	$ 633.2	$ 372.8
Number of new investment commitments(4)	30	25
Average new investment commitment amount	$ 43.9	$ 45.3
Weighted average term for new investment commitments (in months)	73	79
Percentage of new investment commitments at floating rates	87%	95%
Percentage of new investment commitments at fixed rates	12%	4%
Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities(5):		
Funded during the period at amortized cost	8.8%	9.5%
Funded during the period at fair value(6)	8.7%	9.5%
Exited or repaid during the period at amortized cost	9.1%	10.4%
Exited or repaid during the period at fair value(6)	8.8%	10.3%

(1) New investment commitments include new agreements to fund revolving credit facilities or delayed draw loans.

(2) Includes investment commitments to the SSLP to make co- investments with GE in first lien senior secured loans of middle market companies of $99.8 million and $221.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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(3) See "Senior Secured Loan Program" below and Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 for more information on the SSLP.

(4) Number of new investment commitments represents each commitment to a particular portfolio company or a commitment to multiple companies as part of an individual transaction (e.g., the purchase of a portfolio of investments).

(5) "Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities at amortized cost" is computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on accruing debt and other income producing securities, divided by (b) total accruing debt and other income producing securities at amortized cost. "Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities at fair value" is computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on accruing debt and other income producing securities, divided by (b) total accruing debt and other income producing securities at fair value.

(6) Represents fair value for investments in the portfolio as of the most recent prior quarter end, if applicable.

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, our investments consisted of the following:

	As of			
	September 30, 2014		December 31, 2013	
(in millions)	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
First lien senior secured loans	$ 4,030.2	$ 4,012.5	$ 3,405.6	$ 3,377.6
Second lien senior secured loans	1,488.0	1,451.6	1,335.8	1,319.2
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP(1)	1,954.1	1,983.4	1,745.2	1,771.4
Senior subordinated debt	470.2	469.4	364.1	323.2
Preferred equity securities	224.5	214.1	226.0	229.0
Other equity securities	430.9	645.6	453.7	600.2
Commercial real estate	2.9	7.0	7.0	12.3
	$ 8,600.8	$ 8,783.6	$ 7,537.4	$ 7,632.9

(1) The proceeds from these certificates were applied to co-investments with GE to fund first lien senior secured loans to 49 and 47 different borrowers as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

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The weighted average yields at amortized cost and fair value of the following portions of our portfolio as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were as follows:

	As of			
	September 30, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Debt and other income producing securities(1)	9.9%	9.9%	10.4%	10.4%
Total portfolio(2)	9.1%	8.9%	9.4%	9.3%
First lien senior secured loans(2)	8.2%	8.2%	7.8%	7.8%
Second lien senior secured loans(2)	8.3%	8.5%	9.4%	9.5%
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP(2)(3)	13.8%	13.5%	15.0%	14.8%
Senior subordinated debt(2)	10.7%	10.7%	10.3%	11.6%
Income producing equity securities(2)	9.7%	9.6%	10.1%	9.1%

(1) "Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities at amortized cost" is computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on accruing debt and other income producing securities, divided by (b) total accruing debt and other income producing securities at amortized cost. "Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities at fair value" is computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on accruing debt and other income producing securities, divided by (b) total accruing debt and other income producing securities at fair value.

(2) "Weighted average yields at amortized cost" are computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on the relevant accruing debt and other income producing securities, divided by (b) the total relevant investments at amortized cost. "Weighted average yields at fair value" are computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on the relevant accruing debt and other income producing securities, divided by (b) the total relevant investments at fair value.

(3) The proceeds from these certificates were applied to co- investments with GE to fund first lien senior secured loans.

Ares Capital Management, our investment adviser, employs an investment rating system to categorize our investments. In addition to various risk management and monitoring tools, our investment adviser grades the credit risk of all investments on a scale of 1 to 4 no less frequently than quarterly. This system is intended primarily to reflect the underlying risk of a portfolio investment relative to our initial cost basis in respect of such portfolio investment (i.e., at the time of origination or acquisition), although it may also take into account under certain circumstances the performance of the portfolio company's business, the collateral coverage of the investment and other relevant factors. Under this system, investments with a grade of 4 involve the least amount of risk to our initial cost basis. The trends and risk factors for this investment since origination or acquisition are generally favorable, which may include the performance of the portfolio company or a potential exit. Investments graded 3 involve a level of risk to our initial cost basis that is similar to the risk to our initial cost basis at the time of origination or acquisition. This portfolio company is generally performing as expected and the risk factors to our ability to ultimately recoup the cost of our investment are neutral to favorable. All investments or acquired investments in new portfolio companies are initially assessed a grade of 3. Investments graded 2 indicate that the risk to our ability to recoup the initial cost basis of

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such investment has increased materially since origination or acquisition, including as a result of factors such as declining performance and non-compliance with debt covenants; however, payments are generally not more than 120 days past due. An investment grade of 1 indicates that the risk to our ability to recoup the initial cost basis of such investment has substantially increased since origination or acquisition, and the portfolio company likely has materially declining performance. For debt investments with an investment grade of 1, most or all of the debt covenants are out of compliance and payments are substantially delinquent. For investments graded 1, it is anticipated that we will not recoup our initial cost basis and may realize a substantial loss of our initial cost basis upon exit. For investments graded 1 or 2, our investment adviser enhances its level of scrutiny over the monitoring of such portfolio company. The grade of a portfolio investment may be reduced or increased over time.

Set forth below is the grade distribution of our portfolio companies as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

	As of							
	September 30, 2014				December 31, 2013			
(dollar amounts in millions)	Fair Value	%	# of Companies	%	Fair Value	%	# of Companies	%
Grade 1	$ 56.4	0.7%	5	2.5%	$ 54.6	0.7%	7	3.6%
Grade 2	248.9	2.8%	10	4.9%	256.3	3.4%	12	6.2%
Grade 3	7,359.3	83.8%	170	83.3%	6,636.2	86.9%	162	84.0%
Grade 4	1,119.0	12.7%	19	9.3%	685.8	9.0%	12	6.2%
	$ 8,783.6	100.0%	204	100.0%	$ 7,632.9	100.0%	193	100.0%

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the weighted average grade of the investments in our portfolio at fair value was 3.1 and 3.0, respectively.

As of September 30, 2014, loans on non-accrual status represented 2.2% and 1.6% of the total investments at amortized cost and at fair value, respectively. As of December 31, 2013, loans on non-accrual status represented 3.1% and 2.1% of the total investments at amortized cost and at fair value, respectively.

Senior Secured Loan Program

We co-invest in first lien senior secured loans of middle market companies with GE through an unconsolidated Delaware limited liability company, the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC (d/b/a "the Senior Secured Loan Program") or the SSLP. The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of ours and GE (with approval from a representative of each required). We provide capital to the SSLP in the form of subordinated certificates (the "SSLP Certificates").

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we and GE had agreed to make $11.0 billion of capital available to the SSLP, of which approximately $9.5 billion and $8.7 billion in aggregate principal amount, respectively, was funded. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we had agreed to make available to the SSLP approximately $2.3 billion, of which approximately $2.0 billion and $1.7 billion in aggregate principal amount, respectively, was funded. Investment of any unfunded amount must be approved by the investment committee of the SSLP as described above.

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the SSLP had total assets of $9.5 billion and $8.7 billion, respectively. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, GE's investment in the SSLP consisted of senior notes of $7.2 billion and $6.7 billion, respectively, and SSLP Certificates of $279.2 million and $249.3 million, respectively. The SSLP Certificates are junior in right of payment

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to the senior notes held by GE. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we and GE owned 87.5% and 12.5%, respectively, of the outstanding SSLP Certificates.

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the SSLP portfolio was comprised of all first lien senior secured loans to U.S. middle-market companies. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, one loan was on non-accrual status, representing 0.9% and 1.0%, respectively, of the total loans at principal amount in the SSLP. The portfolio companies in the SSLP are in industries similar to the companies in our portfolio. Additionally, as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the SSLP had commitments to fund various delayed draw investments to certain of its portfolio companies of $501.7 and $510.4 million, respectively, which had been approved by the SSLP investment committee. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we had commitments to co-invest in the SSLP for our portion of the SSLP's commitments to fund such delayed draw investments of up to $92.8 million and $85.1 million, respectively.

Below is a summary of the SSLP's portfolio, followed by a listing of the individual first lien senior secured loans in the SSLP's portfolio as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

	As of	
(dollar amounts in millions)	**September 30, 2014**	**December 31, 2013**
Total first lien senior secured loans(1)	$ 9,363.6	$ 8,664.4
Weighted average yield on first lien senior secured loans(2)	6.8%	7.1%
Number of borrowers in the SSLP	49	47
Largest loan to a single borrower(1)	$ 332.9	$ 321.7
Total of five largest loans to borrowers(1)	$ 1,543.2	$ 1,510.7

(1) At principal amount.

(2) Computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate on accruing first lien senior secured loans, divided by (b) total first lien senior secured loans at principal amount.

(dollar amounts in millions)

SSLP Loan Portfolio as of September 30, 2014

Portfolio Company	**Business Description**	**Maturity Date**	**Stated Interest Rate(1)**	**Principal Amount**
Access CIG, LLC(2)	Records and information management services provider	10/2017	7.9%	$ 196.6
ADG, LLC	Dental services provider	9/2019	8.1%	213.1
AMCP Clean Acquisition Company, LLC	Provider of outsourced commercial linen and laundry services	8/2019	8.0%	92.6
AMZ Products Merger Corporation	Specialty chemicals manufacturer	12/2018	6.8%	235.8
Argon Medical Devices, Inc.	Manufacturer and marketer of single-use specialty medical devices	4/2018	6.5%	234.4
Brewer Holdings Corp.	Provider of software and technology-enabled content and analytical solutions to insurance brokers	11/2019	7.0%	174.2
Cambridge International, Inc.	Manufacturer of custom designed and engineered metal products	4/2018	8.0%	84.3
CH Hold Corp.(2)	Collision repair company	11/2019	5.5%	300.0
Chariot Acquisition, LLC	Distributor and designer of aftermarket golf cart parts and accessories	1/2019	7.8%	153.2
CIBT Holdings, Inc.(4)	Expedited travel document processing services	12/2018	6.8%	188.5
Connoisseur Media, LLC	Owner and operator of radio stations	6/2019	7.3%	140.7
CWD, LLC	Supplier of automotive aftermarket brake parts	6/2016	7.0%	127.1
Document Technologies, LLC(2)(4)	Provider of legal process outsourcing and managed services	8/2020	5.8%	279.2

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(dollar amounts in millions)

SSLP Loan Portfolio as of September 30, 2014

Portfolio Company	Business Description	Maturity Date	Stated Interest Rate(1)	Principal Amount
Drayer Physical Therapy Institute, LLC	Outpatient physical therapy provider	7/2018	8.0%	133.9
Driven Brands, Inc.(2)(4)	Automotive aftermarket car care franchisor	3/2017	6.0%	201.2
ECI Purchaser Company, LLC	Manufacturer of specialized pressure regulators, valves and other control equipment for use with liquefied and compressed gases	12/2019	6.0%	235.6
Excelligence Learning Corporation(4)	Developer, manufacturer and retailer of educational products	8/2018	7.8%	171.2
Fleischmann's Vinegar Company, Inc.	Manufacturer and marketer of industrial vinegar	5/2016	8.0%	70.6
Fox Hill Holdings, LLC(2)	Third party claims administrator on behalf of insurance carriers	6/2018	6.8%	287.3
Gentle Communications, LLC	Dental services provider	6/2020	6.5%	85.0
III US Holdings, LLC	Provider of library automation software and systems	3/2018	6.0%	215.8
Implus Footcare, LLC(4)	Provider of footwear and other accessories	4/2019	6.8%	246.4
Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Inc.(2)(4)(5)	Private school operator	12/2016		87.6
iParadigms, LLC	Provider of anti-plagiarism software to the education industry	12/2019	5.8%	269.6
Laborie Medical Technologies Corp(4)	Provider of medical diagnostics products	10/2018	6.8%	112.7
MCH Holdings, Inc.(4)	Healthcare professional provider	1/2020	6.3%	179.5
MWI Holdings, Inc.(2)	Provider of engineered springs, fasteners, and other precision components	3/2019	7.4%	260.7
Noranco Manufacturing (USA) Ltd.	Supplier of complex machined and sheet metal components for the aerospace industry	4/2019	6.8%	156.7
Nordco, Inc.	Designer and manufacturer of railroad maintenance-of-way machinery	8/2019	7.0%	218.4
Oak Parent, Inc.(2)	Manufacturer of athletic apparel	4/2018	7.5%	302.8
Penn Detroit Diesel Allison, LLC	Distributor of new equipment and aftermarket parts to the heavy-duty truck industry	12/2016	9.0%	55.8
PetroChoice Holdings, LLC	Provider of lubrication solutions	1/2017	10.0%	155.2
PODS Funding Corp. II(2)	Storage and warehousing	12/2018	7.0%	332.9
Pretium Packaging, L.L.C.(4)	Plastic container and closure manufacturer	6/2020	6.0%	185.3
Protective Industries, Inc. dba Caplugs(2)(4)	Manufacturer of plastic protection products	10/2019	6.3%	276.2
PSSI Holdings, LLC(2)	Provider of mission-critical outsourced cleaning and sanitation services to the food processing industry	6/2018	6.0%	247.3
Restaurant Technologies, Inc.	Provider of bulk cooking oil management services to the restaurant and fast food service industries	6/2018	7.0%	199.0
Sanders Industries Holdings, Inc.(4)	Manufacturer of elastomeric parts, mid-sized composite structures, and composite tooling	5/2020	7.0%	84.0
Selig Sealing Products, Inc.	Manufacturer of container sealing products for rigid packaging applications	10/2019	6.8%	198.5
Singer Sewing Company	Manufacturer of consumer sewing machines	6/2017	7.3%	195.5
STATS Acquisition, LLC	Sports technology, data and content company	6/2020	7.0%	103.8
Strategic Partners, Inc.(4)	Supplier of medical uniforms, specialized medical footwear and accessories	8/2018	8.5%	230.3
TA THI Buyer, Inc. and TA THI Parent, Inc.(2)(4)	Supplier of branded light duty truck accessories for pick-up truck applications	7/2020	6.5%	313.5
TecoStar Acquisition Company	Manufacturer of precision complex components for the medical device market and the aerospace and defense market	12/2019	6.1%	157.4
The Teaching Company, LLC(2)(4)	Education publications provider	3/2017	9.0%	109.7
Towne Holdings, Inc.	Provider of contracted hospitality services and parking systems	12/2019	6.8%	153.2
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc.(2)(3)	Anesthesiology service provider	12/2019	6.0%	264.7

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(dollar amounts in millions)

SSLP Loan Portfolio as of September 30, 2014

Portfolio Company	Business Description	Maturity Date	Stated Interest Rate(1)	Principal Amount
Universal Services of America, LP	Provider of security officer and guard services	7/2019	6.0%	294.0
Wrigley Purchaser, LLC and Wrigley Management, LLC(2)	Provider of outpatient rehabilitation services	5/2020	6.1%	152.6
				$ 9,363.6

(1) Represents the weighted average annual stated interest rate as of September 30, 2014. All interest rates are payable in cash. For loans on non-accrual status, the stated interest rate is not shown as there is no current yield on such loans.

(2) We also hold a portion of this company's first lien senior secured loan.

(3) We also hold a portion of this company's second lien senior secured loan.

(4) We hold an equity investment in this company.

(5) Loan was on non-accrual status, as determined by the investment committee of the SSLP, as of September 30, 2014.

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(dollar amounts in millions)

SSLP Loan Portfolio as of December 31, 2013

Portfolio Company	Business Description	Maturity Date	Stated Interest Rate(1)	Principal Amount	Fair Value(2)
Access CIG, LLC(3)	Records and information management services provider	10/2017	7.0%	$ 186.9	$ 186.9
ADG, LLC	Dental services provider	9/2019	8.1%	217.5	217.5
AMZ Products Merger Corporation	Specialty chemicals manufacturer	12/2018	6.8%	237.6	237.6
Argon Medical Devices, Inc.	Manufacturer and marketer of single-use specialty medical devices	4/2018	6.5%	239.2	239.2
BECO Holding Company, Inc.(5)	Wholesale distributor of first response fire protection equipment and related parts	12/2017	8.3%	143.4	143.4
Brewer Holdings Corp. and Zywave, Inc.	Provider of software and technology-enabled content and analytical solutions to insurance brokers	11/2019	7.0%	175.5	175.5
Cambridge International, Inc.	Manufacturer of custom designed and engineered metal products	4/2018	8.0%	86.0	86.0
CCS Group Holdings, LLC(5)	Correctional facility healthcare operator	4/2016	8.0%	134.5	134.5
CH Hold Corp.	Collision repair company	11/2019	5.5%	270.0	270.0
Chariot Acquisition, LLC	Distributor and designer of aftermarket golf cart parts and accessories	1/2019	7.8%	142.3	142.3
CIBT Holdings, Inc.(5)	Expedited travel document processing services	12/2018	6.8%	178.9	178.9
CWD, LLC	Supplier of automotive aftermarket brake parts	6/2016	10.0%	130.5	130.5
Drayer Physical Therapy Institute, LLC	Outpatient physical therapy provider	7/2018	7.5%	136.7	136.7
Driven Holdings, LLC(5)	Automotive aftermarket car care franchisor	3/2017	7.0%	159.1	159.1
ECI Purchaser Company, LLC	Manufacturer of equipment to safely control pressurized gases	12/2019	6.0%	209.0	209.0
Excelligence Learning Corporation(5)	Developer, manufacturer and retailer of educational products	8/2018	7.8%	174.0	174.0
Fleischmann's Vinegar Company, Inc.	Manufacturer and marketer of industrial vinegar products	5/2016	8.0%	74.7	74.7
Fox Hill Holdings, LLC(3)	Third party claims administrator on behalf of insurance carriers	6/2018	6.8%	289.5	289.5
III US Holdings, LLC	Provider of library automation software and systems	3/2018	7.6%	194.5	194.5
Implus Footcare, LLC(5)	Provider of footwear and other accessories	10/2016	9.0%	210.3	210.3
Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Inc.(3)(5)(6)	Private school operator	6/2015		82.4	74.2
Intermedix Corporation(4)	Revenue cycle management provider to the emergency healthcare industry	12/2018	6.3%	321.7	321.7
iParadigms, LLC	Provider of anti-plagiarism software to the education industry	4/2019	6.5%	164.2	164.2
JHP Pharmaceuticals, LLC(5)	Manufacturer of specialty pharmaceutical products	12/2019	6.8%	182.2	182.2
Laborie Medical Technologies Corp(5)	Developer and manufacturer of medical equipment	10/2018	6.8%	113.5	113.5
LJSS Acquisition, Inc.	Fluid power distributor	10/2017	6.8%	159.8	159.8
MWI Holdings, Inc.(3)	Provider of engineered springs, fasteners, and other precision components	3/2019	7.4%	261.6	261.6
Noranco Manufacturing (USA) Ltd.	Supplier of complex machined and sheet metal components for the aerospace industry	4/2019	6.8%	161.1	161.1
Nordco, Inc.	Designer and manufacturer of railroad maintenance-of-way machinery	8/2019	7.0%	224.7	224.7
Oak Parent, Inc.(3)	Manufacturer of athletic apparel	4/2018	7.5%	307.1	307.1
Penn Detroit Diesel Allison, LLC	Distributor of new equipment and aftermarket parts to the heavy-duty truck industry	12/2016	9.0%	59.5	59.5
PetroChoice Holdings, LLC	Provider of lubrication solutions	1/2017	10.0%	158.3	158.3
PODS Funding Corp. II(3)	Storage and warehousing	12/2018	7.0%	314.1	314.1

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(dollar amounts in millions)

SSLP Loan Portfolio as of December 31, 2013

Portfolio Company	Business Description	Maturity Date	Stated Interest Rate(1)	Principal Amount	Fair Value(2)
Pregis Corporation, Pregis Intellipack Corp. and Pregis Innovative Packaging Inc.(3)	Provider of highly-customized, tailored protective packaging solutions	3/2017	7.8%	152.0	152.0
Protective Industries, Inc. dba Caplugs(3)(5)	Manufacturer of plastic protection products	10/2019	6.8%	278.3	278.3
PSSI Holdings, LLC(3)	Provider of mission-critical outsourced cleaning and sanitation services to the food processing industry	6/2018	6.0%	224.4	224.4
Restaurant Technologies, Inc.	Provider of bulk cooking oil management services to the restaurant and fast food service industries	6/2018	7.0%	202.7	202.7
Selig Sealing Products, Inc.	Manufacturer of container sealing products for rigid packaging applications	10/2019	6.8%	209.0	209.0
Singer Sewing Company	Manufacturer of consumer sewing machines	6/2017	7.3%	197.0	197.0
Strategic Partners, Inc.(5)	Supplier of medical uniforms, specialized medical footwear and accessories	8/2018	7.8%	232.1	232.1
Talent Partners G.P. and Print Payroll Services, G.P.	Provider of technology-enabled payroll to the advertising industry	10/2017	8.0%	62.0	62.0
TecoStar Acquisition Company	Manufacturer of precision components for orthopedic medical devices	12/2019	6.4%	118.0	118.0
The Teaching Company, LLC(3)(5)	Education publications provider	3/2017	9.0%	111.5	109.3
Towne Holdings, Inc.	Provider of contracted hospitality services and parking systems	12/2019	6.8%	154.0	154.0
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc.(3)	Anesthesiology service provider	12/2019	6.0%	210.0	210.0
Universal Services of America, LP	Provider of security officer and guard services	7/2019	6.0%	253.9	253.9
WB Merger Sub, Inc.	Importer, distributor and developer of premium wine and spirits	12/2016	9.0%	159.2	159.2
				$ 8,664.4	$ 8,654.0

(1) Represents the weighted average annual stated interest rate as of December 31, 2013. All interest rates are payable in cash. For loans on non-accrual status, the stated interest rate is not shown as there is no current yield on such loans.

(2) Represents the fair value in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 820-10. The determination of such fair value is not included in our board of directors valuation process described elsewhere herein.

(3) We also hold a portion of this company's first lien senior secured loan.

(4) We also hold a portion of this company's second lien senior secured loan.

(5) We hold an equity investment in this company.

(6) Loan was on non-accrual status, as determined by the investment committee of the SSLP, as of December 31, 2013.

The amortized cost and fair value of our SSLP Certificates was $2.0 billion and $2.0 billion, respectively, as of September 30, 2014, and $1.7 billion and $1.8 billion, respectively, as of December 31, 2013. The SSLP Certificates pay a weighted average contractual coupon of three month LIBOR plus approximately 8.0% and also entitle the holders thereof to receive a portion of the excess cash flow from the underlying loan portfolio, which may result in a return to the holders of the SSLP Certificates that is greater than both the contractual coupon on the SSLP Certificates as well as the weighted average yield on the SSLP's portfolio of 6.8% and 7.1% at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. Our yield on our investment in the SSLP at amortized cost and fair value was 13.8% and 13.5%, respectively, as of

September 30, 2014, and 15.0% and 14.8%, respectively, as of December 31, 2013. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, we earned interest income of $69.8 million and $205.4 million, respectively, from our investment in the SSLP Certificates.

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For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, we earned interest income of $59.2 million and $161.2 million, respectively, from our investment in the SSLP Certificates.

We are also entitled to certain fees in connection with the SSLP. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, in connection with the SSLP, we earned capital structuring service, sourcing and other fees totaling $17.1 million and $46.1 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, in connection with the SSLP, we earned capital structuring service, sourcing and other fees totaling $19.9 million and $42.8 million, respectively.

Selected financial information for the SSLP as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013 is as follows:

(in millions)	As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2013
Selected Balance Sheet Information:	
Investments in loans receivable, net of discount for loan origination fees	$ 8,601.6
Cash and other assets	$ 142.3
Total assets	$ 8,743.9
Senior notes	$ 6,699.5
Other liabilities	$ 64.2
Total liabilities	$ 6,763.7
Subordinated certificates and members' capital	$ 1,980.2
Total liabilities and members' capital	$ 8,743.9
Selected Statement of Operations Information:	
Total revenues	$ 554.2
Total expenses	$ 296.7
Net income	$ 257.5

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013

Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

(in millions)	For the three months ended September 30, 2014	2013	For the nine months ended September 30, 2014	2013
Total investment income	$ 253.4	$ 246.8	$ 718.0	$ 648.0
Total expenses	140.6	116.6	392.6	317.4
Net investment income before income taxes	112.8	130.2	325.4	330.6
Income tax expense, including excise tax	7.5	4.0	15.8	11.7
Net investment income	105.3	126.2	309.6	318.9
Net realized gains on investments and foreign currency transactions	76.5	9.0	40.1	29.3
Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments and foreign currency transactions	(4.1)	5.6	87.9	6.4
Realized losses on extinguishment of debt			(0.1)	
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 177.7	$ 140.8	$ 437.5	$ 354.6

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Net income can vary substantially from period to period due to various factors, including acquisitions, the level of new investment commitments, the recognition of realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation and depreciation. As a result, quarterly comparisons of net income may not be meaningful.

Investment Income

	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
(in millions)	**2014**	**2013**	**2014**	**2013**
Interest income from investments	$ 190.8	$ 169.6	$ 540.5	$ 471.8
Capital structuring service fees	31.7	31.6	74.3	61.7
Dividend income	19.7	34.8	67.2	82.7
Management and other fees	6.4	5.4	18.4	14.9
Other income	4.8	5.4	17.6	16.9
Total investment income	$ 253.4	$ 246.8	$ 718.0	$ 648.0

The increase in interest income from investments for the three months ended September 30, 2014 from the comparable period in 2013 was primarily due to an increase in the size of our portfolio, which increased from an average of $7.0 billion at amortized cost for the three months ended September 30, 2013 to an average of $8.2 billion at amortized cost for the comparable period in 2014. The increase in capital structuring service fees for the three months ended September 30, 2014 from the comparable period in 2013 was primarily due to the increase in new investment commitments, which increased from $1.1 billion for the three months ended September 30, 2013 to $1.3 billion for the comparable period in 2014, partially offset by the decrease in the average capital structuring service fees received on new investments, from 2.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2013 to 2.4% in the comparable period in 2014. Dividend income for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 included dividends received from IHAM totaling $10.0 million and $25.0 million, respectively. The dividends received from IHAM for the three months ended September 30, 2013 included an additional dividend of $15.0 million that was paid in addition to the quarterly dividends generally paid by IHAM. IHAM paid the additional dividend out of accumulated earnings that had previously been retained by IHAM. Also during the three months ended September 30, 2014, we received $6.0 million in other non-recurring dividends from non-income producing equity securities compared to $5.2 million for the comparable period in 2013.

The increase in interest income from investments for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 from the comparable period in 2013 was primarily due to the increase in the size of the portfolio, which increased from an average of $6.4 billion at amortized cost for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 to an average of $7.9 billion at amortized cost for the comparable period in 2014. The increase in capital structuring service fees for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 from the comparable period in 2013 was primarily due to the increase in new investment commitments, which increased from $2.7 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 to $3.2 billion for the comparable period in 2014, while the average capital structuring service fees received on new investments remained steady at 2.3% for both the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013. Dividend income for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 included dividends received from IHAM totaling $40.0 million and $62.4 million, respectively. The dividends received from IHAM for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 included additional dividends of $10.0 million and $32.4 million, respectively, that were paid in addition to the quarterly dividends generally paid by IHAM. IHAM paid the additional dividends out of accumulated earnings that had previously been retained by IHAM. Also during the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we received $15.5 million

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in other non-recurring dividends from non-income producing equity securities compared to $6.6 million for the comparable period in 2013.

Operating Expenses

(in millions)	For the three months ended September 30, 2014	2013	For the nine months ended September 30, 2014	2013
Interest and credit facility fees	$ 54.1	$ 44.4	$ 159.7	$ 124.0
Base management fees	32.7	27.5	93.5	75.6
Income based fees	31.3	32.3	85.2	81.5
Capital gains incentive fees	13.1	2.9	24.2	7.2
Administrative fees	3.1	3.3	9.7	8.6
Other general and administrative	6.3	6.2	20.3	20.5
Total expenses	$ 140.6	$ 116.6	$ 392.6	$ 317.4

Interest and credit facility fees for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, were comprised of the following:

(in millions)	For the three months ended September 30, 2014	2013	For the nine months ended September 30, 2014	2013
Stated interest expense	$ 44.0	$ 36.0	$ 127.7	$ 97.7
Facility fees	2.1	1.4	8.7	5.8
Amortization of debt issuance cost	4.2	3.5	12.1	10.4
Accretion of discount on notes payable	3.8	3.5	11.2	10.1
Total interest and credit facility fees	$ 54.1	$ 44.4	$ 159.7	$ 124.0

Stated interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2014 increased from the comparable period in 2013 primarily due to the increase in the average principal amount of debt outstanding, which increased to $3.4 billion as compared to $2.9 billion for the comparable period in 2013. Stated interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 increased from the comparable period in 2013 primarily due to the increase in the average principal amount of debt outstanding, which increased to $3.2 billion as compared to $2.5 billion for the comparable period in 2013. Facility fees for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 increased from the comparable period in 2013 primarily due to higher non-usage fees incurred on the secured revolving facilities.

The increase in base management fees and fees based on our net investment income ("income based fees") for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 from the comparable period in 2013 were primarily due to the increase in the size of the portfolio and in the case of income based fees, the related increase in net investment income excluding income based fees and fees based on our net capital gains ("capital gains incentive fees").

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, the capital gains incentive fee expense accrual calculated in accordance with GAAP was $13.1 million and $24.2 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the capital gains incentive fee expense accrual calculated in accordance with GAAP was $2.9 million and $7.2 million, respectively. Capital gains incentive fee expense accrual for the three months ended September 30, 2014 increased from the comparable period in 2013 primarily due to higher net gains on investments and foreign currency transactions, which increased from $8.9 million during the three months ended September 30, 2013 to $76.5 million for the comparable period in 2014. Capital gains incentive fee expense accrual for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 increased from the comparable period in 2013 primarily due to

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higher net gains on investments and foreign currency transactions, which increased from $29.3 million during the three months ended September 30, 2013 to $40.1 million for the comparable period in 2014. The capital gains incentive fee accrued under GAAP includes an accrual related to unrealized capital appreciation, whereas the capital gains incentive fee actually payable under our investment advisory and management agreement does not. There can be no assurance that such unrealized capital appreciation will be realized in the future. The accrual for any capital gains incentive fee under GAAP in a given period may result in an additional expense if such cumulative amount is greater than in the prior period or a reduction of previously recorded expense if such cumulative amount is less than in the prior period. If such cumulative amount is negative, then there is no accrual. As of September 30, 2014, the total capital gains incentive fee accrual calculated in accordance with GAAP was $87.7 million (included in "capital gains incentive fees payable" in the consolidated balance sheet). However, as of September 30, 2014, there was no capital gains incentive fee actually payable under our investment advisory and management agreement. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 for more information on the base management fees, income based fees and capital gains incentive fees.

Administrative fees represent fees paid to Ares Operations for our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Ares Operations in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including our allocable portion of the cost of certain of our executive officers and their respective staffs. Other general and administrative expenses include professional fees, rent, insurance, depreciation, director's fees and other costs.

Income Tax Expense, Including Excise Tax

We have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code and operate in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. To qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, timely distribute to our stockholders generally at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. In order to maintain our RIC status, we, among other things, have made and intend to continue to make the requisite distributions to our stockholders which will generally relieve us from U.S. federal corporate-level income taxes.

Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year dividend distributions from such current year taxable income into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. To the extent that we determine that our estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions from such income, we accrue excise tax on estimated excess taxable income as such taxable income is earned. For the three months ended September 30, 2014, we had no U.S. federal excise tax expense. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we recorded a net expense of $4.0 million for U.S. federal excise tax, which includes a reduction in expense in the third quarter related to the recording of a requested refund resulting from the overpayment of 2013 excise tax of $1.7 million. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, we recorded a net expense of $2.8 million and $8.8 million, respectively, for U.S. federal excise tax.

Certain of our consolidated subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, we recorded a tax expense of approximately $7.5 million and $11.8 million, respectively, for these subsidiaries. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, we recorded a tax expense of approximately $1.2 million and $2.9 million, respectively, for these subsidiaries. The increases in income tax expense for our taxable consolidated subsidiaries for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 from the comparable periods in 2013 were primarily driven by the realized gains from the exits of certain investments held by such subsidiaries during the three months ended September 30, 2014.

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Net Realized Gains/Losses

During the three months ended September 30, 2014, we had $706.6 million of sales, repayments or exits of investments resulting in $73.8 million of net realized gains. Net realized gains of $73.8 million on investments were comprised of $80.9 million of gross realized gains and $7.1 million of gross realized losses.

The net realized gains on investments during the three months ended September 30, 2014 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Realized Gains (Losses)
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	$ 33.1
The Dwyer Group	21.1
Service King Paint & Body, LLC	10.4
Platform Acquisition, Inc.	4.7
Apple & Eve, LLC	4.3
TOA Technologies, Inc.	1.9
BECO Holding Company, Inc.	1.9
X Plus Two Solutions, Inc.	1.5
Pillar Processing LLC	(6.6)
Other, net	1.5
Total	$ 73.8

During the three months ended September 30, 2014, we also recognized net realized gains on foreign currency transactions of $2.8 million.

During the three months ended September 30, 2013, we had $381.7 million of sales, repayments or exits of investments resulting in $8.9 million of net realized gains. These sales, repayments or exits included $104.8 million of investments sold to IHAM and certain vehicles managed by IHAM. A net realized loss of $0.2 million was recorded on the transactions with IHAM. Net realized gains of $8.9 million on investments were comprised of $50.8 million of gross realized gains and $41.9 million of gross realized losses.

The net realized gains on investments during the three months ended September 30, 2013 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Realized Gains (Losses)
Component Hardware Group, Inc.	$ 17.7
Financial Pacific Company	17.6
Tradesmen International, Inc.	10.0
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC	1.8
Matrixx Initiatives, Inc.	1.6
eInstruction Corporation	(40.3)
Other, net	0.5
Total	$ 8.9

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company had $2,066.9 million of sales, repayments or exits of investments resulting in $38.3 million of net realized gains. These sales, repayments or exits included $64.5 million of investments sold to IHAM or certain vehicles managed by IHAM. No realized gains or losses were recognized on these transactions. Net realized gains of

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$38.3 million on investments were comprised of $97.6 million of gross realized gains and $59.3 million of gross realized losses.

The net realized gains on investments during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company		Net Realized Gains (Losses)
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation		33.1
The Dwyer Group		21.1
Service King Paint & Body, LLC		10.4
Platform Acquisition, Inc.		4.7
Apple & Eve, LLC		4.3
TOA Technologies, Inc.		2.0
JHP Group Holdings, Inc.		1.9
BECO Holding Company, Inc.		1.9
Dialysis Newco, Inc.		1.7
Orion Foods, LLC		1.6
La Paloma Generating Company, LLC		1.6
X Plus Two Solutions, Inc.		1.5
Magnacare Holdings, Inc.		1.3
Imperial Capital Group LLC		1.3
Stag-Parkway, Inc.		1.2
Eberle Design, Inc.		1.1
Geotrace Technologies, Inc.		(2.9)
Pillar Processing LLC		(6.6)
CitiPostal Inc.		(20.3)
MVL Group, Inc.		(27.7)
Other, net		5.1
Total	$	38.3

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we purchased $0.4 million aggregate principal amount of the 2047 Notes (as defined below) and as a result of these transactions, we recognized realized losses of $0.1 million. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we also recognized net realized gains on foreign currency transactions of $1.8 million.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company had $1,017.8 million of sales, repayments or exits of investments resulting in $29.3 million of net realized gains. These sales, repayments or exits included $139.8 million of investments sold to IHAM or certain vehicles managed by IHAM. A net realized loss of $0.1 million was recorded on these transactions. Net realized gains of $29.3 million on investments were comprised of $72.1 million of gross realized gains and $42.8 million of gross realized losses.

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The net realized gains on investments during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Realized Gains (Losses)
Component Hardware Group, Inc.	$ 17.7
Financial Pacific Company	17.6
Tradesmen International, Inc.	10.0
Performant Financial Corporation	8.6
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC	5.4
Performance Food Group, Inc.	4.1
BenefitMall Holdings Inc.	2.0
Matrixx Initiatives, Inc.	1.7
Promo Works, LLC	(1.0)
eInstruction Corporation	(40.3)
Other, net	3.5
Total	$ 29.3

Net Unrealized Gains/Losses

We value our portfolio investments quarterly and the changes in value are recorded as unrealized gains or losses. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, net unrealized gains and losses for our portfolio were comprised of the following:

(in millions)	For the three months ended September 30, 2014	2013	For the nine months ended September 30, 2014	2013
Unrealized appreciation	$ 86.1	$ 35.4	$ 152.8	$ 82.5
Unrealized depreciation	(34.6)	(24.3)	(93.3)	(76.0)
Net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation reversal related to net realized gains or losses(1)	(56.5)	(5.5)	27.8	
Total net unrealized gains (losses)	$ (5.0)	$ 5.6	$ 87.3	$ 6.5

(1) The net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation reversal related to net realized gains or losses represents the unrealized appreciation or depreciation recorded on the related asset at the end of the prior period.

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The changes in net unrealized appreciation during the three months ended September 30, 2014 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
10th Street, LLC	$ 38.7
Ciena Capital LLC	6.6
UL Holding Co., LLC and Universal Lubricants, LLC	5.5
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC	4.1
CCS Intermediate Holdings, LLC	3.9
Performance Food Group, Inc.	2.3
Restaurant Holding Company, LLC	(2.3)
2329497 Ontario Inc.	(2.4)
Orion Foods, LLC	(2.9)
ADF Capital, Inc.	(3.0)
The Step2 Company, LLC	(3.3)
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	(3.4)
Other, net	7.7
Total	$ 51.5

During the three months ended September 30, 2014, we also recognized net unrealized gains on foreign currency transactions of $0.9 million.

The changes in net unrealized appreciation during the three months ended September 30, 2013 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
CitiPostal Inc.	$ 4.0
Orion Foods, LLC	3.4
Community Education Centers, Inc.	3.3
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC	2.7
HCPro, Inc.	(2.1)
UL Holding Co., LLC	(3.1)
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	(3.1)
ELC Acquisition Corp.	(3.5)
Competitor Group, Inc.	(3.5)
Other, net	13.0
Total	$ 11.1

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The changes in net unrealized appreciation during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Deprecation)
10th Street, LLC	$ 47.2
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC	10.0
Ciena Capital LLC	9.4
Imperial Capital Private Opportunities, LP	8.4
Universal Lubricants, LLC	7.1
Campus Management Corp.	6.0
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC	5.2
CCS Intermediate Holdings, LLC	3.9
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC	3.4
Waste Pro USA, Inc	2.8
The Thymes, LLC	2.7
American Broadband Communications, LLC	2.6
Performance Food Group, Inc.	2.4
Service King Paint & Body, LLC	2.3
Netsmart Technologies, Inc.	2.1
EUNetworks Group Limited	(2.2)
Orion Foods, LLC	(2.7)
2329497 Ontario Inc.	(2.9)
R3 Education, Inc.	(4.2)
OTG Management, LLC	(4.3)
Community Education Centers, Inc.	(4.5)
ADF Capital, Inc.	(10.2)
The Step2 Company, LLC	(18.4)
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	(21.5)
Other, net	14.9
Total	$ 59.5

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we also recognized net unrealized gains on foreign currency transactions of $0.6 million.

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The changes in net unrealized appreciation during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Orion Foods, LLC	$ 7.0
10th Street, LLC	6.8
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC	6.1
Imperial Capital Private Opportunities, LP	4.7
Community Education Centers, Inc.	4.0
American Broadband Communications, LLC	3.7
AWTP, LLC	3.3
The Dwyer Group	3.1
Apple & Eve, LLC	2.8
Waste Pro USA, Inc	2.8
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	2.7
Matrixx Initiatives, Inc.	2.3
Hojeij Branded Foods, Inc.	2.1
Woodstream Corporation	(2.1)
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	(2.4)
The Step2 Company, LLC	(2.6)
HCPro, Inc.	(3.3)
ADF Capital, Inc.	(3.4)
Campus Management Corp.	(4.6)
Ciena Capital LLC	(5.7)
Competitor Group, Inc.	(7.7)
UL Holding Co., LLC	(15.3)
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	(18.8)
Other, net	21.1
Total	$ 6.5

FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our liquidity and capital resources are generated primarily from the net proceeds of public offerings of equity and debt securities, advances from the Facilities, net proceeds from the issuance of other securities, including convertible unsecured notes, as well as cash flows from operations.

As of September 30, 2014, we had $107.9 million in cash and cash equivalents and $3.8 billion in total aggregate principal amount of debt outstanding ($3.7 billion at carrying value). Subject to leverage and borrowing base restrictions, we had approximately $1.4 billion available for additional borrowings under the Facilities as of September 30, 2014.

We may from time to time seek to retire or repurchase our common stock through cash purchases, as well as retire, cancel or purchase our outstanding debt through cash purchases and/or exchanges, in open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Such repurchases or exchanges, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual and regulatory restrictions and other factors. The amounts involved may be material. In addition, we may from time to time enter into additional debt facilities, increase the size of existing facilities or issue additional debt securities, including unsecured debt and/or debt securities convertible into common stock. Any such incurrence or issuance would be subject to prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual and regulatory restrictions and other factors. In accordance with

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the Investment Company Act, with certain limited exceptions, we are only allowed to borrow amounts such that our asset coverage, calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act, is at least 200% after such borrowing. As of September 30, 2014, our asset coverage was 243%.

Equity Issuances

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, our total equity market capitalization was $5.1 billion and $5.3 billion, respectively. The following table summarizes the total shares issued and proceeds received in public offerings of our common stock net of underwriting discounts and offering costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013:

(in millions, except per share data)	Shares issued	Offering price per share	Proceeds net of underwriting and operating costs
2014			
July 2014 public offering	15.5	$ 16.63(1)	$ 257.6
Total for the nine months ended September 30, 2014	15.5		$ 257.6
2013			
April 2013 public offering	19.1	$ 17.43(2)	$ 333.2
Total for the nine months ended September 30, 2013	19.1		$ 333.2

(1) The shares were sold to the underwriters for a price of $16.63 per share, which the underwriters were then permitted to sell at variable prices to the public.

(2) The shares were sold to the underwriters for a price of $17.43 per share, which the underwriters were then permitted to sell at variable prices to the public.

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Debt Capital Activities

Our debt obligations consisted of the following as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

	As of					
	September 30, 2014			December 31, 2013		
(in millions)	Total Aggregate Principal Amount Committed/ Outstanding(1)	Principal Amount Outstanding	Carrying Value	Total Aggregate Principal Amount Committed/ Outstanding(1)	Principal Amount Outstanding	Carrying Value
Revolving Credit Facility	$ 1,250.0(2)	$ 335.0	$ 335.0	$ 1,060.0	$	$
Revolving Funding Facility	540.0(3)	324.0	324.0	620.0	185.0	185.0
SMBC Funding Facility	400.0	54.0	54.0	400.0		
February 2016 Convertible Notes	575.0	575.0	562.8(4)	575.0	575.0	556.5(4)
June 2016 Convertible Notes	230.0	230.0	224.2(4)	230.0	230.0	221.8(4)
2017 Convertible Notes	162.5	162.5	159.9(4)	162.5	162.5	159.2(4)
2018 Convertible Notes	270.0	270.0	265.1(4)	270.0	270.0	264.1(4)
2019 Convertible Notes	300.0	300.0	295.9(4)	300.0	300.0	295.3(4)
2018 Notes	750.0	750.0	750.7(5)	600.0	600.0	596.7(5)
February 2022 Notes	143.8	143.8	143.8	143.8	143.8	143.8
October 2022 Notes	182.5	182.5	182.5	182.5	182.5	182.5
2040 Notes	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
2047 Notes	229.5	229.5	181.3(6)	230.0	230.0	181.4(6)
	$ 5,233.3	$ 3,756.3	$ 3,679.2	$ 4,973.8	$ 3,078.8	$ 2,986.3

(1) Subject to borrowing base and leverage restrictions. Represents the total aggregate amount committed or outstanding, as applicable, under such instrument.

(2) Provides for a feature that allows us, under certain circumstances, to increase the size of the Revolving Credit Facility to a maximum of $1,755.0 million.

(3) Provides for a feature that allows us and our consolidated subsidiary, Ares Capital CP, under certain circumstances, to increase the size of the Revolving Funding Facility to a maximum of $865.0 million.

(4) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Convertible Unsecured Notes less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the Convertible Unsecured Notes. The total unaccreted discount for the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes was $12.2 million, $5.8 million, $2.6 million, $4.9 million and $4.1 million, respectively, as of September 30, 2014. The total unaccreted discount for the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes was $18.5 million, $8.2 million, $3.3 million, $5.9 million and $4.7 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2013.

(5)

Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the 2018 Notes. The total unamortized premium for the 2018 Notes was $0.7 million as of September 30, 2014. The total unaccreted discount for the 2018 Notes was $3.3 million as of December 31, 2013.

(6)

Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding less the unaccreted purchased discount. The total unaccreted purchased discount for the 2047 Notes was $48.2 million and $48.6 million as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

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The weighted average stated interest rate and weighted average maturity, both on aggregate principal amount, of all our debt outstanding as of September 30, 2014 were 4.9% and 6.8 years, respectively, and as of December 31, 2013 were 5.3% and 7.9 years, respectively.

The ratio of total principal amount of debt outstanding to stockholders' equity as of September 30, 2014 was 0.72:1.00 compared to 0.63:1.00 as of December 31, 2013. The ratio of total carrying value of debt outstanding to stockholders' equity as of September 30, 2014 was 0.70:1.00 compared to 0.61:1.00 as of December 31, 2013.

See "Recent Developments" as well as Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 for more information on the existing 2020 Notes issued subsequent to September 30, 2014.

Revolving Credit Facility

We are party to the Revolving Credit Facility, which allows us to borrow up to $1,250 million at any one time outstanding. The end of the revolving period and the stated maturity date for the Revolving Credit Facility are May 4, 2018 and May 4, 2019, respectively. The Revolving Credit Facility also provides for a feature that allowed us, under certain circumstances, to increase the size of the facility to a maximum of $1,755 million. The interest rate charged on the Revolving Credit Facility is based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Credit Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. Additionally, we are required to pay a commitment fee of 0.375% per annum on any unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility. As of September 30, 2014, there was $335.0 million outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility and we were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Revolving Credit Facility.

Revolving Funding Facility

Our consolidated subsidiary, Ares Capital CP, is party to the Revolving Funding Facility, which allows Ares Capital CP to borrow up to $540 million at any one time outstanding. The Revolving Funding Facility is secured by all of the assets held by, and the membership interest in, Ares Capital CP. The end of the reinvestment period and the stated maturity date for the Revolving Funding Facility is May 14, 2017 and May 14, 2019, respectively. The Revolving Funding Facility also provides for a feature that allowed, under certain circumstances, for an increase in the size of the facility to a maximum of $865 million. The interest rate charged on the Revolving Funding Facility is one month LIBOR plus an applicable spread ranging from 2.25% to 2.50% over LIBOR and ranging from 1.25% to 1.50% over "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Funding Facility) in each case, determined monthly based on the composition of the borrowing base relative to outstanding borrowings under the facility. Additionally, Ares Capital CP is required to pay a commitment fee of between 0.50% and 1.50% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the Revolving Funding Facility. As of September 30, 2014, there was $324.0 million outstanding under the Revolving Funding Facility and we and Ares Capital CP were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Revolving Funding Facility.

SMBC Funding Facility

Our consolidated subsidiary, ACJB, is party to the SMBC Funding Facility, which allows ACJB to borrow up to $400 million at any one time outstanding. The SMBC Funding Facility is secured by all of the assets held by ACJB. The end of the reinvestment period and the stated maturity date for the SMBC Funding Facility are September 14, 2016 and September 14, 2021, respectively. The reinvestment period and the stated maturity date are both subject to two one-year extensions by mutual agreement. The interest rate charged on the SMBC Funding Facility is based on one month LIBOR plus an

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applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the SMBC Funding Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. Additionally, ACJB is required to pay a commitment fee of between 0.35% and 0.875% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the SMBC Funding Facility. As of September 30, 2014, there was $54.0 million outstanding under the SMBC Funding Facility and we and ACJB were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the SMBC Funding Facility.

Convertible Unsecured Notes

In January 2011, we issued $575 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible notes that mature on February 1, 2016 (the "February 2016 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In March 2011, we issued $230 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible notes that mature on June 1, 2016 (the "June 2016 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In March 2012, we issued $162.5 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible notes that mature on March 15, 2017 (the "2017 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In the fourth quarter of 2012, we issued $270.0 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible notes that mature on January 15, 2018 (the "2018 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In July 2013, we issued $300.0 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible notes that mature on January 15, 2019 (the "2019 Convertible Notes" and together with the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes and the 2018 Convertible Notes, the "Convertible Unsecured Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. We do not have the right to redeem the Convertible Unsecured Notes prior to maturity. The February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.750%, 5.125%, 4.875%, 4.750% and 4.375%, respectively, per year, payable semi-annually.

In certain circumstances, the Convertible Unsecured Notes will be convertible into cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, at our election, at their respective conversion rates (listed below as of September 30, 2014) subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments and the requirements of their respective indenture (the "Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures"). Prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding their respective conversion date (listed below), holders may convert their Convertible Unsecured Notes only under certain circumstances set forth in the respective Convertible Unsecured Notes Indenture. On or after their respective conversion dates until the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately preceding their respective maturity date, holders may convert their Convertible Unsecured Notes at any time. In addition, if we engage in certain corporate events as described in their respective Convertible Unsecured Notes Indenture, holders of the Convertible Unsecured Notes may require us to repurchase for cash all or part of the Convertible Unsecured Notes at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Unsecured Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest through, but excluding, the required repurchase date.

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Certain key terms related to the convertible features for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes as of September 30, 2014) are listed below.

	February 2016 Convertible Notes	June 2016 Convertible Notes	2017 Convertible Notes	2018 Convertible Notes	2019 Convertible Notes
Conversion premium	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%	15.0%
Closing stock price at issuance	$ 16.28	$ 16.20	$ 16.46	$ 16.91	$ 17.53
Closing stock price date	January 19, 2011	March 22, 2011	March 8, 2012	October 3, 2012	July 15, 2013
Conversion price(1)	$ 18.56	$ 18.47	$ 19.02	$ 19.70	$ 20.05
Conversion rate (shares per one thousand dollar principal amount)(1)	53.8839	54.1501	52.5696	50.7591	49.8854
Conversion dates	August 15, 2015	December 15, 2015	September 15, 2016	July 15, 2017	July 15, 2018

(1) Represents conversion price and conversion rate, as applicable, as of September 30, 2014, taking into account certain de minimis adjustments that will be made on the conversion date.

Unsecured Notes

2018 Notes

In November 2013, we issued $600.0 million in aggregate principal amount of unsecured notes, which bear interest at a rate of 4.875% per year and mature on November 30, 2018 (the "2018 Notes"). The 2018 Notes require payment of interest semi-annually, and all principal is due upon maturity. These notes are redeemable in whole or in part at any time at our option at a redemption price equal to par plus a "make whole" premium, as determined pursuant to the indenture governing the 2018 Notes, and any accrued and unpaid interest.

In January 2014, we issued an additional $150.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Notes at a premium of 102.7% of their principal amount.

February 2022 Notes

In February 2012, we issued $143.8 million in aggregate principal amount of unsecured notes, which bear interest at a rate of 7.00% per year and mature on February 15, 2022 (the "February 2022 Notes"). The February 2022 Notes require payment of interest quarterly, and all principal is due upon maturity. These notes are redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at our option on or after February 15, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest.

October 2022 Notes

In September 2012 and October 2012, we issued $182.5 million in aggregate principal amount of unsecured notes, which bear interest at a rate of 5.875% per year and mature on October 1, 2022 (the "October 2022 Notes"). The October 2022 Notes require payment of interest quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. These notes are redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at our option on or after October 1, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest.

2040 Notes

In October 2010, we issued $200.0 million in aggregate principal amount of unsecured notes which bear interest at a rate of 7.75% and mature on October 15, 2040 (the "2040 Notes"). The 2040 Notes require payment of interest quarterly, and all principal is due upon maturity. These notes are

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redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at our option on or after October 15, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest.

2047 Notes

As part of our acquisition of Allied Capital (the "Allied Acquisition"), we assumed $230.0 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured notes which bear interest at a rate of 6.875% and mature on April 15, 2047 (the "2047 Notes" and together with the 2018 Notes, the February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes and the 2040 Notes, the "Unsecured Notes"). The 2047 Notes require payment of interest quarterly, and all principal is due upon maturity. These notes are redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at our option, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest.

As of September 30, 2014, we were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures and the indentures governing the Unsecured Notes.

The Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes are our unsecured obligations and rank senior in right of payment to any future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes; equal in right of payment to our existing and future unsecured indebtedness that is not expressly subordinated; effectively junior in right of payment to any of our secured indebtedness (including existing unsecured indebtedness that we later secure) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness; and structurally junior to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) incurred by our subsidiaries, financing vehicles or similar facilities.

See "Recent Developments" as well as Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 for more information on the existing 2020 Notes issued subsequent to September 30, 2014. See Note 5 to our consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 for more detail on our debt obligations.

OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We have various commitments to fund investments in our portfolio, as described below.

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we had the following commitments to fund various revolving and delayed draw senior secured and subordinated loans, including commitments to fund which are at (or substantially at) our discretion:

	As of	
(in millions)	**September 30, 2014**	**December 31, 2013**
Total revolving and delayed draw commitments	$ 769.2	$ 834.5
Less: funded commitments	(139.4)	(87.1)
Total unfunded commitments	629.8	747.4
Less: commitments substantially at discretion of ours	(6.0)	(16.0)
Less: unavailable commitments due to borrowing base or other covenant restrictions		(1.7)
Total net adjusted unfunded revolving and delayed draw commitments	$ 623.8	$ 729.7

Included within the total revolving and delayed draw commitments as of September 30, 2014 were commitments to issue up to $79.8 million in letters of credit through a financial intermediary on behalf of certain portfolio companies. As of September 30, 2014, we had $20.4 million in letters of

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credit issued and outstanding under these commitments on behalf of the portfolio companies. In addition to these letters of credit included as a part of the total revolving and delayed draw commitments to portfolio companies, as of September 30, 2014, we also had $5.3 million of letters of credit issued and outstanding on behalf of other portfolio companies. For all these letters of credit issued and outstanding, we would be required to make payments to third parties if the portfolio companies were to default on their related payment obligations. None of these letters of credit issued and outstanding are recorded as a liability on our balance sheet as such letters of credit are considered in the valuation of the investments in the portfolio company. Of these letters of credit, $0.1 million expire in 2014, $25.0 million expire in 2015 and $0.6 million expire in 2016.

We also have commitments to co-invest in the SSLP for our portion of the SSLP's commitments to fund delayed draw investments to certain portfolio companies of the SSLP. See "Senior Secured Loan Program" above and Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 for more information.

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we were party to subscription agreements to fund equity investments in private equity investment partnerships as follows:

	As of	
(in millions)	**September 30, 2014**	**December 31, 2013**
Total private equity commitments	$ 109.5	$ 59.5
Less: funded private equity commitments	(15.2)	(11.9)
Total unfunded private equity commitments	94.3	47.6
Less: private equity commitments substantially at discretion of ours	(91.2)	(43.2)
Total net adjusted unfunded private equity commitments	$ 3.1	$ 4.4

In the ordinary course of business, we may sell certain of our investments to third party purchasers. In particular, in connection with the sale of certain controlled portfolio company equity investments (as well as certain other sales), we have, and may continue to do so in the future, agreed to indemnify such purchasers for future liabilities arising from the investments and the related sale transaction. Such indemnification provisions have given rise to liabilities in the past and may do so in the future.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

We have applied to the SBA for a license to allow a new wholly owned subsidiary to operate as a SBIC under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. In May 2014, we received a "green light" or "go forth letter" from the SBA inviting us to continue our application process to obtain a license to form and operate an SBIC subsidiary, and we submitted our license application in October 2014. If approved, the license would provide us with an incremental source of long-term debt capital. Receipt of a green light letter from the SBA does not assure an applicant that the SBA will ultimately issue an SBIC license, and we have received no assurance or indication from the SBA that we will receive an SBIC license, or of the timeframe in which we would receive a license, should one ultimately be granted.

In November 2014, we declared a fourth quarter 2014 dividend of $0.38 per share payable on December 31, 2014 to stockholders of record as of December 15, 2014.

In November 2014, we issued $400 million aggregate principal amount of the existing 2020 Notes. We used the net proceeds of the issuance of the existing 2020 Notes to repay certain outstanding indebtedness under our debt facilities and for general corporate purposes, which included

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investing in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective. The Notes offered hereby will be treated as a single series with the existing 2020 Notes under the indenture and will have the same terms as the existing 2020 Notes. See "Description of Notes."

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with GAAP, and include the accounts of ours and our consolidated subsidiaries. We are an investment company following accounting and reporting guidance in Accounting Standards Codification 946. The consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications that, in the opinion of management, are necessary for the fair presentation of the results of the operations and financial condition as of and for the periods presented. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP for interim financial information and pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-Q and Articles 6 or 10 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring accruals considered necessary for the fair presentation of financial statements for the interim period presented, have been included. The current period's results of operations will not necessarily be indicative of results that ultimately may be achieved for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include funds from time to time deposited with financial institutions and short-term, liquid investments in a money market fund. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost which approximates fair value.

Concentration of Credit Risk

We place our cash and cash equivalents with financial institutions and, at times, cash held in money market accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit.

Investments

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the amortized cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized gains or losses previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the period, net of recoveries. Unrealized gains or losses primarily reflect the change in investment values, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized gains or losses when gains or losses are realized.

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are typically valued at such market quotations. In order to validate market quotations, we look at a number of factors to determine if the quotations are representative of fair value, including the source and nature of the quotations. Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or whose market prices are not readily available (i.e., substantially all of our investments) are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors, based on, among other things, the input of our investment adviser, audit committee and independent third-party valuation firms that have been engaged at the direction of our board of directors to assist in the valuation of each portfolio investment without a readily available market quotation at least once during a trailing 12-month period (with certain de minimis exceptions) and under a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. The valuation process is conducted at the end of each fiscal quarter, and a minimum of 55% of our portfolio at fair value is

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subject to review by an independent valuation firm each quarter. In addition, our independent registered public accounting firm obtains an understanding of, and performs select procedures relating to, our investment valuation process within the context of performing the integrated audit.

As part of the valuation process, we may take into account the following types of factors, if relevant, in determining the fair value of our investments: the enterprise value of a portfolio company (the entire value of the portfolio company to a market participant, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time), the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flow, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, a comparison of the portfolio company's securities to any similar publicly traded securities, changes in the interest rate environment and the credit markets generally that may affect the price at which similar investments would trade in their principal markets and other relevant factors. When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, we consider the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate our valuation.

Because there is not a readily available market value for most of the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors, as described herein. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments may fluctuate from period to period. Additionally, the fair value of our investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that we may ultimately realize. Further, such investments are generally subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or otherwise are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If we were required to liquidate a portfolio investment in a forced or liquidation sale, we could realize significantly less than the value at which we have recorded it.

In addition, 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 unrealized gains or losses reflected in the valuations currently assigned.

Our board of directors undertakes a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

Our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment in conjunction with our portfolio management team.

Preliminary valuations are reviewed and discussed with our investment adviser's management and investment professionals, and then valuation recommendations are presented to our board of directors.

The audit committee of our board of directors reviews these valuations, as well as the input of third parties, including independent third-party valuation firms, who review a minimum of 55% of our portfolio at fair value.

Our board of directors discusses valuations and ultimately determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio without a readily available market quotation in good faith based on, among other things, the input of our investment adviser, audit committee and, where applicable, independent third-party valuation firms.

Interest and Dividend Income Recognition

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis and includes the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. Discounts from and premiums to par value on securities purchased are

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accreted/amortized into interest income over the life of the respective security using the effective yield method. The amortized cost of investments represents the original cost adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, if any.

Loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest payments are past due 30 days or more or when there is reasonable doubt that principal or interest will be collected in full. Accrued and unpaid interest is generally reversed when a loan is placed on non-accrual status. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment regarding collectability. 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. We may make exceptions to this if the loan has sufficient collateral value and is in the process of collection.

Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded as dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are payable by the portfolio company and are expected to be collected. Dividend income on common equity securities is recorded on the record date for private portfolio companies or on the ex-dividend date for publicly traded portfolio companies.

Payment-in-Kind Interest

We have loans in our portfolio that contain payment-in-kind ("PIK") provisions. 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 interest income. To maintain our status as a RIC, this non-cash source of income must be paid out to stockholders in the form of dividends even though we have not yet collected the cash.

Capital Structuring Service Fees and Other Income

Our investment adviser seeks to provide assistance to our portfolio companies in connection with our investments and in return we may receive fees for capital structuring services. These fees are generally only available to us as a result of our underlying investments, are normally paid at the closing of the investments, are generally non-recurring and are recognized as revenue when earned upon closing of the investment. The services that our investment adviser provides vary by investment, but generally include reviewing existing credit facilities, arranging bank financing, arranging equity financing, structuring financing from multiple lenders, structuring financing from multiple equity investors, restructuring existing loans, raising equity and debt capital, and providing general financial advice, which concludes upon closing of the investment. Any services of the above nature subsequent to the closing would generally generate a separate fee payable to us. In certain instances where we are invited to participate as a co-lender in a transaction and do not provide significant services in connection with the investment, a portion of loan fees paid to us in such situations will be deferred and amortized over the estimated life of the loan. We may also take a seat on the board of directors of a portfolio company, or observe the meetings of the board of directors without taking a formal seat.

Other income includes fees for asset management, management and consulting services, loan guarantees, commitments, amendments and other services rendered by us to portfolio companies. Such fees are recognized as income when earned or the services are rendered.

Foreign Currency Translation

Our books and records are maintained in U.S. dollars. Any foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis:

(1) Fair value of investment securities, other assets and liabilities at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the period.

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(2) Purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses at the exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions, income or expenses.

Results of operations based on changes in foreign exchange rates are separately disclosed in the statement of operations. Foreign security and currency translations may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies and U.S. government securities. These risks include, but are not limited to, currency fluctuations and revaluations and future adverse political, social and economic developments, which could cause investments in foreign markets to be less liquid and prices more volatile than those of comparable U.S. companies or U.S. government securities.

Accounting for Derivative Instruments

We do not utilize hedge accounting and instead mark our derivatives to market in our consolidated statement of operations.

Equity Offering Expenses

Our offering costs, excluding underwriters' fees, are charged against the proceeds from equity offerings when received.

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs are amortized over the life of the related debt instrument using the straight line method or the effective yield method, depending on the type of debt instrument.

Income Taxes

We have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code and operate in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. To qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, meet certain source-of- income and asset diversification requirements and timely distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. We, among other things, have made and intend to continue to make the requisite distributions to our stockholders, which will generally relieve us from U.S. federal corporate-level income taxes.

Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year dividend distributions from such current year taxable income into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. To the extent that we determine that our estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions, we accrue excise tax, if any, on estimated excess taxable income as such taxable income is earned.

Certain of our consolidated subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal and state corporate-level income taxes.

Dividends to Common Stockholders

Dividends and distributions to common stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount to be paid out as a dividend is determined by our board of directors each quarter and is generally based upon the earnings estimated by management. Net realized capital gains, if any, are generally distributed, although we may decide to retain such capital gains for investment.

We have adopted a dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of any distributions we declare in cash on behalf of our stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash. As a result, if our board of directors authorizes, and we declare, a cash dividend, then our

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stockholders who have not "opted out" of our dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, rather than receiving the cash dividend. We intend to use primarily newly issued shares to implement the dividend reinvestment plan (so long as we are trading at a premium to net asset value). If our shares are trading at a significant enough discount to net asset value and we are otherwise permitted under applicable law to purchase such shares, we intend to purchase shares in the open market in connection with our obligations under our dividend reinvestment plan. However, we reserve the right to issue new shares of our common stock in connection with our obligations under the dividend reinvestment plan even if our shares are trading below net asset value.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of actual and contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income or loss and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates include the valuation of investments.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)." The guidance in this ASU supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Topic 605, "Revenue Recognition." Under the new guidance, an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The amendments in ASU No. 2014-09 are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early application is not permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting this ASU on our consolidated financial statements.

QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are subject to financial market risks, including changes in interest rates and the valuations of our investment portfolio.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate sensitivity refers to the change in our earnings that may result from changes in the level of interest rates. Because we fund a portion of our investments with borrowings, our net investment income is affected by the difference between the rate at which we invest and the rate at which we borrow. 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.

As of September 30, 2014, 82% of the investments at fair value in our portfolio bore interest at variable rates, 8% bore interest at fixed rates, 8% were non-interest earning and 2% were on non-accrual status. Additionally, for the variable rate investments, 72% of these investments contained interest rate floors (representing 59% of total investments at fair value). The Facilities all bear interest at variable rates with no interest rate floors, while the Unsecured Notes and the Convertible Unsecured Notes bear interest at fixed rates.

We regularly measure our exposure to interest rate risk. We assess interest rate risk and manage our interest rate exposure on an ongoing basis by comparing our interest rate sensitive assets to our interest rate sensitive liabilities. Based on that review, we determine whether or not any hedging transactions are necessary to mitigate exposure to changes in interest rates.

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While hedging activities may mitigate our exposure to adverse fluctuations in interest rates, certain hedging transactions that we may enter into in the future, such as interest rate swap agreements, may also limit our ability to participate in the benefits of lower interest rates with respect to our portfolio investments. In addition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to effectively hedge our interest rate risk.

Based on our September 30, 2014, balance sheet, the following table shows the annual impact on net income of base rate changes in interest rates (considering interest rate floors for variable rate instruments) assuming no changes in our investment and borrowing structure:

(in millions) Basis Point Change	Interest Income	Interest Expense	Net Income(1)
Up 300 basis points	$ 139.6	$ 21.4	$ 118.2
Up 200 basis points	$ 67.4	$ 14.2	$ 53.2
Up 100 basis points	$ (3.6)	$ 7.1	$ (10.7)
Down 100 basis points	$ 6.7	$ (1.2)	$ 7.9
Down 200 basis points	$ 6.7	$ (1.2)	$ 7.9
Down 300 basis points	$ 6.7	$ (1.2)	$ 7.9

(1) Excludes the impact of income based fees. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 for more information on the income based fees.

Based on our December 31, 2013 balance sheet, the following table shows the annual impact on net income of base rate changes in interest rates (considering interest rate floors for variable rate instruments) assuming no changes in our investment and borrowing structure:

(in millions) Basis Point Change	Interest Income	Interest Expense	Net Income(1)
Up 300 basis points	$ 98.2	$ 5.6	$ 92.6
Up 200 basis points	$ 38.7	$ 3.7	$ 35.0
Up 100 basis points	$ (19.0)	$ 1.9	$ (20.9)
Down 100 basis points	$ 6.3	$ (0.3)	$ 6.6
Down 200 basis points	$ 6.3	$ (0.3)	$ 6.6
Down 300 basis points	$ 6.3	$ (0.3)	$ 6.6

(1) Excludes the impact of income based fees. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 for more information on the income based fees.

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SENIOR SECURITIES
(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

Information about our senior securities (including preferred stock, debt securities and other indebtedness) is shown in the following tables as of the end of each fiscal year ended December 31 since we commenced operations and as of September 30, 2014. The report of our independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG LLP, on the senior securities table as of December 31, 2013, is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is a part. The " " indicates information that the SEC expressly does not require to be disclosed for certain types of senior securities.

Class and Year	Total Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Treasury Securities(1)	Asset Coverage Per Unit(2)	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Unit(3)	Average Market Value Per Unit(4)
Revolving Credit Facility				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 335,000	$ 2,427	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$	$	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$	$	$	N/A
Fiscal 2011	$ 395,000	$ 2,518	$	N/A
Fiscal 2010	$ 146,000	$ 3,213	$	N/A
Fiscal 2009	$ 474,144	$ 2,298	$	N/A
Fiscal 2008	$ 480,486	$ 2,205	$	N/A
Fiscal 2007	$ 282,528	$ 2,650	$	N/A
Fiscal 2006	$ 193,000	$ 2,638	$	N/A
Fiscal 2005	$	$	$	N/A
Revolving Funding Facility				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 324,000	$ 2,427	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 185,000	$ 2,642	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$ 300,000	$ 2,816	$	N/A
Fiscal 2011	$ 463,000	$ 2,518	$	N/A
Fiscal 2010	$ 242,050	$ 3,213	$	N/A
Fiscal 2009	$ 221,569	$ 2,298	$	N/A
Fiscal 2008	$ 114,300	$ 2,205	$	N/A
Fiscal 2007	$ 85,000	$ 2,650	$	N/A
Fiscal 2006	$ 15,000	$ 2,638	$	N/A
Fiscal 2005	$ 18,000	$ 32,645	$	N/A
Fiscal 2004	$ 55,500	$ 3,878	$	N/A
Revolving Funding II Facility				
Fiscal 2009	$	$	$	N/A
SMBC Revolving Funding Facility				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 54,000	$ 2,427	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$	$	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$	$	$	N/A
Debt Securitization				
Fiscal 2011	$ 77,531	$ 2,518	$	N/A
Fiscal 2010	$ 155,297	$ 3,213	$	N/A
Fiscal 2009	$ 273,752	$ 2,298	$	N/A
Fiscal 2008	$ 314,000	$ 2,205	$	N/A
Fiscal 2007	$ 314,000	$ 2,650	$	N/A
Fiscal 2006	$ 274,000	$ 2,638	$	N/A

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Class and Year	Total Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Treasury Securities(1)	Asset Coverage Per Unit(2)	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Unit(3)	Average Market Value Per Unit(4)
February 2016 Convertible Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 562,805	$ 2,427	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 556,456	$ 2,642	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$ 548,521	$ 2,816	$	N/A
Fiscal 2011	$ 541,153	$ 2,518	$	N/A
June 2016 Convertible Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 224,196	$ 2,427	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 221,788	$ 2,642	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$ 218,761	$ 2,816	$	N/A
Fiscal 2011	$ 215,931	$ 2,518	$	N/A
2017 Convertible Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 159,936	$ 2,427	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 159,220	$ 2,642	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$ 158,312	$ 2,816	$	N/A
2018 Convertible Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 265,091	$ 2,427	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 264,097	$ 2,642	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$ 262,829	$ 2,816	$	N/A
2019 Convertible Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 295,913	$ 2,427	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 295,279	$ 2,642	$	N/A
2011 Notes				
Fiscal 2010	$ 296,258	$ 3,213	$	$1,018
2012 Notes				
Fiscal 2010	$ 158,108	$ 3,213	$	$1,018
2018 Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 750,745	$ 2,427	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 596,756	$ 2,642	$	N/A
February 2022 Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 143,750	$ 2,427	$	$1,029
Fiscal 2013	$ 143,750	$ 2,642	$	$1,043
Fiscal 2012	$ 143,750	$ 2,816	$	$1,035
October 2022 Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 182,500	$ 2,427	$	$1,013
Fiscal 2013	$ 182,500	$ 2,642	$	$993
Fiscal 2012	$ 182,500	$ 2,816		$986
2040 Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 200,000	$ 2,427	$	$1,040
Fiscal 2013	$ 200,000	$ 2,642	$	$1,038
Fiscal 2012	$ 200,000	$ 2,816	$	$1,041
Fiscal 2011	$ 200,000	$ 2,518	$	$984
Fiscal 2010	$ 200,000	$ 3,213	$	$952

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Class and Year	Total Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Treasury Securities(1)	Asset Coverage Per Unit(2)	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Unit(3)	Average Market Value Per Unit(4)
2047 Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of September 30, 2014, unaudited)	$ 181,265	$ 2,427	$	$980
Fiscal 2013	$ 181,429	$ 2,642	$	$972
Fiscal 2012	$ 181,199	$ 2,816	$	$978
Fiscal 2011	$ 180,988	$ 2,518	$	$917
Fiscal 2010	$ 180,795	$ 3,213	$	$847

(1) Total amount of each class of senior securities outstanding at carrying value at the end of the period presented.

(2) The asset coverage ratio for a class of senior securities representing indebtedness is calculated as our consolidated total assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, divided by total senior securities representing indebtedness. This asset coverage ratio is multiplied by $1,000 to determine the "Asset Coverage Per Unit" (including for the February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes, the 2040 Notes and the 2047 Notes, which were issued in $25 increments).

(3) The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon our involuntary liquidation in preference to any security junior to it.

(4) Not applicable, except for with respect to the 2011 Notes, the 2012 Notes, the February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes, the 2040 Notes and the 2047 Notes, as other senior securities are not registered for public trading. The average market value per unit for each of the 2011 Notes, the 2012 Notes, the February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes, the 2040 Notes and the 2047 Notes is based on the average daily prices of such notes and is expressed per $1,000 of indebtedness (including for the February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes, the 2040 Notes and the 2047 Notes, which were issued in $25 increments).

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DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

The following description of the particular terms of the 3.875% Notes due 2020 supplements and, to the extent inconsistent with, replaces the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities set forth in the accompanying prospectus.

On November 21, 2014, we issued $400 million in aggregate principal amount of our 3.875% senior notes due 2020 (the "existing 2020 Notes") under a base indenture dated as of October 21, 2010, between us and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "trustee"), as supplemented by the Fifth Supplemental Indenture between us and the trustee, dated as of November 21, 2014 (together, the "indenture"). We may issue additional Notes ("additional Notes") from time to time under the indenture, subject to the terms and conditions of the indenture, and the Notes offered hereby will constitute additional Notes for purposes of the indenture. The $ million aggregate principal amount of additional Notes offered hereby will be treated as a single series with the existing 2020 Notes under the indenture and will have the same terms as the existing 2020 Notes. The Notes offered hereby will have the same CUSIP number and will be fungible and rank equally with the existing 2020 Notes. Unless the context otherwise requires, for all purposes of this "Description of Notes," references to the "Notes" or the "2020 Notes" include the Notes offered hereby, the existing 2020 Notes and any further additional Notes that may be issued from time to time under the indenture. The terms of the Notes include those expressly set forth in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, or the TIA.

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the Notes and the indenture and does not purport to be complete. This summary is subject to and is qualified by reference to all the provisions of the Notes and the indenture, including the definitions of certain terms used in the indenture. We urge you to read these documents because they, and not this description, define your rights as a holder of the Notes. You may request a copy of the indenture from us by making a written request to Ares Capital Corporation, 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067 or by calling us at (310) 401-4200.

For purposes of this description, references to "we," "our" and "us" refer only to Ares Capital and not to any of its current or future subsidiaries and references to "subsidiaries" refer only to our consolidated subsidiaries and exclude any investments held by Ares Capital in the ordinary course of business which are not, under GAAP, consolidated on the financial statements of Ares Capital and its subsidiaries.

General

The Notes:

- will be our general unsecured, senior obligations;
- were initially issued in an aggregate principal amount of $400.0 million, not including the $ million aggregate principal amount of Notes being offered hereby;
- will mature on January 15, 2020, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased, as discussed below;
- will bear cash interest from November 21, 2014 at an annual rate of 3.875% payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 of each year, beginning on July 15, 2015;
- will be subject to redemption at our option as described under " Optional Redemption;"

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will be subject to repurchase by us at the option of the holders following a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined below under " Offer to Repurchase Upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event"), at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be repurchased, *plus* accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of repurchase;

will be issued in denominations of $2,000 and integral multiples of $1,000 thereof; and

will be represented by one or more registered Notes in global form, but in certain limited circumstances may be represented by Notes in definitive form. See " Book-Entry, Settlement and Clearance."

The indenture does not limit the amount of debt that may be issued by us or our subsidiaries under the indenture or otherwise. The indenture does not contain any financial covenants and does not restrict us from paying dividends or issuing or repurchasing our other securities. Other than restrictions described under " Offer to Repurchase Upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event" and " Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets" below, the indenture does not contain any covenants or other provisions designed to afford holders of the Notes protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction involving us or in the event of a decline in our credit rating as the result of a takeover, recapitalization, highly leveraged transaction or similar restructuring involving us that could adversely affect such holders.

We may, without the consent of the holders, issue additional Notes under the indenture with the same terms (except for the issue date, public offering price and, if applicable, the initial interest payment date) and with the same CUSIP numbers as the Notes offered hereby in an unlimited aggregate principal amount; *provided* that such additional Notes must be part of the same issue as the Notes offered hereby for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The $ million aggregate principal amount of Notes offered hereby will be issued as additional Notes under the indenture.

We do not intend to list the Notes on any securities exchange or any automated dealer quotation system.

Payments on the Notes; Paying Agent and Registrar; Transfer and Exchange

We will pay the principal of, and interest on, Notes in global form registered in the name of or held by DTC or its nominee in immediately available funds to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder of such Global Note (as defined below).

Payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and any such interest on the Notes will be made at the corporate trust office of the trustee in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided*, *however*, that at our option payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the security register.

A holder of Notes may transfer or exchange Notes at the office of the registrar in accordance with the indenture. The registrar and the trustee may require a holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents. No service charge will be imposed by us, the trustee or the registrar for any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, but we may require a holder to pay a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or other similar governmental charge required by law or permitted by the indenture.

The registered holder of a Note will be treated as its owner for all purposes.

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Interest

The Notes will bear cash interest at a rate of 3.875% per year until maturity. Interest on the Notes will accrue from November 21, 2014 or from the most recent date on which interest has been paid or duly provided for. Interest will be payable semiannually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year, beginning on July 15, 2015.

Interest will be paid to the person in whose name a Note is registered at 5:00 p.m. New York City time (the "close of business") on January 1 or July 1, as the case may be, immediately preceding the relevant interest payment date (each, a "regular record date"). Interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months.

If any interest payment date, redemption date, the maturity date or any earlier required repurchase date upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event (defined below) of a Note falls on a day that is not a business day, the required payment will be made on the next succeeding business day and no interest on such payment will accrue in respect of the delay. The term "business day" means, with respect to any Note, any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

Ranking

The Notes will be our general unsecured obligations that rank senior in right of payment to all of our future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated, or junior, in right of payment to the Notes. The Notes will rank pari passu, or equally, in right of payment with all of our existing and future liabilities that are not so subordinated, or junior. The Notes will effectively rank subordinated, or junior, to any of our secured indebtedness (including unsecured indebtedness that we later secure) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. The Notes will rank structurally subordinated, or junior, to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) incurred by our subsidiaries, financing vehicles or similar facilities. In the event of our bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization or other winding up, our assets that secure secured debt will be available to pay obligations on the Notes only after all indebtedness under such secured debt has been repaid in full from such assets. We advise you that there may not be sufficient assets remaining to pay amounts due on any or all the Notes then outstanding.

As of December 31, 2014, our total consolidated indebtedness was approximately $4.0 billion aggregate principal amount outstanding, of which approximately $170 million was secured indebtedness at the Ares Capital level, and of which an aggregate of approximately $386 million was indebtedness of our subsidiaries. After giving effect to the issuance of the Notes, including the Notes offered hereby, and assuming the proceeds therefrom are used to repay outstanding borrowings under the Facilities, our total consolidated indebtedness would have been approximately $4.0 billion aggregate principal amount outstanding as of December 31, 2014. See "The Company Recent Developments" and "Capitalization" for more information on our outstanding indebtedness.

Optional Redemption

We may redeem some or all of the Notes at any time, or from time to time. If we choose to redeem any Notes prior to maturity, we will pay a redemption price equal to the greater of the following amounts, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date:

- 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, or
- the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (exclusive of accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption) on the Notes to be redeemed, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30- day months) using the applicable Treasury Rate plus 35 basis points;

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provided, however, that if we redeem any Notes on or after December 15, 2019 (the date falling one month prior to the maturity date of the Notes), the redemption price for the Notes will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

If we choose to redeem any Notes, we will deliver a notice of redemption to holders of Notes not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before the redemption date. If we are redeeming less than all of the Notes, the particular Notes to be redeemed will be selected in accordance with the applicable procedures of the trustee and, so long as the Notes are registered to DTC or its nominee, DTC; *provided, however*, that no such partial redemption shall reduce the portion of the principal amount of a Note not redeemed to less than $2,000. Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes or portions of the Notes called for redemption.

For purposes of calculating the redemption price in connection with the redemption of the Notes, on any redemption date, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

"Treasury Rate" means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield-to-maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue (computed as of the third business day immediately preceding the redemption), assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date. The redemption price and the Treasury Rate will be determined by us.

"Comparable Treasury Issue" means the United States Treasury security selected by the Reference Treasury Dealer as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the Notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financing practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Notes being redeemed.

"Comparable Treasury Price" means (1) the average of the remaining Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for the redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the Quotation Agent obtains fewer than four such reference treasury dealer quotations, the average of all such quotations.

"Quotation Agent" means a Reference Treasury Dealer selected by us.

"Reference Treasury Dealer" means each of (1) Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, (2) J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and (3) Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, or their respective affiliates which are primary U.S. government securities dealers and their respective successors; *provided*, *however*, that if any of the foregoing or their affiliates shall cease to be a primary U.S. government securities dealer in the United States (a "Primary Treasury Dealer"), we shall select another Primary Treasury Dealer.

"Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations" means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Quotation Agent, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Quotation Agent by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 3:30 p.m. New York time on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

All determinations made by any Reference Treasury Dealer, including the Quotation Agent, with respect to determining the redemption price will be final and binding absent manifest error.

Offer to Repurchase Upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event

If a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the Notes in full, we will make an offer to each holder of Notes to repurchase all or any part (in

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minimum denominations of $2,000 and integral multiples of $1,000 principal amount) of that holder's Notes at a repurchase price in cash equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes repurchased to the date of purchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control Repurchase Event or, at our option, prior to any Change of Control, but after the public announcement of the Change of Control, we will mail a notice to each holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control Repurchase Event and offering to repurchase Notes on the payment date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed. The notice shall, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Repurchase Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice. We will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control Repurchase Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the Notes, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the Notes by virtue of such conflict.

On the Change of Control Repurchase Event payment date, subject to extension if necessary to comply with the provisions of the Investment Company Act, we will, to the extent lawful:

(1) accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered pursuant to our offer;

(2) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered; and

(3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the Notes properly accepted, together with an officers' certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes being purchased by us.

The paying agent will promptly remit to each holder of Notes properly tendered the purchase price for the Notes, and the trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Notes surrendered; *provided* that each new Note will be in a minimum principal amount of $2,000 or an integral multiple of $1,000 in excess thereof.

We will not be required to make an offer to repurchase the Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event if a third party makes an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by us and such third party purchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

The source of funds that will be required to repurchase Notes in the event of a Change of Control Repurchase Event will be our available cash or cash generated from our operations or other potential sources, including funds provided by a purchaser in the Change of Control transaction, borrowings, sales of assets or sales of equity. We cannot assure you that sufficient funds from such sources will be available at the time of any Change of Control Repurchase Event to make required repurchases of Notes tendered. The terms of our Facilities provide that certain change of control events will constitute an event of default thereunder entitling the lenders to accelerate any indebtedness outstanding under the Facilities at that time and to terminate the Facilities. In addition, the indentures governing our Convertible Unsecured Notes contain a provision that would require us to offer to purchase the Convertible Unsecured Notes upon the occurrence of a fundamental change. A failure to purchase any tendered Convertible Unsecured Notes would constitute an event of default under the indentures for the Convertible Unsecured Notes, as applicable, which would, in turn, constitute a

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default under the Facilities and the indenture governing the Notes. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources" for a general discussion of our indebtedness. Our future debt instruments may contain similar restrictions and provisions. If the holders of the Notes exercise their right to require us to repurchase Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event, the financial effect of this repurchase could cause a default under our future debt instruments, even if the Change of Control Repurchase Event itself would not cause a default. It is possible that we will not have sufficient funds at the time of the Change of Control Repurchase Event to make the required repurchase of the Notes and/or our other debt. See "Risk Factors We may not be able to repurchase the Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event."

The definition of "Change of Control" includes a phrase relating to the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of "all or substantially all" of our properties or assets and those of our subsidiaries taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase "substantially all," there is no precise, established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a holder of Notes to require us to repurchase the Notes as a result of a sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries taken as a whole to another person or group may be uncertain.

For purposes of the Notes:

"Below Investment Grade Rating Event" means the Notes are downgraded below Investment Grade by both Rating Agencies on any date from the date of the public notice of an arrangement that results in a Change of Control until the end of the 60-day period following public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the Notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by either of the Rating Agencies); *provided* that a Below Investment Grade Rating Event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Below Investment Grade Rating Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Repurchase Event hereunder) if the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not announce or publicly confirm or inform the trustee in writing at its request that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Below Investment Grade Rating Event).

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation) in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of Ares Capital and its Controlled Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any "person" or "group" (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than to any Permitted Holders; *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, a pledge of assets pursuant to any secured debt instrument of Ares Capital or its Controlled Subsidiaries shall not be deemed to be any such sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or disposition;

(2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" or "group" (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) (other than any Permitted Holders) becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the outstanding Voting Stock of Ares Capital, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; or

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(3) the approval by Ares Capital's stockholders of any plan or proposal relating to the liquidation or dissolution of Ares Capital.

"Change of Control Repurchase Event" means the occurrence of a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event.

"Controlled Subsidiary" means any subsidiary of Ares Capital, 50% or more of the outstanding equity interests of which are owned by Ares Capital and its direct or indirect subsidiaries and of which Ares Capital possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies, whether through the ownership of voting equity interests, by agreement or otherwise.

"Fitch" means Fitch, Inc., also known as Fitch Ratings, or any successor thereto.

"Investment Grade" means a rating of BBB- or better by Fitch (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Fitch) and BBB- or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of S&P) (or, in each case, if such Rating Agency ceases to rate the Notes for reasons outside of our control, the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any Rating Agency selected by us as a replacement Rating Agency).

"Permitted Holders" means (i) us, (ii) one or more of our Controlled Subsidiaries and (iii) Ares Capital Management LLC or any affiliate of Ares Capital Management LLC that is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction located in the United States of America and in the business of managing or advising clients.

"Rating Agency" means:

(1) each of Fitch and S&P; and

(2) if either of Fitch or S&P ceases to rate the Notes or fails to make a rating of the Notes publicly available for reasons outside of our control, a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" as defined in Section (3)(a)(62) of the Exchange Act selected by us as a replacement agency for Fitch or S&P, or both, as the case may be.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of McGraw-Hill, Inc., or any successor thereto.

"Voting Stock" as applied to stock of any person, means shares, interests, participations or other equivalents in the equity interest (however designated) in such person having ordinary voting power for the election of a majority of the directors (or the equivalent) of such person, other than shares, interests, participations or other equivalents having such power only by reason of the occurrence of a contingency.

Covenants

In addition to the covenants described in the base indenture, the following covenants shall apply to the Notes. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency between the base indenture and the following covenants, the following covenants shall govern:

Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets

The indenture provides that we will not merge or consolidate with or into any other person (other than a merger of a wholly owned subsidiary into us), or sell, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all our property (*provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, a pledge of assets pursuant to any secured debt instrument of Ares Capital or its Controlled Subsidiaries shall not

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be deemed to be any such sale, transfer, lease, conveyance or disposition) in any one transaction or series of related transactions unless:

- we are the surviving person (the "Surviving Person") or the Surviving Person (if other than us) formed by such merger or consolidation or to which such sale, transfer, lease, conveyance or disposition is made shall be a corporation or limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or any state or territory thereof;

- the Surviving Person (if other than us) expressly assumes, by supplemental indenture in form reasonably satisfactory to the trustee, executed and delivered to the trustee by such Surviving Person, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, all the Notes outstanding, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all the covenants and conditions of the indenture to be performed by us;

- immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such transaction or series of related transactions, no default or event of default shall have occurred and be continuing; and

- we shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the trustee, an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that such transaction and the supplemental indenture, if any, in respect thereto, comply with this covenant and that all conditions precedent in the indenture relating to such transaction have been complied with.

For the purposes of this covenant, the sale, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all the property of one or more of our subsidiaries, which property, if held by us instead of such subsidiaries, would constitute all or substantially all of our property on a consolidated basis, shall be deemed to be the transfer of all or substantially all of our property.

Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase "substantially all", there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, in certain circumstances there may be a degree of uncertainty as to whether a particular transaction would involve "all or substantially all" of the properties or assets of a person. As a result, it may be unclear as to whether the merger, consolidation or sale of assets covenant would apply to a particular transaction as described above absent a decision by a court of competent jurisdiction. Although these types of transactions are permitted under the indenture, certain of the foregoing transactions could constitute a Change of Control that results in a Change of Control Repurchase Event permitting each holder to require us to repurchase the Notes of such holder as described above.

An assumption by any person of obligations under the Notes and the indenture might be deemed for U.S. federal income tax purposes to be an exchange of the Notes for new Notes by the holders thereof, resulting in recognition of gain or loss for such purposes and possibly other adverse tax consequences to the holders. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of such an assumption.

Other Covenants

- We agree that for the period of time during which the Notes are outstanding, we will not violate, whether or not we are subject to, Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act or any successor provisions.

- If, at any time, we are not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act to file any periodic reports with the SEC, we agree to furnish to holders of the Notes and the trustee, for the period of time during which the Notes are outstanding, our audited annual consolidated financial statements, within 90 days of our

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fiscal year end, and unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, within 45 days of our fiscal quarter end (other than our fourth fiscal quarter). All such financial statements will be prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP, as applicable.

Events of Default

Each of the following is an event of default:

(1) default in the payment of any interest upon any Note when due and payable and the default continues for a period of 30 days;

(2) default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Note when it becomes due and payable at its maturity including upon any redemption date or required repurchase date;

(3) our failure for 60 consecutive days after written notice from the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding has been received to comply with any of our other agreements contained in the Notes or indenture;

(4) default by us or any of our significant subsidiaries, as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act (but excluding any subsidiary which is (a) a non-recourse or limited recourse subsidiary, (b) a bankruptcy remote special purpose vehicle or (c) is not consolidated with Ares Capital for purposes of GAAP), with respect to any mortgage, agreement or other instrument under which there may be outstanding, or by which there may be secured or evidenced, any indebtedness for money borrowed in excess of $75 million in the aggregate of us and/or any such subsidiary, whether such indebtedness now exists or shall hereafter be created (i) resulting in such indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable or (ii) constituting a failure to pay the principal or interest of any such debt when due and payable at its stated maturity, upon required repurchase, upon declaration of acceleration or otherwise, unless, in either case, such indebtedness is discharged, or such acceleration is rescinded, stayed or annulled, within a period of 30 calendar days after written notice of such failure is given to us by the trustee or to us and the trustee by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding;

(5) Pursuant to Section 18(a)(1)(c)(ii) and Section 61 of the Investment Company Act, on the last business day of each of 24 consecutive calendar months, any class of securities shall have an asset coverage (as such term is used in the Investment Company Act) of less than 100%; or

(6) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization involving us occur and remain undischarged or unstayed for a period of 60 days.

If an event of default occurs and is continuing, then and in every such case (other than an event of default specified in item (6) above) the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes may declare the entire principal amount of Notes to be due and immediately payable, by a notice in writing to us (and to the trustee if given by the holders), and upon any such declaration such principal or specified portion thereof shall become immediately due and payable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of the events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization described in item (6) above, 100% of the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes will automatically become due and payable.

At any time after a declaration of acceleration with respect to the Notes has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the trustee, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes, by written notice to us and the

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trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if (i) we have paid or deposited with the trustee a sum sufficient to pay all overdue installments of interest, if any, on all outstanding Notes, the principal of (and premium, if any, on) all outstanding Notes that have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest thereon at the rate or rates borne by or provided for in such Notes, to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful interest upon overdue installments of interest at the rate or rates borne by or provided for in such Notes, and all sums paid or advanced by the trustee and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the trustee, its agents and counsel, and (ii) all events of default with respect to the Notes, other than the nonpayment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) or interest on such Notes that have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived. No such rescission will affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

No holder of Notes will have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy under the indenture, unless

(i) such holder has previously given written notice to the trustee of a continuing event of default with respect to the Notes,

(ii) the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes shall have made written request to the trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such event of default;

(iii) such holder or holders have offered to the trustee reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;

(iv) the trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and

(v) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the trustee during such 60-day period by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes.

Notwithstanding any other provision in the indenture, the holder of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and interest, if any, on such Note on the stated maturity or maturity expressed in such Note (or, in the case of redemption, on the redemption date or, in the case of repayment at the option of the holders, on the repayment date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such rights shall not be impaired without the consent of such holder.

The trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by the indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders of the Notes unless such holders shall have offered to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction. Subject to the foregoing, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee with respect to the Notes, *provided* that (i) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this indenture, (ii) the trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction and (iii) the trustee need not take any action that it determines in good faith may involve it in personal liability or be unjustly prejudicial to the holders of Notes not consenting.

The holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes may on behalf of the holders of all of the Notes waive any past default under the indenture with respect to the Notes and its consequences, except a default (i) in the payment of (or premium, if any, on) or interest,

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if any, on any Note, or (ii) in respect of a covenant or provision of the indenture which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Note affected. Upon any such waiver, such default shall cease to exist, and any event of default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or event of default or impair any right consequent thereto.

We are required to deliver to the trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, an officers' certificate stating that to the knowledge of the signers whether we are in default in the performance of any of the terms, provisions or conditions of the indenture.

Within 90 days after the occurrence of any default under the indenture with respect to the Notes, the trustee shall transmit notice of such default known to the trustee, unless such default shall have been cured or waived; *provided*, *however*, that, except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) or interest, if any, on any Note, the trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors of the trustee in good faith determines that withholding of such notice is in the interest of the holders of the Notes.

Satisfaction and Discharge; Defeasance

We may satisfy and discharge our obligations under the indenture by delivering to the securities registrar for cancellation all outstanding Notes or by depositing with the trustee or delivering to the holders, as applicable, after the Notes have become due and payable, or otherwise, moneys sufficient to pay all of the outstanding Notes and paying all other sums payable under the indenture by us. Such discharge is subject to terms contained in the indenture.

In addition, the Notes are subject to defeasance and covenant defeasance, in each case, in accordance with the terms of the indenture. Defeasance means that, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including, but not limited to, (i) depositing in trust for the benefit of the holders of the Notes a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the Notes on their various due date and (ii) delivering to the Trustee an opinion of counsel stating that (a) we have received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") a ruling, or (b) since the date of execution of the Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon, the holders of the Notes and any coupons appertaining thereto will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such defeasance had not occurred, we can legally release ourselves from all payment and other obligations on the Notes. Covenant defeasance means that, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including, but not limited to, (i) depositing in trust for the benefit of the holders of the Notes a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the Notes on their various due dates and (ii) delivering to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of the Notes and any coupons appertaining thereto will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such covenant defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such covenant defeasance had not occurred, we will be released from some of the restrictive covenants in the indenture.

Trustee

U.S. Bank National Association is the trustee, security registrar and paying agent. U.S. Bank National Association, in each of its capacities, including without limitation as trustee, security registrar

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and paying agent, assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the information concerning us or our affiliates or any other party contained in this document or the related documents or for any failure by us or any other party to disclose events that may have occurred and may affect the significance or accuracy of such information, or for any information provided to it by us, including but not limited to settlement amounts and any other information.

We may maintain banking relationships in the ordinary course of business with the trustee and its affiliates.

Governing Law

The indenture provides that it and the Notes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws that would cause the application of laws of another jurisdiction.

Book-Entry, Settlement and Clearance

Global Notes

The Notes will be initially issued in the form of one or more registered Notes in global form, without interest coupons (the "Global Notes"). Upon issuance, each of the Global Notes will be deposited with the trustee as custodian for DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Note will be limited to persons who have accounts with DTC ("DTC participants") or persons who hold interests through DTC participants. We expect that under procedures established by DTC:

upon deposit of a Global Note with DTC's custodian, DTC will credit portions of the principal amount of the Global Note to the accounts of the DTC participants designated by the underwriters; and

ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Note will be shown on, and transfer of ownership of those interests will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to interests of DTC participants) and the records of DTC participants (with respect to other owners of beneficial interests in the Global Note).

Beneficial interests in Global Notes may not be exchanged for Notes in physical, certificated form except in the limited circumstances described below.

Book-Entry Procedures for Global Notes

All interests in the Global Notes will be subject to the operations and procedures of DTC. We provide the following summary of those operations and procedures solely for the convenience of investors. The operations and procedures of DTC are controlled by that settlement system and may be changed at any time. Neither we nor the underwriters are responsible for those operations or procedures.

DTC has advised us that it is:

a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York;

a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York State Banking Law;

a member of the Federal Reserve System;

a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code; and

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a "clearing agency" registered under Section 17A of the Exchange Act.

DTC was created to hold securities for its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its participants through electronic book-entry changes to the accounts of its participants. DTC's participants include securities brokers and dealers, including the underwriters; banks and trust companies; clearing corporations and other organizations. Indirect access to DTC's system is also available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies; these indirect participants clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a DTC participant, either directly or indirectly. Investors who are not DTC participants may beneficially own securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through DTC participants or indirect participants in DTC.

So long as DTC's nominee is the registered owner of a Global Note, that nominee will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Notes represented by that Global Note for all purposes under the indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a Global Note:

will not be entitled to have Notes represented by the Global Note registered in their names;

will not receive or be entitled to receive physical, certificated Notes; and

will not be considered the owners or holders of the Notes under the indenture for any purpose, including with respect to the giving of any direction, instruction or approval to the trustee under the indenture.

As a result, each investor who owns a beneficial interest in a Global Note must rely on the procedures of DTC to exercise any rights of a holder of Notes under the indenture (and, if the investor is not a participant or an indirect participant in DTC, on the procedures of the DTC participant through which the investor owns its interest).

Payments of principal and interest with respect to the Notes represented by a Global Note will be made by the trustee to DTC's nominee as the registered holder of the Global Note. Neither we nor the Trustee will have any responsibility or liability for the payment of amounts to owners of beneficial interests in a Global Note, for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of those interests by DTC, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records of DTC relating to those interests.

Payments by participants and indirect participants in DTC to the owners of beneficial interests in a Global Note will be governed by standing instructions and customary industry practice and will be the responsibility of those participants or indirect participants and DTC.

Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected under DTC's procedures and will be settled in same-day funds.

Certificated Notes

Notes in physical, certificated form will be issued and delivered to each person that DTC identifies as a beneficial owner of the related Notes only if:

DTC notifies us at any time that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary for the Global Notes and a successor depositary is not appointed within 90 days;

DTC ceases to be registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act and a successor depositary is not appointed within 90 days; or

an event of default with respect to the Notes has occurred and is continuing and such beneficial owner requests that its Notes be issued in physical, certificated form.

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CERTAIN MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion is a general summary of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations (and, in the case of a non-U.S. Holder (as defined below), the material U.S. federal estate tax consequences) applicable to an investment in the Notes. This summary does not purport to be a complete description of the income tax considerations applicable to such an investment. The discussion is based upon the Code, Treasury Regulations, and administrative and judicial interpretations, each as of the date of this prospectus supplement and all of which are subject to change, potentially with retroactive effect. Investors should consult their own tax advisors with respect to tax considerations that pertain to their investment in the Notes.

This discussion deals only with Notes held as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code and does not purport to deal with persons in special tax situations, such as financial institutions, insurance companies, controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies and regulated investment companies (and shareholders of such corporations), dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities, former citizens of the United States, persons holding the Notes as a hedge against currency risks or as a position in a "straddle," "hedge," "constructive sale transaction" or "conversion transaction" for tax purposes, entities that are tax-exempt for U.S. federal income tax purposes, retirement plans, individual retirement accounts, tax-deferred accounts, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, pass-through entities (including partnerships and entities and arrangements classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and beneficial owners of pass-through entities, or persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar. It also does not deal with beneficial owners of the Notes other than purchasers of the Notes who acquire the Notes in this offering for cash at a price equal to the public offering price of the Notes shown on the front cover of this prospectus supplement. Moreover, this discussion does not address the effect of the unearned income Medicare contribution tax. Investors considering purchasing the Notes should consult their own tax advisors concerning the application of the U.S. federal tax laws to their individual circumstances, as well as any consequences to such investors relating to purchasing, owning and disposing of the Notes under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

For purposes of this discussion, the term "U.S. Holder" means a beneficial owner of a Note that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (i) an individual citizen or resident of the United States, (ii) a corporation or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or of any political subdivision thereof, (iii) a trust (a) subject to the control of one or more U.S. persons and the primary supervision of a court in the United States, or (b) that has a valid election (under applicable Treasury Regulations) to be treated as a U.S. person, or (iv) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source. The term "non-U.S. Holder" means a beneficial owner of a Note that is neither a U.S. Holder nor a partnership (including an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes).

If a partnership (including an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds any Notes, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner of the partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner, the activities of the partnership and certain determinations made at the partner level. Partnerships holding Notes, and persons holding interests in such partnerships, should each consult their own tax advisors as to the consequences of investing in the Notes in their individual circumstances.

We intend to treat, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the issuance of the Notes offered hereby as a "qualified reopening" of the existing 2020 Notes which were issued on November 21, 2014 with an "issue price" equal to 99.600% of their principal amount and which will mature on January 15, 2020. Accordingly, we intend to treat the Notes offered hereby as having the same "issue date" and the same "issue price" as the existing 2020 Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Since the existing

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2020 Notes were issued with an "issue price" equal to 99.600% of their principal amount, the existing 2020 Notes were issued without original issue discount ("OID"); accordingly, the Notes offered hereby are treated as issued without OID. The remainder of this discussion assumes that the issuance of the Notes offered hereby will be treated as a qualified reopening for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Taxation of U.S. Holders

Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest. Interest on the notes offered hereby will accrue from November 21, 2014 up to, but not including, the date of delivery and will be paid by the purchasers of the Notes offered hereby (the "Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest"). On July 15, 2015, we will pay this Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest to the holders of the Notes offered hereby as of the applicable record date along with interest accrued on the Notes offered hereby from the date of delivery to such interest payment date. Pursuant to applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations, we intend to treat a portion of the first stated interest payment on the Notes offered hereby as a return to U.S. Holders of an amount equal to the Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest on such Notes paid by such U.S. Holders, and not as an amount payable on such Notes. As a result of such treatment, U.S. Holders should be able to treat the receipt of such Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest as a non-taxable return of capital, rather than as taxable interest income on the Notes offered hereby. U.S. Holders should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the tax treatment of Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest.

Payments of Interest. Payments or accruals of interest on a Note offered hereby other than any Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest (as described above under " Taxation of U.S. Holders Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest") generally will be taxable to a U.S. Holder as ordinary interest income at the time they are received (actually or constructively) or accrued, in accordance with the U.S. Holder's regular method of tax accounting.

Bond Premium. If a U.S. Holder purchases a Note offered hereby for an amount (excluding any amount that is treated as Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest as described above under " Taxation of U.S. Holders Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest") in excess of the amount payable at maturity of the Note (other than payments of stated interest), such a U.S. Holder will have bond premium with respect to such Note in an amount equal to the excess of the U.S. Holder's purchase price over the amount payable at maturity of such Notes (or an earlier call date if it results in a smaller amortizable bond premium). It may be possible for a U.S. Holder to elect to amortize the amount of any bond premium on such a Note using the constant yield method over the remaining term of the Note (or until an earlier call date, as applicable). However, because we may call the Notes under certain circumstances at a price in excess of their stated principal amount (see "Description of Notes Optional Redemption"), such amortization may be reduced and/or deferred. Any amortized amount of bond premium for a taxable year generally will offset stated interest income otherwise required to be included in respect of the Note during such taxable year. The election to amortize bond premium on a constant yield method, once made, also will apply to all other debt obligations with bond premium that a U.S. Holder holds at the beginning of, or acquires during or after, the first taxable year to which the election applies and may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. As a result, if a U.S. Holder has previously made an election to amortize bond premium and such election has not been validly revoked, a U.S. Holder will be required to amortize any bond premium on a Note offered hereby in the manner described in this paragraph. If a U.S. Holder has not previously made and does not elect to amortize any bond premium in respect of a Note offered hereby, then the bond premium thereon will decrease the gain or increase the loss such U.S. Holder would otherwise recognize on the disposition of the Notes. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding this election and the tax consequences of holding a Note with bond premium.

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Sale, Exchange or Retirement of Notes. Upon the sale, exchange, redemption or retirement of a Note offered hereby, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange, redemption or retirement and the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the Note. For these purposes, the amount realized does not include any amount attributable to accrued interest (including Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest, which will be treated as described above under " Taxation of U.S. Holders Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest"). Amounts attributable to accrued interest (other than Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest) are treated as interest as described under " Payments of Interest" above. A U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in a Note generally will equal the cost of the Note to such U.S. Holder (excluding for this purpose the amount of Pre-Issuance Accrued Stated Interest paid by the U.S. Holder upon acquisition of the Note) decreased by the amount of any previously amortized bond premium with respect to the U.S. Holder's Note. Capital gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder's holding period in the Note was more than one year. Long-term capital gains generally are taxed at reduced rates for individuals and certain other non-corporate U.S. Holders, and the deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Taxation of Non-U.S. Holders

Payments on the Notes. A non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding taxes on payments of principal or interest on a Note provided that (i) income on the Note is not effectively connected with the conduct by the non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business within the United States, (ii) in the case of interest income, the recipient is not a bank receiving interest described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (iii) the non-U.S. Holder does not own (actually or constructively) 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company, and (iv) the non-U.S. Holder provides a statement on an IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E or other applicable form signed under penalties of perjury that includes its name and address and certifies that it is not a United States person in compliance with applicable requirements, or satisfies documentary evidence requirements for establishing that it is a non-U.S. Holder.

A non-U.S. Holder that is not exempt from tax under these rules generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax withholding on payments of interest on the Notes at a rate of 30% unless (i) the income is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business, in which case the interest will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis as applicable to U.S. Holders generally (unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise), or (ii) an applicable income tax treaty provides for a lower rate of, or exemption from, withholding tax. To claim the benefit of an income tax treaty or to claim exemption from withholding because income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business, the non-U.S. Holder must timely provide the appropriate, properly executed IRS forms. These forms may be required to be periodically updated.

In the case of a non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation and that receives income that is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business, such income may also be subject to a branch profits tax (which is generally imposed on a non-U.S. corporation on the actual or deemed repatriation from the United States of earnings and profits attributable to a U.S. trade or business) at a 30% rate. The branch profits tax may not apply (or may apply at a reduced rate) if the non-U.S. Holder is a qualified resident of a country with which the United States has an income tax treaty.

Sale, Exchange or Retirement of Notes. Generally, a non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding taxes on any amount that constitutes capital gain upon the sale, exchange, redemption or retirement of a Note, provided the gain is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by the non-U.S. Holder (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is not attributable to a United States "permanent establishment" maintained by the non-U.S. Holder). Non-U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors with regard to whether taxes will be imposed on capital gain in their individual circumstances.

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Estate Tax. A Note that is held by an individual who, at the time of such individual's death, is not a citizen or resident of the United States, for U.S. federal estate tax purposes, generally will not be subject to the U.S. federal estate tax, unless, at the time of death, (i) such individual directly or indirectly, actually or constructively, owns 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder or (ii) such individual's interest in the Notes is effectively connected with the individual's conduct of a U.S. trade or business.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding.

A U.S. Holder (other than an "exempt recipient," including a corporation and certain other persons who, when required, demonstrate their exempt status) may be subject to backup withholding on, and to information reporting requirements with respect to, payments of principal or interest on, and proceeds from the sale, exchange, redemption or retirement of, the Notes. In general, if a non-corporate U.S. Holder subject to information reporting fails to furnish a correct taxpayer identification number or otherwise fails to comply with applicable backup withholding requirements, backup withholding at the applicable rate may apply. Non-U.S. Holders generally are exempt from information reporting and backup withholding, provided, if necessary, that they demonstrate their qualification for exemption. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a beneficial owner generally would be allowed as a refund or a credit against such beneficial owner's U.S. federal income tax provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Additional Withholding Requirements

Withholding taxes may be imposed under the provisions of the law generally known as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, or FATCA, on certain types of payments made to non-U.S. financial institutions and certain other non- U.S. entities. Specifically, a 30% withholding tax may be imposed on interest on, or gross proceeds from the sale or disposition of, the Notes paid to a "foreign financial institution" or a "nonfinancial foreign entity" (each as defined in the Code), unless (1) the foreign financial institution undertakes certain diligence and reporting obligations, (2) the non-financial foreign entity either certifies it does not have any "substantial United States owners" (as defined in the Code) or furnishes identifying information regarding each substantial United States owner (generally by providing an IRS Form W-8BEN-E) or (3) the foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity otherwise qualifies for an exemption from these rules and provides appropriate documentation (such as an IRS Form W-8BEN-E). If the payee is a foreign financial institution and is subject to the diligence and reporting requirements in (1) above, it must enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Treasury requiring, among other things, that it undertake to identify accounts held by certain "specified United States persons" or "United States-owned foreign entities" (each as defined in the Code), annually report certain information about such accounts and withhold 30% on payments to non-compliant foreign financial institutions and certain other account holders. An intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country, or future Treasury Regulations or other guidance, may modify these requirements. Accordingly, the entity through which the Notes are held will affect the determination of whether such withholding is required.

Under the applicable Treasury Regulations, withholding under FATCA generally applies to payments of interest on the Notes from their date of issuance and will apply to payments of gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of such Notes on or after January 1, 2017. The FATCA withholding tax will apply to all withholdable payments without regard to whether the beneficial owner of the payment would otherwise be entitled to an exemption from imposition of withholding tax pursuant to an applicable tax treaty with the United States or U.S. domestic law. If payment of this withholding tax is made, holders that are otherwise eligible for an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding taxes with respect to such interest or proceeds will be required to seek a credit

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or refund from the IRS to obtain the benefit of such exemption or reduction, if any. We will not pay additional amounts to holders of the Notes in respect of any amounts withheld.

Prospective holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential application of withholding under FATCA to their investment in the Notes.

Investors should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the particular tax consequences of an investment in the Notes in their individual circumstances, including the possible effect of any pending legislation or proposed regulations.

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UNDERWRITING

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC are acting as representatives of the underwriters. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in a purchase agreement among us and the underwriters, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from us, the aggregate principal amount of Notes set forth opposite its name below.

Underwriter	Principal Amount
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	$
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	
Total	$

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the purchase agreement, the underwriters have agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase all of the Notes sold under the purchase agreement if any of these Notes are purchased. If an underwriter defaults, the purchase agreement provides that the purchase commitments of the nondefaulting underwriters may be increased or the purchase agreement may be terminated.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The underwriters are offering the Notes, subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued to and accepted by them, subject to approval of legal matters by their counsel, including the validity of the Notes, and other conditions contained in the purchase agreement, such as the receipt by the underwriters of officer's certificates and legal opinions. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

Commissions and Discounts

The following table shows the total underwriting discounts that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering.

	Per Note	Total
Public offering price	%	$
Underwriting discount (sales load)	%	$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	%	$

The public offering price set forth above does not include accrued interest of $ in the aggregate from November 21, 2014 up to, but not including, the date of delivery.

The underwriters propose to offer some of the Notes to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and may offer the Notes to certain other Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) members at the public offering price less a concession not in excess of % of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes. The underwriters may allow, and the dealers may reallow, a discount not in excess of % of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes. After the initial offering of the Notes to the public, the public offering price and such concessions may be changed. No such change shall change the amount of proceeds to be received by us as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement.

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The expenses of the offering, not including the underwriting discount, are estimated at approximately $ million and are payable by us.

No Sales of Similar Securities

Subject to certain exceptions, we have agreed not to directly or indirectly, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, grant any option for the sale of, or otherwise transfer or dispose of any debt securities issued or guaranteed by the Company or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for debt securities issued or guaranteed by the Company or file any registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any of the foregoing until the settlement date of this offering without first obtaining the written consent of the representatives. This consent may be given at any time without public notice.

Listing

While a trading market developed after issuing the existing 2020 Notes, we cannot assure you that an active and liquid market for the Notes will be maintained. Although the underwriters have informed us that they intend to continue to make a market in the Notes, as permitted by applicable laws and regulations, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making activities at any time without notice. The Notes are not listed on any securities exchange or quoted on any automated dealer quotation system, and we do not intend to apply for a listing of the Notes on any securities exchange or any automated dealer quotation system. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that a liquid market for the Notes will be maintained. If an active public trading market for the Notes is not maintained, the market price and liquidity of the Notes may be adversely affected.

Price Stabilization, Short Positions

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell Notes in the open market. These transactions may include short sales and purchases on the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater principal amount of Notes than they are required to purchase in the offering. The underwriters must close out any short position by purchasing Notes in the open market. A short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the Notes in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.

Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriters' purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the Notes or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the Notes. As a result, the price of the Notes may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market.

The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the representatives have repurchased Notes sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

Any of these activities may cause the price of the Notes to be higher than the price that otherwise would exist in the open market in the absence of such transactions. These transactions may be affected in the over-the-counter market or otherwise and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time without any notice relating thereto.

Neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the Notes. In addition, neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation that the

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representatives will engage in these transactions or that these transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

Electronic Offer, Sale and Distribution of Notes

The underwriters may make prospectuses available in electronic (PDF) format. A prospectus in electronic (PDF) format may be made available on a web site maintained by the underwriters, and the underwriters may distribute such prospectuses electronically. The underwriters may allocate a limited principal amount of the Notes for sale to their online brokerage customers.

Other Relationships

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage and other financial and non-financial activities and services. The underwriters and their respective affiliates have provided in the past and may provide from time to time in the future in the ordinary course of their business certain commercial banking, financial advisory, investment banking and other services to Ares and its affiliates and managed funds and Ares Capital or our portfolio companies for which they have received or will be entitled to receive separate fees. In particular, the underwriters or their affiliates may execute transactions with Ares Capital or on behalf of Ares Capital, Ares or any of our or their portfolio companies, affiliates and/or managed funds. In addition, the underwriters or their affiliates may act as arrangers, underwriters or placement agents for companies whose securities are sold to or whose loans are syndicated to Ares, Ares Capital or Ares Capital Management and their affiliates and managed funds.

Affiliates of certain of the underwriters may be limited partners of private investment funds affiliated with our investment adviser, Ares Capital Management.

The underwriters or their affiliates may also trade in our securities, securities of our portfolio companies or other financial instruments related thereto for their own accounts or for the account of others and may extend loans or financing directly or through derivative transactions to Ares, Ares Capital, Ares Capital Management or any of our portfolio companies.

We may purchase securities of third parties from the underwriters or their affiliates after the offering. However, we have not entered into any agreement or arrangement regarding the acquisition of any such securities, and we may not purchase any such securities. We would only purchase any such securities if among other things we identified securities that satisfied our investment needs and completed our due diligence review of such securities.

After the date of this prospectus supplement, the underwriters and their affiliates may from time to time obtain information regarding specific portfolio companies or us that may not be available to the general public. Any such information is obtained by the underwriters and their affiliates in the ordinary course of their business and not in connection with the offering of the Notes. In addition, after the offering period for the sale of the Notes, the underwriters or their affiliates may develop analyses or opinions related to Ares, Ares Capital or our portfolio companies and buy or sell interests in one or more of our portfolio companies on behalf of their proprietary or client accounts and may engage in competitive activities. There is no obligation on behalf of these parties to disclose their respective analyses, opinions or purchase and sale activities regarding any portfolio company or regarding Ares Capital to our noteholders or any other persons.

In the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities

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and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates that have a lending relationship with us routinely hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the Notes. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Notes. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

Affiliates of certain of the underwriters serve as agents and/or lenders under our credit facilities or other debt instruments (including the Revolving Credit Facility and the Revolving Funding Facility) and may also be lenders to private investment funds managed by IHAM. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., an affiliate of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, is the administrative agent under our Revolving Credit Facility. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC were joint bookrunners and joint lead arrangers for our Revolving Credit Facility. Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates were underwriters in connection with our initial public offering and our subsequent common stock offerings, debt offerings and rights offering, for which they received customary fees.

Proceeds of this offering will be used to repay or repurchase outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Credit Facility, the Revolving Funding Facility and/or the SMBC Funding Facility and for general corporate purposes. Affiliates of certain of the underwriters, including Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, are lenders under the Revolving Credit Facility, and an affiliate of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC is a lender under the Revolving Funding Facility. Accordingly, affiliates of certain of the underwriters may receive more than 5% of the proceeds of this offering to the extent such proceeds are used to repay or repurchase outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Credit Facility and/or the Revolving Funding Facility.

Frank E. O'Bryan, one of our independent directors, holds certain securities of one or more of this offering's underwriters (or their affiliates). As a result, Mr. O'Bryan may be considered an "interested person" of the Company during the pendency of this offering under relevant rules of the Investment Company Act.

The principal business address of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated is One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036. The principal business address of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC is 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179. The principal business address of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC is 550 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area (each, a "Relevant Member State"), no offer of the Notes may be made to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

A. to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;

B. to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representatives; or

C. in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of the Notes shall require the Company or the representatives to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

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Each person in a Relevant Member State who initially acquires any Notes or to whom any offer is made will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that it is a "qualified investor" within the meaning of the law in that Relevant Member State implementing Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive. In the case of any Notes being offered to a financial intermediary as that term is used in Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, each such financial intermediary will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that the Notes acquired by it in the offer have not been acquired on a non-discretionary basis on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in circumstances which may give rise to an offer of any Notes to the public other than their offer or resale in a Relevant Member State to qualified investors as so defined or in circumstances in which the prior consent of the representatives has been obtained to each such proposed offer or resale.

The Company, the representatives and their affiliates will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations, acknowledgements and agreements.

This prospectus supplement has been prepared on the basis that any offer of the Notes in any Relevant Member State will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus supplement may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Company or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive in relation to such offer. Neither the Company nor the underwriters have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of Notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Company or the underwriters to publish a prospectus for such offer.

For the purpose of the above provisions, the expression "an offer to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in the Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in the Relevant Member State and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member States) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression "2010 PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

In addition, in the United Kingdom, this document is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer subsequently made may only be directed at persons who are "qualified investors" (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19 (5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the "Order") and/or (ii) who are high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as "relevant persons"). This document must not be acted on or relied on in the United Kingdom by persons who are not relevant persons. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is only available to, and will be engaged in with, relevant persons.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the offering will be passed upon for us by Proskauer Rose LLP, Los Angeles, California, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, Washington, D.C. and Venable LLP, Baltimore, Maryland. Proskauer Rose LLP has from time to time represented the underwriters, Ares and Ares Capital Management on unrelated matters. Certain legal matters in connection with the offering will be passed upon for the underwriters by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(in thousands, except per share data)

	As of	
	September 30, 2014	**December 31, 2013**
	(unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value		
Non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments	$ 6,090,210	$ 5,136,612
Non-controlled affiliate company investments	196,572	260,484
Controlled affiliate company investments	2,496,798	2,235,801
Total investments at fair value (amortized cost of $8,600,794 and $7,537,403, respectively)	8,783,580	7,632,897
Cash and cash equivalents	107,878	149,629
Interest receivable	167,984	123,981
Receivable for open trades	28,244	128,566
Other assets	115,373	106,431
Total assets	$ 9,203,059	$ 8,141,504
LIABILITIES		
Debt	$ 3,679,201	$ 2,986,275
Base management fees payable	32,685	29,270
Income based fees payable	31,345	29,001
Capital gains incentive fees payable	87,702	80,937
Accounts payable and other liabilities	81,505	68,649
Interest and facility fees payable	40,667	42,828
Payable for open trades	306	100
Total liabilities	3,953,411	3,237,060
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock, par value $0.001 per share, 500,000 common shares authorized 314,108 and 297,971 common shares issued and outstanding, respectively	314	298
Capital in excess of par value	5,250,934	4,982,477
Accumulated overdistributed net investment income	(59,999)	(8,785)
Accumulated net realized loss on investments, foreign currency transactions, extinguishment of debt and other assets	(124,980)	(165,040)
Net unrealized gains on investments and foreign currency transactions	183,379	95,494
Total stockholders' equity	5,249,648	4,904,444
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 9,203,059	$ 8,141,504
NET ASSETS PER SHARE	$ 16.71	$ 16.46

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share data)

	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
INVESTMENT INCOME				
From non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments:				
Interest income from investments	$ 114,552	$ 102,222	$ 314,763	$ 281,734
Capital structuring service fees	21,196	18,257	47,890	35,888
Dividend income	8,345	4,486	21,922	13,583
Management and other fees		286		949
Other income	3,938	3,612	13,840	12,944
Total investment income from non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments	148,031	128,863	398,415	345,098
From non-controlled affiliate company investments:				
Interest income from investments	2,706	4,097	8,901	15,748
Capital structuring service fees	369		1,019	
Dividend income	1,071	5,258	4,569	6,421
Other income	69	37	472	166
Total investment income from non-controlled affiliate company investments	4,215	9,392	14,961	22,335
From controlled affiliate company investments:				
Interest income from investments	73,554	63,304	216,822	174,287
Capital structuring service fees	10,147	13,298	25,433	25,807
Dividend income	10,271	25,104	40,671	62,711
Management and other fees	6,359	5,098	18,389	13,926
Other income	819	1,742	3,351	3,815
Total investment income from controlled affiliate company investments	101,150	108,546	304,666	280,546
Total investment income	253,396	246,801	718,042	647,979
EXPENSES				
Interest and credit facility fees	54,096	44,424	159,740	124,032
Base management fees	32,685	27,467	93,500	75,587
Income based fees	31,345	32,284	85,203	81,510
Capital gains incentive fees	13,087	2,915	24,190	7,148
Administrative fees	3,105	3,346	9,661	8,544
Other general and administrative	6,274	6,152	20,314	20,548
Total expenses	140,592	116,588	392,608	317,369
NET INVESTMENT INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	112,804	130,213	325,434	330,610
Income tax expense, including excise tax	7,514	3,991	15,817	11,714
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	105,290	126,222	309,617	318,896
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS				
Net realized gains (losses):				
Non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments	21,800	7,877	32,467	24,305

Non-controlled affiliate company investments	58,560	63	58,598	208
Controlled affiliate company investments	(6,592)	1,006	(52,780)	4,759
Foreign currency transactions	2,764		1,847	
Net realized gains	76,532	8,946	40,132	29,272
Net unrealized gains (losses):				
Non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments	(9,590)	3,817	196	27,915
Non-controlled affiliate company investments	(37,439)	(7,812)	9,607	(9,745)
Controlled affiliate company investments	42,076	9,624	77,486	(11,701)
Foreign currency transactions	870		596	
Net unrealized gains (losses)	(4,083)	5,629	87,885	6,469
Net realized and unrealized gains from investments and foreign currency transactions	72,449	14,575	128,017	35,741
REALIZED LOSSES ON EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBT			(72)	
NET INCREASE IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	$ 177,739	$ 140,797	$ 437,562	$ 354,637
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	$ 0.57	$ 0.52	$ 1.45	$ 1.36
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING	310,564	268,312	302,315	261,120

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Investment Funds and Vehicles							
CIC Flex, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership units (0.94 units)		9/7/2007	$	$ 186(2)	
Covestia Capital Partners, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (47.00% interest)		6/17/2008	487	1,962(2)	
HCI Equity, LLC(7)(8)(9)	Investment company	Member interest (100.00% interest)		4/1/2010		399	
Imperial Capital Private Opportunities, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (80.00% interest)		5/10/2007	5,134	18,868(2)	
Partnership Capital Growth Fund I, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (25.00% interest)		6/16/2006		1,361(2)	
Partnership Capital Growth Investors III, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (2.50% interest)		10/5/2011	2,260	2,332(2)	
PCG-Ares Sidecar Investment, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (100.00% interest)		5/22/2014	2,042	2,151(2)	
Piper Jaffray Merchant Banking Fund I, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (2.00% interest)		8/16/2012	1,034	931(2)	
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC(7)(10)	Co-investment vehicle	Subordinated certificates ($1,954,145 par due 12/2024)	8.23% (Libor + 8.00%/M)(27)	10/30/2009	1,954,145	1,983,457	
		Membership interest (87.50% interest)		10/30/2009			
					1,954,145	1,983,457	
VSC Investors LLC(9)	Investment company	Membership interest (1.95% interest)		1/24/2008	877	1,505(2)	
					1,965,979	2,013,152	38.35%
Healthcare Services							

Alegeus Technologies Holdings Corp.	Benefits administration and transaction processing provider	Preferred stock (2,997 shares)		12/13/2013	3,087	2,542
		Common stock (3 shares)		12/13/2013	3	
					3,090	2,542
AwarePoint Corporation	Healthcare technology platform developer	First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 6/2018)	9.50%	9/5/2014	9,900	10,000(2)
		Warrant to purchase up to 547,046 shares of Series F preferred stock		9/5/2014		2(2)
					9,900	10,002

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AxelaCare Holdings, Inc. and AxelaCare Investment Holdings, L.P.	Provider of home infusion services	Preferred units (8,218,160 units)		4/12/2013	822	681(2)	
		Common units (83,010 units)		4/12/2013	8	6(2)	
					830	687	
California Forensic Medical Group, Incorporated	Correctional facility healthcare operator	First lien senior secured loan ($48,766 par due 11/2018)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	11/16/2012	48,766	48,766(3)(26)	
CCS Intermediate Holdings, LLC and CCS Group Holdings, LLC	Correctional facility healthcare operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($750 par due 7/2019)	6.25% (Base Rate + 3.00%/Q)	7/23/2014	750	750(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($15,000 par due 7/2021)	5.00% (Libor + 4.00%/Q)	7/23/2014	14,927	15,000(2)(26)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($135,000 par due 7/2022)	9.38% (Libor + 8.38%/Q)	7/23/2014	133,678	135,000(2)(26)	
		Class A units (601,937 units)		8/19/2010		2,553(2)	
					149,355	153,303	
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings LLC(6)	Healthcare analysis services provider	Class A common stock (9,679 shares)		6/15/2007	2,543	2,820(2)	
		Class C common stock (1,546 shares)		6/15/2007		450(2)	
					2,543	3,270	
DNAnexus, Inc.	Bioinformatics company	First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 10/2017)	9.25%	3/21/2014	4,784	5,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 2/2018)	9.25%	3/21/2014	4,769	5,000(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 909,092 units of Series C preferred stock		3/21/2014		(2)	

					9,553	10,000
Genocea Biosciences, Inc.	Vaccine discovery technology company	First lien senior secured loan ($9,788 par due 4/2017)	8.00%	9/30/2013	9,637	9,788(2)
		Common stock (31,500 shares)		2/10/2014		285(2)
					9,637	10,073
GI Advo Opco, LLC	Behavioral treatment services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($14,170 par due 6/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	14,498	14,170(2)(26)

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Global Healthcare Exchange, LLC and GHX Ultimate Parent Corp.	On-demand supply chain automation solutions provider	First lien senior secured loan ($125,000 par due 3/2020)	10.00% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	3/11/2014	123,921	125,000(2)(26)	
		Class A common stock (2,475 shares)		3/11/2014	2,475	2,475(2)	
		Class B common stock (938 shares)		3/11/2014	25	335(2)	
					126,421	127,810	
INC Research, Inc.	Pharmaceutical and biotechnology consulting services	Common stock (1,410,000 shares)		9/27/2010	1,512	2,700(2)	
Intermedix Corporation	Revenue cycle management provider to the emergency healthcare industry	Second lien senior secured loan ($112,000 par due 6/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	12/27/2012	112,000	112,000(2)(26)	
LM Acquisition Holdings, LLC(8)	Developer and manufacturer of medical equipment	Class A units (426 units)		9/27/2013	1,000	1,638(2)	
MC Acquisition Holdings I, LLC	Healthcare professional provider	Class A units (1,338,314 shares)		1/17/2014	1,338	1,541(2)	
Monte Nido Holdings, LLC	Outpatient eating disorder treatment provider	First lien senior secured loan ($44,750 par due 12/2019)	7.75% (Libor + 6.75%/Q)	12/20/2013	44,750	43,855(3)(19)(26)	
MW Dental Holding Corp.	Dental services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($37,818 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	37,818	37,818(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($48,362 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	48,362	48,362(3)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,721 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	9,721	9,721(4)(26)	
					95,901	95,901	
My Health Direct, Inc.	Healthcare scheduling exchange software solution provider	First lien senior secured loan ($3,000 par due 1/2018)	10.75%	9/18/2014	2,901	2,970(2)	
				9/18/2014	39	39(2)	

Warrant to purchase up to 4,548 shares of Series D preferred stock			
		2,940	3,009

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Napa Management Services Corporation	Anesthesia management services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($9,543 par due 2/2019)	7.25% (Base Rate + 4.00%/Q)	4/15/2011	9,543	9,543(2)(21)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($70,691 par due 2/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	4/15/2011	70,691	70,691(2)(21)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($3,957 par due 2/2019)	7.25% (Base Rate + 4.00%/Q)	4/15/2011	3,950	3,957(3)(21)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($29,309 par due 2/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	4/15/2011	29,261	29,309(3)(21)(26)	
		Common units (5,345 units)		4/15/2011	5,764	9,973(2)	
					119,209	123,473	
Netsmart Technologies, Inc. and NS Holdings, Inc.	Healthcare technology provider	First lien senior secured loan ($2,778 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/18/2012	2,778	2,778(2)(17)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($35,144 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/18/2012	35,144	35,144(2)(17)(26)	
		Common stock (2,500,000 shares)		6/21/2010	2,500	4,780(2)	
					40,422	42,702	
New Trident Holdcorp, Inc.	Outsourced mobile diagnostic healthcare service provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($80,000 par due 7/2020)	10.25% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	8/6/2013	78,607	78,400(2)(26)	
Nodality, Inc.	Biotechnology company	First lien senior secured loan ($8,000 par due 2/2018)	8.90%	4/25/2014	7,750	8,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($3,000 par due 8/2018)	8.90%	4/25/2014	2,895	3,000(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 164,179 shares of Series B preferred stock		4/25/2014		41(2)	
					10,645	11,041	
OmniSYS Acquisition Corporation, OmniSYS, LLC, and	Provider of technology-enabled solutions to	First lien senior secured loan ($20,606 par due 11/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	11/21/2013	20,606	20,606(2)(26)	

OSYS Holdings, LLC	pharmacies	Limited liability company membership interest (1.57%)	11/21/2013	1,000	1,112(2)
				21,606	21,718

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PerfectServe, Inc.	Communications software platform provider for hospitals and physician practices	First lien senior secured loan ($2,500 par due 10/2017)	10.00%	12/26/2013	2,477	2,500(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($3,500 par due 4/2017)	10.00%	12/26/2013	3,472	3,500(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 34,113 units of Series C Preferred Stock		12/26/2013		75(2)	
					5,949	6,075	
PGA Holdings, Inc.	Provider of patient surveys, management reports and national databases for the integrated healthcare delivery system	Preferred stock (333 shares)		3/12/2008	125	18(2)	
		Common stock (16,667 shares)		3/12/2008	167	922(2)	
					292	940	
Physiotherapy Associates Holdings, Inc.	Physical therapy provider	Class A common stock (100,000 shares)		12/13/2013	3,090	2,240	
POS I Corp. (fka Vantage Oncology, Inc.)	Radiation oncology care provider	Common stock (62,157 shares)		2/3/2011	4,670	548(2)	
Reed Group Holdings, LLC	Medical disability management services provider	Equity interests		4/1/2010		(2)	
Respicardia, Inc.	Developer of implantable therapies to improve cardiovascular health	First lien senior secured loan ($2,000 par due 7/2015)	11.00%	6/28/2012	1,997	2,000(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 99,094 shares of Series C preferred stock		6/28/2012	38	29(2)	
					2,035	2,029	
				12/13/2012	75,000	75,000(2)(26)	

Sage Products Holdings III, LLC	Patient infection control and preventive care solutions provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($75,000 par due 6/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)			
Sarnova HC, LLC, Tri-Anim Health Services, Inc., and BEMS Holdings, LLC	Distributor of emergency medical service and respiratory products	Second lien senior secured loan ($60,000 par due 9/2018)	8.75% (Libor + 8.00%/M)	6/30/2014	60,000	60,000(2)(26)
SurgiQuest, Inc.	Medical device company	Warrants to purchase up to 54,672 shares of Series D-4 convertible preferred stock		9/28/2012		(2)

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U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc.	Anesthesiology service provider	First lien senior secured loan ($49,850 par due 12/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	6/26/2014	49,850	49,850(2)(26)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($50,000 par due 9/2020)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	9/24/2014	50,000	50,000(2)(26)	
					99,850	99,850	
Wrigley Purchaser, LLC and Wrigley Management, LLC	Provider of outpatient rehabilitation services	First lien senior secured loan ($7,100 par due 5/2020)	6.13% (Libor + 5.38%/Q)	5/19/2014	7,100	7,100(2)(26)	
Young Innovations, Inc.	Dental supplies and equipment manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($45,000 par due 7/2019)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	5/30/2014	45,000	45,000(2)(26)	
					1,207,509	1,217,383	23.19%
Services Other							
American Residential Services L.L.C.	Heating, ventilation and air conditioning services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($17,456 par due 6/2021)	5.50% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	6/30/2014	17,372	17,456(2)(26)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($50,000 par due 12/2021)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	6/30/2014	49,517	50,000(2)(26)	
					66,889	67,456	
Capital Investments and Ventures Corp.	SCUBA diver training and certification provider	First lien senior secured loan ($66,035 par due 8/2020)	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	8/9/2012	65,686	66,035(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($23,060 par due 8/2020)	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	8/9/2012	23,060	23,060(3)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,203 par due 8/2020)	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	8/9/2012	8,203	8,203(4)(26)	
					96,949	97,298	
Community Education Centers, Inc.	Offender re-entry and in-prison	First lien senior secured loan ($714	7.50% (Base Rate + 4.25%/M)	12/10/2010	714	714(2)(18)(26)	

treatment services provider	par due 12/2014)				
	First lien senior secured loan ($13,571 par due 12/2014)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	12/10/2010	13,571	13,571(2)(18)(26)
	Second lien senior secured loan ($47,767 par due 12/2015)		12/10/2010	47,169	42,233(2)(25)
	Warrants to purchase up to 654,618 shares		12/10/2010		(2)
				61,454	56,518

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Competitor Group, Inc. and Calera XVI, LLC	Endurance sports media and event operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,850 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	2,850	2,565(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($900 par due 11/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	900	810(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($24,380 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 7.75% Cash, 1.00% PIK/Q)	11/30/2012	24,380	21,942(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($29,853 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 7.75% Cash, 1.00% PIK/Q)	11/30/2012	29,853	26,868(3)(26)	
		Membership units (2,500,000 units)		11/30/2012	2,516	338(2)(9)	
					60,499	52,523	
Crown Health Care Laundry Services, Inc. and Crown Laundry Holdings, LLC(6)	Provider of outsourced linen management solutions to the healthcare industry	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($1,300 par due 3/2019)	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	3/13/2014	1,300	1,300(2)(26)(29)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($24,377 par due 3/2019)	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	3/13/2014	24,377	24,377(2)(26)	
		Class A preferred units (2,475,000 units)		3/13/2014	2,475	2,317(2)	
		Class B common units (275,000 units)		3/13/2014	275	257(2)	
					28,427	28,251	
Dwyer Acquisition Parent, Inc. and TDG Group Holding Company	Operator of multiple franchise concepts primarily related to home maintenance or repairs	Senior subordinated loan ($52,670 par due 2/2020)	11.00%	8/15/2014	52,670	52,670(2)	
		Common stock (30,000 shares)		8/15/2014	3,000	3,000(2)	
					55,670	55,670	
Fox Hill Holdings, Inc.	Third party claims administrator on behalf of insurance carriers	First lien senior secured loan ($20,622 par due 6/2018)	8.00% (Base Rate + 4.75%/Q)	10/31/2013	20,622	20,622(2)(26)	
				10/31/2013	64,719	64,719(2)(26)	

First lien senior secured loan ($64,719 par due 6/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)		
		85,341	85,341

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ISS #2, LLC	Provider of repairs, refurbishments and services to the broader industrial end user markets	First lien senior secured loan ($19,900 par due 6/2018)	7.75% (Base Rate + 4.50%/M)	6/5/2013	19,900	19,900(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($33,200 par due 6/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	6/5/2013	33,200	33,200(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,913 par due 6/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	6/5/2013	4,913	4,913(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($44,437 par due 6/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	6/5/2013	44,437	44,437(3)(26)	
					102,450	102,450	
Massage Envy, LLC	Franchisor in the massage industry	First lien senior secured loan ($28,245 par due 9/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	9/27/2012	28,245	28,245(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($47,716 par due 9/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	9/27/2012	47,716	47,716(3)(26)	
		Common stock (3,000,000 shares)		9/27/2012	3,000	3,944(2)	
					78,961	79,905	
McKenzie Sports Products, LLC	Designer, manufacturer and distributor of hunting-related supplies	First lien senior secured loan ($7,500 par due 9/2020)	4.75% (Libor + 3.75%/Q)	9/18/2014	7,500	7,500(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($88,500 par due 9/2020)	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	9/18/2014	88,500	88,500(2)(23)(26)	
					96,000	96,000	
Spin HoldCo Inc.	Laundry service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($140,000 par due 5/2020)	8.00% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	5/14/2013	140,000	140,000(2)(26)	
Wash Multifamily Laundry Systems, LLC	Laundry service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($78,000 par due 2/2020)	7.75% (Libor + 6.75%/Q)	6/26/2012	78,000	78,000(2)(26)	
					950,640	939,412	17.89%

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Energy							
Alphabet Energy, Inc.	Technology developer to convert waste-heat into electricity	First lien senior secured loan ($2,000 par due 7/2017)	9.50%	2/26/2014	1,926	2,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($3,000 par due 7/2017)	9.62%	12/26/2013	2,774	3,000(2)	
		Series B preferred stock (74,449 shares)		2/26/2014	250	250(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 59,524 units of Series B preferred stock		12/16/2013	146	126(2)	
					5,096	5,376	
Bicent (California) Holdings LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	Senior subordinated loan ($49,812 par due 2/2021)	8.25% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	2/6/2014	49,812	49,812(2)(26)	
Brush Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($1,030 par due 8/2020)	7.50% (Base Rate + 4.25%/Q)	8/1/2013	1,030	1,030(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($87,084 par due 8/2020)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	8/1/2013	87,084	87,084(2)(26)	
					88,114	88,114	
Centinela Funding, LLC	Solar power generation facility developer and operator	Senior subordinated loan ($55,542 par due 11/2020)	10.00% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	11/14/2012	55,542	55,542(2)(26)	
CPV Maryland Holding Company II, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	Senior subordinated loan ($42,305 par due 12/2020)	10.00%	8/8/2014	42,305	42,102(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 4 units of common stock		8/8/2014		200(2)	
					42,305	42,302	
DESRI Wind Development Acquisition Holdings, L.L.C(6)	Wind and solar power generation facility operator	Senior subordinated loan ($14,750 par due 8/2021)	9.25%	8/26/2014	14,750	14,750(2)	
		Membership interest (7.50% interest)		8/26/2014	806	806(2)	

					15,556	15,556
Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P.	Liquefied natural gas producer	First lien senior secured loan ($19,468 par due 11/2014)	8.65% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	6/27/2014	19,199	19,468(2)

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Joule Unlimited Technologies, Inc. and Stichting Joule Global Foundation	Renewable fuel and chemical production developer	First lien senior secured loan ($6,591 par due 2/2017)	10.00%	7/25/2013	6,546	6,591(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 32,051 shares of Series C-2 preferred stock		7/25/2013		39(2)(8)	
					6,546	6,630	
La Paloma Generating Company, LLC	Natural gas fired, combined cycle plant operator	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 2/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	2/20/2014	9,635	9,750(2)(26)	
Moxie Liberty LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($100,000 par due 8/2020)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	8/21/2013	98,890	100,000(2)(26)	
Panda Sherman Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($32,429 par due 9/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/14/2012	32,429	32,429(2)(26)	
Panda Temple Power II, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($20,000 par due 4/2019)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	4/3/2013	19,843	20,000(2)(26)	
Panda Temple Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($60,000 par due 7/2018)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	7/17/2012	58,628	60,000(2)(26)	
Petroflow Energy Corporation	Oil and gas exploration and production company	First lien senior secured loan ($50,757 par due 7/2020)	12.00% (Libor + 8.00% Cash, 3.00% PIK/Q)	7/31/2014	49,775	50,757(2)(26)	
Sunrun Solar Owner Holdco X, LLC	Residential solar energy provider	First lien senior secured loan ($58,966 par due 6/2019)	9.50% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	6/7/2013	58,966	58,966(2)(26)	
Sunrun Solar Owner Holdco XIII, LLC	Residential solar energy provider	First lien senior secured loan ($32,846 par due 12/2019)	9.50% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	11/27/2013	32,648	32,846(2)(26)	
					642,984	647,548	12.33%
Business Services							
2329497 Ontario Inc.(8)				12/13/2013	43,380	40,562(2)(26)	

	Outsourced data center infrastructure and related services provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($45,000 par due 6/2019)	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/M)			
Access CIG, LLC	Records and information management services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($985 par due 10/2017)	8.00% (Base Rate + 4.75%/M)	10/5/2012	985	985(2)(26)

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BlackArrow, Inc.	Advertising and data solutions software platform provider	First lien senior secured loan ($8,000 par due 9/2017)	9.25%	3/13/2014	7,761	8,000(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 517,386 units of Series C preferred stock		3/13/2014		76(2)	
					7,761	8,076	
CallMiner, Inc.	Provider of cloud-based conversational analytics solutions	First lien senior secured loan ($4,000 par due 5/2018)	10.00%	7/23/2014	3,971	4,000(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 2,350,636 shares of Series 1 preferred stock		7/23/2014		(2)	
					3,971	4,000	
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage Co-Investors, L.L.C.(6)	Payroll and accounting services provider to the entertainment industry	First lien senior secured loan ($12,107 par due 12/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	12/24/2012	12,107	12,107(2)(16)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($41,813 par due 12/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	12/24/2012	41,813	41,813(3)(16)(26)	
		Class A membership units (2,500,000 units)		12/24/2012	2,500	5,743(2)	
		Class B membership units (2,500,000 units)		12/24/2012	2,500	5,743(2)	
					58,920	65,406	
CIBT Investment Holdings, LLC	Expedited travel document processing services	Class A shares (2,500 shares)		12/15/2011	2,500	3,893(2)	
Command Alkon, Incorporated and CA Note Issuer, LLC	Software solutions provider to the ready-mix concrete industry	Second lien senior secured loan ($48,000 par due 8/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	9/28/2012	48,000	48,000(2)(26)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($17,000 par due 8/2021)	14.00% PIK	8/8/2014	17,000	17,000(2)	
					65,000	65,000	

Coverall North America, Inc.	Commercial janitorial services provider	Letter of credit facility		1/17/2013		(30)
DTI Holdco, Inc. and OPE DTI Holdings, Inc.	Provider of legal process outsourcing and managed services	First lien senior secured loan ($1,000 par due 8/2020)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	8/19/2014	1,000	1,000(2)(26)
		Class A common stock (7,500 shares)		8/19/2014	7,500	7,500(2)
		Class B common stock (7,500 shares)		8/19/2014		(2)
					8,500	8,500

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First Insight, Inc.	SaaS company providing merchandising and pricing solutions to companies worldwide	First lien senior secured loan ($3,500 par due 4/2017)	9.50%	3/20/2014	3,412	3,500(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 122,827 units of Series C preferred stock		3/20/2014		6(2)	
					3,412	3,506	
GHS Interactive Security, LLC and LG Security Holdings, LLC	Originates residential security alarm contracts	First lien senior secured loan ($7,058 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.00%/S)	12/13/2013	7,109	7,058(26)	
		Class A membership units (1,560,000 units)		12/13/2013	1,607	1,404	
					8,716	8,462	
HCPro, Inc. and HCP Acquisition Holdings, LLC(7)	Healthcare compliance advisory services	Senior subordinated loan ($9,297 par due 5/2015)		3/5/2013	2,691	(2)(25)	
		Class A units (14,293,110 units)		6/26/2008	12,793	(2)	
					15,484		
IfByPhone Inc.	Voice-based marketing automation software provider	Warrant to purchase up to 124,300 shares of Series C preferred stock		10/15/2012	88	82(2)	
Investor Group Services, LLC(6)	Business consulting for private equity and corporate clients	Limited liability company membership interest (8.50% interest)		6/22/2006		601	
IronPlanet, Inc.	Online auction platform provider for used heavy equipment	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($5,000 par due 9/2015)	8.00%	9/24/2013	5,000	5,000(2)(29)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,153 par due 7/2017)	9.25%	9/24/2013	6,886	7,153(2)	
		Warrant to purchase to up to 133,333 shares of Series C preferred stock		9/24/2013	214	249(2)	

					12,100	12,402
Itel Laboratories, Inc.	Data services provider for building materials to the property insurance industry	Preferred units (1,798,391 units)		6/29/2012	1,000	1,293(2)

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Keynote Systems, Inc. and Hawaii Ultimate Parent Corp., Inc.	Web and mobile cloud performance testing and monitoring services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($182,345 par due 2/2020)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/22/2013	182,345	182,345(2)(26)	
		Class A common stock (2,970 shares)		8/22/2013	2,970	4,496(2)	
		Class B common stock (1,956,522 shares)		8/22/2013	30	45(2)	
					185,345	186,886	
Market Track Holdings, LLC	Business media consulting services company	Preferred stock (1,500 shares)		12/13/2013	1,982	2,191	
		Common stock (15,000 shares)		12/13/2013	1,982	2,191	
					3,964	4,382	
Maximus Holdings, LLC	Provider of software simulation tools and related services	Warrants to purchase up to 1,050,013 shares of common stock		12/13/2013		643	
Multi-Ad Services, Inc.(6)	Marketing services and software provider	Preferred units (1,725,280 units)		4/1/2010	788	2,185	
		Common units (1,725,280 units)		4/1/2010			
					788	2,185	
MVL Group, Inc.(7)	Marketing research provider	Senior subordinated loan ($226 par due 7/2012)		4/1/2010	226	226(2)(25)	
		Common stock (560,716 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					226	226	
NComputing, Inc.	Desktop virtualization hardware and software technology service provider	Warrant to purchase up to 462,726 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/20/2013		23(2)	
OpenSky Project, Inc.	Social commerce platform operator	First lien senior secured loan ($3,000 par due	10.00%	6/4/2014	2,957	3,000(2)	

		9/2017)				
		Warrant to purchase up to 46,996 shares of Series D preferred stock		6/4/2014	48	48(2)
					3,005	3,048
PHL Investors, Inc., and PHL Holding Co.(7)	Mortgage services	Class A common stock (576 shares)		7/31/2012	3,768	(2)
Powersport Auctioneer Holdings, LLC	Powersport vehicle auction operator	Common units (1,972 units)		3/2/2012	1,000	1,102(2)

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PSSI Holdings, LLC	Provider of mission-critical outsourced cleaning and sanitation services to the food processing industry	First lien senior secured loan ($946 par due 6/2018)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/S)	8/7/2013	946	946(2)(26)	
R2 Acquisition Corp.	Marketing services	Common stock (250,000 shares)		5/29/2007	250	179(2)	
Rainstor, Inc.	Database solution provider designed to manage Big Data for large enterprises	First lien senior secured loan ($1,900 par due 4/2016)	11.25%	3/28/2013	1,869	1,662(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 142,210 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/28/2013	88	(2)	
					1,957	1,662	
Rocket Fuel Inc.	Provider of open and integrated software for digital marketing optimization	Common stock (79,396 units)		9/9/2014	278	1,165(2)	
Ship Investor & Cy S.C.A.(8)	Payment processing company	Common stock (936,693 shares)		12/13/2013	1,729	3,032	
Summit Business Media Parent Holding Company LLC	Business media consulting services	Limited liability company membership interest (45.98% interest)		5/20/2011		697(2)	
Tripwire, Inc.	IT security software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($84,738 par due 5/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	5/23/2011	84,738	84,738(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($49,750 par due 5/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	5/23/2011	49,750	49,750(3)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,950 par due 5/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	5/23/2011	9,950	9,950(4)(26)	
		Class A common stock (2,970 shares)		5/23/2011	2,970	9,740(2)	
		Class B common stock (2,655,638 shares)		5/23/2011	30	98(2)	
					147,438	154,276	

Velocity Holdings Corp.	Hosted enterprise resource planning application management services provider	Common units (1,713,546 units)		12/13/2013	4,503	3,445	
Venturehouse-Cibernet Investors, LLC	Financial settlement services for intercarrier wireless roaming	Equity interest		4/1/2010		(2)	
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC(6)	Management consulting services	Common membership interest (5.98% interest)		10/26/2007	10,204	15,261	
					597,218	601,926	11.47%

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Education							
American Academy Holdings, LLC	Provider of education, training, certification, networking, and consulting services to medical coders and other healthcare professionals	First lien senior secured loan ($23,425 par due 6/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	6/27/2014	23,425	23,425(2)(13)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,615 par due 6/2019)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	6/27/2014	14,615	14,615(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($52,039 par due 6/2019)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	6/27/2014	52,039	52,039(3)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,280 par due 6/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	6/27/2014	4,280	4,280(4)(13)(26)	
					94,359	94,359	
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp.(6)	Education software developer	Preferred stock (485,159 shares)		2/8/2008	10,520	9,290	
ELC Acquisition Corp., ELC Holdings Corporation, and Excelligence Learning Corporation(6)	Developer, manufacturer and retailer of educational products	Preferred stock (99,492 shares)	12.00% PIK	8/1/2011	11,358	11,358	
		Common stock (50,800 shares)		8/1/2011		177	
					11,358	11,535	
Infilaw Holding, LLC	Operator of for-profit law schools	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/25/2011		(2)(28)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,148 par due 8/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	14,148	14,148(3)(26)	
		Series A preferred units (124,890 units)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	124,890	124,890(2)(26)	
		Series B preferred stock (3.91 units)		10/19/2012	9,245	12,366(2)	
					148,283	151,404	
Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Inc. &	Private school operator	First lien senior secured loan ($57,620 par		4/24/2013	53,340	46,144(2)(25)	

Leeds IV Advisors, Inc.	due 12/2016)				
	Series B preferred stock (1,750,000 shares)	8/5/2010	5,000		(2)
	Series C preferred stock (2,512,586 shares)	6/7/2010	689		(2)
	Common stock (20 shares)	6/7/2010			(2)
			59,029	46,144	

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Lakeland Tours, LLC	Educational travel provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($18,000 par due 1/2017)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	18,000	18,000(2)(26)(29)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($1,522 par due 1/2017)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	1,521	1,522(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($82,989 par due 1/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	10/4/2011	82,940	82,989(2)(15)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,292 par due 1/2017)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	7,280	7,292(3)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,362 par due 1/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	10/4/2011	40,297	40,362(3)(15)(26)	
		Common stock (5,000 shares)		10/4/2011	5,000	5,341(2)	
					155,038	155,506	
PIH Corporation	Franchisor of education-based early childhood centers	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($621 par due 6/2016)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	12/13/2013	621	621(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($36,794 par due 6/2016)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	12/13/2013	37,543	36,794(26)	
					38,164	37,415	
R3 Education, Inc. and EIC Acquisitions Corp.	Medical school operator	Preferred stock (8,800 shares)		7/30/2008	2,200	3,000	
		Common membership interest (26.27% interest)		9/21/2007	15,800	24,277	
		Warrants to purchase up to 27,890 shares		12/8/2009			
					18,000	27,277	
Regent Education, Inc.	Provider of software solutions designed to optimize the financial aid and enrollment processes	First lien senior secured loan ($3,000 par due 1/2018)	10.00%	7/1/2014	2,929	2,910	
		Warrant to purchase up to 987,771 shares of Series CC preferred stock		7/1/2014		79	

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RuffaloCODY, LLC	Provider of student fundraising and enrollment management services	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($346 par due 5/2019)	5.57% (Libor + 4.32%/Q)	5/29/2013	346	346(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($2,040 par due 5/2019)	5.57% (Libor + 4.32%/Q)	5/29/2013	2,040	2,040(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($29,550 par due 5/2019)	5.57% (Libor + 4.32%/Q)	5/29/2013	29,550	29,550(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($3,710 par due 5/2019)	5.57% (Libor + 4.32%/Q)	5/29/2013	3,710	3,710(4)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,028 par duev 5/2019)	5.57% (Libor + 4.32%/Q)	5/29/2013	8,028	8,028(4)(26)	
					43,674	43,674	
					581,354	579,593	11.04%
Consumer Products	**Non-durable**						
Feradyne Outdoors, LLC and Bowhunter Holdings, LLC	Provider of branded archery and bowhunting accessories	First lien senior secured loan ($50,100 par due 3/2019)	6.55% (Libor + 5.55%/Q)	4/24/2014	50,100	49,660(2)(22)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,001 par due 3/2019)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	4/24/2014	7,001	6,940(2)(26)	
		Common units (300 units)		4/24/2014	3,000	2,277(2)	
					60,101	58,877	
Gilchrist & Soames, Inc.	Personal care manufacturer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($8,150 par due 12/2014)	6.25% (Libor + 5.00%/M)	4/1/2010	8,150	8,150(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($550 par due 12/2014)	6.25% (Libor + 5.00%/M)	4/1/2010	550	550(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($22,851 par due 12/2014)	13.44% Cash, 2.00% PIK	4/1/2010	22,851	22,622(2)	
					31,551	31,322	

Implus Footcare, LLC	Provider of footwear and other accessories	Preferred stock (455 shares)	6.00% PIK	10/31/2011	4,669	4,669(2)
		Common stock (455 shares)		10/31/2011		1,088(2)
					4,669	5,757

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Indra Holdings Corp.	Designer, marketer, and distributor of rain and cold weather products	Second lien senior secured loan ($80,000 par due 11/2021)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	5/1/2014	78,770	80,000(2)(26)	
Matrixx Initiatives, Inc. and Wonder Holdings Acquisition Corp.	Developer and marketer of OTC healthcare products	Warrants to purchase up to 1,489 shares of preferred stock		7/27/2011		1,214(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 1,654,678 shares of common stock		7/27/2011		3(2)	
						1,217	
Oak Parent, Inc.	Manufacturer of athletic apparel	First lien senior secured loan ($30,862 par due 4/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	30,770	30,862(3)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($81 par due 4/2018)	9.25% (Base Rate + 6.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	81	81(3)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,722 par due 4/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	8,696	8,722(4)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($23 par due 4/2018)	9.25% (Base Rate + 6.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	23	23(4)(26)	
					39,570	39,688	
PG-ACP Co-Invest, LLC	Supplier of medical uniforms, specialized medical footwear and accessories	Class A membership units (1,000,0000 units)		8/29/2012	1,000	2,059(2)	
Shock Doctor, Inc. and BRP Hold 14, LLC	Developer, marketer and distributor of sports protection equipment and accessories	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($315 par due 3/2020)	10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q)	3/14/2014	315	315(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($32,627 par due 3/2020)	8.75% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	3/14/2014	32,627	32,627(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($53,865 par due 3/2020)	8.75% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	3/14/2014	53,865	53,865(3)(26)	
		Class A preferred units (50,000 units)		3/14/2014	5,000	5,123(2)	
					91,807	91,930	

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The Step2 Company, LLC(7)	Toy manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($26,896 par due 9/2019)	10.00%	4/1/2010	26,706	26,896(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($35,833 par due 9/2019)		4/1/2010	30,802	7,665(2)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($4,500 par due 9/2019)	10.00%	3/13/2014	4,500	4,500(2)	
		Common units (1,116,879 units)		4/1/2010	24		
		Warrants to purchase up to 3,157,895 units		4/1/2010			
					62,032	39,061	
The Thymes, LLC(7)	Cosmetic products manufacturer	Preferred units (6,283 units)		6/21/2007	4,014	3,590	
		Common units (5,400 units)		6/21/2007		9,446	
					4,014	13,036	
Woodstream Corporation	Pet products manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($4,817 par due 8/2016)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	4/18/2012	4,817	4,817(4)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($12 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	4/18/2012	12	12(4)(26)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($80,000 par due 2/2017)	11.50% (11.50%/Q)	4/18/2012	77,964	80,000(2)	
		Common stock (4,254 shares)		1/22/2010	1,222	2,336(2)	
					84,015	87,165	
					457,529	450,112	8.57%
Financial Services							
AllBridge Financial, LLC(7)	Asset management services	Equity interests		4/1/2010	1,140	5,839	
Callidus Capital Corporation(7)	Asset management services	Common stock (100 shares)		4/1/2010	3,000	1,727	
Ciena Capital LLC(7)	Real estate and small business loan servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($14,000 par due 12/2014)	6.00%	11/29/2010	14,000	14,000(2)	

First lien senior secured loan ($22,000 par due 12/2016)	12.00%	11/29/2010	22,000	22,000(2)
Equity interests		11/29/2010	53,375	20,343(2)
			89,375	56,343

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Commercial Credit Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment finance and leasing company	Senior subordinated loan ($28,000 par due 5/2018)	12.75%	5/10/2012	28,000	28,000(2)	
Cook Inlet Alternative Risk, LLC	Risk management services	Senior subordinated loan ($1,000 par due 9/2015)	9.00%	9/30/2011	1,000	1,000(2)	
Gordian Acquisition Corp.	Financial services firm	Common stock (526 shares)		11/30/2012		(2)	
Imperial Capital Group LLC	Investment services	Class A common units (23,130 units)		5/10/2007	11,248	15,781(2)	
		2006 Class B common units (7,578 units)		5/10/2007	2	4(2)	
		2007 Class B common units (945 units)		5/10/2007		(2)	
					11,250	15,785	
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.(7)(9)	Asset management services	Member interest (100.00% interest)		6/15/2009	170,961	258,883	
Javlin Three LLC, Javlin Four LLC, and Javlin Five LLC(9)	Asset-backed financial services company	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($40,800 par due 6/2017)	8.41% (Libor + 8.25%/M)	6/24/2014	40,800	40,800(2)	
					345,526	408,377	7.78%
Manufacturing							
Cambrios Technologies Corporation	Nanotechnology-based solutions for electronic devices and computers	First lien senior secured loan ($1,667 par due 8/2015)	12.00%	8/7/2012	1,667	1,667(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 400,000 shares of Series D-4 convertible preferred stock		8/7/2012		13(2)	
					1,667	1,680	
Component Hardware Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment	First lien senior secured loan ($8,164 par due 7/2019)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	7/1/2013	8,164	8,164(4)(26)	
Harvey Tool Company, LLC and Harvey Tool Holding, LLC	Cutting tool provider to the metalworking industry	First lien senior secured loan ($24,875 par due 3/2020)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	3/28/2014	24,875	24,875(2)(26)	

		First lien senior secured loan ($62 par due 3/2020)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	3/28/2014	62	62(2)(26)
		Class A membership units (750 units)		3/28/2014	750	905(2)
					25,687	25,842
Ioxus, Inc.	Energy storage devices	First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 11/2017)	9.00%	4/29/2014	9,645	10,000(2)
		Warrant to purchase up to 538,314 shares of Series C preferred stock		4/29/2014		(2)
					9,645	10,000

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Mac Lean-Fogg Company	Provider of intelligent transportation systems products in the traffic and rail industries	Senior subordinated loan ($101,380 par due 10/2023)	9.50% Cash, 1.50% PIK	10/31/2013	101,380	101,380(2)	
MWI Holdings, Inc.	Engineered springs, fasteners, and other precision components	First lien senior secured loan ($38,274 par due 3/2019)	9.38% (Libor + 8.13%/Q)	6/15/2011	38,274	38,274(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 3/2019)	9.38% (Libor + 8.13%/Q)	6/15/2011	10,000	10,000(4)(26)	
					48,274	48,274	
NetShape Technologies, Inc.	Metal precision engineered components	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($972 par due 12/2014)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	972	972(2)(26)	
Niagara Fiber Intermediate Corp.	Insoluble fiber filler products	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($933 par due 5/2018)	7.75% (Base Rate + 4.50%/M)	5/8/2014	916	933(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($15,541 par due 5/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/M)	5/8/2014	15,400	15,541(2)(26)	
					16,316	16,474	
Pelican Products, Inc.	Flashlights	Second lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 4/2021)	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	4/11/2014	39,945	40,000(2)(26)	
Protective Industries, Inc. dba Caplugs	Plastic protection products	First lien senior secured loan ($990 par due 10/2019)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/M)	11/30/2012	990	990(2)(26)	
		Preferred stock (2,379,361 shares)		5/23/2011	1,298	6,469(2)	
					2,288	7,459	
Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC	Metal precision engineered components manufacturer	Common units (1,000 units)		1/30/2007	1,000	(2)	
SI Holdings, Inc.	Elastomeric parts, mid-sized composite structures, and composite tooling	Common stock (1,500 shares)		5/30/2014	1,500	1,726(2)	
TPTM Merger Corp.	Time temperature indicator products	First lien senior secured loan ($15,790 par due 9/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	9/12/2013	15,790	15,790(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,950 par due 9/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	9/12/2013	9,950	9,950(4)(26)	

	25,740	25,740	
	282,578	287,711	5.48%

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Restaurants and Food Services							
ADF Capital, Inc., ADF Restaurant Group, LLC, and ARG Restaurant Holdings, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured loan ($28,581 par due 12/2018)	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	11/27/2006	28,581	27,724(2)(20)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,919 par due 12/2018)	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	11/27/2006	10,922	10,591(3)(20)(26)	
		Promissory note ($18,225 par due 12/2018)		11/27/2006	13,770	7,462(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 23,750 units of Series D common stock		12/18/2013	24	(2)	
					53,297	45,777	
Benihana, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured loan ($306 par due 1/2019)	7.50% (Base Rate + 4.25%/Q)	8/21/2012	306	306(4)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,583 par due 1/2019)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	8/21/2012	4,583	4,583(4)(26)	
					4,889	4,889	
Garden Fresh Restaurant Corp.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan		10/3/2013		(2)(28)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($42,602 par due 7/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/M)	10/3/2013	42,602	42,602(3)(26)	
Hojeij Branded Foods, Inc.	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($450 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	450	450(2)(26)(29)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($30,612 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	30,260	30,612(2)(26)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 7.5% of membership interest		2/15/2012		434(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 324 shares of Class A common stock		2/15/2012	669	6,249(2)	
					31,379	37,745	

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Orion Foods, LLC (fka Hot Stuff Foods, LLC)(7)	Convenience food service retailer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,016 par due 9/2015)	10.75% (Base Rate + 7.50%/M)	4/1/2010	2,016	1,837(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($32,478 par due 9/2015)	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	32,478	29,591(2)(26)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($19,420 par due 9/2015)		4/1/2010		(2)(25)	
		Preferred units (10,000 units)		10/28/2010		(2)	
		Class A common units (25,001 units)		4/1/2010		(2)	
		Class B common units (1,122,452 units)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					34,494	31,428	
OTG Management, LLC	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($45,200 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/M)	12/11/2012	45,200	45,200(2)(26)	
		Common units (3,000,000 units)		1/5/2011	3,000	2,186(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 7.73% of common units		6/19/2008	100	4,360(2)	
					48,300	51,746	
Papa Murphy's Holdings, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	Common stock (147,983 shares)		12/13/2013	1,065	1,509	
Performance Food Group, Inc. and Wellspring Distribution Corp	Food service distributor	Second lien senior secured loan ($24,389 par due 11/2019)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	5/14/2013	24,291	24,389(2)(26)	
		Class A non-voting common stock (1,366,120 shares)		5/3/2008	6,303	9,060(2)	
					30,594	33,449	
Restaurant Holding Company, LLC	Fast food restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($37,406 par due 2/2019)	8.75% (Libor + 7.75%/M)	3/13/2014	37,071	35,162(2)(26)	
S.B. Restaurant Company	Restaurant owner and operator	Preferred stock (46,690 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 257,429 shares of common stock		4/1/2010		(2)	

	283,691	284,307	5.42%

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Containers Packaging							
GS Pretium Holdings, Inc.	Manufacturer and supplier of high performance plastic containers	Common stock (500,000 shares)		6/2/2014	500	442(2)	
ICSH, Inc.	Industrial container manufacturer, reconditioner and servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/31/2011		(2)(28)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($49,513 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	49,522	49,513(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($53,656 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	53,656	53,656(3)(26)	
					103,178	103,169	
Microstar Logistics LLC, Microstar Global Asset Management LLC, and MStar Holding Corporation	Keg management solutions provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($142,500 par due 12/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/14/2012	142,500	142,500(2)(26)	
		Common stock (50,000 shares)		12/14/2012	3,951	6,600(2)	
					146,451	149,100	
					250,129	252,711	4.81%
Hotel Services							
Castle Management Borrower LLC	Hotel operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($4,995 par due 9/2020)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	9/18/2014	4,995	4,995(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($155,000 par due 9/2020)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	9/18/2014	155,000	155,000(2)(26)	
					159,995	159,995	
					159,995	159,995	3.05%
Aerospace and Defense							
Cadence Aerospace, LLC (fka PRV Aerospace, LLC)	Aerospace precision components manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($4,425 par due 5/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	5/15/2012	4,397	4,425(4)(26)	
				5/10/2012	79,657	76,471(2)(26)	

		Second lien senior secured loan ($79,657 par due 5/2019)	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/Q)			
					84,054	80,896
ILC Industries, LLC	Designer and manufacturer of protective cases and technically advanced lighting systems	First lien senior secured loan ($29,812 par due 7/2020)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	7/15/2014	29,812	29,812(2)(26)
		Second lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 7/2021)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	7/15/2014	40,000	40,000(2)(26)
					69,812	69,812

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Wyle Laboratories, Inc. and Wyle Holdings, Inc.	Provider of specialized engineering, scientific and technical services	Senior preferred stock (775 shares)	8.00% PIK	1/17/2008	118	118(2)	
		Common stock (1,885,195 shares)		1/17/2008	2,291	2,264(2)	
					2,409	2,382	
					156,275	153,090	2.92%
Retail							
Fulton Holdings Corp.	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($43,000 par due 5/2018)	8.50%	5/10/2013	43,000	43,000(2)(14)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 5/2018)	8.50%	5/28/2010	40,000	40,000(3)(14)	
		Common stock (19,672 shares)		5/28/2010	1,461	2,686(2)	
					84,461	85,686	
Paper Source, Inc. and Pine Holdings, Inc.	Retailer of fine and artisanal paper products	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($333 par due 9/2018)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	9/23/2013	333	333(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($667 par due 9/2018)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	9/23/2013	667	667(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,885 par due 9/2018)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	9/23/2013	8,885	8,885(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,925 par due 9/2018)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	9/23/2013	9,925	9,925(4)(26)	
		Class A common stock (36,364 shares)		9/23/2013	6,000	7,122(2)	
					25,810	26,932	
Things Remembered, Inc.	Personalized gifts retailer	First lien senior secured loan ($14,590 par due 5/2018)	8.25% (Libor + 6.75%/Q)	5/24/2012	14,590	14,007(4)(26)	
					124,861	126,625	2.41%
Oil and Gas							
Lonestar Prospects, Ltd.				9/18/2014	75,000	75,000(2)(26)	

Sand proppant producer and distributor to the oil and natural gas industry	First lien senior secured loan ($75,000 par due 9/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)

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UL Holding Co., LLC and Universal Lubricants, LLC(6)	Petroleum product manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,904 par due 12/2016)		4/30/2012	8,911	7,885(2)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($2,160 par due 12/2016)		4/30/2012	1,753	1,562(2)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($49,466 par due 12/2016)		4/30/2012	40,134	35,771(2)(25)	
		Class A common units (10,782 units)		6/17/2011	1,512	(2)	
		Class B-5 common units (599,200 units)		6/17/2011	5,472	(2)	
		Class B-4 common units (50,000 units)		4/25/2008	500	(2)	
		Class C common units (618,091 units)		4/25/2008		(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 422,852 shares of Class A units		5/2/2014		(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 16,856 shares of Class B-1 units		5/2/2014		(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 33,712 shares of Class B-2 units		5/2/2014		(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 17,433 shares of Class B-3 units		5/2/2014		(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 47,265 shares of Class B-5 units		5/2/2014		(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 35,082 shares of Class B-6 units		5/2/2014		(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 615,547 shares of Class C units		5/2/2014		(2)	
					58,282	45,218	
					133,282	120,218	2.29%
Automotive Services							
CH Hold Corp	Collision repair company	First lien senior secured loan ($17,750 par due 11/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	7/25/2014	17,750	17,750(2)(26)	
				12/16/2011	993	993(2)(26)	

Driven Brands, Inc. and Driven Holdings, LLC	Automotive aftermarket car care franchisor	First lien senior secured loan ($993 par due 3/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)			
		Preferred stock (247,500 units)		12/16/2011	2,475	3,027(2)
		Common stock (25,000 units)		12/16/2011	25	1,027(2)
					3,493	5,047

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Eckler Industries, Inc.	Restoration parts and accessories provider for classic automobiles	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($4,900 par due 7/2017)	8.25% (Base Rate + 5.00%/Q)	7/12/2012	4,900	4,900(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,025 par due 7/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	7/12/2012	8,025	8,025(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($30,124 par due 7/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	7/12/2012	30,124	30,124(3)(26)	
		Series A preferred stock (1,800 shares)		7/12/2012	1,800	1,464(2)	
		Common stock (20,000 shares)		7/12/2012	200	(2)	
					45,049	44,513	
EcoMotors, Inc.	Engine developer	First lien senior secured loan ($4,242 par due 10/2016)	10.83%	12/28/2012	4,162	4,242(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 6/2017)	10.83%	12/28/2012	4,882	5,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($3,583 par due 7/2016)	10.13%	12/28/2012	3,526	3,583(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 321,888 shares of Series C preferred stock		12/28/2012		43(2)	
					12,570	12,868	
SK SPV IV, LLC	Collision repair site operators	Series A common stock (12,500 units)		8/18/2014	625	1,998(2)	
		Series B common stock (12,500 units)		8/18/2014	625	1,998(2)	
					1,250	3,996	
TA THI Buyer, Inc. and TA THI Parent, Inc.	Collision repair company	First lien senior secured loan ($30,000 par due 7/2020)	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	7/28/2014	30,000	30,000(2)(26)	
		Series A Preferred stock (50,000 shares)		7/28/2014	5,000	5,000(2)	
					35,000	35,000	
					115,112	119,174	2.27%

Commercial Real Estate Finance						
10th Street, LLC and New 10th Street, LLC(7)	Real estate holding company	First lien senior secured loan ($25,002 par due 11/2019)	7.00% Cash, 1.00% PIK	3/31/2014	25,002	25,002(2)
		Senior subordinated loan ($26,897 par due 11/2019)	7.00% Cash, 1.00% PIK	4/1/2010	26,897	26,897(2)
		Member interest (10.00% interest)		4/1/2010	594	54,476
		Option (25,000 units)		4/1/2010	25	25
					52,518	106,400

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American Commercial Coatings, Inc.	Real estate property	Commercial mortgage loan ($1,947 par due 12/2025)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	4/1/2010	568	1,220(26)	
Cleveland East Equity, LLC	Hotel operator	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010	26	3,310	
Commons R-3, LLC	Real estate developer	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010			
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates(7)	Hotel operator	Senior subordinated loan ($2,236 par due 9/2011)		4/1/2010		(2)(25)	
		Common equity interest		4/1/2010			
NPH, Inc.	Hotel property	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010	2,291	2,533	
					55,403	113,463	2.16%
Chemicals							
Argotec, LLC	Thermoplastic polyurethane films	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($1,887 par due 5/2018)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/M)	5/31/2013	1,887	1,887(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($18,475 par due 5/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	5/31/2013	18,475	18,475(2)(26)	
					20,362	20,362	
K2 Pure Solutions Nocal, L.P.	Chemical producer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($4,256 par due 8/2019)	8.13% (Libor + 7.13%/M)	8/19/2013	4,256	4,171(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($21,366 par due 8/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2013	21,366	20,938(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($39,750 par due 8/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2013	39,750	38,955(3)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($19,875 par due 8/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2013	19,875	19,477(4)(26)	
					85,247	83,541	

Liquid Light, Inc.	Developer and licensor of process technology for the conversion of carbon dioxide into major chemicals	First lien senior secured loan ($3,000 par due 11/2017)	10.00%	8/13/2014	2,925	2,925(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 86,009 shares of Series B preferred stock		8/13/2014	77	77(2)	
					3,002	3,002	
					108,611	106,905	2.04%

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Telecommunications							
American Broadband Communications, LLC, American Broadband Holding Company, and Cameron Holdings of NC, Inc.	Broadband communication services	Warrants to purchase up to 208 shares		11/7/2007		8,516	
		Warrants to purchase up to 200 shares		9/1/2010		4,506	
						13,022	
EUNetworks Group Limited(8)	Broadband bandwidth infrastructure provider	First lien senior secured loan ($25,071 par due 5/2019)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/M)	12/13/2013	27,554	25,321(26)	
Quantance, Inc.	Designer of semiconductor products to the mobile wireless market	First lien senior secured loan ($3,236 par due 9/2016)	10.25%	8/23/2013	3,169	3,236(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 130,432 shares of Series D Preferred Stock		8/23/2013	74	102(2)	
					3,243	3,338	
Startec Equity, LLC(7)	Communication services	Member interest		4/1/2010			
Wilcon Holdings LLC	Communications infrastructure provider	Class A common stock (2,000,000 shares)		12/13/2013	1,829	1,962	
					32,626	43,643	0.83%
Printing, Publishing and Media							
Batanga, Inc.	Independent digital media company	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($4,000 par due 10/2014)	8.50%	10/31/2012	4,000	4,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($3,667 par due 11/2016)	9.60%	10/31/2012	3,667	3,760(2)(24)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($3,692 par due 9/2017)	9.60%	10/31/2012	3,692	3,692(2)	

					11,359	11,452
Earthcolor Group, LLC	Printing management services	Limited liability company interests (9.30%)		5/18/2012		

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The Teaching Company, LLC and The Teaching Company Holdings, Inc.	Education publications provider	First lien senior secured loan ($20,562 par due 3/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	3/6/2011	20,562	20,151(2)(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,550 par due 3/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	3/6/2011	9,550	9,359(4)(26)	
		Preferred stock (10,663 shares)		9/29/2006	1,066	2,593(2)	
		Common stock (15,393 shares)		9/29/2006	3	6(2)	
					31,181	32,109	
					42,540	43,561	0.83%
Health Clubs							
Athletic Club Holdings, Inc.	Premier health club operator	First lien senior secured loan ($34,000 par due 3/2019)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	10/11/2007	34,000	34,000(2)(12)(26)	
CFW Co-Invest, L.P. and NCP Curves, L.P.	Health club franchisor	Limited partnership interest (4,152,165 shares)		7/31/2012	4,152	3,451(2)	
		Limited partnership interest (2,218,235 shares)		7/31/2012	2,218	1,844(2)(8)	
					6,370	5,295	
					40,370	39,295	0.75%
Transportation							
PODS Funding Corp. II	Storage and warehousing	First lien senior secured loan ($3,929 par due 12/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/19/13	3,929	3,929(26)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($34,119 par due 12/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/19/13	34,119	34,119(26)	
United Road Towing, Inc.	Towing company	Warrants to purchase up to 607 shares		4/1/2010			
					38,048	38,048	0.72%

Environmental Services					
Genomatica, Inc.	Developer of a biotechnology platform for the production of chemical products	Warrant to purchase 322,422 shares of Series D preferred stock	3/28/2013		6(2)
RE Community Holdings II, Inc., Pegasus Community Energy, LLC., and MPH Energy Holdings, LP	Operator of municipal recycling facilities	Preferred stock (1,000 shares)	3/1/2011	8,839	15(2)
		Limited partnership interest (3.13% interest)	1/8/2014		(2)
				8,839	15

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Waste Pro USA, Inc	Waste management services	Preferred Class A common equity (611,615 shares)		11/9/2006	12,263	30,660(2)	
					21,102	30,681	0.58%
Housing Building Materials							
Kinestal Technologies, Inc.	Designer of adaptive, dynamic glass for the commercial and residential markets	First lien senior secured loan ($6,500 par due 8/2017)	10.00%	4/22/2014	6,379	6,500(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 325,000 shares of Series A preferred stock		4/22/2014	73	73(2)	
					6,452	6,573	
					6,452	6,573	0.13%
Food and Beverage							
Distant Lands Trading Co.	Coffee manufacturer	Class A common stock (1,294 shares)		4/1/2010	980	77(2)	
		Class A-1 common stock (2,157 shares)				(2)	
					980	77	
					980	77	0.00%
					$ 8,600,794	$ 8,783,580	167.32%

(1) Other than the Company's investments listed in footnote 7 below (subject to the limitations set forth therein), the Company does not "Control" any of its portfolio companies, for the purposes of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Investment Company Act"). In general, under the Investment Company Act, the Company would "Control" a portfolio company if the Company owned more than 25% of its outstanding voting securities (i.e., securities with the right to elect directors) and/or had the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company. All of the Company's portfolio company investments, which as of September 30, 2014 represented 167% of the Company's net assets or 95% of the Company's total assets, are subject to legal restrictions on sales.

(2) These assets are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Credit Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than the Company's obligations under the Revolving Credit Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(3)

These assets are owned by the Company's consolidated subsidiary Ares Capital CP Funding LLC ("Ares Capital CP"), are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Funding Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than Ares Capital CP's obligations under the Revolving Funding Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(4)

These assets are owned by the Company's consolidated subsidiary Ares Capital JB Funding LLC ("ACJB"), are pledged as collateral for the SMBC Funding Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than ACJB's obligations under the SMBC Funding Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(5)

Investments without an interest rate are non-income producing.

(6)

As defined in the Investment Company Act, the Company is deemed to be an "Affiliated Person" of a portfolio company because it owns 5% or more of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company

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(including through a management agreement). Transactions during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 in which the issuer was an Affiliated Person (but not a portfolio company that the Company is deemed to Control) are as follows:

Company	Purchases (cost)	Redemptions (cost)	Sales (cost)	Interest income	Capital structuring service fees	Dividend income	Other income	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)
Apple & Eve, LLC and US Juice Partners, LLC	$	$	$ 5,000	$	$	$	$	$ 4,344	$ (205)
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp.	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 5,954
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage Co-Investors, L.L.C.	$	$ 4,454	$ 5,000	$ 3,041	$	$ 1,019	$ 181	$	$ 3,445
Crown Health Care Laundry Services, Inc. and Crown Laundry Holdings, LLC	$ 28,550	$ 123	$	$ 1,154	$ 590	$	$ 86	$	$ (176)
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings LLC	$ 702	$ 702	$	$ 3	$	$	$ 26	$	$ (1,386)
DESRI Wind Development Acquisition Holdings, L.L.C	$ 15,556	$	$	$ 166	$ 369	$	$	$	$
The Dwyer Group	$ 14,418	$ 46,377	$	$ 2,772	$ 60	$ 2,279	$ 179	$ 21,141	$ (11,791)
ELC Acquisition Corp. and ELC Holdings Corporation	$	$	$	$	$	$ 1,072	$	$	$ (1,168)
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	$	$ 19,187	$ 12,070	$ 1,765	$	$	$	$ 33,075	$ (2,544)
Investor Group Services, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$ 199	$	$	$ (32)
Multi-Ad Services, Inc.	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 430
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 38	$
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 10,024
UL Holding Co., LLC	$	$ 3,487	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 7,056

(7)

As defined in the Investment Company Act, the Company is deemed to be both an "Affiliated Person" and "Control" this portfolio company because it owns more than 25% of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company (including through a management agreement). Transactions during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 in which the issuer was both an Affiliated Person and a portfolio company that the Company is deemed to Control are as follows:

Company	Purchases (cost)	Redemptions (cost)	Sales (cost)	Interest income	Capital structuring service fees	Dividend income	Other income	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)
10th Street, LLC and New 10th Street, LLC	$ 24,895	$	$	$ 2,952	$ 455	$	$	$	$ 47,219
AllBridge Financial, LLC	$	$ 3,937	$	$	$	$ 382	$	$	$ 58
Callidus Capital Corporation	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 14
Ciena Capital LLC	$	$ 4,000	$	$ 2,881	$	$	$	$	$ 9,417
Citipostal Inc.	$	$ 70,270	$	$ 60	$	$	$ 17	$ (20,247)	$ 25,270
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates	$	$	$	$	$	$ 42	$	$	$

HCI Equity, LLC	$	$ 112	$	$	$	$ 89	$	$	$	$ 178
HCP Acquisition Holdings, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Hot Light Brands, Inc.	$	$ 90	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 144	$ (163)
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	$	$	$	$	$	$ 40,000	$	$	$	$ (21,471)
MVL Group, Inc.	$	$ 30,040	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (27,709)	$ 27,781
Orion Foods, LLC	$ 3,000	$ 29,466	$	$ 3,327	$	$	$	$ 625	$ 1,624	$ (4,847)
Pillar Processing LLC, PHL Investors, Inc., and PHL Holding Co.	$	$ 9,844	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (6,592)	$ 6,522
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC*	$ 348,508	$ 139,561	$	$ 205,433	$	24,978	$	$ 21,098	$	$ 3,134
Startec Equity, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
The Step2 Company, LLC	$ 4,500	$	$	$ 2,169	$	$	$	$	$	$ (18,436)
The Thymes, LLC	$	$ 840	$	$	$	$ 158	$	$	$	$ 2,810

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Together with GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation (together, "GE"), the Company co-invests through the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC d/b/a the "Senior Secured Loan Program" (the "SSLP"). The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with approval from a representative of each required); therefore, although the Company owns more than 25% of the voting securities of the SSLP, the Company does not believe that it has control over the SSLP (for purposes of the Investment Company

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Act or otherwise) because, among other things, these "voting securities" do not afford the Company the right to elect directors of the SSLP or any other special rights (see Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements).

(8)

Non-U.S. company or principal place of business outside the U.S. and as a result is not a qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act. Under the Investment Company Act, the Company may not acquire any non-qualifying asset unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets.

(9)

Excepted from the definition of investment company under Section 3(c) of the Investment Company Act and as a result is not a qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act. Under the Investment Company Act, the Company may not acquire any non-qualifying asset unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets.

(10)

In the first quarter of 2011, the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Staff") informally communicated to certain business development companies ("BDCs") the Staff's belief that certain entities, which would be classified as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act but for the exception from the definition of "investment company" set forth in Rule 3a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act, could not be treated as eligible portfolio companies (as defined in Section 2(a)(46) under the Investment Company Act) (i.e., not eligible to be included in a BDC's 70% "qualifying assets" basket). Subsequently, in August 2011 the Securities and Exchange Commission issued a concept release (the "Concept Release") which stated that "[a]s a general matter, the Commission presently does not believe that Rule 3a-7 issuers are the type of small, developing and financially troubled businesses in which the U.S. Congress intended BDCs primarily to invest" and requested comment on whether or not a 3a-7 issuer should be considered an "eligible portfolio company". The Company provided a comment letter in respect of the Concept Release and continues to believe that the language of Section 2(a)(46) of the Investment Company Act permits a BDC to treat as "eligible portfolio companies" entities that rely on the 3a-7 exception. However, given the current uncertainty in this area (including the language in the Concept Release) and subsequent discussions with the Staff, the Company has, solely for purposes of calculating the composition of its portfolio pursuant to Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act, identified such entities, which include the SSLP, as "non-qualifying assets" should the Staff ultimately disagree with the Company's position.

(11)

Variable rate loans to the Company's portfolio companies bear interest at a rate that may be determined by reference to either LIBOR or an alternate base rate (commonly based on the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate), at the borrower's option, which reset annually (A), semi-annually (S), quarterly (Q), bi-monthly (B), monthly (M) or daily (D). For each such loan, the Company has provided the interest rate in effect on the date presented.

(12)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.00% on $11 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(13)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.00% on $68 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(14)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 6.00% on $11 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(15)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.25% on $53 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(16)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 2.00% on $25 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(17)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.13% on $55 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(18)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 1.13% on $17 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

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(19) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.75% on $24 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(20) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 5.00% on $21 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(21) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 2.00% on $71 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(22) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 2.55% on $28 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(23) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 2.00% on $88 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder

(24) The Company is entitled to receive a fixed fee upon the occurrence of certain events as defined in the credit agreement governing the Company's debt investment in the portfolio company. The fair value of such fee is included in the fair value of the debt investment.

(25) Loan was on non-accrual status as of September 30, 2014.

(26) Loan includes interest rate floor feature.

(27) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated contractual interest rate of this security, the certificates entitle the holders thereof to receive a portion of the excess cash flow from the SSLP's loan portfolio, which may result in a return to the Company greater than the contractual stated interest rate.

(28) As of September 30, 2014, no amounts were funded by the Company under this first lien senior secured revolving loan; however, there were letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the loan. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

(29) As of September 30, 2014, in addition to the amounts funded by the Company under this first lien senior secured revolving loan, there were also letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the loan. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

(30) As of September 30, 2014, no amounts were funded by the Company under this letter of credit facility; however, there were letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the letter of credit facility. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

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Investment Funds and Vehicles							
CIC Flex, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership units (0.94 units)		9/7/2007	$ 867	$ 2,851(2)	
Covestia Capital Partners, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (47.00% interest)		6/17/2008	826	1,177(2)	
Dynamic India Fund IV, LLC(9)	Investment company	Member interest (5.44% interest)		4/1/2010	4,822	3,285	
HCI Equity, LLC(7)(8)(9)	Investment company	Member interest (100.00% interest)		4/1/2010	112	334	
Imperial Capital Private Opportunities, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (80.00% interest)		5/10/2007	3,315	10,231(2)	
Partnership Capital Growth Fund I, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (25.00% interest)		6/16/2006	1,411	3,939(2)	
Partnership Capital Growth Investors III, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (2.50% interest)		10/5/2011	2,804	2,588(2)	
Piper Jaffray Merchant Banking Fund I, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (2.00% interest)		8/16/2012	632	563(2)	
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC(7)(10)	Co-investment vehicle	Subordinated certificates ($1,745,192 par due 12/2024)	8.24% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)(26)	10/30/2009	1,745,192	1,771,369	
		Membership interest (87.50% interest)		10/30/2009			
					1,745,192	1,771,369	
VSC Investors LLC(9)	Investment company	Membership interest (1.95% interest)		1/24/2008	745	1,211(2)	
					1,760,726	1,797,548	36.65%
Healthcare Services							
Alegeus Technologies Holdings Corp.	Benefits administration and	Preferred stock (2,997 shares)		12/13/2013	3,087	3,087	

	transaction processing provider					
		Common stock (3 shares)		12/13/2013	3	3
					3,090	3,090
ATI Phyiscal Therapy Holdings, LLC	Outpatient rehabilitation services provider	Class C common stock (51,005 shares)		12/13/2013	53	53
AxelaCare Holdings, Inc. and AxelaCare Investment Holdings, L.P.	Provider of home infusion services	First lien senior secured loan ($4,458 par due 4/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	4/12/2013	4,458	4,458(2)(25)
		Preferred units (8,218,160 units)		4/12/2013	822	855(2)
		Common units (83,010 units)		4/12/2013	8	9(2)
					5,288	5,322

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California Forensic Medical Group, Incorporated	Correctional facility healthcare operator	First lien senior secured loan ($53,640 par due 11/2018)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	11/16/2012	53,640	53,640(3)(25)	
CCS Group Holdings, LLC	Correctional facility healthcare operator	Class A units (601,937 units)		8/19/2010	602	1,546(2)	
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings LLC(6)	Healthcare analysis services provider	Class A common stock (9,679 shares)		6/15/2007	2,543	4,014(2)	
		Class C common stock (1,546 shares)		6/15/2007		641(2)	
					2,543	4,655	
Dialysis Newco, Inc.	Dialysis provider	First lien senior secured loan ($15,509 par due 8/2020)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	8/16/2013	15,509	15,509(2)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($56,500 par due 2/2021)	9.75% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/16/2013	56,500	56,500(2)(25)	
					72,009	72,009	
Genocea Biosciences, Inc.	Vaccine discovery technology company	First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 4/2017)	8.00%	9/30/2013	9,805	10,000(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 689,655 shares of Series C convertible preferred stock		9/30/2013		(2)	
					9,805	10,000	
GI Advo Opco, LLC	Residential behavioral treatment services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($15,005 par due 6/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	15,448	15,455(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($13 par due 6/2017)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	13	13(25)	
					15,461	15,468	
INC Research, Inc.	Pharmaceutical and biotechnology consulting services	Common stock (1,410,000 shares)		9/27/2010	1,512	1,758(2)	
Intermedix Corporation	Revenue cycle management provider to the emergency	Second lien senior secured loan ($112,000 par due	10.25% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	12/27/2012	112,000	112,000(2)(25)	

	healthcare industry	6/2019)				
JHP Group Holdings, Inc.	Manufacturer of speciality pharmaceutical products	Series A preferred stock (1,000,000 shares)	6.00% PIK	2/19/2013	272	2,673(2)
LM Acquisition Holdings, LLC(8)	Developer and manufacturer of medical equipment	Class A units (426 units)		9/27/2013	1,000	1,195(2)

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Magnacare Holdings, Inc., Magnacare Administrative Services, LLC, and Magnacare, LLC	Healthcare professional provider	First lien senior secured loan ($134,115 par due 3/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	9/15/2010	134,721	135,457(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($56,134 par due 3/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	9/15/2010	56,134	56,695(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,668 par due 3/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	3/6/2012	4,668	4,715(4)(25)	
					195,523	196,867	
Monte Nido Holdings, LLC	Outpatient eating disorder treatment provider	First lien senior secured loan ($44,750 par due 12/2019)	7.75% (Libor + 6.75%/Q)	12/20/2013	44,750	44,750(2)(19)(25)	
MW Dental Holding Corp.	Dental services provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($4,500 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	4,500	4,500(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($12,582 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	12,582	12,582(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($12,460 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	12,460	12,460(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($48,757 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	48,757	48,757(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,800 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	9,800	9,800(4)(25)	
					88,099	88,099	
Napa Management Services Corporation	Anesthesia management services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($23,496 par due 4/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	4/15/2011	23,496	23,496(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($33,266 par due 4/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	4/15/2011	33,203	33,266(3)(25)	
		Common units (5,000 units)		4/15/2011	5,000	8,896(2)	
					61,699	65,658	
National Healing Corporation and National Healing	Wound care service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 2/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/S)	12/13/2013	10,297	10,301(25)	

Holding Corp.				
	Preferred stock (869,565 shares)	12/13/2013	1,296	1,296
			11,593	11,597

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Netsmart Technologies, Inc. and NS Holdings, Inc.	Healthcare technology provider	First lien senior secured loan ($2,833 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/18/2012	2,833	2,833(2)(17)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($36,259 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/18/2012	36,259	36,259(2)(17)(25)	
		Common stock (2,500,000 shares)		6/21/2010	2,500	2,710(2)	
					41,592	41,802	
New Trident Holdcorp, Inc.	Outsourced mobile diagnostic healthcare service provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($80,000 par due 7/2020)	10.25% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	8/6/2013	78,465	80,000(2)(25)	
OmniSYS Acquisition Corporation, OmniSYS, LLC, and OSYS Holdings, LLC	Provider of technology-enabled solutions to pharmacies	First lien senior secured loan ($21,000 par due 11/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	11/21/2013	21,000	21,000(2)(25)	
		Limited liability company membership interest (1.57% interest)		11/21/2013	1,000	1,000(2)	
					22,000	22,000	
PerfectServe, Inc.	Communications software platform provider for hospitals and physician practices	First lien senior secured loan ($3,500 par due 4/2017)	10.00%	12/26/2013	3,465	3,500	
		Warrants to purchase up to 34,113 units of Series C preferred stock		12/26/2013		50	
					3,465	3,550	
PG Mergersub, Inc. and PGA Holdings, Inc.	Provider of patient surveys, management reports and national databases for the integrated healthcare delivery system	Second lien senior secured loan ($2,368 par due 10/2018)	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/19/2012	2,439	2,376(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($21,316 par due 10/2018)	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/19/2012	21,316	21,380(2)(25)	
		Preferred stock (333 shares)		3/12/2008	125	16(2)	
		Common stock (16,667 shares)		3/12/2008	167	825(2)	

					24,047	24,597
Physiotherapy Associates Holdings, Inc.	Outpatient rehabilitation physical therapy provider	Class A common stock (100,000 shares)		12/13/2013	3,090	3,090
POS I Corp. (fka Vantage Oncology, Inc.)	Radiation oncology care provider	Common stock (62,157 shares)		2/3/2011	4,670	1,375(2)

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RCHP, Inc.	Operator of general acute care hospitals	First lien senior secured loan ($14,887 par due 11/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	11/4/2011	14,888	14,664(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($60,518 par due 11/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	11/4/2011	60,496	59,611(3)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($85,000 par due 5/2019)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	11/4/2011	85,000	85,000(2)(25)	
					160,384	159,275	
Reed Group, Ltd.	Medical disability management services provider	Equity interests		4/1/2010		(2)	
Respicardia, Inc.	Developer of implantable therapies to improve cardiovascular health	First lien senior secured loan ($3,800 par due 7/2015)	11.00%	6/28/2012	3,787	3,800(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 99,094 shares of Series C preferred stock		6/26/2012	38	29(2)	
					3,825	3,829	
Sage Products Holdings III, LLC	Patient infection control and preventive care solutions provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($75,000 par due 6/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	12/13/2012	75,000	75,000(2)(25)	
Sorbent Therapeutics, Inc.	Orally-administered drug developer	First lien senior secured loan ($6,500 par due 9/2016)	10.25%	4/23/2013	6,500	6,500(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 727,272 shares of Series C preferred stock		4/23/2013		25(2)	
					6,500	6,525	
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC(6)	Outpatient medical imaging provider	Preferred member units (1,823,179 units)		4/1/2010			
SurgiQuest, Inc.	Medical device company	First lien senior secured loan ($6,281 par due 10/2017)	10.00%	9/28/2012	6,133	6,281(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($2,000 par due 10/2017)	10.69%	9/28/2012	1,953	2,000(2)	
				9/28/2012		(2)	

		Warrants to purchase up to 54,672 shares of Series D-4 convertible preferred stock					
						8,086	8,281
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc.	Anesthesiology service provider	First lien senior secured loan ($30,000 par due 12/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	12/31/2013	30,000	30,000(2)(25)	

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Young Innovations, Inc.	Dental supplies and equipment manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($9,697 par due 1/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	9,697	9,697(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($32 par due 1/2019)	6.75% (Base Rate + 3.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	32	32(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($13,304 par due 1/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	13,304	13,304(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($44 par due 1/2019)	6.75% (Base Rate + 3.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	44	44(4)(25)	
					23,077	23,077	
					1,163,140	1,172,781	23.91%
Business Services							
2329497 Ontario Inc.(8)	Provider of outsourced data center infrastructure and related services	Second lien senior secured loan ($42,333 par due 6/2019)	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/M)	12/13/2013	43,551	43,603(25)	
Access CIG, LLC	Records and information management services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($992 par due 10/2017)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/M)	10/5/2012	992	992(2)(25)	
BluePay Processing, Inc.	Technology-enabled payment processing solutions provider	First lien senior secured loan ($6,000 par due 8/2019)	5.00% (Libor + 4.00%/Q)	8/30/2013	6,000	6,000(2)(25)	
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage Co-Investors, L.L.C.(6)	Payroll and accounting services provider to the entertainment industry	First lien senior secured loan ($18,107 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	12/24/2012	18,107	18,107(2)(18)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($45,267 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	12/24/2012	45,267	45,267(3)(18)(25)	
		Class A membership units (2,500,000 units)		12/24/2012	2,500	4,021(2)	
		Class B membership units (2,500,000 units)		12/24/2012	2,500	4,021(2)	
					68,374	71,416	

CIBT Investment Holdings, LLC	Expedited travel document processing services	Class A shares (2,500 shares)		12/15/2011	2,500	3,658(2)
CitiPostal Inc.(7)	Document storage and management services	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($3,500 par due 12/2014)	6.50% (Libor + 4.50%/M)	4/1/2010	3,500	3,500(2)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($53,731 par due 12/2014)		4/1/2010	53,731	41,501(2)(24)
		Senior subordinated loan ($20,193 par due 12/2015)		4/1/2010	13,038	(2)(24)
		Common stock (37,024 shares)		4/1/2010		
					70,269	45,001

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Command Alkon, Inc.	Software solutions provider to the ready-mix concrete industry	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 3/2018)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/M)	9/28/2012	10,000	10,000(2)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($34,000 par due 5/2019)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/28/2012	34,000	34,000(2)(25)	
					44,000	44,000	
Coverall North America, Inc.	Commercial janitorial services provider	Letter of credit facility		1/17/2013		(2)(29)	
eCommerce Industries, Inc.	Business critical enterprise resource planning software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($19,936 par due 10/2016)	8.00% (Libor + 6.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	19,936	20,217(22)(25)	
GHS Interactive Security, LLC and LG Security Holdings, LLC	Originates residential security alarm contracts	First lien senior secured loan ($2,091 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/13/2013	2,153	2,153(25)	
		Class A membership units (1,560,000 units)		12/13/2013	1,607	1,607	
					3,760	3,760	
HCPro, Inc. and HCP Acquisition Holdings, LLC(7)	Healthcare compliance advisory services	Senior subordinated loan ($9,004 par due 8/2014)		3/5/2013	2,692	(2)(24)	
		Class A units (14,293,110 units)		6/26/2008	12,793	(2)	
					15,485		
IfByPhone Inc.	Voice-based marketing automation software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($1,533 par due 11/2015)	11.00%	10/15/2012	1,490	1,533(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($833 par due 1/2016)	11.00%	10/15/2012	833	833(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 124,300 shares of Series C preferred stock		10/15/2012	88	64(2)	
					2,411	2,430	
Investor Group Services, LLC(6)	Business consulting for private equity and corporate clients	Limited liability company membership interest (8.5% interest)		6/22/2006		633	

IronPlanet, Inc.	Online auction platform provider for used heavy equipment	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($5,000 par due 9/2015)	8.00%	9/24/2013	5,000	5,000(2)
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,500 par due 7/2017)	9.25%	9/24/2013	7,155	7,275(2)
		Warrant to purchase to up to 133,333 shares of Series C preferred stock		9/24/2013	214	246(2)
					12,369	12,521

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Itel Laboratories, Inc.	Data services provider for building materials to property insurance industry	Preferred units (1,798,391 units)		6/29/2012	1,000	995(2)	
Keynote Systems, Inc. and Hawaii Ultimate Parent Corp., Inc.	Web and mobile cloud performance testing and monitoring services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($164,587 par due 2/2020)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/22/2013	164,587	164,587(2)(25)	
		Class A common stock (2,970 shares)		8/22/2013	2,970	3,429(2)	
		Class B common stock (1,956,522 shares)		8/22/2013	30	35(2)	
					167,587	168,051	
Market Track Holdings, LLC	Business media consulting services company	Preferred stock (1,500 shares)		12/13/2013	1,982	1,982	
		Common stock (15,000 shares)		12/13/2013	1,982	1,982	
					3,964	3,964	
MSC.Software Corporation and Maximus Holdings, LLC	Provider of software simulation tools and related services	First lien senior secured loan ($42,750 par due 11/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/13/2013	44,015	44,033(21)(25)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 1,050,013 shares of common stock		12/13/2013	424	424	
					44,439	44,457	
Multi-Ad Services, Inc.(6)	Marketing services and software provider	Preferred units (1,725,280 units)		4/1/2010	788	1,754	
		Common units (1,725,280 units)		4/1/2010			
					788	1,754	
MVL Group, Inc.(7)	Marketing research provider	Junior subordinated loan ($185 par due 7/2012)		4/1/2010		(2)(24)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($33,337 par due 7/2012)		4/1/2010	30,265	2,485(2)(24)	
		Common stock (560,716 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					30,265	2,485	

NComputing, Inc.	Desktop virtualization hardware and software technology service provider	First lien senior secured loan ($6,500 par due 7/2016)	10.50%	3/20/2013	6,500	6,695(2)
		Warrant to purchase up to 462,726 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/20/2013		56(2)
					6,500	6,751

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Pillar Processing LLC, PHL Investors, Inc., and PHL Holding Co.(6)	Mortgage services	First lien senior secured loan ($4,658 par due 11/2018)		7/31/2008	3,982	3,321(2)(24)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,375 par due 5/2019)		11/20/2007	5,862	(2)(24)	
		Class A common stock (576 shares)		7/31/2012	3,768	(2)	
					13,612	3,321	
Platform Acquisition, Inc.	Data center and managed cloud services provider	Common stock (48,604 shares)		12/13/2013	7,536	7,536	
Powersport Auctioneer Holdings, LLC	Powersport vehicle auction operator	Common units (1,972 units)		3/2/2012	1,000	879(2)	
PSSI Holdings, LLC	Provider of mission-critical outsourced cleaning and sanitation services to the food processing industry	First lien senior secured loan ($1,000 par due 6/2018)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/7/2013	1,000	1,000(2)(25)	
R2 Acquisition Corp.	Marketing services	Common stock (250,000 shares)		5/29/2007	250	154(2)	
Rainstor, Inc.	Database solutions provider	First lien senior secured loan ($2,800 par due 4/2016)	11.25%	3/28/2013	2,735	2,800(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 142,210 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/28/2013	88	70(2)	
					2,823	2,870	
Summit Business Media Parent Holding Company LLC	Business media consulting services	Limited liability company membership interest (45.98% interest)		5/20/2011		1,458(2)	
TOA Technologies, Inc.	Cloud based, mobile workforce management applications provider	First lien senior secured loan ($12,567 par due 11/2016)	10.25%	10/31/2012	12,124	12,567(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 2,509,770 shares of Series D preferred stock		10/31/2012	605	1,201(2)	

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Tripwire, Inc.	IT security software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($74,684 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	5/23/2011	74,684	74,684(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,266 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	5/23/2011	10,266	10,266(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($49,875 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	5/23/2011	49,875	49,875(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,975 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	5/23/2011	9,975	9,975(4)(25)	
		Class B common stock (2,655,638 shares)		5/23/2011	30	84(2)	
		Class A common stock (2,970 shares)		5/23/2011	2,970	8,315(2)	
					147,800	153,199	
Venturehouse-Cibernet Investors, LLC	Financial settlement services for intercarrier wireless roaming	Equity interest		4/1/2010		(2)	
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC(6)	Management consulting services	Common membership interest (5.98% interest)		10/26/2007	10,204	5,236	
VTE Holdings Corp.	Hosted enterprise resource planning application management services provider	Common units (1,500,000 units)		12/13/2013	3,862	3,862	
Worldpay (UK) Limited, Worldpay ECommerce Limited, Ship US Bidco, Inc., Ship Investor & Cy S.C.A.(8)	Payment processing company	First lien senior secured loan ($5,341 par due 10/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	5,432	5,394(25)	
		Common stock (936,693 shares)		12/13/2013	2,698	2,732	
					8,129	8,126	
X Plus Two Solutions, Inc. and X Plus One Solutions, Inc.	Provider of open and integrated software for digital marketing optimization	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($8,600 par due 9/2014)	8.50%	4/1/2013	8,600	8,600(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,000 par due 3/2017)	10.00%	4/1/2013	6,645	6,860(2)	
				4/1/2013	284	299(2)	

Warrant to purchase up to 999,167 shares of Series C preferred stock				
		15,529	15,759	
		768,665	699,856	14.27%

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Services Other							
Capital Investments and Ventures Corp.	SCUBA diver training and certification provider	First lien senior secured loan ($24,512 par due 8/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	8/9/2012	24,512	24,512(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,719 par due 8/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	8/9/2012	8,719	8,719(4)(25)	
					33,231	33,231	
Community Education Centers, Inc.	Offender re-entry and in-prison treatment services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($14,286 par due 12/2014)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	12/10/2010	14,286	14,286(2)(15)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($35,283 par due 12/2015)	15.24% (Libor + 10.00% Cash, 5.00% PIK/Q)	12/10/2010	35,283	34,225(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($10,649 par due 12/2015)	15.26% (Libor + 10.00% Cash, 5.00% PIK/Q)	12/10/2010	10,649	10,330(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 654,618 shares		12/10/2010		979(2)	
					60,218	59,820	
Competitor Group, Inc. and Calera XVI, LLC	Endurance sports media and event operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,850 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	2,850	2,508(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($900 par due 11/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	900	792(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($24,380 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 7.75% Cash, 1.00% PIK /Q)	11/30/2012	24,380	21,454(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($29,853 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 7.75% Cash, 1.00% PIK /Q)	11/30/2012	29,853	26,271(3)(25)	
		Membership units (2,500,000 units)		11/30/2012	2,513	17(2)(9)	
					60,496	51,042	
Fox Hill Holdings, Inc.	Third party claims administrator on behalf of insurance carriers	First lien senior secured loan ($7,442 par due 6/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	10/31/2013	7,442	7,442(2)(25)	
				10/31/2013	39	39(2)(25)	

		First lien senior secured loan ($39 par due 6/2018)	8.00% (Base Rate + 4.75%/Q)			
					7,481	7,481
ISS #2, LLC	Provider of repairs, refurbishments and services to the broader industrial end user markets	First lien senior secured loan ($14,950 par due 6/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	6/5/2013	14,950	14,950(2)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($44,775 par due 6/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	6/5/2013	44,775	44,775(3)(25)
					59,725	59,725

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Massage Envy, LLC	Franchisor in the massage industry	First lien senior secured loan ($29,177 par due 9/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	9/27/2012	29,177	29,177(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($49,291 par due 9/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	9/27/2012	49,291	49,291(3)(25)	
		Common stock (3,000,000 shares)		9/27/2012	3,000	3,532(2)	
					81,468	82,000	
McKenzie Sports Products, LLC	Designer, manufacturer, and distributor of hunting-related supplies and supplies	First lien senior secured loan ($8,140 par due 3/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	3/30/2012	8,140	8,140(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,302 par due 3/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	3/30/2012	9,302	9,302(4)(25)	
					17,442	17,442	
Spin HoldCo Inc.	Laundry service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($140,000 par due 5/2020)	9.00% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	5/14/2013	140,000	140,000(2)(25)	
The Dwyer Group(6)	Operator of multiple franchise concepts primarily related to home maintenance or repairs	Senior subordinated loan ($25,686 par due 6/2018)	12.00% Cash, 1.50% PIK	12/22/2010	25,686	25,686(2)	
		Series A preferred units (13,292,377 units)	8.00% PIK	12/22/2010	6,859	18,650(2)	
					32,545	44,336	
Wash Multifamily Laundry Systems, LLC	Laundry service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($78,000 par due 2/2020)	9.75% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	6/26/2012	78,000	78,000(2)(25)	
					570,606	573,077	11.69%
Education							
American Academy Holdings, LLC	Provider of education, training, certification, networking, and consulting services to medical coders	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,250 par due 3/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	3/18/2011	2,250	2,250(2)(25)	

	and other healthcare professionals					
		First lien senior secured loan ($56,236 par due 3/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	3/18/2011	56,236	56,236(3)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,651 par due 3/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	3/18/2011	4,651	4,651(4)(25)
					63,137	63,137
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp.(6)	Education software developer	Preferred stock (485,159 shares)		2/8/2008	10,520	3,337(2)

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ELC Acquisition Corp., ELC Holdings Corporation, and Excelligence Learning Corporation(6)	Developer, manufacturer and retailer of educational products	Preferred stock (99,492 shares)	12.00% PIK	8/1/2011	10,286	10,286(2)	
		Common stock (50,800 shares)		8/1/2011		1,345(2)	
					10,286	11,631	
Infilaw Holding, LLC	Operator of for-profit law schools	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/25/2011		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($1 par due 8/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	1	1(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,362 par due 8/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	14,362	14,362(3)(25)	
		Series A preferred units (124,890 units)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	124,890	124,890(2)(25)	
		Series B preferred units (3.91 units)		10/19/2012	9,245	11,060(2)	
					148,498	150,313	
Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Inc. & Leeds IV Advisors, Inc.	Private school operator	First lien senior secured loan ($39,459 par due 6/2015)		4/24/2013	39,385	35,514(3)(24)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,774 par due 6/2015)		4/24/2013	14,746	13,297(4)(24)	
		Series B preferred stock (1,750,000 shares)		8/5/2010	5,000	(2)	
		Series C preferred stock (2,512,586 shares)		6/7/2010	689	(2)	
		Common stock (20 shares)		6/7/2010		(2)	
					59,820	48,811	
Lakeland Tours, LLC	Educational travel provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan		10/4/2011		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($83,140 par due 12/2016)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	10/4/2011	83,067	83,131(2)(14)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($1,585 par due 12/2016)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	1,585	1,585(2)(25)	
				10/4/2011	40,277	40,362(3)(14)(25)	

First lien senior secured loan ($40,362 par due 12/2016)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)			
First lien senior secured loan ($8,297 par due 12/2016)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	8,280	8,297(3)(25)
Common stock (5,000 shares)		10/4/2011	5,000	5,117(2)
			138,209	138,492

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PIH Corporation	Franchisor of education-based early childhood centers	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($621 par due 6/2016)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	12/13/2013	621	621(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($39,062 par due 6/2016)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	12/13/2013	39,570	39,594(25)	
					40,191	40,215	
R3 Education, Inc. and EIC Acquisitions Corp.	Medical school operator	Preferred stock (8,800 shares)		7/30/2008	2,200	1,936(2)	
		Common membership interest (26.27% interest)		9/21/2007	15,800	29,584(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 27,890 shares		12/8/2009		(2)	
					18,000	31,520	
RuffaloCODY, LLC	Provider of student fundraising and enrollment management services	First lien senior secured loan ($634 par due 5/2019)	6.50% (Base Rate + 3.25%/Q)	5/29/2013	634	634(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($24,996 par due 5/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	5/29/2013	24,996	24,996(2)(25)	
					25,630	25,630	
					514,291	513,086	10.46%
Energy							
Alphabet Energy, Inc.	Technology developer to convert waste-heat into electricity	First lien senior secured loan ($3,000 par due 7/2017)	9.62%	12/16/2013	2,721	2,850(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 59,524 units of Series B preferred stock		12/16/2013	146	146(2)	
					2,867	2,996	
Brush Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($89,892 par due 8/2020)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	8/1/2013	89,892	89,892(2)(25)	
Centinela Funding, LLC	Solar power generation facility	Senior subordinated loan ($56,000 par due	10.00% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	11/14/2012	56,000	56,000(2)(25)	

	developer and operator	11/2020)				
Joule Unlimited Technologies, Inc. and Stichting Joule Global Foundation	Renewable fuel and chemical production developer	First lien senior secured loan ($7,500 par due 2/2017)	10.00%	7/25/2013	7,433	7,500(2)
		Warrant to purchase up to 32,051 shares of Series C-2 preferred stock		7/25/2013		34(2)(8)
					7,433	7,534
La Paloma Generating Company, LLC	Natural gas fired, combined cycle plant operator	Second lien senior secured loan ($68,000 par due 8/2018)	10.25% (Libor + 8.75%/M)	8/9/2011	67,060	67,320(2)(25)

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Panda Sherman Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($32,500 par due 9/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/14/2012	32,500	32,500(2)(25)	
Panda Temple Power II, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($20,000 par due 4/2019)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	4/3/2013	19,820	20,000(2)(25)	
Panda Temple Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($60,000 par due 7/2018)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	7/17/2012	58,402	60,000(2)(25)	
Sunrun Solar Owner Holdco X, LLC	Residential solar energy provider	First lien senior secured loan ($59,749 par due 6/2019)	9.50% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	6/7/2013	59,749	59,749(2)(25)	
Sunrun Solar Owner Holdco XIII, LLC	Residential solar energy provider	First lien senior secured loan ($19,300 par due 12/2019)	9.50% (Libor + 7.25% Cash, 1.00% PIK /Q)	11/27/2013	19,079	19,300(2)(25)	
					412,802	415,291	8.47%
Restaurants and Food Services							
ADF Capital, Inc., ADF Restaurant Group, LLC, and ARG Restaurant Holdings, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured loan ($33,581 par due 12/2018)	10.50% (Base Rate + 7.25%/Q)	11/27/2006	33,581	33,581(2)(20)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,919 par due 12/2018)	10.50% (Base Rate + 7.25%/Q)	11/27/2006	10,922	10,919(3)(20)(25)	
		Promissory note ($16,558 par due 12/2018)	13.00% PIK	11/27/2006	13,273	15,997(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 23,750 units of Series D common stock		12/18/2013	24	(2)	
					57,800	60,497	
Benihana, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured loan ($4,925 par due 2/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	8/21/2012	4,925	4,925(4)(25)	
Garden Fresh Restaurant Corp.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan		10/3/2013		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($43,750 par due 7/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/M)	10/3/2013	43,750	43,750(2)(25)	

	43,750	43,750

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Hojeij Branded Foods, Inc.	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($450 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	450	450(2)(25)(28)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($12,500 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	12,500	12,500(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($15,000 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	14,543	15,000(2)(25)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 7.5% of membership interest		2/15/2012		299(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 324 shares of Class A common stock		2/15/2012	669	4,307(2)	
					28,162	32,556	
Orion Foods, LLC (fka Hot Stuff Foods, LLC)(7)	Convenience food service retailer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($9,500 par due 9/2014)	10.75% (Base Rate + 7.50%/M)	4/1/2010	9,500	9,500(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($33,037 par due 9/2014)	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	33,037	33,037(3)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($37,552 par due 9/2014)		4/1/2010	18,423	20,205(2)(24)	
		Preferred units (10,000 units)		10/28/2010		(2)	
		Class A common units (25,001 units)		4/1/2010		(2)	
		Class B common units (1,122,452 units)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					60,960	62,742	
OTG Management, LLC	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($25,000 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/11/2012	25,000	25,000(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,075 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/11/2012	7,075	7,075(2)(25)	
		Common units (3,000,000 units)		1/5/2011	3,000	3,638(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 7.73% of common units		6/19/2008	100	7,257(2)	
					35,175	42,970	
				5/14/2013	74,282	74,850(2)(25)	

Performance Food Group, Inc. and Wellspring Distribution Corp	Food service distributor	Second lien senior secured loan ($74,625 par due 11/2019)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)			
		Class A non-voting common stock (1,366,120 shares)		5/3/2008	6,303	6,529(2)
					80,585	81,379

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PMI Holdings, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	Preferred stock (46,025 shares)		12/13/2013	687	687	
		Common stock (22,401 shares)		12/13/2013	379	379	
					1,066	1,066	
Restaurant Holding Company, LLC	Fast food restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($60,125 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/M)	2/17/2012	59,303	58,922(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,250 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/M)	2/17/2012	9,122	9,065(4)(25)	
					68,425	67,987	
S.B. Restaurant Company	Restaurant owner and operator	Preferred stock (46,690 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 257,429 shares of common stock		4/1/2010		(2)	
					380,848	397,872	8.11%
Financial Services							
AllBridge Financial, LLC(7)	Asset management services	Equity interests		4/1/2010	5,077	9,718	
Callidus Capital Corporation(7)	Asset management services	Common stock (100 shares)		4/1/2010	3,000	1,713	
Ciena Capital LLC(7)	Real estate and small business loan servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($14,000 par due 12/2014)	6.00%	11/29/2010	14,000	14,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($26,000 par due 12/2016)	12.00%	11/29/2010	26,000	26,000(2)	
		Equity interests		11/29/2010	53,374	10,926(2)	
					93,374	50,926	
Commercial Credit Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment finance and leasing company	Senior subordinated loan ($28,000 par due 5/2018)	12.75%	5/10/2012	28,000	28,000(2)	
Cook Inlet Alternative Risk, LLC	Risk management services	Senior subordinated loan ($1,750 par due	9.00%	9/30/2011	1,750	1,750(2)	

		9/2015)					
Gordian Acquisition Corp.	Financial services firm	Common stock (526 shares)		11/30/2012		(2)	
Imperial Capital Group LLC	Investment services	2006 Class B common units (2,526 units)		5/10/2007	3	5(2)	
		2007 Class B common units (315 units)		5/10/2007		1(2)	
		Class A common units (7,710 units)		5/10/2007	14,997	19,672(2)	
					15,000	19,678	
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.(7)(9)	Asset management services	Member interest (100.00% interest)		6/15/2009	170,961	280,353	
					317,162	392,138	8.00%

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Consumer Products Non-durable							
Gilchrist & Soames, Inc.	Personal care manufacturer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($8,700 par due 12/2014)	6.25% (Libor + 5.00%/M)	4/1/2010	8,700	8,700(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($22,508 par due 12/2014)	13.44% Cash, 2.00% PIK	4/1/2010	22,504	21,833(2)	
					31,204	30,533	
Implus Footcare, LLC	Provider of footwear and other accessories	Preferred stock (455 shares)	6.00% PIK	10/31/2011	5,172	5,172(2)	
		Common stock (455 shares)		10/31/2011	455	170(2)	
					5,627	5,342	
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation(6)	OTC drug products manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($19,310 par due 8/2017)	13.25% (Libor + 11.75%/Q)	8/26/2011	19,165	19,310(2)(25)	
		Class A common stock (155,000 shares)		8/26/2011	6,035	7,234(2)	
		Class B common stock (155,000 shares)		8/26/2011	6,035	7,234(2)	
					31,235	33,778	
Matrixx Initiatives, Inc. and Wonder Holdings Acquisition Corp.	Developer and marketer of over-the-counter healthcare products	Warrants to purchase up to 1,654,678 shares of common stock		7/27/2011		1,219(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 1,489 shares of preferred stock		7/27/2011		1,144(2)	
						2,363	
Oak Parent, Inc.	Manufacturer of athletic apparel	First lien senior secured loan ($31,295 par due 4/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	31,184	31,294(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($86 par due 4/2018)	9.25% (Base Rate + 6.00%/S)	4/2/2012	85	86(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,844 par due 4/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	8,813	8,844(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($24 par due 4/2018)	9.25% (Base Rate + 6.00%/S)	4/2/2012	24	24(4)(25)	
					40,106	40,248	

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PG-ACP Co-Invest, LLC	Supplier of medical uniforms, specialized medical footwear and accessories	Class A membership units (1,000,0000 units)		8/29/2012	1,000	1,526(2)	
The Step2 Company, LLC	Toy manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($25,600 par due 4/2015)	10.00%	4/1/2010	25,089	25,088(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($32,865 par due 4/2015)	10.00%	4/1/2010	30,802	26,292(2)	
		Common units (1,116,879 units)		4/1/2010	24		
		Warrants to purchase up to 3,157,895 units		4/1/2010			
					55,915	51,380	
The Thymes, LLC(7)	Cosmetic products manufacturer	Preferred units (6,283 units)	8.00% PIK	6/21/2007	4,696	4,221	
		Common units (5,400 units)		6/21/2007		6,687	
					4,696	10,908	
Woodstream Corporation	Pet products manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($8,465 par due 8/2016)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	4/18/2012	8,465	8,465(4)(25)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($80,000 par due 2/2017)	11.50%	4/18/2012	77,412	80,000(2)	
		Common stock (4,254 shares)		1/22/2010	1,222	2,685(2)	
					87,099	91,150	
					256,882	267,228	5.45%
Containers Packaging							
ICSH, Inc.	Industrial container manufacturer, reconditioner and servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/31/2011		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($27,740 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	27,777	27,740(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($61,518 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	61,518	61,518(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,718 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	14,718	14,718(4)(25)	

					104,013	103,976
Microstar Logistics LLC, Microstar Global Asset Management LLC, and MStar Holding Corporation	Keg management solutions provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($142,500 par due 12/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/14/2012	142,500	142,500(2)(25)
		Common stock (50,000 shares)		12/14/2012	5,000	7,223(2)
					147,500	149,723

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Pregis Corporation, Pregis Intellipack Corp., and Pregis Innovative Packaging Inc.	Provider of highly-customized, tailored protective packaging solutions	First lien senior secured loan ($975 par due 3/2017)	7.75% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	4/25/2012	975	975(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5 par due 3/2017)	8.50% (Base Rate + 5.25%/Q)	4/25/2012	5	5(2)(25)	
					980	980	
					252,493	254,679	5.19%
Manufacturing							
Cambrios Technologies Corporation	Nanotechnology-based solutions for electronic devices and computers	First lien senior secured loan ($3,030 par due 8/2015)	12.00%	8/7/2012	3,030	3,030(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 400,000 shares of Series D-4 convertible preferred stock		8/7/2012		6(2)	
					3,030	3,036	
Component Hardware Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment	First lien senior secured loan ($23,701 par due 7/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.50%/M)	7/1/2013	23,701	23,701(2)(25)	
Lighting Science Group Corporation	Advanced lighting products	Letter of credit facility		9/20/2011		(2)(29)	
Mac Lean-Fogg Company	Provider of intelligent transportation systems products in the traffic and rail industries	Senior subordinated loan ($100,251 par due 10/2023)	9.50% Cash, 1.50% PIK	10/31/2013	100,251	100,251(2)	
MWI Holdings, Inc.	Provider of engineered springs, fasteners, and other precision components	First lien senior secured loan ($38,274 par due 3/2019)	9.38% (Libor + 8.13%/Q)	6/15/2011	38,274	38,274(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 3/2019)	9.38% (Libor + 8.13%/Q)	6/15/2011	10,000	10,000(4)(25)	
					48,274	48,274	
NetShape Technologies, Inc.	Metal precision engineered components	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($538 par due 12/2014)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	538	538(2)(25)	
Pelican Products, Inc.	Flashlights	First lien senior secured loan ($2,317 par due 7/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	7/13/2012	2,317	2,317(4)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($32,000	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	7/13/2012	32,000	32,000(2)(25)	

		par due 6/2019)				
					34,317	34,317
Protective Industries, Inc. dba Caplugs	Plastic protection products	First lien senior secured loan ($997 par due 10/2019)	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	997	997(2)(25)
		Preferred stock (2,379,361 shares)		5/23/2011	1,298	4,837(2)
					2,295	5,834

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Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC	Metal precision engineered components	Common units (1,000 units)		1/30/2007	1,000	(2)	
SSH Environmental Industries, Inc. and SSH Non-Destructive Testing, Inc.	Magnetic sensors and supporting sensor products	First lien senior secured loan ($11,140 par due 12/2016)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	3/23/2012	10,990	11,140(2)(25)	
TPTM Merger Corp.	Time temperature indicator products	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($950 par due 9/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	9/12/2013	950	950(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($540 par due 9/2018)	7.50% (Base Rate + 4.25%/Q)	9/12/2013	540	540(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($25,935 par due 9/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	9/12/2013	25,935	25,935(2)(25)	
					27,425	27,425	
					251,821	254,516	5.19%
Automotive Services							
Driven Holdings, LLC	Automotive aftermarket car care franchisor	Preferred stock (247,500 units)		12/16/2011	2,475	2,852(2)	
		Common stock (25,000 units)		12/16/2011	25	808(2)	
					2,500	3,660	
Eckler Industries, Inc.	Restoration parts and accessories provider for classic automobiles	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,000 par due 7/2017)	8.25% (Base Rate + 5.00%/Q)	7/12/2012	2,000	2,000(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,172 par due 7/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	7/12/2012	8,172	8,172(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($30,609 par due 7/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	7/12/2012	30,609	30,609(3)(25)	
		Series A preferred stock (1,800 shares)		7/12/2012	1,800	2,031(2)	
		Common stock (20,000 shares)		7/12/2012	200	116(2)	
					42,781	42,928	
EcoMotors, Inc.	Engine developer	First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 10/2016)	10.83%	12/28/2012	4,869	5,000(2)	
			10.83%	12/28/2012	4,853	5,000(2)	

First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 6/2017)				
First lien senior secured loan ($4,833 par due 7/2016)	10.13%	12/28/2012	4,724	4,833(2)
Warrant to purchase up to 321,888 shares of Series C preferred stock		12/28/2012		43(2)
			14,446	14,876

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Service King Paint & Body, LLC	Collision repair site operators	First lien senior secured loan ($7,617 par due 8/2017)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	7,617	7,617(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($46,898 par due 8/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	46,898	46,898(2)(16)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($6,398 par due 8/2017)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	6,398	6,398(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($72,135 par due 8/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	72,135	72,135(2)(16)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,646 par due 8/2017)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	9,646	9,646(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 8/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	10,000	10,000(3)(16)(25)	
		Membership interest		8/20/2012	5,000	6,948(2)	
					157,694	159,642	
					217,421	221,106	4.51%
Retail							
Fulton Holdings Corp.(12)	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($43,000 par due 5/2018)	8.50%	5/10/2013	43,000	43,000(2)(12)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 5/2018)	8.50%	5/28/2010	40,000	40,000(3)(12)	
		Common stock (19,672 shares)		5/28/2010	1,461	2,086(2)	
					84,461	85,086	
Paper Source, Inc. and Pine Holdings, Inc.	Retailer of fine and artisanal papers, gifts, gift wrap, greeting cards and envelopes	First lien senior secured loan ($18,952 par due 9/2018)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	9/23/2013	18,952	18,952(2)(25)	
		Class A common stock (36,364 shares)		9/23/2013	6,000	6,660(2)	
					24,952	25,612	
Things Remembered Inc. and TRM Holdings Corporation	Personalized gifts retailer	First lien senior secured loan ($14,813 par due 5/2018)	8.00% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	5/24/2012	14,813	14,813(4)(25)	
					124,226	125,511	2.56%

Chemicals						
Argotec, LLC	Thermoplastic polyurethane films	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($625 par due 5/2018)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/M)	5/31/2013	625	625(2)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($5,788 par due 5/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	5/31/2013	5,788	5,788(2)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($74 par due 5/2019)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	5/31/2013	74	74(2)(25)
					6,487	6,487

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Emerald Performance Materials, LLC	Polymers and performance materials manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($17,730 par due 5/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	12/13/2013	18,256	18,262(25)	
K2 Pure Solutions Nocal, L.P.	Chemical producer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,256 par due 8/2019)	8.13% (Libor + 7.13%/M)	8/19/2013	2,256	2,211(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($41,500 par due 8/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2013	41,500	40,670(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 8/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2013	40,000	39,200(3)(25)	
					83,756	82,081	
					108,499	106,830	2.18%
Aerospace and Defense							
Cadence Aerospace, LLC (fka PRV Aerospace, LLC)	Aerospace precision components manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($4,459 par due 5/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	5/15/2012	4,425	4,459(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($65 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Base Rate + 4.25%/Q)	5/15/2012	65	65(4)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($79,657 par due 5/2019)	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/Q)	5/10/2012	79,657	77,267(2)(25)	
					84,147	81,791	
ILC Industries, LLC	Designer and manufacturer of protective cases and technically advanced lighting systems	First lien senior secured loan ($19,192 par due 7/2018)	8.00% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	7/13/2012	18,885	19,192(4)(25)	
Wyle Laboratories, Inc. and Wyle Holdings, Inc.	Provider of specialized engineering, scientific and technical services	Senior preferred stock (775 shares)	8.00% PIK	1/17/2008	111	111(2)	
		Common stock (1,885,195 shares)		1/17/2008	2,291	1,722(2)	
					2,402	1,833	
					105,434	102,816	2.10%
Transportation							
Eberle Design, Inc.	Provider of intelligent transportation systems products in the traffic and rail industries	First lien senior secured loan ($30,500 par due 8/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	8/26/2013	30,359	30,500(2)(25)	

PODS Funding Corp. II	Storage and warehousing	First lien senior secured loan ($35,897 par due 12/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/19/2013	35,897	35,897(25)	
United Road Towing, Inc.	Towing company	Warrants to purchase up to 607 shares		4/1/2010			
					66,256	66,397	1.35%

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Printing, Publishing and Media							
Batanga, Inc.	Independent digital media company	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($3,000 par due 4/2014)	8.50%	10/31/2012	3,000	3,000(2)(23)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,936 par due 11/2016)	9.60%	10/31/2012	4,936	5,030(2)(23)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,500 par due 9/2017)	9.60%	10/31/2012	4,500	4,500(2)(23)	
					12,436	12,530	
Earthcolor Group, LLC	Printing management services	Limited liability company interests (9.30%)		5/18/2012			
Encompass Digital Media, Inc.	Provider of outsourced network origination and transmission services for media companies	First lien senior secured loan ($19,651 par due 8/2017)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	12/13/2013	20,233	20,241(25)	
The Teaching Company, LLC and The Teaching Company Holdings, Inc.	Education publications provider	First lien senior secured loan ($20,886 par due 3/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/29/2006	20,886	20,469(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,701 par due 3/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/29/2006	9,701	9,507(4)(25)	
		Preferred stock (10,663 shares)		9/29/2006	1,066	2,282(2)	
		Common stock (15,393 shares)		9/29/2006	3	5(2)	
					31,656	32,263	
					64,325	65,034	1.33%
Commercial Real Estate Finance							
10th Street, LLC(6)	Real estate holding company	Senior subordinated loan ($26,250 par due 11/2014)	8.93% Cash, 4.07% PIK	4/1/2010	26,250	26,250(2)	
		Member interest (10.00% interest)		4/1/2010	594	7,257	
		Option (25,000 units)		4/1/2010	25	25	
					26,869	33,532	
American Commercial Coatings, Inc.	Real estate property	Commercial mortgage loan ($2,275 par due 12/2025)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	664	1,500	
	Hotel operator						

Cleveland East Equity, LLC		Real estate equity interests	4/1/2010	1,026	5,305	
Commons R-3, LLC	Real estate developer	Real estate equity interests	4/1/2010			
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates(7)	Hotel operator	Senior subordinated loan ($2,236 par due 9/2011)	4/1/2010			(2)(24)
		Senior subordinated loan ($2,092 par due 6/2017)	4/1/2010			(2)(24)
		Common equity interest	4/1/2010			
				1,026	5,305	

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Hot Light Brands, Inc.(7)	Real estate holding company	First lien senior secured loan ($31,384 par due 2/2011)		4/1/2010	90	253(2)(24)	
		Common stock (93,500 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					90	253	
NPH, Inc.	Hotel property	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010	5,291	5,532	
					33,940	46,122	0.94%
Oil and Gas							
Geotrace Technologies, Inc.	Reservoir processing and development	Warrants to purchase up to 69,978 shares of common stock		4/1/2010	88	(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 210,453 shares of preferred stock		4/1/2010	2,805	638(2)	
					2,893	638	
UL Holding Co., LLC and Universal Lubricants, LLC(6)	Petroleum product manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,093 par due 12/2014)		4/30/2012	9,519	7,260(2)(24)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($42,812 par due 12/2014)		4/30/2012	40,097	30,795(2)(24)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($4,994 par due 12/2014)		4/30/2012	4,668	3,592(2)(24)	
		Class A common units (151,236 units)		6/17/2011	1,512	(2)	
		Class B-5 common units (599,200 units)		4/25/2008	5,472	(2)	
		Class B-4 common units (50,000 units)		6/17/2011	500	(2)	
		Class C common units (758,546 units)		4/25/2008		(2)	
					61,768	41,647	
					64,661	42,285	0.86%
Health Clubs							
Athletic Club Holdings, Inc.	Premier health club operator	First lien senior secured loan ($34,000 par due 3/2019)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	10/11/2007	34,000	34,000(2)(13)(25)	
	Health club franchisor			7/31/2012	4,152	2,913(2)	

CFW Co-Invest, L.P. and NCP Curves, L.P.		Limited partnership interest (4,152,165 shares)				
		Limited partnership interest (2,218,235 shares)	7/31/2012	2,218	1,556(2)	
				6,370	4,469	
				40,370	38,469	0.78%
Telecommunications						
American Broadband Communications, LLC, American Broadband Holding Company, and Cameron Holdings of NC, Inc.	Broadband communication services	Warrants to purchase up to 378 shares	11/7/2007		6,833(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 200 shares	9/1/2010		3,615(2)	
					10,448	

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EUNetworks Group Limited(8)	Broadband bandwidth infrastructure provider	First lien senior secured loan ($20,567 par due 5/2019)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	12/13/2013	21,192	21,185(25)	
Quantance, Inc.	Designer of semiconductor products to the mobile wireless market	First lien senior secured loan ($3,500 par due 9/2016)	10.25%	8/23/2013	3,402	3,465(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 130,432 shares of Series D preferred stock		8/23/2013	74	74(2)	
					3,476	3,539	
Startec Equity, LLC(7)	Communication services	Member interest		4/1/2010			
Wilcon Holdings LLC	Communications infrastructure provider	Class A common stock (2,000,000 shares)		12/13/2013	1,829	1,829	
					26,497	37,001	0.75%
Environmental Services							
Genomatica, Inc.	Developer of a biotechnology platform for the production of chemical products	First lien senior secured loan ($1,500 par due 10/2016)	9.26%	3/28/2013	1,439	1,500(2)	
		Warrant to purchase 322,422 shares of Series D preferred stock		3/28/2013		6(2)	
					1,439	1,506	
RE Community Holdings II, Inc.and Pegasus Community Energy, LLC.	Operator of municipal recycling facilities	Preferred stock (1,000 shares)		3/1/2011	8,839	532(2)	
Waste Pro USA, Inc.	Waste management services	Preferred Class A common equity (611,615 shares)		11/9/2006	12,263	27,898(2)	
					22,541	29,936	0.61%

Food and Beverage						
Apple & Eve, LLC and US Juice Partners, LLC(6)	Juice manufacturer	Senior units (50,000 units)		10/5/2007	5,000	5,205
Charter Baking Company, Inc.	Baked goods manufacturer	Senior subordinated loan ($2,750 par due 6/2015)	17.50% PIK	2/6/2008	2,750	2,750(2)
		Preferred stock (6,258 shares)		9/1/2006	2,567	2,260(2)
					5,317	5,010

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Distant Lands Trading Co.	Coffee manufacturer	Class A common stock (1,294 shares)		4/1/2010	980	(2)	
		Class A-1 common stock (2,157 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					980		
					11,297	10,215	0.21%
Wholesale Distribution							
BECO Holding Company, Inc.	Wholesale distributor of first response fire protection equipment and related parts	Common stock (25,000 shares)		7/30/2010	2,500	3,103(2)	
					2,500	3,103	0.06%
					$ 7,537,403	$ 7,632,897	155.63%

(1) Other than the Company's investments listed in footnote 7 below (subject to the limitations set forth therein), the Company does not "Control" any of its portfolio companies, for the purposes of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Investment Company Act"). In general, under the Investment Company Act, the Company would "Control" a portfolio company if the Company owned more than 25% of its outstanding voting securities (i.e., securities with the right to elect directors) and/or had the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company. All of the Company's portfolio company investments, which as of December 31, 2013 represented 156% of the Company's net assets or 94% of the Company's total assets, are subject to legal restrictions on sales.

(2) These assets are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Credit Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than the Company's obligations under the Revolving Credit Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(3) These assets are owned by the Company's consolidated subsidiary Ares Capital CP, are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Funding Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than Ares Capital CP's obligations under the Revolving Funding Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(4) These assets are owned by the Company's consolidated subsidiary Ares Capital JB Funding LLC ("ACJB"), are pledged as collateral for the SMBC Funding Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than ACJB's obligations under the SMBC Funding Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(5)

Investments without an interest rate are non income producing.

(6)

As defined in the Investment Company Act, the Company is deemed to be an "Affiliated Person" of a portfolio company because it owns 5% or more of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company

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(including through a management agreement). Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2013 in which the issuer was an Affiliated Person (but not a portfolio company that the Company is deemed to Control) are as follows:

Company	Purchases (cost)	Redemptions (cost)	Sales (cost)	Interest income	Capital structuring service fees	Dividend income	Other income	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)
10th Street, LLC	$	$	$	$ 3,361	$	$	$	$	$ 6,781
Apple & Eve, LLC and US Juice Partners, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3,807
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp.	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (3,252)
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage Co-Investors, L.L.C.	$	$ 6,626	$ 30,000	$ 6,177	$	$ 128	$ 154	$	$ 3,042
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings, LLC	$	$ 16,195	$	$ 875	$ 395	$ 1,047	$ 10	$	$ 615
The Dwyer Group	$	$	$	$ 3,458	$	$ 522	$	$	$ 4,166
ELC Acquisition Corp. and ELC Holdings Corporation	$	$ 1,682	$	$	$	$ 6,121	$	$	$ (2,667)
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	$	$	$	$ 2,623	$	$	$	$	$ (2,114)
Investor Group Services, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$ 176	$	$ 142	$ (78)
Multi-Ad Services, Inc.	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (283)
Pillar Processing LLC and PHL Holding Co.	$	$ 3,527	$	$	$	$	$	$ 46	$ (707)
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC	$	$ 2,049	$	$	$	$	$	$ (1,448)	$ 1,208
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 1,584
UL Holding Co., LLC	$	$ 295	$	$ 3,037	$	$	$ 49	$ 15	$ (13,225)

(7)

As defined in the Investment Company Act, the Company is deemed to be both an "Affiliated Person" and "Control" this portfolio company because it owns more than 25% of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company (including through a management agreement). Transactions during the period for the year ended December 31, 2013 in which the issuer was both an Affiliated Person and a portfolio company that the Company is deemed to Control are as follows:

Company	Purchases (cost)	Redemptions (cost)	Sales (cost)	Interest income	Capital structuring service fees	Dividend income	Other income	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)
AllBridge Financial, LLC	$	$ 598	$	$	$	$ 864	$	$	$ 2,503
AWTP, LLC	$	$	$ 10,333	$ 1,237	$	$	$ 269	$ 8,740	$ (4,580)
Callidus Capital Corporation	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (6)
Ciena Capital LLC	$	$ 6,000	$	$ 4,495	$	$	$	$	$ (7,691)
Citipostal, Inc.	$ 4,000	$ 4,738	$	$ 5,473	$	$	$ (321)	$	$ (13,787)
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 194	$
HCI Equity, LLC	$	$ 340	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 227
HCP Acquisition Holdings, LLC	$ 6,696	$	$ 3,559	$	$	$	$	$ (809)	$ (3,137)
Hot Light Brands, Inc.	$	$ 1,573	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 698
	$	$	$	$	$	$ 72,407	$	$	$ (13,904)

Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.																
MVL Group, Inc.	$		$	5,176	$		$	11	$		$		$		$	1,525
Orion Foods, LLC	$	2,700	$	6,712	$		$	4,285	$		$		$	808	$	7,669
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC*	$	652,458	$	145,153	$		$	224,867	$	43,119	$		$	23,491	$	7,082	$	421
The Thymes, LLC	$		$		$		$		$		$	410	$		$		$	3,460

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Together with GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation (together, "GE"), the Company co invests through the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC d/b/a the "Senior Secured Loan Program" (the "SSLP"). The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with approval from a representative of each required); therefore, although the Company owns more than 25% of the voting securities of the SSLP, the Company does not believe that it has control over the SSLP (for purposes of the Investment Company Act or otherwise) because, among other things, these "voting securities" do not afford the Company the right to elect directors of the SSLP or any other special rights (see Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements).

(8)

Non U.S. company or principal place of business outside the U.S. and as a result is not a qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act. Under the Investment Company Act, the Company may not acquire any non qualifying asset unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets.

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(9) Excepted from the definition of investment company under Section 3(c) of the Investment Company Act and as a result is not a qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act. Under the Investment Company Act, the Company may not acquire any non qualifying asset unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets.

(10) In the first quarter of 2011, the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Staff") informally communicated to certain business development companies the Staff's belief that certain entities, which would be classified as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act but for the exception from the definition of "investment company" set forth in Rule 3a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act, could not be treated as eligible portfolio companies (as defined in Section 2(a)(46) under the Investment Company Act) (i.e., not eligible to be included in a BDC's 70% "qualifying assets" basket). Subsequently, in August 2011 the Securities and Exchange Commission issued a concept release (the "Concept Release") which stated that "[a]s a general matter, the Commission presently does not believe that Rule 3a-7 issuers are the type of small, developing and financially troubled businesses in which the U.S. Congress intended BDCs primarily to invest" and requested comment on whether or not a 3a-7 issuer should be considered an "eligible portfolio company". The Company provided a comment letter in respect of the Concept Release and continues to believe that the language of Section 2(a)(46) of the Investment Company Act permits a BDC to treat as "eligible portfolio companies" entities that rely on the 3a-7 exception. However, given the current uncertainty in this area (including the language in the Concept Release) and subsequent discussions with the Staff, the Company has, solely for purposes of calculating the composition of its portfolio pursuant to Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act, identified such entities, which include the SSLP, as "non qualifying assets" should the Staff ultimately disagree with the Company's position.

(11) Variable rate loans to the Company's portfolio companies bear interest at a rate that may be determined by reference to either LIBOR or an alternate base rate (commonly based on the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate), at the borrower's option, which reset annually (A), semi annually (S), quarterly (Q), bi monthly (B), monthly (M) or daily (D). For each such loan, the Company has provided the interest rate in effect on the date presented.

(12) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 6.00% on $12 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(13) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.00% on $17 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(14) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.25% on $60 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(15) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 1.13% on $18 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(16) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 2.00% on $97 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(17)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.13% on $55 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(18)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.00% on $27 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(19)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.75% on $25 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(20)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 5.00% on $23 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

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(21) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 0.75% on $45 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(22) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.75% on $36 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(23) The Company is entitled to receive a fixed fee upon the occurrence of certain events as defined in the credit agreement governing the Company's debt investment in the portfolio company. The fair value of such fee is included in the fair value of the debt investment.

(24) Loan was on non accrual status as of December 31, 2013.

(25) Loan includes interest rate floor feature.

(26) In addition to the interest earned based on the stated contractual interest rate of this security, the certificates entitle the holders thereof to receive a portion of the excess cash flow from the SSLP's loan portfolio, which may result in a return to the Company greater than the contractual stated interest rate.

(27) As of December 31, 2013, no amounts were funded by the Company under this first lien senior secured revolving loan; however, there were letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the loan. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

(28) As of December 31, 2013, in addition to the amounts funded by the Company under this first lien senior secured revolving loan, there were also letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the loan. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

(29) As of December 31, 2013, no amounts were funded by the Company under this letter of credit facility; however, there were letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the letter of credit facility. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014

(in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

	Common Stock		Capital in Excess of Par Value	Accumulated Overdistributed Net Investment Income	Accumulated Net Realized Loss on Investments, Foreign Currency Transactions, Extinguishment of Debt and Other Assets	Net Unrealized Gain on Investments and Foreign Currency Transactions	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount					
Balance at December 31, 2013	297,971	$ 298	$ 4,982,477	$ (8,785)	$ (165,040)	$ 95,494	$ 4,904,444
Issuances of common stock in add-on offerings (net of offering and underwriting costs)	15,525	15	257,611				257,626
Shares issued in connection with dividend reinvestment plan	612	1	10,846				10,847
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations				309,617	40,060	87,885	437,562
Dividends declared and payable ($1.19 per share)				(360,831)			(360,831)
Balance at September 30, 2014	314,108	$ 314	$ 5,250,934	$ (59,999)	$ (124,980)	$ 183,379	$ 5,249,648

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

	For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2014	**2013**
	(unaudited)	**(unaudited)**
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 437,562	$ 354,637
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations:		
Realized losses on extinguishment of debt	72	
Net realized gains on investments and foreign currency transactions	(40,132)	(29,272)
Net unrealized gains on investments and foreign currency transactions	(87,885)	(6,469)
Net accretion of discount on investments	(2,094)	(3,953)
Increase in payment-in-kind interest and dividends	(8,137)	(15,189)
Collections of payment-in-kind interest and dividends	8,575	19,388
Amortization of debt issuance costs	12,115	10,444
Accretion of discount on notes payable	11,225	10,103
Depreciation	623	593
Proceeds from sales and repayments of investments	2,155,700	988,329
Purchases of investments	(3,085,126)	(2,429,441)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Interest receivable	(44,003)	(11,505)
Other assets	(9,440)	(1,327)
Base management fees payable	3,415	4,352
Income based fees payable	2,344	4,634
Capital gains incentive fees payable	6,765	(4,375)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	12,856	5,024
Interest and facility fees payable	(2,161)	(1,743)
Net cash used in operating activities	(627,726)	(1,105,770)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	257,626	333,160
Borrowings on debt	2,777,052	4,294,491
Repayments and repurchases of debt	(2,095,423)	(3,362,000)
Debt issuance costs	(8,268)	(9,068)
Dividends paid	(345,012)	(284,369)
Net cash provided by financing activities	585,975	972,214
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(41,751)	(133,556)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	149,629	269,043
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	$ 107,878	$ 135,487
Supplemental Information:		
Interest paid during the period	$ 129,392	$ 99,411

Taxes, including excise tax, paid during the period	$	20,310	$	13,012
Dividends declared and payable during the period	$	360,831	$	298,303

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1. ORGANIZATION

Ares Capital Corporation (the "Company" or "ARCC") is a specialty finance company that is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company incorporated in Maryland. The Company has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Investment Company Act"). The Company has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company, or a "RIC", under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and operates in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs.

The Company's investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. The Company invests primarily in first lien senior secured loans (including "unitranche" loans, which are loans that combine both senior and mezzanine debt, generally in a first lien position), second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component. To a lesser extent, the Company also makes equity investments.

The Company is externally managed by Ares Capital Management LLC ("Ares Capital Management" or the Company's "investment adviser"), a subsidiary of Ares Management, L.P. ("Ares Management"), a publicly traded, leading global alternative asset manager, pursuant to an investment advisory and management agreement. Ares Operations LLC ("Ares Operations" or the Company's "administrator"), a subsidiary of Ares Management, provides certain administrative and other services necessary for the Company to operate.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), and include the accounts of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries. The Company is an investment company following accounting and reporting guidance in Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 946. The consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications that, in the opinion of management, are necessary for the fair presentation of the results of the operations and financial condition as of and for the periods presented. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP for interim financial information and pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-Q and Articles 6 or 10 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring accruals considered necessary for the fair presentation of financial statements for the interim period presented, have been included. The current period's results of operations will not necessarily be indicative of results that ultimately may be achieved for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include funds from time to time deposited with financial institutions and short-term, liquid investments in a money market fund. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost which approximates fair value.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company places its cash and cash equivalents with financial institutions and, at times, cash held in money market accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit.

Investments

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the amortized cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized gains or losses previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the period, net of recoveries. Unrealized gains or losses primarily reflect the change in investment values, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized gains or losses when gains or losses are realized.

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are typically valued at such market quotations. In order to validate market quotations, the Company looks at a number of factors to determine if the quotations are representative of fair value, including the source and nature of the quotations. Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or whose market prices are not readily available (i.e., substantially all of the Company's investments) are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Company's board of directors, based on, among other things, the input of the Company's investment adviser, audit committee and independent third-party valuation firms that have been engaged at the direction of the Company's board of directors to assist in the valuation of each portfolio investment without a readily available market quotation at least once during a trailing 12-month period (with certain de minimis exceptions) and under a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. The valuation process is conducted at the end of each fiscal quarter, and a minimum of 55% of the Company's portfolio at fair value is subject to review by an independent valuation firm each quarter. In addition, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm obtains an understanding of, and performs select procedures relating to, the Company's investment valuation process within the context of performing the integrated audit.

As part of the valuation process, the Company may take into account the following types of factors, if relevant, in determining the fair value of the Company's investments: the enterprise value of a portfolio company (the entire value of the portfolio company to a market participant, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time), the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flow, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, a comparison of the portfolio company's securities to any similar publicly traded securities, changes in the interest rate environment and the credit markets generally that may affect the price at which similar

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

investments would trade in their principal markets and other relevant factors. When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, the Company considers the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate its valuation.

Because there is not a readily available market value for most of the investments in its portfolio, the Company values substantially all of its portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by its board of directors, as described herein. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of the Company's investments may fluctuate from period to period. Additionally, the fair value of the Company's investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that the Company may ultimately realize. Further, such investments are generally subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or otherwise are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If the Company was required to liquidate a portfolio investment in a forced or liquidation sale, the Company could realize significantly less than the value at which the Company has recorded it.

In addition, 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 unrealized gains or losses reflected in the valuations currently assigned.

The Company's board of directors undertakes a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

The Company's quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment in conjunction with the Company's portfolio management team.

Preliminary valuations are reviewed and discussed with the Company's investment adviser's management and investment professionals, and then valuation recommendations are presented to the Company's board of directors.

The audit committee of the Company's board of directors reviews these valuations, as well as the input of third parties, including independent third-party valuation firms, who review a minimum of 50% of the Company's portfolio at fair value.

The Company's board of directors discusses valuations and ultimately determines the fair value of each investment in the Company's portfolio without a readily available market quotation in good faith based on, among other things, the input of the Company's investment adviser, audit committee and, where applicable, independent third-party valuation firms.

See Note 8 for more information on the Company's valuation process.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Interest and Dividend Income Recognition

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis and includes the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. Discounts from and premiums to par value on securities purchased are accreted/amortized into interest income over the life of the respective security using the effective yield method. The amortized cost of investments represents the original cost adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, if any.

Loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest payments are past due 30 days or more or when there is reasonable doubt that principal or interest will be collected in full. Accrued and unpaid interest is generally reversed when a loan is placed on non-accrual status. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment regarding collectability. 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. The Company may make exceptions to this if the loan has sufficient collateral value and is in the process of collection.

Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded as dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are payable by the portfolio company and are expected to be collected. Dividend income on common equity securities is recorded on the record date for private portfolio companies or on the ex-dividend date for publicly traded portfolio companies.

Payment-in-Kind Interest

The Company has loans in its portfolio that contain payment-in-kind ("PIK") provisions. 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 interest income. To maintain the Company's status as a RIC, this non-cash source of income must be paid out to stockholders in the form of dividends, even though the Company has not yet collected the cash.

Capital Structuring Service Fees and Other Income

The Company's investment adviser seeks to provide assistance to its portfolio companies and in return the Company may receive fees for capital structuring services. These fees are generally only available to the Company as a result of the Company's underlying investments, are normally paid at the closing of the investments, are generally non-recurring and are recognized as revenue when earned upon closing of the investment. The services that the Company's investment adviser provides vary by investment, but generally include reviewing existing credit facilities, arranging bank financing, arranging equity financing, structuring financing from multiple lenders, structuring financing from multiple equity investors, restructuring existing loans, raising equity and debt capital, and providing general financial advice, which concludes upon closing of the investment. Any services of the above nature subsequent to the closing would generally generate a separate fee payable to the Company. In certain instances where the Company is invited to participate as a co-lender in a transaction and does not provide significant services in connection with the investment, a portion of loan fees paid to the Company in such

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

situations will be deferred and amortized over the estimated life of the loan. The Company may also take a seat on the board of directors of a portfolio company, or observe the meetings of the board of directors without taking a formal seat.

Other income includes fees for management and consulting services, loan guarantees, commitments, amendments and other services rendered by the Company to portfolio companies. Such fees are recognized as income when earned or the services are rendered.

Foreign Currency Translation

The Company's books and records are maintained in U.S. dollars. Any foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis:

(1) Fair value of investment securities, other assets and liabilities at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the period.

(2) Purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses at the exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions, income or expenses.

Results of operations based on changes in foreign exchange rates are separately disclosed in the statement of operations, if any. Foreign security and currency translations may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies and U.S. government securities. These risks include, but are not limited to, currency fluctuations and revaluations and future adverse political, social and economic developments, which could cause investments in foreign markets to be less liquid and prices more volatile than those of comparable U.S. companies or U.S. government securities.

Accounting for Derivative Instruments

The Company does not utilize hedge accounting and instead marks its derivatives to market in the consolidated statement of operations.

Equity Offering Expenses

The Company's offering costs, excluding underwriters' fees, are charged against the proceeds from equity offerings when received.

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs are amortized over the life of the related debt instrument using the straight line method or the effective yield method, depending on the type of debt instrument.

Income Taxes

The Company has elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code and operates in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. To qualify as a RIC, the Company must, among

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

other things, meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and timely distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of its investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. The Company, among other things, has made and intends to continue to make the requisite distributions to its stockholders, which will generally relieve the Company from U.S. federal corporate-level income taxes.

Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, the Company may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year dividend distributions from such current year taxable income into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. To the extent that the Company determines that its estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions, the Company accrues excise tax, if any, on estimated excess taxable income as such taxable income is earned.

Certain of the Company's consolidated subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal and state corporate-level income taxes.

Dividends to Common Stockholders

Dividends and distributions to common stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount to be paid out as a dividend is determined by the Company's board of directors each quarter and is generally based upon the earnings estimated by management. Net realized capital gains, if any, are generally distributed, although the Company may decide to retain such capital gains for investment.

The Company has adopted a dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of any distributions the Company declares in cash on behalf of its stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash. As a result, if the Company's board of directors authorizes, and the Company declares, a cash dividend, then the Company's stockholders who have not "opted out" of the Company's dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of the Company's common stock, rather than receiving the cash dividend. The Company intends to use primarily newly issued shares to implement the dividend reinvestment plan (so long as the Company is trading at a premium to net asset value). If the Company's shares are trading at a significant enough discount to net asset value and the Company is otherwise permitted under applicable law to purchase such shares, the Company intends to purchase shares in the open market in connection with the Company's obligations under the dividend reinvestment plan. However, the Company reserves the right to issue new shares of the Company's common stock in connection with the Company's obligations under the dividend reinvestment plan even if the Company's shares are trading below net asset value.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of actual and contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income or loss and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates include the valuation of investments.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)." The guidance in this ASU supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Topic 605, "Revenue Recognition." Under the new guidance, an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The amendments in ASU No. 2014-09 are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early application is not permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this ASU on its consolidated financial statements.

3. AGREEMENTS

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement

The Company is party to an investment advisory and management agreement (the "investment advisory and management agreement") with Ares Capital Management. Subject to the overall supervision of the Company's board of directors, Ares Capital Management provides investment advisory and management services to the Company. For providing these services, Ares Capital Management receives fees from the Company consisting of a base management fee, a fee based on the Company's net investment income ("income based fee") and a fee based on the Company's net capital gains ("capital gains incentive fee").

The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 1.5% based on the average value of the Company's total assets (other than cash or cash equivalents but including assets purchased with borrowed funds) at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters. The base management fee is payable quarterly in arrears.

The income based fee is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based on the Company's net investment income excluding income based fees and capital gains incentive fees ("pre-incentive fee net investment income") for the quarter. Pre-incentive fee net investment income means interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence and consulting fees or other fees that the Company receives from portfolio companies but excluding fees for providing managerial assistance) accrued during the calendar quarter, minus operating expenses for the quarter (including the base management fee, any expenses payable under the administration agreement, and any interest expense and dividends paid on any outstanding preferred stock, but excluding the income based fee and capital gains incentive fee accrued under GAAP). Pre-incentive fee net investment income includes, in the case of investments with a deferred interest feature such as market discount, debt instruments with PIK interest, preferred stock with PIK dividends and zero coupon securities, accrued income that the Company has not yet received in cash. The Company's investment adviser is not under any obligation to reimburse the Company for any part of the income based fees it received that was based on accrued interest that the Company never actually received.

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Pre-incentive fee net investment income does not include any realized capital gains, realized capital losses, unrealized capital appreciation, unrealized capital depreciation or income tax expense related to realized gains and losses. Because of the structure of the income based fee, it is possible that the Company may pay such fees in a quarter where the Company incurs a loss. For example, if the Company receives pre-incentive fee net investment income in excess of the hurdle rate (as defined below) for a quarter, the Company will pay the applicable income based fee even if the Company has incurred a loss in that quarter due to realized and/or unrealized capital losses.

Pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a rate of return on the value of the Company's net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any income based fees and capital gains incentive fees payable during the period) at the end of the immediately preceding calendar quarter, is compared to a fixed "hurdle rate" of 1.75% per quarter. If market credit spreads rise, the Company may be able to invest its funds in debt instruments that provide for a higher return, which may increase the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income and make it easier for the Company's investment adviser to surpass the fixed hurdle rate and receive an income based fee based on such net investment income. To the extent the Company has retained pre-incentive fee net investment income that has been used to calculate the income based fee, it is also included in the amount of the Company's total assets (other than cash and cash equivalents but including assets purchased with borrowed funds) used to calculate the 1.5% base management fee.

The Company pays its investment adviser an income based fee with respect to the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows:

- no income based fee in any calendar quarter in which the Company's pre- incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate;

- 100% of the Company's 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. The Company refers to this portion of its pre-incentive fee net investment income (which exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 2.1875%) as the "catch-up" provision. The "catch-up" is meant to provide the Company's investment adviser with 20% of the pre-incentive fee net investment income as if a hurdle rate did not apply if this net investment income exceeded 2.1875% in any calendar quarter; and

- 20% of the amount of the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter.

These calculations are adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the quarter.

The capital gains incentive fee (the "Capital Gains Fee") is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or, upon termination of the investment advisory and management agreement, as of the termination date) and is calculated at the end of each applicable year by subtracting (a) the sum of the Company's cumulative aggregate realized capital losses and aggregate unrealized capital depreciation from (b) the Company's cumulative aggregate realized capital gains, in

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each case calculated from October 8, 2004 (the date the Company completed its initial public offering). Realized capital gains and losses include gains and losses on investments and foreign currencies, gains and losses on extinguishment of debt and other assets, as well as any income tax expense related to realized gains and losses. If such amount is positive at the end of such year, then the Capital Gains Fee for such year is equal to 20% of such amount, less the aggregate amount of Capital Gains Fees paid in all prior years. If such amount is negative, then there is no Capital Gains Fee for such year.

The cumulative aggregate realized capital gains are calculated as the sum of the differences, if positive, between (a) the net sales price of each investment in the Company's portfolio when sold and (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

The cumulative aggregate realized capital losses are calculated as the sum of the amounts by which (a) the net sales price of each investment in the Company's portfolio when sold is less than (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

The aggregate unrealized capital depreciation is calculated as the sum of the differences, if negative, between (a) the valuation of each investment in the Company's portfolio as of the applicable Capital Gains Fee calculation date and (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, as a result of an amendment to the capital gains incentive fee under the investment advisory and management agreement that was adopted on June 6, 2011, if the Company is required by GAAP to record an investment at its fair value as of the time of acquisition instead of at the actual amount paid for such investment by the Company (including, for example, as a result of the application of the acquisition method of accounting), then solely for the purposes of calculating the Capital Gains Fee, the "accreted or amortized cost basis" of an investment shall be an amount (the "Contractual Cost Basis") equal to (1) (x) the actual amount paid by the Company for such investment plus (y) any amounts recorded in the Company's financial statements as required by GAAP that are attributable to the accretion of such investment plus (z) any other adjustments made to the cost basis included in the Company's financial statements, including PIK interest or additional amounts funded (net of repayments) minus (2) any amounts recorded in the Company's financial statements as required by GAAP that are attributable to the amortization of such investment, whether such calculated Contractual Cost Basis is higher or lower than the fair value of such investment (as determined in accordance with GAAP) at the time of acquisition.

The Company defers cash payment of any income based fees and capital gains incentive fees otherwise earned by the Company's investment adviser if during the most recent four full calendar quarter period ending on or prior to the date such payment is to be made the sum of (a) the aggregate distributions to the Company's stockholders and (b) the change in net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any income based fees and capital gains incentive fees payable during the period) is less than 7.0% of the Company's net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness) at the beginning of such period. Any deferred income based fees and capital gains incentive fees are carried over for payment in subsequent calculation periods to the extent such payment is payable under the investment advisory and management agreement.

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The Capital Gains Fee payable to the Company's investment adviser as calculated under the investment advisory and management agreement (as described above) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 was $0. However, in accordance with GAAP, the Company had cumulatively accrued a capital gains incentive fee of $87,702 as of September 30, 2014 that is not currently due under the investment advisory and management agreement. GAAP requires that the capital gains incentive fee accrual consider the cumulative aggregate unrealized capital appreciation in the calculation, as a capital gains incentive fee would be payable if such unrealized capital appreciation were realized, even though such unrealized capital appreciation is not permitted to be considered in calculating the fee actually payable under the investment advisory and management agreement. This GAAP accrual is calculated using the aggregate cumulative realized capital gains and losses and aggregate cumulative unrealized capital depreciation included in the calculation of the Capital Gains Fee plus the aggregate cumulative unrealized capital appreciation. If such amount is positive at the end of a period, then GAAP requires the Company to record a capital gains incentive fee equal to 20% of such cumulative amount, less the aggregate amount of actual Capital Gains Fees paid or capital gains incentive fees accrued under GAAP in all prior periods. As of September 30, 2014, the Company has paid Capital Gains Fees since inception totaling $33,411, of which $17,425 was paid in the first quarter of 2014. The resulting accrual for any capital gains incentive fee under GAAP in a given period may result in an additional expense if such cumulative amount is greater than in the prior period or a reversal of previously recorded expense if such cumulative amount is less than in the prior period. If such cumulative amount is negative, then there is no accrual. There can be no assurance that such unrealized capital appreciation will be realized in the future.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, base management fees were $32,685 and $93,500, respectively, income based fees were $31,345 and $85,203, respectively, and capital gains incentive fees calculated in accordance with GAAP were $13,087 and $24,190, respectively.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, base management fees were $27,467 and $75,587, respectively, income based fees were $32,284 and $81,510, respectively, and the capital gains incentive fees calculated in accordance with GAAP were $2,915 and $7,148, respectively.

Administration Agreement

The Company is party to an administration agreement, referred to herein as the "administration agreement", with its administrator, Ares Operations. Pursuant to the administration agreement, Ares Operations furnishes the Company with office equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at the Company's office facilities. Under the administration agreement, Ares Operations also performs, or oversees the performance of, the Company's required administrative services, which include, among other things, providing assistance in accounting, legal, compliance, operations, investor relations and technology, being responsible for the financial records that the Company is required to maintain and preparing reports to its stockholders and reports filed with the SEC. In addition, Ares Operations assists the Company in determining and publishing its net asset value, assists the Company in providing managerial assistance to its portfolio companies, oversees the preparation and filing of the Company's tax returns and the printing and dissemination of reports to its

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3. AGREEMENTS (Continued)

stockholders, and generally oversees the payment of its expenses and the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to the Company by others. Payments under the Company's administration agreement are equal to an amount based upon its allocable portion of Ares Operations' overhead and other expenses (including travel expenses) incurred by Ares Operations in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including the Company's allocable portion of the compensation of certain of its officers (including the Company's chief compliance officer, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, general counsel, treasurer and assistant treasurer) and their respective staffs. The administration agreement may be terminated by either party without penalty upon 60 days' written notice to the other party.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company incurred $3,105 and $9,661, respectively, in administrative fees. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company incurred $3,346 and $8,544, respectively, in administrative fees. As of September 30, 2014, $3,105 of these fees were unpaid and included in "accounts payable and other liabilities" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

4. INVESTMENTS

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, investments consisted of the following:

	As of			
	September 30, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Amortized Cost(1)	Fair Value	Amortized Cost(1)	Fair Value
First lien senior secured loans	$ 4,030,159	$ 4,012,480	$ 3,405,597	$ 3,377,608
Second lien senior secured loans	1,487,954	1,451,583	1,335,761	1,319,191
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP(2)	1,954,145	1,983,457	1,745,192	1,771,369
Senior subordinated debt	470,235	469,377	364,094	323,171
Preferred equity securities	224,522	214,063	226,044	229,006
Other equity securities	430,893	645,557	453,732	600,214
Commercial real estate	2,886	7,063	6,983	12,338
Total	$ 8,600,794	$ 8,783,580	$ 7,537,403	$ 7,632,897

(1) The amortized cost represents the original cost adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, if any.

(2) The proceeds from these certificates were applied to co-investments with GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation to fund first lien senior secured loans to 49 and 47 different borrowers as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

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4. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The industrial and geographic compositions of the Company's portfolio at fair value as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were as follows:

	As of September 30, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
Industry		
Investment Funds and Vehicles(1)	22.9%	23.6%
Healthcare Services	13.9	15.4
Other Services	10.7	7.5
Energy	7.4	5.4
Business Services	6.9	9.2
Education	6.6	6.7
Consumer Products	5.1	3.5
Financial Services	4.7	5.1
Manufacturing	3.3	3.3
Restaurants and Food Services	3.2	5.2
Containers and Packaging	2.9	3.3
Hotel Services	1.8	
Aerospace and Defense	1.7	1.4
Retail	1.4	1.6
Oil and Gas	1.4	0.6
Other	6.1	8.2
Total	100.0%	100.0%

(1) Includes the Company's investment in the SSLP, which had made first lien senior secured loans to 49 and 47 different borrowers as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. The portfolio companies in the SSLP are in industries similar to the companies in the Company's portfolio.

	As of September 30, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
Geographic Region		
West(1)	48.4%	50.0%
Midwest	19.8	15.8
Mid Atlantic	14.1	15.9

Southeast	13.9	13.6
Northeast	2.1	1.0
International	1.7	3.7
Total	100.0%	100.0%

(1) Includes the Company's investment in the SSLP, which represented 22.6% and 23.2% of the total investment portfolio at fair value as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

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4. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

As of September 30, 2014, 2.2% of total investments at amortized cost (or 1.6% of total investments at fair value) were on non-accrual status. As of December 31, 2013, 3.1% of total investments at amortized cost (or 2.1% of total investments at fair value) were on non-accrual status.

Senior Secured Loan Program

The Company co-invests in first lien senior secured loans of middle market companies with GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation (together, "GE") through an unconsolidated Delaware limited liability company, the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC (d/b/a the "Senior Secured Loan Program") or the "SSLP." The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with approval from a representative of each required). The Company provides capital to the SSLP in the form of subordinated certificates (the "SSLP Certificates").

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, GE and the Company had agreed to make $11.0 billion of capital available to the SSLP, of which approximately $9.5 billion and $8.7 billion in aggregate principal amount, respectively, was funded. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company had agreed to make available to the SSLP approximately $2.3 billion, of which approximately $2.0 billion and $1.7 billion in aggregate principal amount, respectively, was funded. Investment of any unfunded amount must be approved by the investment committee of the SSLP described above.

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the SSLP had total assets of $9.5 billion and $8.7 billion, respectively. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, GE's investment in the SSLP consisted of senior notes of $7.2 billion and $6.7 billion, respectively, and SSLP Certificates of $279.2 million and $249.3 million, respectively. The SSLP Certificates are junior in right of payment to the senior notes held by GE. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company and GE owned 87.5% and 12.5%, respectively, of the outstanding SSLP Certificates.

The SSLP's portfolio consisted of first lien senior secured loans to 49 and 47 different borrowers as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the portfolio was comprised of all first lien senior secured loans to U.S. middle-market companies. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, one loan was on non-accrual status, representing 0.9% and 1.0%, respectively, of the total loans at principal amount in the SSLP. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the largest loan to a single borrower in the SSLP's portfolio in aggregate principal amount was $332.9 million and $321.7 million, respectively, and the five largest loans to borrowers in the SSLP totaled $1.5 billion as of the end of both such periods. The portfolio companies in the SSLP are in industries similar to the companies in the Company's portfolio. Additionally, as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the SSLP had commitments to fund various delayed draw investments to certain of its portfolio companies of $501.7 million and $510.4 million, respectively, which had been approved by the SSLP investment committee. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company had commitments to

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4. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

co-invest in the SSLP for its portion of the SSLP's commitments to fund such delayed draw investments of up to $92.8 million and $85.1 million, respectively.

The amortized cost and fair value of the SSLP Certificates held by the Company were $2.0 billion and $2.0 billion, respectively, as of September 30, 2014 and $1.7 billion and $1.8 billion, respectively, as of December 31, 2013. The SSLP Certificates pay a weighted average coupon of approximately LIBOR plus 8.0% and also entitle the holders thereof to receive a portion of the excess cash flow from the loan portfolio, which may result in a return to the holders of the SSLP Certificates that is greater than the contractual coupon. The Company's yield on its investment in the SSLP at fair value was 13.5% and 14.8% as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company earned interest income of $69.8 million and $205.4 million, respectively, from its investment in the SSLP Certificates. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company earned interest income of $59.2 million and $161.2 million, respectively, from its investment in the SSLP Certificates. The Company is also entitled to certain fees in connection with the SSLP. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, in connection with the SSLP, the Company earned capital structuring service, sourcing and other fees totaling $17.1 million and $46.1 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, in connection with the SSLP, the Company earned capital structuring service, sourcing and other fees totaling $19.9 million and $42.4 million, respectively.

Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.

Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P. ("IHAM") is an asset management services company and an SEC-registered investment adviser. The Company has made investments in IHAM, its wholly owned portfolio company and previously made investments in certain vehicles managed by IHAM. As of September 30, 2014, IHAM had assets under management ("IHAM AUM")(1) of approximately $2.6 billion and managed 13 vehicles and served as the sub-manager/sub-servicer for three other vehicles (these vehicles managed or sub-managed/sub-serviced by IHAM are collectively referred to as the "IHAM Vehicles"). IHAM earns fee income from managing the IHAM Vehicles and has also invested in certain of these vehicles as part of its business strategy. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, IHAM had total investments of $229 million and $170 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, IHAM had management and incentive fee income of $4 million and $15 million, respectively, and other investment-related income of $6 million and $19 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, IHAM had

(1) IHAM AUM refers to the assets of the vehicles managed, sub-managed and sub-serviced by IHAM. It includes drawn and undrawn amounts, including certain amounts that are subject to regulatory leverage restrictions and/or borrowing base restrictions. IHAM AUM amounts are as of September 30, 2014 and are unaudited. Certain amounts are preliminary and remain subject to change, and differences may arise due to rounding.

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4. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

management and incentive fee income of $6 million and $16 million, respectively, and other investment-related income of $7 million and $44 million, respectively.

The amortized cost and fair value of the Company's investment in IHAM was $171.0 million and $258.9 million, respectively, as of September 30, 2014, and $171.0 million and $280.4 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2013. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company received distributions consisting entirely of dividend income from IHAM of $10.0 million and $40.0 million, respectively. The dividend income for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 included an additional dividend of $10.0 million that was received in the first quarter of 2014, in addition to the quarterly dividends generally paid by IHAM. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company received distributions consisting entirely of dividend income from IHAM of $25.0 million and $62.4 million, respectively. The dividend income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 included an additional dividend of $17.4 million and $15.0 million that was paid in the first quarter and third quarter of 2013, respectively, in addition to the quarterly dividends generally paid by IHAM. IHAM paid the additional dividends out of accumulated earnings that had previously been retained by IHAM.

From time to time, IHAM or certain IHAM Vehicles may purchase investments from, or sell investments to, the Company. For any such sales or purchases by the IHAM Vehicles to or from the Company, the IHAM Vehicles must obtain approval from third parties unaffiliated with the Company or IHAM, as applicable. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, IHAM or certain of the IHAM Vehicles purchased $64.5 million of investments from the Company. No realized gains or losses were recognized on these transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, IHAM or certain of the IHAM Vehicles purchased $139.8 million of investments from the Company. A net realized loss of $0.1 million was recorded on these transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company purchased $20.2 million and $131.7 million of investments, respectively, from certain of the IHAM Vehicles.

IHAM is party to an administration agreement, referred to herein as the "IHAM administration agreement," with Ares Operations. Pursuant to the IHAM administration agreement, Ares Operations provides IHAM with, among other things, office facilities, equipment, clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services, services relating to the marketing and sale of interests in vehicles managed by IHAM, services of, and oversight of, custodians, depositories, accountants, attorneys, underwriters and such other persons in any other capacity deemed to be necessary. Under the IHAM administration agreement, IHAM reimburses Ares Operations for all of the actual costs associated with such services, including Ares Operations' allocable portion of overhead and the cost of its officers, employees and respective staff in performing its obligations under the IHAM administration agreement.

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5. DEBT

In accordance with the Investment Company Act, with certain limited exceptions, the Company is only allowed to borrow amounts such that its asset coverage, calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act, is at least 200% after such borrowing. As of September 30, 2014 the Company's asset coverage was 243%.

The Company's outstanding debt as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were as follows:

	As of					
	September 30, 2014			December 31, 2013		
	Total Aggregate Principal Amount Committed/ Outstanding(1)	Principal Amount Outstanding	Carrying Value	Total Aggregate Principal Amount Committed/ Outstanding(1)	Principal Amount Outstanding	Carrying Value
Revolving Credit Facility	$ 1,250,000(2)	$ 335,000	$ 335,000	$ 1,060,000	$	$
Revolving Funding Facility	540,000(3)	324,000	324,000	620,000	185,000	185,000
SMBC Funding Facility	400,000	54,000	54,000	400,000		
February 2016 Convertible Notes	575,000	575,000	562,805(4)	575,000	575,000	556,456(4)
June 2016 Convertible Notes	230,000	230,000	224,196(4)	230,000	230,000	221,788(4)
2017 Convertible Notes	162,500	162,500	159,936(4)	162,500	162,500	159,220(4)
2018 Convertible Notes	270,000	270,000	265,091(4)	270,000	270,000	264,097(4)
2019 Convertible Notes	300,000	300,000	295,913(4)	300,000	300,000	295,279(4)
2018 Notes	750,000	750,000	750,745(5)	600,000	600,000	596,756(5)
February 2022 Notes	143,750	143,750	143,750	143,750	143,750	143,750
October 2022 Notes	182,500	182,500	182,500	182,500	182,500	182,500
2040 Notes	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
2047 Notes	229,557	229,557	181,265(6)	230,000	230,000	181,429(6)
Total	$ 5,233,307	$ 3,756,307	$ 3,679,201	$ 4,973,750	$ 3,078,750	$ 2,986,275

(1)

Subject to borrowing base and leverage restrictions. Represents the total aggregate amount committed or outstanding, as applicable, under such instrument.

(2)

Provides for a feature that allows the Company, under certain circumstances, to increase the size of the Revolving Credit Facility to a maximum of $1,755,000.

(3)

Provides for a feature that allows the Company and Ares Capital CP, under certain circumstances, to increase the size of the Revolving Funding Facility to a maximum of $865,000.

(4)

Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Convertible Unsecured Notes (as defined below) less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the Convertible Unsecured Notes. The total unaccreted discount for the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017

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Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes was $12,195, $5,804, $2,564, $4,909 and $4,087, respectively, as of September 30, 2014. The total unaccreted discount for the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes was $18,544, $8,212, $3,280, $5,903 and $4,721 respectively, as of December 31, 2013.

(5) As of September 30, 2014, represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding plus the net unamortized premium of $745 that was initially recorded upon the issuances of the 2018 Notes. As of December 31, 2013, represents the aggregate principal amount less the unaccreted discount of $3,244 initially recognized on the first issuance of the 2018 Notes.

(6) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding less the unaccreted purchased discount initially recorded as a part of the Allied Acquisition (as defined below). The total unaccreted purchased discount for the 2047 Notes was $48,292 and $48,571 as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

The weighted average stated interest rate and weighted average maturity, both on aggregate principal amount, of all the Company's outstanding debt as of September 30, 2014 were 4.9% and 6.8 years, respectively, and as of December 31, 2013 were 5.3% and 7.9 years, respectively.

Revolving Credit Facility

The Company is party to a senior secured revolving credit facility (as amended and restated, the "Revolving Credit Facility"), which allows the Company to borrow up to $1,250,000 at any one time outstanding. The end of the revolving period and the stated maturity date for the Revolving Credit Facility are May 4, 2018 and May 4, 2019, respectively. The Revolving Credit Facility also includes a feature that allows, under certain circumstances, for an increase in the size of the facility to a maximum of $1,755,000. The Revolving Credit Facility generally requires payments of interest at the end of each LIBOR interest period, but no less frequently than quarterly, on LIBOR based loans, and monthly payments of interest on other loans. From the end of the revolving period to the stated maturity date, the Company is required to repay outstanding principal amounts under the Revolving Credit Facility on a monthly basis in an amount equal to 1/12th of the outstanding principal amount at the end of the revolving period.

Under the Revolving Credit Facility, the Company is required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar revolving credit facilities, including, without limitation, covenants related to: (a) limitations on the incurrence of additional indebtedness and liens, (b) limitations on certain investments, (c) limitations on certain restricted payments, (d) maintaining a certain minimum stockholders' equity, (e) maintaining a ratio of total assets (less total liabilities other than indebtedness) to total indebtedness of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries of not less than 2.0:1.0, (f) limitations on pledging certain unencumbered assets, and (g) limitations on the creation or existence of agreements that prohibit liens on certain properties of the Company and certain of its subsidiaries. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the documents governing the Revolving Credit Facility. Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility (and the incurrence of certain other permitted debt)

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are also subject to compliance with a borrowing base that applies different advance rates to different types of assets in the Company's portfolio that are pledged as collateral. As of September 30, 2014, the Company was in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Revolving Credit Facility.

As of September 30, 2014 there was $335,000 outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility. As of December 31, 2013, there were no amounts outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility. The Revolving Credit Facility also provides for a sub-limit for the issuance of letters of credit for up to an aggregate amount of $200,000. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company had $30,369 and $47,898, respectively, in letters of credit issued through the Revolving Credit Facility. The amount available for borrowing under the Revolving Credit Facility is reduced by any letters of credit issued. As of September 30, 2014, there was $884,631 available for borrowing (net of letters of credit issued) under the Revolving Credit Facility.

Since May 2, 2013, subject to certain exceptions, the interest rate charged on the Revolving Credit Facility is based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Credit Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. From May 5, 2012 through May 1, 2013, the interest rate charged on the Revolving Credit Facility was based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.25% or a "base rate" plus an applicable spread of 1.25%. As of September 30, 2014, the one, two, three and six month LIBOR was 0.16%, 0.20%, 0.24% and 0.33%, respectively. As of December 31, 2013, the one, two, three and six month LIBOR was 0.17%, 0.21%, 0.25% and 0.35%, respectively. In addition to the stated interest expense on the Revolving Credit Facility, the Company is required to pay a commitment fee of 0.375% per annum on any unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility. Since May 2, 2013, the Company is also required to pay a letter of credit fee of 2.25% per annum on letters of credit issued. From May 5, 2012 through May 1, 2013, the letter of credit fee was 2.50%.

The Revolving Credit Facility is secured by certain assets in the Company's portfolio and excludes investments held by Ares Capital CP under the Revolving Funding Facility and those held by ACJB under the SMBC Funding Facility, each as discussed below, and certain other investments.

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For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the components of interest and credit facility fees expense for the Revolving Credit Facility were as follows:

	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Stated interest expense	$ 137	$ 1,700	$ 137	$ 2,353
Facility fees	1,320	855	3,786	2,933
Amortization of debt issuance costs	641	622	1,914	2,105
Total interest and credit facility fees expense	$ 2,098	$ 3,177	$ 5,837	$ 7,391
Cash paid for interest expense	$ 43	$ 1,736	$ 43	$ 2,097
Average stated interest rate	2.05%	2.19%	2.05%	2.19%
Average outstanding balance	$ 26,141	$ 304,163	$ 8,810	$ 141,751

Revolving Funding Facility

The Company's consolidated subsidiary, Ares Capital CP Funding LLC ("Ares Capital CP"), is party to a revolving funding facility (as amended, the "Revolving Funding Facility"), which allows Ares Capital CP to borrow up to $540,000 at any one time outstanding. The Revolving Funding Facility is secured by all of the assets held by, and the membership interest in, Ares Capital CP. The end of the reinvestment period and the stated maturity date for the Revolving Funding Facility are May 14, 2017 and May 14, 2019, respectively. The Revolving Funding Facility also includes a feature that allows, under certain circumstances, for an increase in the Revolving Funding Facility to a maximum of $865,000.

Amounts available to borrow under the Revolving Funding Facility are subject to a borrowing base that applies different advance rates to different types of assets held by Ares Capital CP. Ares Capital CP is also subject to limitations with respect to the loans securing the Revolving Funding Facility, including restrictions on sector concentrations, loan size, payment frequency and status, collateral interests, loans with fixed rates and loans with certain investment ratings, as well as restrictions on portfolio company leverage, which may also affect the borrowing base and therefore amounts available to borrow. The Company and Ares Capital CP are also required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar facilities. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the agreements governing the Revolving Funding Facility. As of September 30, 2014, the Company and Ares Capital CP were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Revolving Funding Facility.

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, there was $324,000 and $185,000 outstanding, respectively, under the Revolving Funding Facility. Since January 25, 2013, the interest

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charged on the Revolving Funding Facility is based on applicable spreads ranging from 2.25% to 2.50% over LIBOR and ranging from 1.25% to 1.50% over "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Funding Facility) in each case, determined monthly based on the composition of the borrowing base relative to outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Funding Facility. From January 18, 2012 through January 24, 2013, the interest rate charged on the Revolving Funding Facility was based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.50% or on a "base rate" plus an applicable spread of 1.50%. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the interest rate in effect was based on one month LIBOR, which was 0.16% and 0.17%, respectively. Through May 13, 2014, Ares Capital CP was required to pay a commitment fee between 0.50% and 1.75% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the Revolving Funding Facility. Since May 14, 2014, Ares Capital CP is required to pay a commitment fee between 0.50% and 1.50% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the Revolving Funding Facility.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the components of interest and credit facility fees expense, cash paid for interest expense, average stated interest rates (i.e., rate in effect plus the spread) and average outstanding balances for the Revolving Funding Facility were as follows:

	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Stated interest expense	$ 1,811	$ 2,244	$ 2,354	$ 4,445
Facility fees	435	438	3,731	2,791
Amortization of debt issuance costs	578	504	1,638	1,510
Total interest and credit facility fees expense	$ 2,824	$ 3,186	$ 7,723	$ 8,746
Cash paid for interest expense	$ 324	$ 1,727	$ 2,066	$ 4,231
Average stated interest rate	2.40%	2.43%	2.40%	2.45%
Average outstanding balance	$ 294,739	$ 360,641	$ 129,088	$ 239,546

SMBC Funding Facility

The Company's consolidated subsidiary, Ares Capital JB Funding LLC ("ACJB"), is party to a revolving funding facility (as amended, the "SMBC Funding Facility") with ACJB, as the borrower, and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation ("SMBC"), as the administrative agent, collateral agent, and lender, which allows ACJB to borrow up to $400,000 at any one time outstanding. The SMBC Funding Facility is secured by all of the assets held by ACJB. The end of the reinvestment period and the stated maturity date for the SMBC Funding Facility are September 14, 2016 and September 14, 2021, respectively. The reinvestment period and the stated maturity date are both subject to two one-year extensions by mutual agreement.

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Amounts available to borrow under the SMBC Funding Facility are subject to a borrowing base that applies an advance rate to assets held by ACJB. The Company and ACJB are also required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar facilities. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the documents governing the SMBC Funding Facility. As of September 30, 2014, the Company and ACJB were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the SMBC Funding Facility.

As of September 30, 2014, there was $54,000 outstanding under the SMBC Funding Facility. As of December 31, 2013, there were no amounts outstanding under the SMBC Funding Facility. Since December 19, 2013, subject to certain exceptions, the interest rate charged on the SMBC Funding Facility is based on one month LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the SMBC Funding Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. Prior to and including December 19, 2013, subject to certain exceptions, the interest rate charged on the SMBC Funding Facility was based on one month LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.125% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the SMBC Funding Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.125%. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, one-month LIBOR was 0.16% and 0.17%, respectively. ACJB was not required to pay a commitment fee until September 15, 2013 and through December 19, 2013, at which time ACJB was required to pay a commitment fee of up to 0.50% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the SMBC Funding Facility. From December 20, 2013 through March 14, 2014, ACJB was required to pay a commitment fee of up to 0.75% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the SMBC Funding Facility. After March 14, 2014, ACJB is required to pay a commitment fee of between 0.35% and 0.875% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the SMBC Funding Facility.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the components of interest and credit facility fees expense for the SMBC Funding Facility were as follows:

	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Stated interest expense	$ 237	$	$ 237	$
Facility fees	383	67	1,188	67
Amortization of debt issuance costs	281	269	843	773
Total interest and credit facility fees expense	$ 901	$ 336	$ 2,268	$ 840
Cash paid for interest expense	$ 191	$	$ 191	$ 16
Average stated interest rate	2.13%	%	2.13%	%
Average outstanding balance	$ 43,467	$	$ 14,648	$

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5. DEBT (Continued)

Convertible Unsecured Notes

In January 2011, the Company issued $575,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible notes that mature on February 1, 2016 (the "February 2016 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In March 2011, the Company issued $230,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible notes that mature on June 1, 2016 (the "June 2016 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In March 2012, the Company issued $162,500 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible notes that mature on March 15, 2017 (the "2017 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company issued $270,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible notes that mature on January 15, 2018 (the "2018 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In July 2013, the Company issued $300,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible notes that mature on January 15, 2019 (the "2019 Convertible Notes" and together with the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes and the 2018 Convertible Notes, the "Convertible Unsecured Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. The Company does not have the right to redeem the Convertible Unsecured Notes prior to maturity. The February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.750%, 5.125%, 4.875%, 4.750% and 4.375%, respectively, per year, payable semi-annually.

In certain circumstances, the Convertible Unsecured Notes will be convertible into cash, shares of the Company's common stock or a combination of cash and shares of its common stock, at the Company's election, at their respective conversion rates (listed below as of September 30, 2014) subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments and the requirements of their respective indenture (the "Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures"). Prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding their respective conversion date (listed below), holders may convert their Convertible Unsecured Notes only under certain circumstances set forth in the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures. On or after their respective conversion dates until the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately preceding their respective maturity date, holders may convert their Convertible Unsecured Notes at any time. In addition, if the Company engages in certain corporate events as described in their respective Convertible Unsecured Notes Indenture, holders of the Convertible Unsecured Notes may require the Company to repurchase for cash all or part of the Convertible Unsecured Notes at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Unsecured Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest through, but excluding, the required repurchase date.

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Certain key terms related to the convertible features for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes as of September 30, 2014 are listed below.

	February 2016 Convertible Notes	June 2016 Convertible Notes	2017 Convertible Notes	2018 Convertible Notes	2019 Convertible Notes
Conversion premium	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%	15.0%
Closing stock price at issuance	$ 16.28	$ 16.20	$ 16.46	$ 16.91	$ 17.53
Closing stock price date	January 19, 2011	March 22, 2011	March 8, 2012	October 3, 2012	July 15, 2013
Conversion price(1)	$ 18.56	$ 18.47	$ 19.02	$ 19.70	$ 20.05
Conversion rate (shares per one thousand dollar principal amount)(1)	53.8839	54.1501	52.5696	50.7591	49.8854
Conversion dates	August 15, 2015	December 15, 2015	September 15, 2016	July 15, 2017	July 15, 2018

(1) Represents conversion price and conversion rate, as applicable, as of September 30, 2014, taking into account certain de minimis adjustments that will be made on the conversion date.

As of September 30, 2014, the principal amounts of each series of the Convertible Unsecured Notes exceeded the value of the underlying shares multiplied by the per share closing price of the Company's common stock.

The Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures contain certain covenants, including covenants requiring the Company to comply with Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act and to provide financial information to the holders of the Convertible Unsecured Notes under certain circumstances. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures. As of September 30, 2014, the Company was in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures.

The Convertible Unsecured Notes are accounted for in accordance with ASC 470-20. Upon conversion of any of the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the Company intends to pay the outstanding principal amount in cash and to the extent that the conversion value exceeds the principal amount, the Company has the option to pay in cash or shares of the Company's common stock (or a combination of cash and shares) in respect of the excess amount, subject to the requirements of the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures. The Company has determined that the embedded conversion options in the Convertible Unsecured Notes are not required to be separately accounted for as a derivative under GAAP. In accounting for the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the Company estimated at the time of issuance separate debt and equity components for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes. An original issue discount equal to the equity components of the Convertible Unsecured Notes was recorded in "capital in excess of par value" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. Additionally, the issuance costs associated with the Convertible Unsecured Notes were allocated to the debt and equity components in proportion to the allocation of the proceeds and accounted for as debt issuance costs and equity issuance costs, respectively.

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The debt and equity component percentages, the issuance costs and the equity component amounts for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes are listed below.

	February 2016 Convertible Notes	June 2016 Convertible Notes	2017 Convertible Notes	2018 Convertible Notes	2019 Convertible Notes
Debt and equity component percentages, respectively(1)	93.0% and 7.0%	93.0% and 7.0%	97.0% and 3.0%	98.0% and 2.0%	99.8% and 0.2%
Debt issuance costs(1)	$ 15,778	$ 5,913	$ 4,813	$ 5,712	$ 4,475
Equity issuance costs(1)	$ 1,188	$ 445	$ 149	$ 116	$ 9
Equity component, net of issuance costs(2)	$ 39,062	$ 15,654	$ 4,724	$ 5,243	$ 582

(1) At time of issuance.

(2) At time of issuance and as of September 30, 2014.

In addition to the original issue discount equal to the equity components of the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes were each issued at a discount. The Company records interest expense comprised of both stated interest expense as well as accretion of any original issue discount.

As of September 30, 2014, the components of the carrying value of the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the stated interest rate and the effective interest rate were as follows:

	February 2016 Convertible Notes	June 2016 Convertible Notes	2017 Convertible Notes	2018 Convertible Notes	2019 Convertible Notes
Principal amount of debt	$ 575,000	$ 230,000	$ 162,500	$ 270,000	$ 300,000
Original issue discount, net of accretion	(12,195)	(5,804)	(2,564)	(4,909)	(4,087)
Carrying value of debt	$ 562,805	$ 224,196	$ 159,936	$ 265,091	$ 295,913
Stated interest rate	5.750%	5.125%	4.875%	4.750%	4.375%
Effective interest rate(1)	7.2%	6.5%	5.5%	5.2%	4.7%

(1)

The effective interest rate of the debt component of the Convertible Unsecured Notes is equal to the stated interest rate plus the accretion of original issue discount.

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5. DEBT (Continued)

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the components of interest expense and cash paid for interest expense for the Convertible Notes were as follows:

	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Stated interest expense	$ 19,680	$ 19,024	$ 59,042	$ 51,822
Amortization of debt issuance costs	1,851	1,794	5,415	5,009
Accretion of original issue discount	3,763	3,476	11,100	9,933
Total interest expense	$ 25,294	$ 24,294	$ 75,557	$ 66,764
Cash paid for interest expense	$ 33,467	$ 30,289	$ 72,718	$ 56,675

Unsecured Notes

2018 Notes

In November 2013, the Company issued $600,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured notes that mature on November 30, 2018 (the "2018 Notes"). The 2018 Notes bear interest at a rate of 4.875% per year, payable semi- annually and all principal is due upon maturity. The 2018 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time at the Company's option at a redemption price equal to par plus a "make whole" premium, as determined pursuant to the indenture governing the 2018 Notes, and any accrued and unpaid interest. The 2018 Notes were issued at a discount at the time of issuance totaling $3,312. The Company records interest expense comprised of both stated interest expense as well as any accretion of any original issue discount. Total proceeds from the issuance of the 2018 Notes, net of the original issue discount, underwriting discounts and offering costs, were $586,014.

In January 2014, the Company issued an additional $150,000 aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Notes at a premium of 102.7% of their principal amount (the "Additional 2018 Notes"). The original issue premium recognized upon issuance of the Additional 2018 Notes totaled $4,050. Total proceeds from the issuance of the Additional 2018 Notes, net of underwriting discounts and offering costs, were approximately $151,900.

February 2022 Notes

In February 2012, the Company issued $143,750 aggregate principal amount of unsecured notes that mature on February 15, 2022 (the "February 2022 Notes"). The February 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 7.00% per year, payable quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. The February 2022 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after February 15, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. Total proceeds from the issuance of the February 2022 Notes, net of underwriting discounts and offering costs, were $138,338.

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October 2022 Notes

In September 2012 and October 2012, the Company issued $182,500 aggregate principal amount of unsecured notes that mature on October 1, 2022 (the "October 2022 Notes"). The October 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.875% per year, payable quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. The October 2022 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after October 1, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. Total proceeds from the issuance of the October 2022 Notes, net of underwriting discounts and offering costs, were $176,054.

2040 Notes

In October 2010, the Company issued $200,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured notes that mature on October 15, 2040 (the "2040 Notes"). The 2040 Notes bear interest at a rate of 7.75% per year, payable quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. The 2040 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after October 15, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. Total proceeds from the issuance of the 2040 Notes, net of underwriting discounts and offering costs, were $192,664.

2047 Notes

As part of the acquisition of Allied Capital Corporation ("Allied Capital") in April 2010 (the "Allied Acquisition"), the Company assumed $230,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured notes due on April 15, 2047 (the "2047 Notes" and together with the 2018 Notes, the February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes and the 2040 Notes, the "Unsecured Notes"). The 2047 Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.875%, payable quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. The 2047 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company purchased $443 aggregate principal amount of the 2047 Notes and as a result of these transactions, the Company recognized a realized loss of $72. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the outstanding principal was $229,557 and $230,000, respectively, and the carrying value was $181,265 and $181,429, respectively. The carrying value represents the outstanding principal amount of the 2047 Notes less the unaccreted purchased discount initially recorded as a part of the Allied Acquisition.

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5. DEBT (Continued)

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the components of interest expense and cash paid for interest expense for the Unsecured Notes were as follows:

	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Stated interest expense	$ 22,157	$ 13,024	$ 65,925	$ 39,074
Amortization of debt issuance costs	799	349	2,305	1,047
Accretion of purchase discount	23	58	125	170
Total interest expense	$ 22,979	$ 13,431	$ 68,355	$ 40,291
Cash paid for interest expense	$ 13,017	$ 13,024	$ 54,374	$ 36,392

The Unsecured Notes contain certain covenants, including covenants requiring the Company to comply with Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act and to provide financial information to the holders of such notes under certain circumstances. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions set forth in the indentures governing such notes. As of September 30, 2014, the Company was in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the respective indentures governing each of the Unsecured Notes.

The Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes are the Company's unsecured obligations and rank senior in right of payment to any future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes; equal in right of payment to the Company's existing and future unsecured indebtedness that is not expressly subordinated; effectively junior in right of payment to any of its secured indebtedness (including existing unsecured indebtedness that the Company later secures) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness; and structurally junior to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) incurred by the Company's subsidiaries, financing vehicles or similar facilities.

6. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The Company may enter into forward currency contracts from time to time to help mitigate the impact that an adverse change in foreign exchange rates would have on the value of the Company's investments denominated in foreign currencies. Forward contracts are considered undesignated derivative instruments.

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6. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Certain information related to the Company's derivative financial instruments is presented below as of September 30, 2014:

			As of September 30, 2014			
Description	Notional Amount	Maturity Date	Gross Amount of Recognized Assets	Gross Amount Offset in the Balance Sheet	Net Amount of Assets in the Balance Sheet	Balance Sheet Location
Foreign currency forward contract	CAD45,000	1/8/2015	$ 40,247	$ (40,064)	$ 183	Other assets
Foreign currency forward contract	€ 5,000	11/21/2014	6,660	(6,317)	343	Other assets
Total			$ 46,907	$ (46,381)	$ 526	

7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company has various commitments to fund investments in its portfolio as described below.

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company had the following commitments to fund various revolving and delayed draw senior secured and subordinated loans, including commitments to fund which are at (or substantially at) the Company's discretion:

	As of	
	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Total revolving and delayed draw commitments	$ 769,214	$ 834,444
Less: funded commitments	(139,373)	(87,073)
Total unfunded commitments	629,841	747,371
Less: commitments substantially at discretion of the Company	(6,000)	(16,000)
Less: unavailable commitments due to borrowing base or other covenant restrictions		(1,660)
Total net adjusted unfunded revolving and delayed draw commitments	$ 623,841	$ 729,711

Included within the total revolving and delayed draw commitments as of September 30, 2014 were commitments to issue up to $79,750 in letters of credit through a financial intermediary on behalf of certain portfolio companies. As of September 30, 2014, the Company had $20,399 in letters of credit issued and outstanding under these commitments on behalf of portfolio companies. In addition to these letters of credit included as a part of the total revolving and delayed draw commitments to portfolio companies, as of September 30, 2014 the Company also had $5,284 of letters of credit issued and

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7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

outstanding on behalf of other portfolio companies. For all these letters of credit issued and outstanding, the Company would be required to make payments to third parties if the portfolio companies were to default on their related payment obligations. None of these letters of credit issued and outstanding are recorded as a liability on the Company's balance sheet as such letters of credit are considered in the valuation of the investments in the portfolio company. Of these letters of credit $75 expire in 2014, $24,961 expire in 2015 and $647 expire in 2016.

The Company also has commitments to co-invest in the SSLP for the Company's portion of the SSLP's commitments to fund delayed draw investments to certain portfolio companies of the SSLP. See Note 4 for more information.

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company was party to subscription agreements to fund equity investments in private equity investment partnerships as follows:

	As of	
	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Total private equity commitments	$ 109,500	$ 59,500
Less: funded private equity commitments	(15,197)	(11,891)
Total unfunded private equity commitments	94,303	47,609
Less: private equity commitments substantially at discretion of the Company	(91,163)	(43,206)
Total net adjusted unfunded private equity commitments	$ 3,140	$ 4,403

In the ordinary course of business, the Company may sell certain of its investments to third party purchasers. In particular, in connection with the sale of certain controlled portfolio company equity investments (as well as certain other sales) the Company has, and may continue to do so in the future, agreed to indemnify such purchasers for future liabilities arising from the investments and the related sale transaction. Such indemnification provisions have given rise to liabilities in the past and may do so in the future.

8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company follows ASC 825-10, which provides companies the option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. ASC 825-10 also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities and to more easily understand the effect of the company's choice to use fair value on its earnings. ASC 825-10 also requires entities to display the fair value of the selected assets and liabilities on the face of the balance sheet. The Company has not elected the ASC 825-10 option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. With the exception of the line items entitled "other assets" and "debt," which are reported at amortized cost, all

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8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

assets and liabilities approximate fair value on the balance sheet. The carrying value of the lines titled "interest receivable," "receivable for open trades," "payable for open trades," "accounts payable and other liabilities," "base management fees payable," "income based fees payable," "capital gains incentive fees payable" and "interest and facility fees payable" approximate fair value due to their short maturity.

The Company also follows ASC 820-10, which expands the application of fair value accounting. ASC 820-10 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with GAAP and expands disclosure of fair value measurements. ASC 820-10 determines fair value to be the price that would be received for an investment in a current sale, which assumes an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. ASC 820-10 requires the Company to assume that the portfolio investment is sold in its principal market to market participants or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market, which may be a hypothetical market. Market participants are defined as buyers and sellers in the principal or most advantageous market that are independent, knowledgeable, and willing and able to transact. In accordance with ASC 820-10, the Company has considered its principal market as the market in which the Company exits its portfolio investments with the greatest volume and level of activity. ASC 820-10 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. In accordance with ASC 820-10, these inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2 Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

In addition to using the above inputs in investment valuations, the Company continues to employ the net asset valuation policy approved by the Company's board of directors that is consistent with ASC 820-10 (see Note 2). Consistent with the Company's valuation policy, it evaluates the source of inputs, including any markets in which the Company's investments are trading (or any markets in which securities with similar attributes are trading), in determining fair value. The Company's valuation policy considers the fact that because there is not a readily available market value for most of the investments in the Company's portfolio, the fair value of the investments must typically be determined using unobservable inputs.

The Company's portfolio investments (other than as discussed below in the following paragraph) are typically valued using two different valuation techniques. The first valuation technique is an analysis of the enterprise value ("EV") of the portfolio company. Enterprise value means the entire value of the portfolio company to a market participant, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. The primary method for

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8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

determining EV uses a multiple analysis whereby appropriate multiples are applied to the portfolio company's EBITDA (net income before net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization). EBITDA multiples are typically determined based upon review of market comparable transactions and publicly traded comparable companies, if any. The Company may also employ other valuation multiples to determine EV, such as revenues or, in the case of certain portfolio companies in the energy industry, kilowatt capacity. The second method for determining EV uses a discounted cash flow analysis whereby future expected cash flows of the portfolio company are discounted to determine a present value using estimated discount rates (typically a weighted average cost of capital based on costs of debt and equity consistent with current market conditions). The EV analysis is performed to determine the value of equity investments, the value of debt investments in portfolio companies where the Company has control or could gain control through an option or warrant security, and to determine if there is credit impairment for debt investments. If debt investments are credit impaired, an EV analysis may be used to value such debt investments; however, in addition to the methods outlined above, other methods such as a liquidation or wind-down analysis may be utilized to estimate enterprise value. The second valuation technique is a yield analysis, which is typically performed for non-credit impaired debt investments in portfolio companies where the Company does not own a controlling equity position. To determine fair value using a yield analysis, a current price is imputed for the investment based upon an assessment of the expected market yield for a similarly structured investment with a similar level of risk. In the yield analysis, the Company considers the current contractual interest rate, the maturity and other terms of the investment relative to risk of the company and the specific investment. A key determinant of risk, among other things, is the leverage through the investment relative to the enterprise value of the portfolio company. As debt investments held by the Company are substantially illiquid with no active transaction market, the Company depends on primary market data, including newly funded transactions, as well as secondary market data with respect to high yield debt instruments and syndicated loans, as inputs in determining the appropriate market yield, as applicable.

For other portfolio investments such as investments in collateralized loan obligations and the SSLP Certificates, discounted cash flow analysis is the primary technique utilized to determine fair value. Expected future cash flows associated with the investment are discounted to determine a present value using a discount rate that reflects estimated market return requirements.

The following tables summarize the significant unobservable inputs the Company used to value the majority of its investments categorized within Level 3 as of September 30, 2014 and December 31,

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8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

2013. The tables are not intended to be all-inclusive, but instead capture the significant unobservable inputs relevant to the Company's determination of fair values.

As of September 30, 2014

Asset Category	Fair Value	Primary Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Input	Estimated Range	Weighted Average
First lien senior secured loans	$ 4,012,480	Yield analysis	Market yield	4.0% - 19.9%	8.3%
Second lien senior secured loans	1,451,583	Yield analysis	Market yield	6.3% - 20.8%	9.1%
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP	1,983,457	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	10.0% - 13.0%	11.5%
Senior subordinated debt	469,377	Yield analysis	Market yield	8.3% - 14.0%	10.7%
Preferred equity securities	214,063	EV market multiple analysis	EBITDA multiple	4.5x - 15.7x	9.1x
Other equity securities and other	649,661	EV market multiple analysis	EBITDA multiple	4.5x - 14.5x	9.1x
Total	$ 8,780,621				

As of December 31, 2013

Asset Category	Fair Value	Primary Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Input	Estimated Range	Weighted Average
First lien senior secured loans	$ 3,377,608	Yield analysis	Market yield	4.0% - 19.0%	8.4%
Second lien senior secured loans	1,319,191	Yield analysis	Market yield	6.1% - 25.3%	10.3%
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP	1,771,369	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	10.5% - 13.5%	12.3%
Senior subordinated debt	323,171	Yield analysis	Market yield	9.0% - 17.5%	11.4%
Preferred equity securities	229,006	EV market multiple analysis	EBITDA multiple	4.5x - 11.6x	8.3x
Other equity securities and other	612,552	EV market multiple analysis	EBITDA multiple	4.5x - 14.8x	8.6x
Total	$ 7,632,897				

Changes in market yields, discount rates or EBITDA multiples, each in isolation, may change the fair value of certain of the Company's investments. Generally, an increase in market yields or discount rates or decrease in EBITDA multiples may result in a decrease in the fair value of certain of the Company's investments.

Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of the Company's investments may fluctuate from period to period. Additionally, the fair value of the Company's investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that the Company may ultimately realize. Further, such investments are generally subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or otherwise are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If the Company was required to liquidate a portfolio investment in a forced or liquidation sale, it could realize significantly less than the value at which the Company has recorded it.

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8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

In addition, 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 unrealized gains or losses reflected in the valuations currently assigned.

The following table presents fair value measurements of cash and cash equivalents, investments and derivatives as of September 30, 2014:

	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 107,878	$ 107,878	$	$
Investments	$ 8,783,580	$ 2,959	$	$ 8,780,621
Derivatives	$ 526	$	$ 526	$

The following table presents fair value measurements of cash and cash equivalents and investments as of December 31, 2013:

	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 149,629	$ 149,629	$	$
Investments	$ 7,632,897	$	$	$ 7,632,897

The following table presents changes in investments that use Level 3 inputs as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014:

	As of and for the three months ended September 30, 2014
Balance as of June 30, 2014	$ 8,065,826
Net realized gains	73,690
Net unrealized losses	(5,498)
Purchases	1,350,079
Sales	(226,293)
Redemptions	(480,582)
Payment-in-kind interest and dividends	2,431
Net accretion of discount on securities	1,266
Net transfers in and/or out of Level 3	(298)
Balance as of September 30, 2014	$ 8,780,621

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8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

		As of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2014
Balance as of December 31, 2013	$	7,632,897
Net realized gains		38,207
Net unrealized gains		86,124
Purchases		3,085,331
Sales		(606,222)
Redemptions		(1,464,155)
Payment-in-kind interest and dividends		8,137
Net accretion of discount on securities		2,094
Net transfers in and/or out of Level 3		(1,792)
Balance as of September 30, 2014	$	8,780,621

As of September 30, 2014, the net unrealized appreciation on the investments that use Level 3 inputs was $181,170.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, the total amount of gains (losses) for the period included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to the Company's Level 3 assets still held as of September 30, 2014, and reported within the net unrealized gains (losses) from investments in the Company's consolidated statement of operations was $47,286 and $73,318, respectively.

The following table presents changes in investments that use Level 3 inputs as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013:

		As of and for the three months ended September 30, 2013
Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	6,814,960
Net realized gains		8,946
Net unrealized gains		5,629
Purchases		931,814
Sales		(218,033)
Redemptions		(163,620)
Payment-in-kind interest and dividends		4,606
Accretion of discount on securities		983
Net transfers in and/or out of Level 3		
Balance as of September 30, 2013	$	7,385,285

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8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

		As of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2013
Balance as of December 31, 2012	$	5,914,657
Net realized gains		20,710
Net unrealized gains		14,935
Purchases		2,428,449
Sales		(393,351)
Redemptions		(619,257)
Payment-in-kind interest and dividends		15,189
Accretion of discount on securities		3,953
Net transfers in and/or out of Level 3		
Balance as of September 30, 2013	$	7,385,285

As of September 30, 2013, the net unrealized appreciation on the investments that use Level 3 inputs was $107,573.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the total amount of gains (losses) for the period included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to the Company's Level 3 assets still held as of September 30, 2013 and reported within the net unrealized gains (losses) from investments in the Company's consolidated statement of operations was $9,442 and $1,530, respectively.

Transfers between levels, if any, are recognized at the beginning of the quarter in which the transfers occur.

Following are the carrying and fair values of the Company's debt obligations as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013. Fair value is estimated by discounting remaining payments

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8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

using applicable current market rates, which take into account changes in the Company's marketplace credit ratings, or market quotes, if available.

	As of			
	September 30, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Carrying value(1)	Fair value	Carrying value(1)	Fair value
Revolving Credit Facility	$ 335,000	$ 335,000		
Revolving Funding Facility	324,000	324,000	185,000	185,000
SMBC Funding Facility	54,000	54,000		
February 2016 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $575,000)	562,805(2)	605,636	556,456(2)	620,960
June 2016 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $230,000)	224,196(2)	240,667	221,788(2)	246,810
2017 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $162,500)	159,936(2)	169,741	159,220(2)	172,289
2018 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $270,000)	265,091(2)	280,106	264,096(2)	284,702
2019 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $300,000)	295,913(2)	310,560	295,279(2)	311,169
2018 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $750,000 and $600,000, respectively)	750,745(3)	793,658	596,757(3)	619,782
February 2022 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $143,750)	143,750	145,569	143,750	149,364
October 2022 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $182,500)	182,500	181,937	182,500	181,770
2040 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $200,000)	200,000	206,888	200,000	199,208
2047 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $229,557 and $230,000, respectively)	181,265(4)	229,071	181,429(4)	206,606
	$ 3,679,201(5)	$ 3,876,833	$ 2,986,275(5)	$ 3,177,660

(1) Except for the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the 2018 Notes and the 2047 Notes, all carrying values are the same as the principal amounts outstanding.

(2) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Convertible Unsecured Notes less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of each respective series of the Convertible Unsecured Notes.

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8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(3) As of September 30, 2014, represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding plus the net unamortized premium that was initially recorded upon the issuances of the 2018 Notes. As of December 31, 2013, represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the 2018 Notes less the unaccreted discount initially recognized on the first issuance of the 2018 Notes.

(4) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the 2047 Notes less the unaccreted purchased discount.

(5) Total principal amount of debt outstanding totaled $3,756,307 and $3,078,750 as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

The following table presents fair value measurements of the Company's debt obligations as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

	As of	
Fair Value Measurements Using	**September 30, 2014**	**December 31, 2013**
Level 1	$ 763,465	$ 736,948
Level 2	3,113,368	2,440,712
Total	$ 3,876,833	$ 3,177,660

9. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

The following table summarizes the total shares issued and proceeds received in public offerings of the Company's common stock net of underwriting discounts and offering costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013:

	Shares issued	**Offering price per share**	**Proceeds net of underwriting and operating costs**
2014			
July 2014 public offering	15,525	$ 16.63(1)	257,626
Total for the nine months ended September 30, 2014	15,525		257,626
2013			
April 2013 public offering	19,147	$ 17.43(2)	$ 333,174
Total for the nine months ended September 30, 2013	19,147		$ 333,174

(1) The shares were sold to the underwriters for a price of $16.63 per share, which the underwriters were then permitted to sell at variable prices to the public.

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9. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

(2) The shares were sold to the underwriters for a price of $17.43 per share, which the underwriters were then permitted to sell at variable prices to the public.

The Company used the net proceeds from the above public equity offerings to repay outstanding indebtedness and for general corporate purposes, which included funding investments in accordance with its investment objective.

10. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following information sets forth the computations of basic and diluted net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013:

	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations available to common stockholders:	$ 177,739	$ 140,797	$ 437,562	$ 354,637
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding basic and diluted:	310,564	268,312	302,315	261,120
Basic and diluted net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations per share:	$ 0.57	$ 0.52	$ 1.45	$ 1.36

For the purpose of calculating diluted net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations per share, the average closing price of the Company's common stock for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 was each less than the conversion price for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes outstanding as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Therefore, for all periods presented in the financial statements, the underlying shares for the intrinsic value of the embedded options in the Convertible Unsecured Notes have no impact on the computation of diluted net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations per share.

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11. DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The following table summarizes the Company's dividends declared and payable during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013:

Date Declared	Record Date	Payment Date	Per Share Amount	Total Amount
August 5, 2014	September 15, 2014	September 30, 2014	$ 0.38	$ 119,361
May 6, 2014	June 16, 2014	June 30, 2014	0.38	113,343
February 26, 2014	March 14, 2014	March 31, 2014	0.38	113,228
November 5, 2013	March 14, 2014	March 28, 2014	0.05(1)	14,899
Total declared and payable for the nine months ended September 30, 2014			$ 1.19	$ 360,831
August 6, 2013	September 16, 2013	September 30, 2013	$ 0.38	$ 101,959
May 7, 2013	June 14, 2013	June 28, 2013	0.38	101,856
February 27, 2013	March 15, 2013	March 29, 2013	0.38	94,488
Total declared and payable for the nine months ended September 30, 2013			$ 1.14	$ 298,303

(1) Represents an additional dividend.

The Company has a dividend reinvestment plan, whereby the Company may buy shares of its common stock in the open market or issue new shares in order to satisfy dividend reinvestment requests. When the Company issues new shares in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan, the issue price is equal to the closing price of its common stock on the dividend payment date. Dividend reinvestment plan activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 was as follows:

	For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
Shares issued	612	796
Average price per share	$ 17.74	$ 17.51
Shares purchased by plan agent for stockholders	336	
Average price per share	$ 16.19	$

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In accordance with the investment advisory and management agreement, the Company bears all costs and expenses of the operation of the Company and reimburses its investment adviser or its

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12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

affiliates for certain of such costs and expenses incurred in the operation of the Company. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company's investment adviser or its affiliates incurred such expenses totaling $1,446 and $4,504, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company's investment adviser or its affiliates incurred such expenses totaling $1,969 and $4,146, respectively. As of September 30, 2014, $1,517 was unpaid and such payable is included in "accounts payable and other liabilities" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

The Company is party to office leases pursuant to which it is leasing office facilities from third parties. For certain of these office leases, the Company has also entered into separate subleases with Ares Management LLC, the sole member of Ares Capital Management, and IHAM, pursuant to which Ares Management LLC and IHAM sublease a portion of these leases. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, amounts payable to the Company under these subleases totaled $1,269 and $3,015, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, amounts payable to the Company under these subleases totaled $628 and $1,450, respectively.

Ares Management LLC has also entered into separate subleases with the Company, pursuant to which the Company subleases certain office leases from Ares Management LLC. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, amounts payable to Ares Management LLC under these subleases totaled $186 and $371, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, amounts payable to Ares Management LLC under these subleases totaled $104.

See Note 3 for descriptions of other related party transactions.

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13. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a schedule of financial highlights as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013:

	For the nine months ended September 30,	
Per Share Data:	**2014**	**2013**
Net asset value, beginning of period(1)	$ 16.46	$ 16.04
Issuances of common stock		0.10
Net investment income for period(2)	1.02	1.22
Net realized and unrealized gains for period(2)	0.42	0.13
Net increase in stockholders' equity	1.44	1.45
Total distributions to stockholders	(1.19)	(1.14)
Net asset value at end of period(1)	$ 16.71	$ 16.35
Per share market value at end of period	$ 16.16	$ 17.29
Total return based on market value(3)	(2.36)%	5.31%
Total return based on net asset value(4)	8.81%	8.48%
Shares outstanding at end of period	314,108	268,596
Ratio/Supplemental Data:		
Net assets at end of period	$ 5,249,648	$ 4,392,356
Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets(5)(6)	10.44%	10.03%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets(5)(7)	8.23%	10.08%
Portfolio turnover rate(5)	34%	20%

(1) The net assets used equals the total stockholders' equity on the consolidated balance sheet.

(2) Weighted average basic per share data.

(3) For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the total return based on market value equaled the decrease of the ending market value at September 30, 2014 of $16.16 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2013 of $17.77 per share plus the declared and payable dividends of $1.19 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, divided by the market value at December 31, 2013. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the total return based on market value equaled the decrease of the ending market value at September 30, 2013 of $17.29 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2012 of $17.50 per share plus the declared dividends of $1.14 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, divided by the market value at December 31, 2012. Total return based on market value is not annualized. The Company's shares fluctuate in value. The Company's performance

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13. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

currently may be different than that shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

(4) For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the total return based on net asset value equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared and payable dividends of $1.19 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, divided by the beginning net asset value at December 31, 2013. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the total return based on net asset value equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared dividends of $1.14 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, divided by the beginning net asset value at December 31, 2012. These calculations are adjusted for shares issued in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan, the issuance of common stock in connection with any equity offerings and the equity components of any convertible notes issued during the period. Total return based on net asset value is not annualized. The Company's performance changes over time and currently may be different than that shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

(5) The ratios reflect an annualized amount.

(6) For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the ratio of operating expenses to average net assets consisted of 2.48% of base management fees, 2.91% of income based fees and capital gains incentive fees, 4.25% of the cost of borrowing and 0.80% of other operating expenses. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the ratio of operating expenses to average net assets consisted of 2.39% of base management fees, 2.80% of income based fees and capital gains incentive fees, 3.92% of the cost of borrowing and 0.92% of other operating expenses. These ratios reflect annualized amounts.

(7) The ratio of net investment income to average net assets excludes income taxes related to realized gains and losses.

14. LITIGATION

The Company is party to certain lawsuits in the normal course of business. In addition, Allied Capital was involved in various legal proceedings that the Company assumed in connection with the Allied Acquisition. Furthermore, third parties may try to seek to impose liability on the Company in connection with the activities of its portfolio companies. While the outcome of any such legal proceedings cannot at this time be predicted with certainty, the Company does not expect that these legal proceedings will materially affect its business, financial condition or results of operations.

On May 20, 2013, the Company was named as one of several defendants in an action (the "Action") filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (the "Pennsylvania Court") by the bankruptcy trustee of DSI Renal Holdings LLC and two related companies. On March 17, 2014 the Action was transferred to the United States District Court for the

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

As of September 30, 2014

(unaudited)

**(in thousands, except per share data, percentages and as otherwise indicated;
for example, with the words "million," "billion" or otherwise)**

14. LITIGATION (Continued)

District of Delaware (the "Delaware Court") pursuant to a motion filed by the defendants and granted by the Pennsylvania Court. On May 6, 2014, the Delaware Court referred the Action to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. The complaint in the Action alleges, among other things, that each of the named defendants participated in a purported "fraudulent transfer" involving the restructuring of a subsidiary of DSI Renal Holdings LLC. Among other things, the complaint seeks, jointly and severally from all defendants, (1) damages of approximately $425 million, of which the complaint states the Company's individual share is approximately $117 million, and (2) punitive damages. The Company is currently unable to assess with any certainty whether it may have any exposure in the Action. The Company believes the plaintiff's claims are without merit and intends to vigorously defend itself in the Action.

15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company's management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of issuance of the consolidated financial statements included herein. There have been no subsequent events that occurred during such period that would require disclosure in this Form 10-Q or would be required to be recognized in the consolidated financial statements as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, except as disclosed below.

The Company has applied to the Small Business Administration ("SBA") for a license to allow a new wholly owned subsidiary to operate as a Small Business Investment Company ("SBIC") under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. In May 2014, the Company received a "green light" or "go forth letter" from the SBA inviting the Company to continue its application process to obtain a license to form and operate an SBIC subsidiary, and the Company submitted its license application in October 2014. If approved, the license would provide the Company with an incremental source of long-term debt capital. Receipt of a green light letter from the SBA does not assure an applicant that the SBA will ultimately issue an SBIC license, and the Company has received no assurance or indication from the SBA that the Company will receive an SBIC license or of the timeframe in which the Company would receive a license should one ultimately be granted.

In November 2014, the Company declared a fourth quarter 2014 dividend of $0.38 per share payable on December 31, 2014 to stockholders of record as of December 15, 2014.

In November 2014, the Company issued $400 million aggregate principal amount of 3.875% notes due 2020 (the "existing 2020 Notes"). The Company used the net proceeds of the issuance of the existing 2020 Notes to repay certain outstanding indebtedness under its debt facilities and for general corporate purposes, which included investing in portfolio companies in accordance with its investment objective.

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PROSPECTUS

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Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Debt Securities
Subscription Rights
Warrants
Units

Ares Capital Corporation is a specialty finance company that is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company incorporated in Maryland. We have elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in first and second lien senior secured loans (including "unitranche" loans, which are loans that combine both senior and mezzanine debt, generally in a first lien position) and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component. To a lesser extent, we also make preferred and/or common equity investments.

We are externally managed by our investment adviser, Ares Capital Management LLC, a subsidiary of Ares Management, L.P., a publicly traded, leading global asset manager with approximately $77 billion of assets under management as of March 31, 2014. Ares Operations LLC, a subsidiary of Ares Management, L.P., provides certain administrative and other services necessary for us to operate.

Our common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "ARCC." On June 24, 2014 the last reported sales price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Select Market was $17.10 per share. The net asset value per share of our common stock at March 31, 2014 (the last date prior to the date of this prospectus on which we determined net asset value) was $16.42.

Investing in our securities involves risks that are described in the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 22 of this prospectus, including the risk of leverage.

We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, up to $3,000,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, subscription rights to purchase shares of our common stock, warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, or units comprised of any combination of the foregoing, which we refer to, collectively, as the "securities." The preferred stock, debt securities, subscription rights and warrants (including as part of a unit) offered hereby may be convertible or exchangeable into shares of our common stock. The securities may be offered at prices and on terms to be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. In the event we offer common stock, the offering price per share of our common stock less any underwriting commissions or discounts will generally not be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time we make the offering. However, we may issue shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus at a price per share that is less than our net asset value per share (a) in connection with a rights offering to our existing stockholders, (b) with the prior approval of the majority of our common stockholders or (c) under such circumstances as the SEC may permit. This prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement concisely provide important information about us that you should know before investing in our securities. Please read this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement before you invest and keep it for future reference. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. This information is available free of charge by calling us collect at (310) 201-4200 or on our website at *www.arescapitalcorp.com*. The SEC also maintains a website at *www.sec.gov* that contains such information.

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

The date of this prospectus is June 27, 2014.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement, as applicable. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), using the "shelf" registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, up to $3,000,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, subscription rights to purchase shares of our common stock, warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, or units comprised of any combination of the foregoing, on terms to be determined at the time of the offering. The securities may be offered at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we may offer. Each time we use this prospectus to offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Please carefully read this prospectus and the prospectus supplement together with any exhibits and the additional information described under the headings "Available Information" and "Risk Factors" before you make an investment decision.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights some of the information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. It is not complete and may not contain all of the information that you may want to consider. You should read carefully the more detailed information set forth under "Risk Factors" and the other information included in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement. Except where the context suggests otherwise, the terms "we," "us," "our," "the Company" and "Ares Capital" refer to Ares Capital Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries; "Ares Capital Management" and "our investment adviser" refer to Ares Capital Management LLC; "Ares Operations" and "our administrator" refer to Ares Operations LLC; and "Ares" and "Ares Management" refer to Ares Management, L.P. and its affiliated companies (other than portfolio companies of its affiliated funds).

THE COMPANY

Overview

Ares Capital, a Maryland corporation, is a specialty finance company that is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company. We have elected to be regulated as a business development company, or a "BDC," under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or the "Investment Company Act." We were founded on April 16, 2004, were initially funded on June 23, 2004 and completed our initial public offering on October 8, 2004. We are one of the largest BDCs with approximately $8.2 billion of total assets as of March 31, 2014.

We are externally managed by our investment adviser, Ares Capital Management, a subsidiary of Ares Management, a publicly traded, leading global asset manager with approximately $77 billion of assets under management ("AUM")[(1)] as of March 31, 2014. Our administrator, Ares Operations, a subsidiary of Ares Management, provides certain administrative and other services necessary for us to operate.

Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in U.S. middle-market companies, where we believe the supply of primary capital is limited and the investment opportunities are most attractive. However, we may from time to time invest in larger or smaller (in particular, for investments in early-stage and/or venture capital-backed) companies. We generally use the term "middle-market" to refer to companies with annual EBITDA between $10 million and $250 million. As used herein, EBITDA represents net income before net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization.

We invest primarily in first lien senior secured loans (including "unitranche" loans, which are loans that combine both senior and mezzanine debt, generally in a first lien position), second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component. First and second lien senior secured loans generally are senior debt instruments that rank ahead of subordinated debt of a given portfolio company. Mezzanine debt is subordinated to senior loans and is generally unsecured. Our investments in corporate borrowers generally range between $30 million and $400 million each, investments in project finance/power generation projects generally range between

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(1) AUM refers to the assets of the funds, alternative asset companies and other entities and accounts that are managed or co-managed by Ares (including funds managed by Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P., a wholly owned portfolio company of Ares Capital, and a registered investment adviser). It includes drawn and undrawn amounts, including certain amounts that are subject to regulatory leverage restrictions and/or borrowing base restrictions. AUM amounts are as of March 31, 2014 and are unaudited. Certain amounts are preliminary and remain subject to change, and differences may arise due to rounding.

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$10 million and $200 million each and investments in early-stage and/or venture capital-backed companies generally range between $1 million and $25 million each. However, the investment sizes may be more or less than these ranges and may vary based on, among other things, our capital availability, the composition of our portfolio and general micro- and macro-economic factors.

To a lesser extent, we also make preferred and/or common equity investments, which have generally been non-control equity investments of less than $20 million (usually in conjunction with a concurrent debt investment). However, we may increase the size or change the nature of these investments.

The proportion of these types of investments will change over time given our views on, among other things, the economic and credit environment in which we are operating. In connection with our investing activities, we may make commitments with respect to indebtedness or securities of a potential portfolio company substantially in excess of our final investment. In such situations, while we may initially agree to fund up to a certain dollar amount of an investment, we may subsequently syndicate or sell a portion of such amount (including, without limitation, to vehicles managed by our portfolio company, Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P. ("IHAM")), such that we are left with a smaller investment than what was reflected in our original commitment. In addition to originating investments, we may also acquire investments in the secondary market (including purchases of a portfolio of investments).

The first and second lien senior secured loans in which we invest generally have stated terms of three to 10 years and the mezzanine debt investments in which we invest generally have stated terms of up to 10 years, but the expected average life of such first and second lien loans and mezzanine debt is generally between three and seven years. However, we may invest in loans and securities with any maturity or duration. The instruments in which we invest typically are not rated by any rating agency, but we believe that if such instruments were rated, they would be below investment grade (rated lower than "Baa3" by Moody's Investors Service, lower than "BBB " by Fitch Ratings or lower than "BBB " by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services), which, under the guidelines established by these entities, is an indication of having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Bonds that are rated below investment grade are sometimes referred to as "high yield bonds" or "junk bonds." We may invest without limit in debt or other securities of any rating, as well as debt or other securities that have not been rated by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

We believe that our investment adviser, Ares Capital Management, is able to leverage the current investment platform, resources and existing relationships of Ares with financial sponsors, financial institutions, hedge funds and other investment firms to provide us with attractive investment opportunities. In addition to deal flow, the Ares investment platform assists our investment adviser in analyzing, structuring and monitoring investments. Ares has been in existence for more than 16 years and its senior partners have an average of over 26 years of experience in leveraged finance, private equity, distressed debt, commercial real estate finance, investment banking and capital markets. The Company has access to Ares' investment professionals and administrative professionals, who provide assistance in accounting, finance, legal, compliance, operations, information technology and investor relations. As of March 31, 2014, Ares had 304 investment professionals and 397 administrative professionals.

We and General Electric Capital Corporation and GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC (collectively, "GE") also co-invest in first lien senior secured loans of middle-market companies through an unconsolidated vehicle, the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC, which operates using the name "Senior Secured Loan Program" (the "SSLP"). As of March 31, 2014, the SSLP had available capital of $11.0 billion of which approximately $8.8 billion in aggregate principal amount was funded. As of March 31, 2014, we had agreed to make available to the SSLP approximately $2.3 billion, of which approximately $1.8 billion was funded. The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all

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portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with approval from a representative of each required). As of March 31, 2014, our investment in the SSLP was approximately $1.8 billion at fair value (including unrealized appreciation of $27.2 million), which represented approximately 24% of our total portfolio at fair value. As of March 31, 2014, the SSLP had 46 underlying borrowers. For more information on the SSLP, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Portfolio and Investment Activity Senior Secured Loan Program."

While our primary focus is to generate current income and capital appreciation through investments in first and second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt and, to a lesser extent, equity securities of eligible portfolio companies, we also may invest up to 30% of our portfolio in non-qualifying assets, as permitted by the Investment Company Act. See "Regulation." Specifically, as part of this 30% basket, we may invest in entities that are not considered "eligible portfolio companies" (as defined in the Investment Company Act), including companies located outside of the United States, entities that are operating pursuant to certain exceptions under the Investment Company Act, and publicly traded entities whose public equity market capitalization exceeds the levels provided for under the Investment Company Act.

In the first quarter of 2011, the staff of the SEC (the "Staff") informally communicated to certain BDCs the Staff's belief that certain entities, which would be classified as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act but for the exception from the definition of "investment company" set forth in Rule 3a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act, could not be treated as "eligible portfolio companies" (as defined in Section 2(a)(46) under the Investment Company Act) (i.e., not eligible to be included in a BDC's 70% "qualifying assets" basket). Subsequently, in August 2011 the SEC issued a concept release (the "Concept Release") which stated that "[a]s a general matter, the Commission presently does not believe that Rule 3a-7 issuers are the type of small, developing and financially troubled businesses in which the U.S. Congress intended BDCs primarily to invest" and requested comment on whether or not a 3a-7 issuer should be considered an "eligible portfolio company." We provided a comment letter in respect of the Concept Release and continue to believe that the language of Section 2(a)(46) of the Investment Company Act permits a BDC to treat as "eligible portfolio companies" entities that rely on the 3a-7 exception. However, given the current uncertainty in this area (including the language in the Concept Release) and subsequent discussions with the Staff, we have, solely for purposes of calculating the composition of our portfolio pursuant to Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act, identified such entities, which include the SSLP, as "non-qualifying assets" should the Staff ultimately disagree with our position.

As of March 31, 2014, our portfolio company, IHAM, which became an SEC-registered investment adviser effective March 30, 2012, managed 13 vehicles and served as the sub-manager/sub-servicer for three other vehicles (these vehicles managed or sub-managed/sub-serviced by IHAM are collectively referred to as the "IHAM Vehicles"). As of March 31, 2014, IHAM had assets under management ("IHAM AUM")[(2)] of approximately $2.8 billion. As of March 31, 2014, Ares Capital had invested approximately $171 million (at amortized cost) in IHAM. In connection with IHAM's registration as a registered investment adviser, on March 30, 2012, we received exemptive relief from the SEC allowing us to, subject to certain conditions, own directly or indirectly up to 100% of IHAM's outstanding equity interests and make additional investments in IHAM once IHAM became an

(2) IHAM AUM refers to the assets of the vehicles managed, sub-managed and sub-serviced by IHAM. It includes drawn and undrawn amounts, including amounts that are subject to certain restrictions. IHAM AUM amounts are as of March 31, 2014 and are unaudited. Certain amounts are preliminary and remain subject to change, and differences may arise due to rounding.

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SEC-registered investment adviser. From time to time, IHAM or certain IHAM Vehicles may purchase investments from us or sell investments to us, in each case for a price equal to the fair market value of such investments determined at the time of such transactions.

Ares Capital Management

Ares Capital Management, our investment adviser, is served by an origination, investment and portfolio management team of 76 U.S.-based investment professionals as of March 31, 2014 and led by the senior partners of the Ares Direct Lending Group: Michael Arougheti, Kipp deVeer, Mitchell Goldstein and Michael Smith. Ares Capital Management leverages off of Ares' investment platform and benefits from the significant capital markets, trading and research expertise of Ares' investment professionals. Ares Capital Management's investment committee has 12 members, including the senior partners and U.S.-based partners of the Ares Direct Lending Group, senior partners in the Ares Private Equity Group and a senior partner in the Ares Tradable Credit Group.

MARKET OPPORTUNITY

We believe that current market conditions present attractive opportunities for us to invest in middle-market companies; specifically:

We believe that the disruption and volatility in the credit markets between 2008 and 2009 reduced capital available to certain specialty finance companies and other capital providers, causing a reduction in competition. These market conditions may continue to create opportunities to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns.

We believe that many commercial and investment banks have, in recent years, de-emphasized their service and product offerings to middle-market businesses in favor of lending to large corporate clients and managing capital markets transactions. In addition, these lenders may be constrained in their ability to underwrite and hold bank loans and high yield securities for middle-market issuers as they seek to meet existing and future regulatory capital requirements. These factors may result in opportunities for alternative funding sources to middle-market companies and therefore more new-issue market opportunities for us.

We believe that there is a lack of bank market participants that are willing to hold meaningful amounts of certain middle-market loans. As a result, we believe our ability to minimize syndication risk for a company seeking financing by being able to hold our loans without having to syndicate them is a competitive advantage.

We believe there is a large pool of un-invested private equity capital for middle-market businesses. We expect private equity firms will seek to leverage their investments by combining equity capital with senior secured loans and mezzanine debt from other sources such as us.

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

We believe that we have the following competitive advantages over other capital providers to middle-market companies:

The Ares Platform

As of March 31, 2014, Ares had approximately $77 billion of total AUM in the related asset classes of non-syndicated first and second lien senior secured corporate and commercial real estate loans, syndicated corporate and commercial real estate loans, high yield bonds, corporate and commercial real estate mezzanine debt and private equity. We believe Ares' current investment

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platform provides a competitive advantage in terms of access to origination and marketing activities and diligence for us. In particular, we believe that the Ares platform provides us with an advantage through its deal flow generation and investment evaluation process. Ares' asset management platform also provides additional market information, company knowledge and industry insight that benefit our investment and due diligence process. Ares' professionals maintain extensive financial sponsor and intermediary relationships, which provide valuable insight and access to transactions and information.

Seasoned Management Team

The investment professionals in the Ares Direct Lending Group and members of our investment adviser's investment committee also have significant experience investing across market cycles. This experience also provides us with a competitive advantage in identifying, originating, investing in and managing a portfolio of investments in middle-market companies.

Broad Origination Strategy

We focus on self-originating most of our investments by pursuing a broad array of investment opportunities in middle-market companies across multiple channels. We also leverage off of the extensive relationships of the broader Ares platform, including relationships with the portfolio companies in the IHAM Vehicles, to identify investment opportunities. We believe that this allows for asset selectivity and that there is a significant relationship between proprietary deal origination and credit performance. We believe that our focus on generating proprietary deal flow and lead investing also gives us greater control over capital structure, deal terms, pricing and documentation and enables us to actively manage our portfolio investments. Moreover, by leading the investment process, we are often able to secure controlling positions in credit tranches, thereby providing additional control in investment outcomes. We also have originated substantial proprietary deal flow from middle-market intermediaries, which often allows us to act as the sole or principal source of institutional capital to the borrower.

Scale and Flexible Transaction Structuring

We believe that being one of the largest BDCs makes us a more desirable and flexible capital provider, especially in competitive markets. We are flexible and have significant experience in structuring investments, including the types of investments and the terms associated with such investments. We believe this approach and experience enables our investment adviser to identify attractive investment opportunities throughout economic cycles and across a company's capital structure so we can make investments consistent with our stated investment objective and preserve principal while seeking appropriate risk adjusted returns. In addition, we have the ability to provide "one stop" financing with the ability to invest capital across the balance sheet and syndicate and hold larger investments than many of our competitors. We believe that the ability to underwrite, syndicate and hold larger investments benefits our stockholders by (a) potentially increasing net income and earnings through syndication, (b) increasing originated deal flow flexibility, (c) broadening market relationships and deal flow, (d) allowing us to optimize our portfolio composition and (e) allowing us to provide capital to a broader spectrum of middle-market companies, which we believe currently have limited access to capital from traditional lending sources. In addition, we believe that the ability to provide capital at every level of the balance sheet provides a strong value proposition to middle-market borrowers and our senior debt capabilities provide superior deal origination and relative value analysis capabilities compared to traditional "mezzanine only" lenders.

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Experience with and Focus on Middle-Market Companies

Ares has historically focused on investments in middle-market companies and we benefit from this experience. In sourcing and analyzing deals, our investment adviser benefits from Ares' extensive network of relationships focused on middle-market companies, including management teams, members of the investment banking community, private equity groups and other investment firms with whom Ares has had long-term relationships. We believe this network enables us to identify well-positioned prospective portfolio company investments. The Ares Direct Lending Group works closely with Ares' other investment professionals. As of March 31, 2014, Ares oversaw a portfolio of investments in over 1,000 companies, 300 structured assets and approximately 275 properties across over 30 industries, which provides access to an extensive network of relationships and insights into industry trends and the state of the capital markets.

Disciplined Investment Philosophy

In making its investment decisions, our investment adviser has adopted Ares' long-standing, consistent, credit-based investment approach that was developed over 16 years ago by its founders. Specifically, our investment adviser's investment philosophy, portfolio construction and portfolio management involve an assessment of the overall macroeconomic environment and financial markets and company-specific research and analysis. Its investment approach emphasizes capital preservation, low volatility and minimization of downside risk. In addition to engaging in extensive due diligence from the perspective of a long-term investor, our investment adviser's approach seeks to reduce risk in investments by focusing on:

businesses with strong franchises and sustainable competitive advantages;

industries with positive long-term dynamics;

businesses and industries with cash flows that are dependable and predictable;

management teams with demonstrated track records and appropriate economic incentives;

rates of return commensurate with the perceived risks;

securities or investments that are structured with appropriate terms and covenants; and

businesses backed by experienced private equity sponsors.

Extensive Industry Focus

We seek to concentrate our investing activities in industries with a history of predictable and dependable cash flows and in which the Ares investment professionals have had extensive investment experience. Ares investment professionals have developed long-term relationships with management teams and management consultants in over 30 industries, and have accumulated substantial information and identified potential trends within these industries. In turn, we benefit from these relationships, information and identification of potential trends in making investments.

OPERATING AND REGULATORY STRUCTURE

Our investment activities are managed by our investment adviser, Ares Capital Management, which is a subsidiary of Ares, and supervised by our board of directors, a majority of whom are independent of Ares and its affiliates. Ares Capital Management is registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or the "Advisers Act." Under our Amended and Restated Investment Advisory and Management Agreement with Ares Capital Management, referred to herein as our "investment advisory and management agreement," we have agreed to pay Ares Capital Management base management fees based on our total assets, as defined under the Investment Company Act (other than

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cash and cash equivalents, but including assets purchased with borrowed funds) ("base management fees"), fees based on our net investment income ("income based fees") and fees based on our net capital gains ("capital gains incentive fees"). See "Management Investment Advisory and Management Agreement." Ares Operations provides us with certain administrative and other services necessary for us to operate pursuant to an Amended and Restated Administration Agreement, referred to herein as our "administration agreement." See "Management Administration Agreement."

As a BDC, we are required to comply with certain regulatory requirements. For example, we are not generally permitted to invest in any portfolio company in which a fund managed by Ares or any of its downstream affiliates (other than us and our downstream affiliates) currently has an investment. However, we may co-invest on a concurrent basis with funds managed by Ares or any of its downstream affiliates, subject to compliance with existing regulatory guidance, applicable regulations and our allocation procedures. Certain types of co-investment transactions would only be permitted pursuant to an exemptive order from the SEC, for which we have applied. Any such order will be subject to certain terms and conditions. Further there is no assurance that this application for exemptive relief will be granted by the SEC.

Also, while we may borrow funds to make investments, our ability to use debt is limited in certain significant aspects. See "Business Operating and Regulatory Structure" and "Regulation." In particular, BDC's must have at least 200% asset coverage calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act in order to incur debt or issue preferred stock (which we refer to collectively as "senior securities"), which requires us to finance our investments with at least as much equity as senior securities in the aggregate. Certain of our credit facilities also require that we maintain asset coverage of at least 200%.

In addition, as a consequence of our being a regulated investment company ("RIC") for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as well as our status as a BDC, our asset growth is dependent on our ability to raise equity capital through the issuance of common stock. RICs generally must distribute substantially all of their earnings to stockholders as dividends in order to preserve their status as a RIC and not be subject to additional corporate-level income taxes. This requirement, in turn, generally prevents us from using earnings to support our operations including making new investments. See "Certain Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations."

MARKET CONDITIONS

From time to time, capital markets may experience periods of disruption and instability. For example, between 2008 and 2009, the global financial markets experienced stress, volatility, instability, illiquidity and disruption, and as a result, during this time the availability of capital and access to capital markets was limited. While market conditions have experienced relative stability in recent years, there have been continuing periods of volatility and there can be no assurances that adverse market conditions will not repeat themselves in the future. If they do, we could face difficulty raising new capital on attractive terms. Consequently, our operating strategy could be materially and adversely affected. As the global liquidity situation and market conditions evolve, we will continue to monitor and adjust our approach to funding accordingly. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business The capital markets may experience periods of disruption and instability. Such market conditions may materially and adversely affect debt and equity capital markets in the United States, which may have a negative impact on our business and operations."

In connection with the prior depressed market conditions of the general economy during the period between 2008 and 2009, the stocks of BDCs as an industry traded at near historic lows as a result of concerns over liquidity, credit quality, leverage restrictions and distribution requirements. In some cases, certain BDCs became "forced sellers" of assets, defaulted on their indebtedness, decreased their distributions to stockholders or announced share repurchase programs. Although we believe that

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we currently have sufficient capital to fund our investments and operations, if such adverse market conditions repeat themselves, we cannot assure you that the market pressures we may face in the future will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

ACQUISITION OPPORTUNITIES

We believe the volatility in the credit markets over the past several years has increased the likelihood of further consolidation in our industry. To that end, we are evaluating (and expect to continue to evaluate in the future) a number of potential strategic acquisition opportunities, including acquisitions of:

asset portfolios;

contracts to manage CLO vehicles and other investment vehicles;

other private and public finance companies and asset managers; and

selected secondary market assets.

We have been in, and from time to time may engage in, discussions with counterparties in respect of various potential strategic acquisition and investment transactions, including potential acquisitions of other finance companies and asset managers. Some of these transactions could be material to our business and, if consummated, could be difficult to integrate, result in increased leverage or dilution and/or subject us to unexpected liabilities. However, none of these discussions has progressed to the point at which the consummation of any such transaction could be deemed to be probable or reasonably certain as of the date of this prospectus. Consummation of any such transaction would be subject to completion of due diligence, finalization of key business and financial terms (including price) and negotiation of final definitive documentation as well as a number of other factors and conditions including, without limitation, the approval of our board of directors, any required third party consents and, in certain cases, the approval of our stockholders. We cannot predict how quickly the terms of any such transaction could be finalized, if at all. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that such transaction would be consummated. In connection with evaluating potential strategic acquisition and investment transactions, we have, and may in the future, incur significant expenses for the evaluation and due diligence investigation of these potential transactions.

LIQUIDITY

As of March 31, 2014, we had approximately $3.1 billion in aggregate principal amount of total outstanding indebtedness, approximately $3.0 billion aggregate principal amount of which was unsecured indebtedness of Ares Capital and approximately $0.1 billion of which was secured indebtedness of our consolidated subsidiaries.

For more information on the Company's debt, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources."

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

In May 2014, we and Ares Capital CP Funding LLC ("Ares Capital CP") entered into an amendment to the revolving funding facility of Ares Capital CP (the "Revolving Funding Facility"). The amendment, among other things, (1) extended the reinvestment period from April 18, 2015 to May 14, 2017, (2) extended the stated maturity date from April 18, 2017 to May 14, 2019 and (3) reduced the range of commitment fees paid depending on the size of the unused portion of the Revolving Funding Facility from between 0.50% and 1.75% per annum to 0.50% and 1.50% per annum. Commitments under the amended Revolving Funding Facility were reduced from the pre-amendment commitments of $620 million to $540 million.

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In May 2014, we increased total commitments under our revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") by $80 million from $1,170 million to $1,250 million.

From April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014, we made new investment commitments of $303 million, of which $223 million were funded. Of these new commitments, 71% were in first lien senior secured loans, 18% were in second lien senior secured loans, 10% were investments in subordinated certificates of the SSLP to make co-investments with GE in first lien senior secured loans through the SSLP and 1% were in other equity securities. Of the $303 million of new investment commitments, 90% were floating rate, 9% were fixed rate and 1% were non-interest bearing. The weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities funded during the period at amortized cost was 8.6%. We may seek to syndicate a portion of these new investment commitments, although there can be no assurance that we will be able to do so.

From April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014, we exited $401 million of investment commitments. Of these investment commitments, 48% were first lien senior secured loans, 47% were second lien senior secured loans, 3% were investments in subordinated certificates of the SSLP, 1% were senior subordinated loans and 1% were other equity securities. Of the $401 million of exited investment commitments, 98% were floating rate, 1% were fixed rate and 1% were non-interest bearing. The weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities exited or repaid during the period at amortized cost was 8.8%. On the $401 million of investment commitments exited from April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014, we recognized total net realized gains of approximately $3 million.

In addition, as of April 30, 2014, we had an investment backlog and pipeline of approximately $235 million and $475 million, respectively. Investment backlog includes transactions approved by our investment adviser's investment committee and/or for which a formal mandate, letter of intent or a signed commitment have been issued, and therefore we believe are likely to close. Investment pipeline includes transactions where due diligence and analysis are in process, but no formal mandate, letter of intent or signed commitment have been issued. The consummation of any of the investments in this backlog and pipeline depends upon, among other things, one or more of the following: satisfactory completion of our due diligence investigation of the prospective portfolio company, our acceptance of the terms and structure of such investment and the execution and delivery of satisfactory transaction documentation. In addition, we may syndicate a portion of these investments and certain of these investments may result in the repayment of existing investments. We cannot assure you that we will make any of these investments or that we will syndicate any portion of these investments.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in Ares Capital involves risks. The following is a summary of the principal risks that you should carefully consider before investing in our securities. In addition, see "Risk Factors" beginning on page 22 for a more detailed discussion of the principal risks as well as certain other risks you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our securities.

The capital markets may experience periods of disruption and instability. Such market conditions may materially and adversely affect debt and equity capital markets in the United States, which may have a negative impact on our business and operations.

Uncertainty about the financial stability of the United States and of several countries in the European Union (EU) could have a significant adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our shares of common stock have traded at a discount from net asset value and may do so again in the future, which could limit our ability to raise additional equity capital.

Our ability to grow depends on our ability to raise capital.

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A failure on our part to maintain our status as a BDC would significantly reduce our operating flexibility and a failure to maintain our status as a RIC may subject us to additional corporate-level income taxes.

We are dependent upon certain key personnel of Ares for our future success and upon their access to other Ares investment professionals.

We borrow money, which magnifies the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested, subjects us to certain covenants with which we must comply and may increase the risk of investing with us.

We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities.

We are exposed to risks associated with changes in interest rates.

Most of our portfolio investments are not publicly traded and, as a result, the fair value of these investments may not be readily determinable. Additionally, to the extent that we need liquidity and need to sell assets, the lack of liquidity in our investments may adversely affect our business.

Our financial condition and results of operations could be negatively affected if a significant investment fails to perform as expected.

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

Declines in market prices and liquidity in the corporate debt markets can result in significant net unrealized depreciation of our portfolio, which in turn would reduce our net asset value.

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

Our investments, which are primarily in middle-market companies, may be risky and we could lose all or part of our investment.

Our portfolio companies may be highly leveraged.

Our credit ratings may not reflect all risks of an investment in our securities.

OUR CORPORATE INFORMATION

Our administrative offices are located at 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067, telephone number (310) 201-4200, and our executive offices are located at 245 Park Avenue, 44th Floor, New York, New York 10167, telephone number (212) 750-7300.

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OFFERINGS

We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, up to $3,000,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, subscription rights to purchase shares of our common stock, warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, or units comprised of any combination of the foregoing, on terms to be determined at the time of the offering. We will offer our securities at prices and on terms to be set forth in one or more supplements to this prospectus. The offering price per share of our common stock, less any underwriting commissions or discounts, generally will not be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time of an offering. However, we may issue shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus at a price per share that is less than our net asset value per share (a) in connection with a rights offering to our existing stockholders, (b) with the prior approval of the majority of our common stockholders or (c) under such other circumstances as the SEC may permit. Any such issuance of shares of our common stock below net asset value may be dilutive to the net asset value of our common stock. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Offerings Pursuant to this Prospectus."

Pursuant to approval granted at our 2014 annual stockholders meeting, we currently are permitted to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value, subject to certain limitations and determinations that must be made by our board of directors. Such stockholder approval expires the earlier of June 2, 2015 and the date of our 2015 annual stockholders meeting.

We may offer our securities directly to one or more purchasers, including existing stockholders in a rights offering, through agents that we designate from time to time or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to each offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our securities, and will set forth 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 our securities.

Set forth below is additional information regarding offerings of our securities:

Use of proceeds	Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of our securities for general corporate purposes, which include, among other things, (a) investing in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective and (b) repaying indebtedness. Each supplement to this prospectus relating to an offering will more fully identify the use of the proceeds from such offering. See "Use of Proceeds."
Distributions	We currently intend to pay dividends or make other distributions to our stockholders on a quarterly basis out of assets legally available for distribution. We may also pay additional dividends or make additional distributions to our stockholders from time to time. Our quarterly and additional dividends or distributions, if any, will be determined by our board of directors. For more information, see "Price Range of Common Stock and Distributions."

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Taxation	We have elected to be treated as a RIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a RIC, we generally will not pay U.S. federal corporate-level income taxes on any income and gain that we distribute to our stockholders as dividends on a timely basis. Among other things, in order to maintain our RIC status, we must meet specified source of income and asset diversification requirements and distribute annually generally an amount equal to at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, out of assets legally available for distribution. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business We may be subject to additional corporate-level income taxes if we fail to maintain our status as a RIC" and "Price Range of Common Stock and Distributions."
Dividend reinvestment plan	We have a dividend reinvestment plan for our stockholders. This is an "opt out" dividend reinvestment plan. As a result, if we declare a cash dividend, then stockholders' dividends will be automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, unless they specifically "opt out" of the dividend reinvestment plan so as to receive cash. Stockholders whose cash dividends are reinvested in additional shares of our common stock will be subject to the same U.S. federal, state and local tax consequences as stockholders who elect to receive their dividends in cash. See "Dividend Reinvestment Plan."
The NASDAQ Global Select Market symbol	"ARCC"
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 other measures adopted by us. See "Description of Our Capital Stock."
Leverage	We borrow funds to make additional investments. We use this practice, which is known as "leverage," to attempt to increase returns to our stockholders, but it involves significant risks. See "Risk Factors," "Senior Securities" and "Regulation Indebtedness and Senior Securities." With certain limited exceptions, we are only allowed to borrow amounts such that our asset coverage, as calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act, equals at least 200% after such borrowing. The amount of leverage that we employ at any particular time will depend on our investment adviser's and our board of directors' assessments of market and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing.

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Management arrangements	Ares Capital Management serves as our investment adviser. Ares Operations serves as our administrator. For a description of Ares Capital Management, Ares Operations, Ares and our contractual arrangements with these companies, see "Management Investment Advisory and Management Agreement," and " Administration Agreement."
Available information	We are required to file periodic reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. This information is available free of charge by calling us collect at (310) 201-4200 or on our website at *www.arescapitalcorp.com.* Information contained on our website is not incorporated into this prospectus and you should not consider such information to be part of this prospectus. Such information is also available from the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at *www.sec.gov*.

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FEES AND EXPENSES

The following table is intended to assist you in understanding the costs and expenses that an investor in our common stock will bear, directly or indirectly, based on the assumptions set forth below. 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 table contains a reference to our fees or expenses, we will pay such fees and expenses out of our net assets and, consequently, stockholders will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as investors in Ares Capital.

Stockholder transaction expenses (as a percentage of offering price):		
Sales load		(1)
Offering expenses		(2)
Dividend reinvestment plan expenses	None	(3)
Total stockholder transaction expenses paid		(4)

Annual expenses (as a percentage of consolidated net assets attributable to common stock)(5):	
Base management fees	2.50%(6)
Income based fees and capital gains incentive fees	2.36%(7)
Interest payments on borrowed funds	4.34%(8)
Other expenses	1.29%(9)
Acquired fund fees and expenses	0.01%(10)
Total annual expenses	10.50%(11)

(1) In the event that the securities to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, a corresponding prospectus supplement will disclose the applicable sales load (underwriting discount or commission). Purchases of shares of our common stock on the secondary market are not subject to sales charges but may be subject to brokerage commissions or other charges. The table does not include any sales load that stockholders may have paid in connection with their purchase of shares of our common stock.

(2) The related prospectus supplement will disclose the estimated amount of offering expenses, the offering price and the offering expenses borne by us as a percentage of the offering price.

(3) The expenses of the dividend reinvestment plan are included in "Other expenses."

(4) The related prospectus supplement will disclose the offering price and the total stockholder transaction expenses as a percentage of the offering price.

(5) The "consolidated net assets attributable to common stock" used to calculate the percentages in this table is our average net assets of $4.9 billion for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

(6)

Our base management fee is currently 1.5% of our total assets (other than cash and cash equivalents, which includes assets purchased with borrowed amounts). Our base management fee has been estimated by multiplying our average total assets (assuming we maintain no cash or cash equivalents) for the three months ended March 31, 2014 by 1.5%. The 2.50% reflected on the table is higher than 1.5% because it is calculated on our average net assets (rather than our average total assets) for the same period. See "Management Investment Advisory and Management Agreement."

(7)

This item represents our investment adviser's income based fees and capital gains incentive fees estimated by annualizing income based fees for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and any expense accrual in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") of

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capital gains incentive fees for the three months ended March 31, 2014, even though no capital gains incentive fee was actually payable under the investment advisory and management agreement as of March 31, 2014.

GAAP requires that the capital gains incentive fee accrual consider the cumulative aggregate unrealized capital appreciation in the calculation, as a capital gains incentive fee would be payable if such unrealized capital appreciation were realized, even though such unrealized capital appreciation is not permitted to be considered in calculating the fee actually payable under the Investment Company Act or the investment advisory and management agreement. This GAAP accrual is calculated using the aggregate cumulative realized capital gains and losses and aggregate cumulative unrealized capital depreciation included in the calculation of the capital gains incentive fee actually payable under the investment advisory and management agreement (the "Capital Gains Fee") plus the aggregate cumulative unrealized capital appreciation. If such amount is positive at the end of a period, then GAAP requires us to record a capital gains incentive fee equal to 20% of such cumulative amount, less the aggregate amount of actual Capital Gains Fees paid or capital gains incentive fees accrued under GAAP in all prior periods. The resulting accrual for any capital gains incentive fee under GAAP in a given period may result in an additional expense if such cumulative amount is greater than in the prior period or a reversal of previously recorded expense if such cumulative amount is less than in the prior period. If such cumulative amount is negative, then there is no accrual. There can be no assurance that such unrealized capital appreciation will be realized in the future or that the amount accrued for will ultimately be paid.

For purposes of this table, we have assumed that these fees will be payable (in the case of the capital gains incentive fee) and that they will remain constant, although they are based on Ares Capital's performance and will not be paid unless Ares Capital achieves certain goals. We expect to invest or otherwise utilize all of the net proceeds from securities registered under the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part pursuant to a particular prospectus supplement within three months of the date of the offering pursuant to such prospectus supplement and may have capital gains and interest income that could result in the payment of these fees to our investment adviser in the first year after completion of offerings pursuant to this prospectus. Since our initial public offering through March 31, 2014, the average quarterly incentive fee accrued (including capital gains incentive fees accrued under GAAP even though they may not be payable) has been approximately 0.76% of our weighted average net assets (3.05% on an annualized basis). For more detailed information on the calculation of our income based fees and capital gains incentive fees, please see below. For more detailed information about income based fees and capital gains incentive fees previously incurred by us, please see Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 and the three months ended March 31, 2014.

Income based fees are payable quarterly in arrears in an amount equal to 20% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income (including interest that is accrued but not yet received in cash), subject to a 1.75% quarterly (7.0% annualized) hurdle rate and a "catch- up" provision measured as of the end of each calendar quarter. Under this provision, in any calendar quarter, our investment adviser receives no income based fees until our net investment income equals the hurdle rate of 1.75% but then receives, as a "catch-up," 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%. The effect of this provision is that, if pre-incentive fee net investment income exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter, our investment adviser will receive 20% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income as if a hurdle rate did not apply.

The Capital Gains Fee is payable annually in arrears in an amount equal to 20% of our realized capital gains on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of the year, if any, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid Capital Gains Fees.

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We will defer cash payment of any income based fees and the Capital Gains Fee otherwise earned by our investment adviser if, during the most recent four full calendar quarter period ending on or prior to the date such payment is to be made, the sum of (a) our aggregate distributions to our stockholders and (b) our change in net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any income based fees or capital gains incentive fees accrued during the period) is less than 7.0% of our net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness) at the beginning of such period.

These calculations will be adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases.

See "Management Investment Advisory and Management Agreement."

(8)

"Interest payments on borrowed funds" represents our interest expenses estimated by annualizing our actual interest and credit facility expenses incurred for the three months ended March 31, 2014. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, our average outstanding borrowings were approximately $3.0 billion and cash paid for interest expense was $45.2 million. We had outstanding borrowings of approximately $3.1 billion (with a carrying value of approximately $3.1 billion) as of March 31, 2014. This item is based on our assumption that our borrowings and interest costs after an offering will remain similar to those prior to such offering. The amount of leverage that we employ at any particular time will depend on, among other things, our investment adviser's and our board of directors' assessment of market and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business We borrow money, which magnifies the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing with us."

(9)

Includes our overhead expenses, including payments under our administration agreement, based on our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Ares Operations in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, and income taxes. Such expenses are estimated by annualizing "Other expenses" for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The holders of shares of our common stock (and not the holders of our debt securities or preferred stock, if any) indirectly bear the cost associated with our annual expenses. See "Management Administration Agreement."

(10)

The Company's stockholders indirectly bear the expenses of underlying funds or other investment vehicles that would be investment companies under section 3(a) of the Investment Company Act but for the exceptions to that definition provided for in sections 3(c)(1) and 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act ("Acquired Funds") in which the Company invests. This amount includes the estimated annual fees and expenses of Acquired Funds in which the Company is invested as of March 31, 2014. Certain of these Acquired Funds are subject to management fees, which generally range from 1% to 2.5% of total net assets, or incentive fees, which generally range between 15% to 25% of net profits. When applicable, fees and expenses estimates are based on historic fees and expenses for the Acquired Funds. For those Acquired Funds with little or no operating history, fees and expenses are estimates based on expected fees and expenses stated in the Acquired Funds' offering memorandum, private placement memorandum or other similar communication without giving effect to any performance. Future fees and expenses for these Acquired Funds may be substantially higher or lower because certain fees and expenses are based on the performance of the Acquired Funds, which may fluctuate over time.

(11)

"Total annual expenses" as a percentage of consolidated net assets attributable to common stock are higher than the total annual expenses percentage would be for a company that is not leveraged. We borrow money to leverage and increase our total assets. The SEC requires that the "Total annual expenses" percentage be calculated as a percentage of net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any income based fees or capital gains incentive fees accrued during the period), rather than the total assets, including assets that have been funded with borrowed monies.

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Example

The following example demonstrates the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in our common stock. In calculating the following expense amounts, we have assumed that we would have no additional leverage, that none of our assets are cash or cash equivalents, and that our annual operating expenses would remain at the levels set forth in the table above. Income based fees and the Capital Gains Fee under the investment advisory and management agreement, which, assuming a 5% annual return, would either not be payable or have an insignificant impact on the expense amounts shown below, are not included in the example, except as specifically set forth below. Transaction expenses are not included in the following example. In the event that shares to which this prospectus relates 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 common stock investment, assuming a 5% annual return (none of which is subject to the capital gains incentive fee)(1)	$ 83	$ 242	$ 390	$ 719
You would pay the following expenses on a $1,000 common stock investment, assuming a 5% annual return resulting entirely from net realized capital gains (all of which is subject to the capital gains incentive fee)(2)	$ 93	$ 270	$ 433	$ 790

(1) Assumes that we will not realize any capital gains computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation.

(2) Assumes no unrealized capital depreciation and a 5% annual return resulting entirely from net realized capital gains and not otherwise deferrable under the terms of the investment advisory and management agreement and therefore subject to the capital gains incentive fee.

The foregoing table is to assist you in understanding the various costs and expenses that an investor in our common stock will bear directly or indirectly. 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%. If we achieve sufficient returns on our investments, including through the realization of capital gains, to trigger income based fees or the Capital Gains Fee of a material amount, our expenses, and returns to our investors, would be higher. In addition, while the example assumes reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value, if our board of directors authorizes and we declare a cash dividend, participants in our dividend reinvestment plan who have not otherwise elected to receive cash 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 as actual expenses (including the cost of debt, if any, and other expenses) that we may incur in the future and such actual expenses may be greater or less than those shown.

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SELECTED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA OF ARES CAPITAL

The following selected financial and other data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009 are derived from our consolidated financial statements, which have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm whose report thereon is included elsewhere in this prospectus. The selected financial and other data for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and other quarterly financial information is derived from our unaudited financial statements, but in the opinion of management, reflects all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that are necessary to present fairly the results of such interim periods. Interim results as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2014. The data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Senior Securities," which are included elsewhere in this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA
As of and For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 and
As of and For the Years Ended December 31, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009
(dollar amounts in millions, except per share data and as otherwise indicated)

	As of and For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2013	As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2012	As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2011	As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2010	As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2009
Total Investment Income	239.7	$ 881.7	$ 748.0	$ 634.5	$ 483.4	$ 245.3
Total Expenses	122.0	437.2	387.9	344.6	262.2	111.3
Net Investment Income Before Income Taxes	117.7	444.5	360.1	289.9	221.2	134.0
Income Tax Expense, Including Excise Tax	5.4	14.1	11.2	7.5	5.4	0.6
Net Investment Income	112.3	430.4	348.9	282.4	215.8	133.4
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments, Foreign Currencies, Extinguishment of Debt and Other Assets	4.7	58.1	159.3	37.1	280.1	69.3
Gain on the Allied Acquisition					195.9	
Net Increase in Stockholders' Equity Resulting from Operations	$ 117.0	$ 488.5	$ 508.2	$ 319.5	$ 691.8	$ 202.7
Per Share Data:						
Net Increase in Stockholder's Equity Resulting from Operations:						
Basic	$ 0.39	$ 1.83	$ 2.21	$ 1.56	$ 3.91	$ 1.99
Diluted	$ 0.39	$ 1.83	$ 2.21	$ 1.56	$ 3.91	$ 1.99
Cash Dividends Declared and Payable	$ 0.43(1)	$ 1.57(2)	$ 1.60(3)	$ 1.41	$ 1.40	$ 1.47
Net Asset Value	$ 16.42	$ 16.46	$ 16.04	$ 15.34	$ 14.92	$ 11.44
Total Assets	$ 8,199.5	$ 8,141.5	$ 6,401.2	$ 5,387.4	$ 4,562.5	$ 2,313.5
Total Debt (Carrying Value)	$ 3,058.7	$ 2,986.3	$ 2,195.9	$ 2,073.6	$ 1,378.5	$ 969.5
Total Debt (Principal Amount)	$ 3,143.3	$ 3,078.8	$ 2,293.8	$ 2,170.5	$ 1,435.1	$ 969.5
Total Stockholders' Equity	$ 4,898.6	$ 4,904.4	$ 3,988.3	$ 3,147.3	$ 3,050.5	$ 1,257.9
Other Data:						
Number of Portfolio Companies at Period End(4)	195	193	152	141	170	95
Principal Amount of Investments Purchased	$ 826.2	$ 3,493.2	$ 3,161.6	$ 3,239.0	$ 1,583.9	$ 575.0
Principal Amount of Investments Acquired as part of the Allied Acquisition	$	$	$	$	$ 1,833.8	$
Principal Amount of Investments Sold and Repayments	$ 657.2	$ 1,801.4	$ 2,482.9	$ 2,468.2	$ 1,555.9	$ 515.2
Weighted Average Yield of Debt and Other Income Producing Securities at Fair Value(5):	10.2%	10.4%	11.3%	12.0%	12.9%	12.7%
Weighted Average Yield of Debt and Other Income Producing Securities at Amortized Cost(5):	10.2%	10.4%	11.4%	12.1%	13.2%	12.1%
Total Return Based on Market Value(6)	1.6%	10.5%	23.6%	2.3%	43.6%	119.9%
Total Return Based on Net Asset Value(7)	2.4%	11.4%	14.3%	10.5%	31.6%	17.8%

(1) Includes an additional dividend of $0.05 per share.

(2) Includes an additional dividend of $0.05 per share.

(3) Includes additional dividends of $0.10 per share.

(4) Includes commitments to portfolio companies for which funding had yet to occur.

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(5)

Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities at fair value is computed as (a) the annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount earned on accruing debt and income producing securities, divided by (b) total accruing debt and income producing securities at fair value. Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities at amortized cost is computed as (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount earned on accruing debt and income producing securities, divided by (b) total accruing debt and income producing securities at amortized cost.

(6)

Total return based on market value for the three months ended March 31, 2014 equaled the decrease of the ending market value at March 31, 2014 of $17.62 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2013 of $17.77 per share plus the dividends declared and payable of $0.43 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2014, divided by the market value at December 31, 2013. Total return based on market value for the year ended December 31, 2013 equaled the increase of the ending market value at December 31, 2013 of $17.77 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2012 of $17.50 per share plus the dividends declared and payable of $1.57 per share for the year ended December 31, 2013, divided by the market value at December 31, 2012. Total return based on market value for the year ended December 31, 2012 equaled the increase of the ending market value at December 31, 2012 of $17.50 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2011 of $15.45 per share plus the dividends declared and payable of $1.60 per share for the year ended December 31, 2012, divided by the market value at December 31, 2011. Total return based on market value for the year ended December 31, 2011 equaled the decrease of the ending market value at December 30, 2011 of $15.45 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2010 of $16.48 per share plus the dividends declared and payable of $1.41 per share for the year ended December 31, 2011, divided by the market value at December 31, 2010. Total return based on market value for the year ended December 31, 2010 equaled the increase of the ending market value at December 31, 2010 of $16.48 per share over the ending market value at December 31, 2009 of $12.45 per share plus the dividends declared and payable of $1.40 per share for the year ended December 31, 2010, divided by the market value at December 31, 2009. Total return based on market value for the year ended December 31, 2009 equaled the increase of the ending market value at December 31, 2009 of $12.45 per share over the ending market value at December 31, 2008 of $6.33 per share plus the dividends declared and payable of $1.47 per share for the year ended December 31, 2009, divided by the market value at December 31, 2008. Total return based on market value is not annualized. Our shares fluctuate in value. Our performance changes over time and currently may be different than that shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

(7)

Total return based on net asset value for the three months ended March 31, 2014 equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the dividends declared and payable of $0.43 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2014, divided by the beginning net asset value for the period. Total return based on net asset value for the year ended December 31, 2013 equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the dividends declared and payable of $1.57 per share for the year ended December 31, 2013, divided by the beginning net asset value for the period. Total return based on net asset value for the year ended December 31, 2012 equaled the change in net asset value during the period (adjusted for share issuances) plus the dividends declared and payable of $1.60 per share for the year ended December 31, 2012, divided by the beginning net asset value for the period. Total return based on net asset value for the year ended December 31, 2011 equaled the change in net asset value during the period (adjusted for share issuances) plus the dividends declared and payable of $1.41 per share for the year ended December 31, 2011, divided by the beginning net asset value for the period. Total return based on net asset value for the year ended December 31, 2010 equaled the change in net asset value during the period (adjusted for share issuances) plus the dividends declared and payable of $1.40 per share for the year ended December 31, 2010, divided by the beginning net asset value for the period. Total return based on net asset value for the year ended December 31, 2009 equaled the change in net asset value during the period (adjusted for share issuances) plus the dividends declared and payable of $1.47 per share for the year ended December 31, 2009, divided by the beginning net asset value for the period. Total return based on net asset value is not annualized. Our performance changes over time and currently may be different than that shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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SELECTED QUARTERLY DATA (Unaudited)
(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

	2014			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Total investment income				$ 239,719
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains and incentive compensation				$ 141,589
Incentive compensation				$ 29,253
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains				$ 112,336
Net realized and unrealized gains				$ 4,656
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations				$ 116,992
Basic and diluted earnings per common share				$ 0.39
Net asset value per share as of the end of the quarter				$ 16.42

	2013			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Total investment income	$ 233,742	$ 246,801	$ 206,123	$ 195,055
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains (losses) and incentive compensation	$ 145,003	$ 161,421	$ 126,951	$ 119,182
Incentive compensation	$ 33,493	$ 35,199	$ 33,374	$ 20,085
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	$ 111,510	$ 126,222	$ 93,577	$ 99,097
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	$ 22,374	$ 14,575	$ 39,921	$ (18,755)
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 133,884	$ 140,797	$ 133,498	$ 80,342
Basic and diluted earnings per common share	$ 0.47	$ 0.52	$ 0.50	$ 0.32
Net asset value per share as of the end of the quarter	$ 16.46	$ 16.35	$ 16.21	$ 15.98

	2012			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Total investment income	$ 212,160	$ 190,572	$ 177,555	$ 167,738
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains and incentive compensation	$ 138,249	$ 123,599	$ 110,634	$ 103,424
Incentive compensation	$ 43,787	$ 34,139	$ 22,733	$ 26,386
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains	$ 94,462	$ 89,460	$ 87,901	$ 77,038
Net realized and unrealized gains	$ 80,682	$ 47,095	$ 3,031	$ 28,509
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 175,144	$ 136,555	$ 90,932	$ 105,547
Basic and diluted earnings per common share	$ 0.71	$ 0.59	$ 0.41	$ 0.49
Net asset value per share as of the end of the quarter	$ 16.04	$ 15.74	$ 15.51	$ 15.47

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RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risk factors described below, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement, including our consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto, before you decide whether to make an investment in our securities. The risks set out below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results. If any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected. In such case, the net asset value of our common stock and the trading price of our securities could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

RISKS RELATING TO OUR BUSINESS

The capital markets may experience periods of disruption and instability. Such market conditions may materially and adversely affect debt and equity capital markets in the United States, which may have a negative impact on our business and operations.

From time to time, capital markets may experience periods of disruption and instability. For example, between 2008 and 2009, the global capital markets were unstable as evidenced by periodic disruptions in liquidity in the debt capital markets, significant write-offs in the financial services sector, the re-pricing of credit risk in the broadly syndicated credit market and the failure of major financial institutions. Despite actions of the U.S. federal government and foreign governments, these events contributed to worsening general economic conditions that materially and adversely impacted the broader financial and credit markets and reduced the availability of debt and equity capital for the market as a whole and financial services firms in particular. While market conditions have experienced relative stability in recent years, there have been continuing periods of volatility and there can be no assurance that adverse market conditions will not repeat themselves in the future.

Equity capital may be difficult to raise during periods of adverse or volatile market conditions because, subject to some limited exceptions, as a BDC, we are generally not able to issue additional shares of our common stock at a price less than net asset value without first obtaining approval for such issuance from our stockholders and our independent directors. We generally seek approval from our stockholders so that we have the flexibility to issue up to 25% of our then outstanding shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value. Pursuant to approval granted at our 2014 annual stockholders meeting, we currently are permitted to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value, subject to certain limitations and determinations that must be made by our board of directors. Such stockholder approval expires the earlier of June 2, 2015 and the date of our 2015 annual stockholders meeting.

At times, volatility and dislocation in the capital markets can also create a challenging environment in which to raise or access debt capital. The re-appearance of market conditions similar to those experienced from 2008 through 2009 for any substantial length of time could make it difficult to extend the maturity of or refinance our existing indebtedness or obtain new indebtedness with similar terms and any failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business. The debt capital that will be available to us in the future, if at all, may be at a higher cost and on less favorable terms and conditions than what we currently experience.

If we are unable to raise or refinance debt, then our equity investors may not benefit from the potential for increased returns on equity resulting from leverage and we may be limited in our ability to make new commitments or to fund existing commitments to our portfolio companies. Significant changes or volatility in the capital markets may also have a negative effect on the valuations of our investments. While most of our investments are not publicly traded, applicable accounting standards require us to assume as part of our valuation process that our investments are sold in a principal

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market to market participants (even if we plan on holding an investment through its maturity). Significant changes in the capital markets may also affect the pace of our investment activity and the potential for liquidity events involving our investments. Thus, the illiquidity of our investments may make it difficult for us to sell such investments to access capital if required, and as a result, we could realize significantly less than the value at which we have recorded our investments if we were required to sell them for liquidity purposes. An inability to raise or access capital could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Uncertainty about the financial stability of the United States and of several countries in the European Union (EU) could have a significant adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Due to federal budget deficit concerns, S&P downgraded the federal government's credit rating from AAA to AA+ for the first time in history on August 5, 2011. Further, Moody's and Fitch have warned that they may downgrade the federal government's credit rating. Further downgrades or warnings by S&P or other rating agencies, and the United States government's credit and deficit concerns in general, including issues around the federal debt ceiling, could cause interest rates and borrowing costs to rise, which may negatively impact both the perception of credit risk associated with our debt portfolio and our ability to access the debt markets on favorable terms. In addition, a decreased credit rating could create broader financial turmoil and uncertainty, which may weigh heavily on our financial performance and the value of our common stock.

In 2010, a financial crisis emerged in Europe, triggered by high budget deficits and rising direct and contingent sovereign debt in Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and Spain, which created concerns about the ability of these nations to continue to service their sovereign debt obligations. While the financial stability of such countries has improved significantly, risks resulting from any future debt crisis in Europe or any similar crisis could have a detrimental impact on the global economic recovery, sovereign and non-sovereign debt in these countries and the financial condition of European financial institutions. Market and economic disruptions have affected, and may in the future affect, consumer confidence levels and spending, personal bankruptcy rates, levels of incurrence and default on consumer debt and home prices, among other factors. We cannot assure you that market disruptions in Europe, including the increased cost of funding for certain governments and financial institutions, will not impact the global economy, and we cannot assure you that assistance packages will be available, or if available, be sufficient to stabilize countries and markets in Europe or elsewhere affected by a financial crisis. To the extent uncertainty regarding any economic recovery in Europe negatively impacts consumer confidence and consumer credit factors, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be significantly and adversely affected.

On December 18, 2013, the Federal Reserve announced that it would scale back its bond-buying program, or quantitative easing, which is designed to stimulate the economy and expand the Federal Reserve's holdings of long-term securities until key economic indicators, such as the unemployment rate, show signs of improvement. The Federal Reserve signaled it would reduce its purchases of long-term Treasury bonds and would scale back on its purchases of mortgage-backed securities. It is unclear what effect, if any, the incremental reduction in the rate of the Federal Reserve's monthly purchases will have on the value of our investments. However, it is possible that absent continued quantitative easing by the Federal Reserve, these developments, along with the United States government's federal debt ceiling issues and the European sovereign debt crisis, could cause interest rates and borrowing costs to rise, which may negatively impact our ability to access the debt markets on favorable terms.

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A failure on our part to maintain our status as a BDC would significantly reduce our operating flexibility.

If we fail to maintain our status as a BDC, we might be regulated as a closed-end investment company that is required to register under the Investment Company Act, which would subject us to additional regulatory restrictions and significantly decrease our operating flexibility. In addition, any such failure could cause an event of default under our outstanding indebtedness, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We are dependent upon certain key personnel of Ares for our future success and upon their access to other Ares investment professionals.

We depend on the diligence, skill and network of business contacts of certain key personnel of the Ares Direct Lending Group. We also depend, to a significant extent, on access to the investment professionals of other groups within Ares and the information and deal flow generated by Ares' investment professionals in the course of their investment and portfolio management activities. Our future success depends on the continued service of the key personnel of the Ares Direct Lending Group. The departure of any of these individuals, or of a significant number of the investment professionals or partners of Ares, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. In addition, we cannot assure you that Ares Capital Management will remain our investment adviser or that we will continue to have access to Ares' investment professionals or its information and deal flow. Further, there can be no assurance that Ares Capital will replicate Ares' historical success, and we caution you that our investment returns could be substantially lower than the returns achieved by other Ares managed funds.

Our financial condition and results of operations depend on our ability to manage future growth effectively.

Our ability to achieve our investment objective depends on our ability to acquire suitable investments and monitor and administer those investments, which depends, in turn, on our investment adviser's ability to identify, invest in and monitor companies that meet our investment criteria.

Accomplishing this result on a cost-effective basis is largely a function of the structuring of our investment process and the ability of our investment adviser to provide competent, attentive and efficient services to us. Our executive officers and the members of our investment adviser's investment committee have substantial responsibilities in connection with their roles at Ares and with the other Ares funds, as well as responsibilities under the investment advisory and management agreement. They may also be called upon to provide significant managerial assistance to certain of our portfolio companies. These demands on their time, which will increase as the number of investments grow, may distract them or slow the rate of investment. In order to grow, Ares will need to hire, train, supervise, manage and retain new employees. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to do so effectively. Any failure to manage our future growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, as we grow, we may open up new offices in new geographic regions that may increase our direct operating expenses without corresponding revenue growth.

Our ability to grow depends on our ability to raise capital.

We will need to periodically access the capital markets to raise cash to fund new investments in excess of our repayments, and, beginning in 2016, we may also need to access the capital markets to refinance existing debt obligations to the extent such maturing obligations are not repaid with cash flows from operations. We have elected to be treated as a RIC and operate in a manner so as to qualify for the U.S. federal income tax treatment applicable to RICs. Among other things, in order to

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maintain our RIC status, we must distribute to our stockholders on a timely basis generally an amount equal to at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, and, as a result, such distributions will not be available to fund investment originations or repay maturing debt. We must continue to borrow from financial institutions and issue additional securities to fund our growth. Unfavorable economic or capital market conditions may increase our funding costs or limit our access to the capital markets, or could result in a decision by lenders not to extend credit to us. An inability to successfully access the capital markets could limit our ability to grow our business and fully execute our business strategy and could decrease our earnings, if any.

In addition, with certain limited exceptions, we are only allowed to borrow amounts or issue debt securities or preferred stock, which we refer to collectively as "senior securities," such that our asset coverage, as calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act, equals at least 200% immediately after such borrowing, which, in certain circumstances, may restrict our ability to borrow or issue debt securities or preferred stock. The amount of leverage that we employ will depend on our investment adviser's and our board of directors' assessments of market and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing or issuance of senior securities. We cannot assure you that we will be able to maintain our current Facilities, obtain other lines of credit or issue senior securities at all or on terms acceptable to us.

Regulations governing our operation as a BDC affect our ability to, and the way in which we, raise additional capital.

We may issue senior securities or borrow money from banks or other financial institutions, up to the maximum amount permitted by the Investment Company Act. Under the provisions of the Investment Company Act, we are permitted, as a BDC, to incur indebtedness or issue senior securities only in amounts such that our asset coverage, as calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act, equals at least 200% after each such incurrence or issuance. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy this test, which may prohibit us from paying dividends and could prevent us from maintaining our status as a RIC or may prohibit us from repurchasing shares of our common stock. In addition, our inability to satisfy this test could cause an event of default under our existing indebtedness. If we cannot satisfy this test, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments at a time when such sales may be disadvantageous and, depending on the nature of our leverage, repay a portion of our indebtedness. Accordingly, any failure to satisfy this test could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. As of March 31, 2014, our asset coverage calculated in accordance with the Investment Company Act was 260%. Also, to generate cash for funding new investments, we may in the future seek to issue additional debt or to securitize certain of our loans. The Investment Company Act may impose restrictions on the structure of any such securitization.

We are not generally able to issue and sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share. We may, however, sell our common stock, or warrants, options or rights to acquire our common stock, at a price below the current net asset value per share of our common stock if our board of directors determines that such sale is in our best interests and the best interests of our stockholders, and our stockholders approve such sale. Any such sale would be dilutive to the net asset value per share of our common stock. In any such case, the price at which our securities are to be issued and sold may not be less than a price that, in the determination of our board of directors, closely approximates the market value of such securities (less any commission or discount). If our common stock trades at a discount to net asset value, this restriction could adversely affect our ability to raise capital.

Pursuant to approval granted at our 2014 annual stockholders meeting, we currently are permitted to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value, subject to certain limitations and determinations that must be made by our board of directors. Such

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stockholder approval expires the earlier of June 2, 2015 and the date of our 2015 annual stockholders meeting.

We borrow money, which magnifies the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing with us.

Borrowings, also known as leverage, magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and, therefore, increase the risks associated with investing in our securities. We currently borrow under the Facilities (as defined below) and have issued or assumed other senior securities, and in the future may borrow from, or issue additional senior securities to, banks, insurance companies, funds, institutional investors and other lenders and investors. Lenders and holders of such senior securities have fixed dollar claims on our consolidated assets that are superior to the claims of our common stockholders or any preferred stockholders. If the value of our consolidated assets increases, then leveraging would cause the net asset value per share of our common stock to increase more sharply than it would have had we not incurred leverage.

Conversely, if the value of our consolidated assets decreases, leveraging would cause net asset value to decline more sharply than it otherwise would have had we not incurred leverage. Similarly, any increase in our consolidated income in excess of consolidated interest payable on the borrowed funds would cause our net income to increase more than it would had we not incurred leverage, while any decrease in our consolidated income would cause net income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not incurred leverage. Such a decline could negatively affect our ability to make common stock dividend payments. There can be no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be successful.

As of March 31, 2014, we had approximately $100.0 million of outstanding borrowings under the Facilities, approximately $1,537.5 million in aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Convertible Unsecured Notes (as defined below) and approximately $1,505.8 million in aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Unsecured Notes (as defined below). In order for us to cover our annual interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness at March 31, 2014, we must achieve annual returns on our March 31, 2014 total assets of at least 2.1%. The weighted average stated interest rate charged on our principal amount of outstanding indebtedness as of March 31, 2014 was 5.4%. We intend to continue borrowing under the Facilities in the future and we may increase the size of the Facilities or issue additional debt securities or other evidences of indebtedness (although there can be no assurance that we will be successful in doing so). For more information on the Company's indebtedness, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources." Our ability to service our debt depends largely on our financial performance and is subject to prevailing economic conditions and competitive pressures. The amount of leverage that we employ at any particular time will depend on our investment adviser's and our board of directors' assessments of market and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing.

The Facilities, the Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes impose financial and operating covenants that restrict our business activities, including limitations that could hinder our ability to finance additional loans and investments or to make the distributions required to maintain our status as a RIC. A failure to renew the Facilities or to add new or replacement debt facilities or to issue additional debt securities or other evidences of indebtedness could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The following table illustrates the effect on return to a holder of our common stock of the leverage created by our use of borrowing at the weighted average stated interest rate of 5.4% as of March 31, 2014, together with (a) our total value of net assets as of March 31, 2014; (b) approximately

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$3,143.3 million in aggregate principal amount of indebtedness outstanding as of March 31, 2014 and (c) hypothetical annual returns on our portfolio of minus 15% to plus 15%.

Assumed Return on Portfolio (Net of Expenses)(1)	-15%	-10%	-5%	0%	5%	10%	15%
Corresponding Return to Common Stockholders(2)	-28.57%	-20.20%	-11.83%	-3.47%	4.90%	13.27%	21.64%

(1) The assumed portfolio return is required by SEC regulations and is not a prediction of, and does not represent, our projected or actual performance. Actual returns may be greater or less than those appearing in the table. Pursuant to SEC regulations, this table is calculated as of March 31, 2014. As a result, it has not been updated to take into account any changes in assets or leverage since March 31, 2014.

(2) In order to compute the "Corresponding Return to Common Stockholders," the "Assumed Return on Portfolio" is multiplied by the total value of our assets at March 31, 2014 to obtain an assumed return to us. From this amount, the interest expense (calculated by multiplying the weighted average stated interest rate of 5.4% by the approximately $3,143.3 million of principal debt outstanding) is subtracted to determine the return available to stockholders. The return available to stockholders is then divided by the total value of our net assets as of March 31, 2014 to determine the "Corresponding Return to Common Stockholders."

In addition to regulatory requirements that restrict our ability to raise capital, the Facilities, the Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes contain various covenants that, if not complied with, could accelerate repayment under the Facilities, the Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes, thereby materially and adversely affecting our liquidity, financial condition and results of operations.

The agreements governing the Facilities, the Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes require us to comply with certain financial and operational covenants. These covenants may include, among other things:

- restrictions on the level of indebtedness that we are permitted to incur in relation to the value of our assets;
- restrictions on our ability to incur liens; and
- maintenance of a minimum level of stockholders' equity.

As of the date of this prospectus, we are in compliance in all material respects with the covenants of the Facilities, the Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes. However, our continued compliance with these covenants depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control. For example, depending on the condition of the public debt and equity markets and pricing levels, unrealized depreciation in our portfolio may increase in the future. Any such increase could result in our inability to comply with our obligation to restrict the level of indebtedness that we are able to incur in relation to the value of our assets or to maintain a minimum level of stockholders' equity.

Accordingly, although we believe we will continue to be in compliance, there are no assurances that we will continue to comply with the covenants in the Facilities, the Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes. Failure to comply with these covenants could result in a default under the Facilities, the Convertible Unsecured Notes or the Unsecured Notes that, if we were unable to obtain a waiver from the lenders or holders of such indebtedness, as applicable, such lenders or holders could

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accelerate repayment under such indebtedness and thereby have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities.

A number of entities compete with us to make the types of investments that we make in middle-market companies. We compete with other BDCs, public and private funds, commercial and investment banks, commercial financing companies, insurance companies, hedge funds, and, to the extent they provide an alternative form of financing, private equity funds. Many of our competitors are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. 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 could 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 Investment Company Act imposes on us as a BDC and that the Code (as defined below) imposes on us as a RIC. We cannot assure you that the competitive pressures we face will not 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 pursue attractive investment opportunities from time to time.

We do not seek to compete primarily based on the interest rates we offer and we believe that some of our competitors may make loans with interest rates that are comparable to or lower than the rates we offer. Rather, we compete with our competitors based on our existing investment platform, seasoned investment professionals, experience and focus on middle-market companies, disciplined investment philosophy, extensive industry focus and flexible transaction structuring. For a more detailed discussion of these competitive advantages, see "Business Competitive Advantages."

We may lose investment opportunities if we do not match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure. If we match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure, we may experience decreased net interest income and increased risk of credit loss. As a result of operating in such a competitive environment, we may make investments that are on less favorable terms than what we may have originally anticipated, which may impact our return on these investments.

We may be subject to additional corporate-level income taxes if we fail to maintain our status as a RIC.

We have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code and operate in a manner so as to qualify for the U.S. federal income tax treatment applicable to RICs. As a RIC, we generally will not pay U.S. federal corporate-level income taxes on our income and net capital gains that we distribute to our stockholders as dividends on a timely basis. We will be subject to U.S. federal corporate-level income tax on any undistributed income and/or gains. To maintain our status as a RIC, we must meet certain source of income, asset diversification and annual distribution requirements. We may also be subject to certain U.S. federal excise taxes, as well as state, local and foreign taxes.

To satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement (as defined below) applicable to RICs, we must distribute to our stockholders on a timely basis generally an amount equal to at least 90% of our investment company taxable income for each year. We have the ability to pay a large portion of our dividends in shares of our stock, and as long as a portion of such dividend is paid in cash and other requirements are met, such stock dividends will be taxable as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes. This may result in our U.S. stockholders having to pay tax on such dividends, even if no cash is received, and may result in our non-U.S. stockholders being subject to withholding tax in respect of amounts distributed in our stock. Because we use debt financing, we are subject to certain asset coverage ratio requirements under the Investment Company Act and financial covenants under our

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indebtedness that could, under certain circumstances, restrict us from making distributions necessary to qualify as a RIC. If we are unable to obtain cash from other sources, we may fail to maintain our status as a RIC and, thus, may be subject to corporate-level income tax on all of our income and/or gains.

To maintain our status as a RIC, in addition to the Annual Distribution Requirement, we must also meet certain annual source of income requirements at the end of each taxable year and asset diversification requirements at the end of each calendar quarter. Failure to meet these requirements may result in our having to (a) dispose of certain investments quickly or (b) raise additional capital to prevent the loss of RIC status. Because most of our investments are in private companies and are generally illiquid, any such dispositions may be at disadvantageous prices and may result in losses. Also, the rules applicable to our qualification as a RIC are complex with many areas of uncertainty. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that we have qualified or will continue to qualify as a RIC. If we fail to maintain our status as a RIC for any reason and become subject to regular "C" corporation income tax, the resulting corporate-level income taxes could substantially reduce our net assets, the amount of income available for distribution and the amount of our distributions. Such a failure would have a material adverse effect on us and on any investment in us. The "Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010," which is effective for 2011 and later tax years, provides some relief from RIC disqualification due to failures of the source of income and asset diversification requirements, although there may be additional taxes due in such cases. We cannot assure you that we would qualify for any such relief should we fail the source of income or asset diversification requirements.

We may have difficulty paying our required distributions under applicable tax rules if we recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income.

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, we generally are required to include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as original issue discount, which may arise, for example, if we receive warrants in connection with the making of a loan, or payment-in-kind ("PIK") interest representing contractual interest added to the loan principal balance and due at the end of the loan term. Such original issue discount or PIK interest is included in income before we receive any corresponding cash payments. We also may be required to include in income certain other amounts that we will not receive in cash, including, for example, amounts attributable to hedging and foreign currency transactions or cancellation of indebtedness income resulting from a restructuring of an investment in debt securities.

Since, in certain cases, we may recognize income before or without receiving cash in respect of such income, we may have difficulty meeting the U.S. federal income tax requirement to distribute generally an amount equal to at least 90% of our investment company taxable income to maintain our status as a RIC. Accordingly, we may have to sell some of our investments at times we would not consider advantageous, raise additional debt or equity capital or reduce new investment originations to meet these distribution requirements. If we are not able to obtain cash from other sources, we may fail to qualify as a RIC and thus be subject to additional corporate-level income taxes. Such a failure would have a material adverse effect on us and on any investment in us. See "Certain Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Taxation as a RIC."

We are exposed to risks associated with changes in interest rates.

General interest rate fluctuations may have a substantial negative impact on our investments and investment opportunities and, accordingly, may have a material adverse effect on our investment objective and rate of return on invested capital. Because we borrow money and may issue debt securities or preferred stock to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds or pay interest or dividends on such debt

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securities or preferred stock and the rate at which we invest these 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.

Trading prices for debt that pays a fixed rate of return tend to fall as interest rates rise. Trading prices tend to fluctuate more for fixed-rate securities that have longer maturities. In the past, we have entered into certain hedging transactions, such as interest rate swap agreements, to mitigate our exposure to adverse fluctuations in interest rates, and we may do so again in the future. In addition, we may increase our floating rate investments to position the portfolio for rate increases. However, we cannot assure you that such transactions will be successful in mitigating our exposure to interest rate risk. Hedging transactions may also limit our ability to participate in the benefits of lower interest rates with respect to our portfolio investments.

Although we have no policy governing the maturities of our investments, under current market conditions we expect that we will invest in a portfolio of debt generally having maturities of up to 10 years. This means that we are subject to greater risk (other things being equal) than a fund invested solely in shorter-term securities. A decline in the prices of the debt we own could adversely affect the trading price of our common stock. Also, an increase in interest rates available to investors could make an investment in our common stock less attractive if we are not able to increase our dividend rate, which could reduce the value of our common stock.

Most of our portfolio investments are not publicly traded and, as a result, the fair value of these investments may not be readily determinable.

A large percentage of our portfolio investments are not publicly traded. The fair value of investments that are not publicly traded may not be readily determinable. We value these investments quarterly at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors based on, among other things, the input of our management and audit committee and independent valuation firms that have been engaged at the direction of our board of directors to assist in the valuation of each portfolio investment without a readily available market quotation at least once during a trailing 12-month period (with certain de minimis exceptions). The valuation process is conducted at the end of each fiscal quarter, with a minimum of 50% (based on value) of our valuations of portfolio companies without readily available market quotations subject to review by an independent valuation firm each quarter. However, we may use these independent valuation firms to review the value of our investments more frequently, including in connection with the occurrence of significant events or changes in value affecting a particular investment. In addition, our independent registered public accounting firm obtains an understanding of, and performs select procedures relating to, our investment valuation process within the context of performing the integrated audit.

The types of factors that may be considered in valuing our investments include the enterprise value of the portfolio company (the entire value of the portfolio company to a market participant, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time), the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flows, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, a comparison of the portfolio company's securities to similar publicly traded securities, changes in the interest rate environment and the credit markets generally that may affect the price at which similar investments would trade in their principal markets and other relevant factors. When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, we consider the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate our valuation. Because such valuations, and particularly valuations of private investments and private companies, are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate over short periods of time and may be based on estimates, our determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have been used if a ready market for these investments existed and may differ materially from the values that we may ultimately realize. Our

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net asset value per share could be adversely affected if our determinations regarding the fair value of these investments are materially higher than the values that we realize upon disposition of such investments.

The lack of liquidity in our investments may adversely affect our business.

As we generally make investments in private companies, substantially all of these investments are subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or are otherwise less liquid than publicly traded securities. The illiquidity of our investments may make it difficult for us to sell such investments if the need arises. In addition, if we are required to liquidate all or a portion of our portfolio quickly, we could realize significantly less than the value at which we have recorded our investments. In addition, we may face other restrictions on our ability to liquidate an investment in a portfolio company to the extent that we or an affiliated manager of Ares has material non-public information regarding such portfolio company.

We may experience fluctuations in our quarterly results.

We could experience fluctuations in our quarterly operating results due to a number of factors, including the interest rates payable on the debt investments we make, the default rates on such investments, the level of our expenses, variations in and the timing of the recognition of realized and unrealized gains or losses, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets and general economic conditions. As a result of these factors, results for any period should not be relied upon as being indicative of performance in future periods.

Our financial condition and results of operations could be negatively affected if a significant investment fails to perform as expected.

Our investment portfolio includes investments that may be significant individually or in the aggregate. If a significant investment in one or more companies fails to perform as expected, such a failure could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations, and the magnitude of such effect could be more significant than if we had further diversified our portfolio.

Our investment portfolio includes our investment in the SSLP, which as of March 31, 2014, represented approximately 24% of our total portfolio at fair value. In addition, for the three months ended March 31, 2014, approximately 33% of our total investment income was earned from our investment in the SSLP. The income earned from the SSLP is derived from the interest and fee income earned by the SSLP from its investments in first lien senior secured loans of middle market companies. We provide capital to the SSLP in the form of subordinated certificates (the "SSLP Certificates"), which had a 14.3% yield at fair value as of March 31, 2014 and are junior in right of payment to the senior notes held by GE in the SSLP. For more information on the SSLP, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Portfolio and Investment Activity Senior Secured Loan Program." Our return on and repayment of our investment in the SSLP Certificates depends on the performance of the loans in the SSLP's portfolio in the aggregate. Accordingly, any material degradation in the performance of the loans in the SSLP's portfolio in the aggregate would have a negative effect on the yield on our SSLP Certificates and could ultimately result in the loss of some or all of our investment in the SSLP Certificates.

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

Certain of our executive officers and directors, and members of the investment committee of our investment adviser, serve or may serve as officers, directors or principals of other entities and affiliates of our investment adviser and investment funds managed by our affiliates. Accordingly, they may have obligations to investors in those entities, the fulfillment of which might not be in our or our

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stockholders' best interests or may require them to devote time to services for other entities, which could interfere with the time available to provide services to us. Certain members of our investment adviser's investment committee have significant responsibilities for other Ares funds. For example, Mr. Rosenthal is required to devote a substantial majority of his business time to the affairs of the Ares Private Equity Group. Similarly, although the professional staff of our investment adviser will devote as much time to the management of the Company as appropriate to enable our investment adviser to perform its duties in accordance with the investment advisory and management agreement, the investment professionals of our investment adviser may have conflicts in allocating their time and services among the Company, on the one hand, and investment vehicles managed by Ares or one or more of its affiliates, on the other hand. These activities could be viewed as creating a conflict of interest insofar as the time and effort of the professional staff of our investment adviser and its officers and employees will not be devoted exclusively to the business of the Company but will instead be allocated between the business of the Company and the management of these other investment vehicles. However, Ares believes that the efforts of such individuals are synergistic with and beneficial to the affairs of Ares Capital and these other investment vehicles managed by Ares or its affiliates.

In addition, certain Ares funds may have investment objectives that compete or overlap with, and may from time to time invest in asset classes similar to those targeted by, Ares Capital. Consequently, we, on the one hand, and these other entities, on the other hand, may from time to time pursue the same or similar capital and investment opportunities. Ares and our investment adviser endeavor to allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner, and in any event consistent with any fiduciary duties owed to Ares Capital. Nevertheless, it is possible that we may not be given the opportunity to participate in certain investments made by investment funds managed by investment managers affiliated with Ares. In addition, there may be conflicts in the allocation of investment opportunities among us and the funds managed by investment managers affiliated with Ares or one or more of our controlled affiliates or among the funds they manage.

We have from time to time sold assets to IHAM and certain of the vehicles managed by IHAM and, as part of our investment strategy, we may offer to sell additional assets to vehicles managed by one or more of our controlled affiliates (including IHAM) or we may purchase assets from vehicles managed by one or more of our controlled affiliates. In addition, vehicles managed by one or more of our controlled affiliates (including IHAM) may offer assets to or may purchase assets from one another. While assets may be sold or purchased at prices that are consistent with those that could be obtained from third parties in the marketplace, and although these types of transactions generally require approval of one or more independent parties, there may be an inherent conflict of interest in such transactions between us and funds managed by one of our controlled affiliates.

We pay management and incentive fees to our investment adviser, and reimburse our investment adviser for certain expenses it incurs. In addition, 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 if distributions were made on a gross basis.

Our investment adviser's base management fee is based on a percentage of our total assets (other than cash or cash equivalents but including assets purchased with borrowed funds) and, consequently, our investment adviser may have conflicts of interest in connection with decisions that could affect our total assets, such as decisions as to whether to incur indebtedness or to make future investments.

The income based fees payable by us to our investment adviser that relate to our pre-incentive fee net investment income is computed and paid on income that may include interest that is accrued but not yet received in cash. If a portfolio company defaults on a loan that is structured to provide accrued interest, it is possible that accrued interest previously used in the calculation of such fee will

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become uncollectible. Our investment adviser is not under any obligation to reimburse us for any part of the income based fees it received that were based on accrued interest that we never actually receive.

Our investment advisory and management agreement renews for successive annual periods if approved by our board of directors or by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities, including, in either case, approval by a majority of our directors who are not "interested persons" of the Company as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act. However, both we and our investment adviser have the right to terminate the agreement without penalty upon 60 days' written notice to the other party. Moreover, conflicts of interest may arise if our investment adviser seeks to change the terms of our investment advisory and management agreement, including, for example, the terms for compensation. While any material change to the investment advisory and management agreement must be submitted to stockholders for approval under the Investment Company Act, we may from time to time decide it is appropriate to seek stockholder approval to change the terms of the agreement.

We are party to an administration agreement with our administrator, Ares Operations, a subsidiary of Ares Management, pursuant to which our administrator furnishes us with administrative services and we pay our administrator at cost our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses (including travel expenses) incurred by our administrator in performing its obligations under our administration agreement, including our allocable portion of the cost of certain of our officers (including our chief compliance officer, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, general counsel, secretary and treasurer) and their respective staffs, but not investment professionals.

Our portfolio company, IHAM, is party to an administration agreement, referred to herein as the "IHAM administration agreement," with Ares Operations. Pursuant to the IHAM administration agreement, our administrator provides IHAM with administrative services and IHAM reimburses our administrator for all of the actual costs associated with such services, including its allocable portion of our administrator's overhead and the cost of our administrator's officers and respective staff in performing its obligations under the IHAM administration agreement. Prior to entering into the IHAM administration agreement, IHAM was party to a services agreement with our investment adviser, pursuant to which our investment adviser provided similar services.

As a result of the arrangements described above, there may be times when the management team of Ares (including those members of management focused primarily on managing Ares Capital) has interests that differ from those of yours, giving rise to a conflict.

Our stockholders may have conflicting investment, tax and other objectives with respect to their investments in us. The conflicting interests of individual stockholders may relate to or arise from, among other things, the nature of our investments, the structure or the acquisition of our investments, and the timing of dispositions of our investments. As a consequence, conflicts of interest may arise in connection with decisions made by our investment adviser, including with respect to the nature or structuring of our investments, that may be more beneficial for one stockholder than for another stockholder, especially with respect to stockholders' individual tax situations. In selecting and structuring investments appropriate for us, our investment adviser will consider the investment and tax objectives of the Company and our stockholders, as a whole, not the investment, tax or other objectives of any stockholder individually.

We are dependent on information systems and systems failures could significantly disrupt our business, which may, in turn, negatively affect our liquidity, financial condition or results of operations.

Our business is dependent on our and third parties' communications and information systems. Any failure or interruption of those systems, including as a result of the termination of an agreement with any third-party service providers, could cause delays or other problems in our activities. Our financial, accounting, data processing, backup or other operating systems and facilities may fail to

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operate properly or become disabled or damaged as a result of a number of factors including events that are wholly or partially beyond our control and adversely affect our business. There could be:

- sudden electrical or telecommunications outages;
- natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes and hurricanes;
- disease pandemics;
- events arising from local or larger scale political or social matters, including terrorist acts; and
- cyber-attacks.

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

Changes in laws or regulations governing our operations or the operations of our portfolio companies, changes in the interpretation thereof or newly enacted laws or regulations, such as the Dodd-Frank Act, and any failure by us or our portfolio companies to comply with these laws or regulations, could require changes to certain business practices of us or our portfolio companies, negatively impact the operations, cash flows or financial condition of us or our portfolio companies, impose additional costs on us or our portfolio companies or otherwise adversely affect our business or the business of our portfolio companies.

We and our portfolio companies are subject to regulation by laws and regulations at the local, state, federal and, in some cases, foreign levels. These laws and regulations, as well as their interpretation, may be changed from time to time, and new laws and regulations may be enacted. Accordingly, any change in these laws or regulations, changes in their interpretation, or newly enacted laws or regulations and any failure by us or our portfolio companies to comply with these laws or regulations, could require changes to certain business practices of us or our portfolio companies, negatively impact the operations, cash flows or financial condition of us or our portfolio companies, impose additional costs on us or our portfolio companies or otherwise adversely affect our business or the business of our portfolio companies.

On July 21, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Dodd-Frank Act. Many of the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act have had extended implementation periods and delayed effective dates and have required extensive rulemaking by regulatory authorities. While many of the rules required to be written have been promulgated, some have not yet been implemented. Although the full impact of the Dodd-Frank Act on us and our portfolio companies may not be known for an extended period of time, the Dodd-Frank Act, including the rules implementing its provisions and the interpretation of those rules, along with other legislative and regulatory proposals directed at the financial services industry or affecting taxation that are proposed or pending in the U.S. Congress, may negatively impact the operations, cash flows or financial condition of us or our portfolio companies, impose additional costs on us or our portfolio companies, intensify the regulatory supervision of us or our portfolio companies or otherwise adversely affect our business or the business of our portfolio companies.

Over the last several years, there also has been an increase in regulatory attention to the extension of credit outside of the traditional banking sector, raising the possibility that some portion of the non-bank financial sector will be subject to new regulation. While it cannot be known at this time whether any regulation will be implemented or what form it will take, increased regulation of non-bank credit extension could negatively impact our operations, cash flows or financial condition, impose

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additional costs on us, intensify the regulatory supervision of us or otherwise adversely affect our business.

Our investment adviser's liability is limited under the investment advisory and management agreement, and we are required to indemnify our investment adviser against certain liabilities, which may lead our investment adviser to act in a riskier manner on our behalf than it would when acting for its own account.

Our investment adviser has not assumed any responsibility to us other than to render the services described in the investment advisory and management agreement, and it will not be responsible for any action of our board of directors in declining to follow our investment adviser's advice or recommendations. Pursuant to the investment advisory and management agreement, our investment adviser and its members and their respective officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons and members and any other person or entity affiliated with it will not be liable to us for their acts under the investment advisory and management agreement, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard in the performance of their duties. We have agreed to indemnify, defend and protect our investment adviser and its members and their respective officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons and members and any other person or entity affiliated with it with respect to all damages, liabilities, costs and expenses resulting from acts of our investment adviser not arising out of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard in the performance of their duties under the investment advisory and management agreement. These protections may lead our investment adviser to act in a riskier manner when acting on our behalf than it would when acting for its own account. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Investments Our investment adviser's fee structure may induce it to make certain investments, including speculative investments."

We may be obligated to pay our investment adviser certain fees even if we incur a loss.

Our investment adviser is entitled to income based fees for each fiscal quarter in an amount equal to a percentage of the excess of our pre-incentive fee net investment income for that quarter (before deducting incentive compensation and certain other items) above a threshold return for that quarter. Our pre-incentive fee net investment income for income based fee purposes excludes realized and unrealized capital losses or depreciation and income taxes related to realized gains that we may incur in the fiscal quarter, even if such capital losses or depreciation and income taxes related to realized gains result in a net loss on our statement of operations for that quarter. Thus, we may be required to pay our investment adviser income based fees 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.

Under the investment advisory and management agreement, we will defer cash payment of any income based fee and the Capital Gains Fee otherwise earned by our investment adviser if, during the most recent four full calendar quarter periods ending on or prior to the date such payment is to be made, the sum of (a) our aggregate distributions to our stockholders and (b) our change in net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any income based fees or capital gains incentive fees accrued during the period) is less than 7.0% of our net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness) at the beginning of such period. These calculations will be adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases. Any such deferred fees will be carried over for payment in subsequent calculation periods to the extent such payment can then be made under the investment advisory and management agreement.

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If a portfolio company defaults on a loan that is structured to provide accrued interest, it is possible that accrued interest previously used in the calculation of income based fees will become uncollectible. Our investment adviser is not under any obligation to reimburse us for any part of income based fees it received that was based on accrued income that we never receive as a result of a default on the obligation that resulted in the accrual of such income.

RISKS RELATING TO OUR INVESTMENTS

Declines in market prices and liquidity in the corporate debt markets can result in significant net unrealized depreciation of our portfolio, which in turn would reduce our net asset value.

As a BDC, we are required to carry our investments at market value or, if no market value is ascertainable, at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our board of directors. We may take into account the following types of factors, if relevant, in determining the fair value of our investments: the enterprise value of a portfolio company (the entire value of the portfolio company to a market participant, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time), the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flow, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, a comparison of the portfolio company's securities to similar publicly traded securities, changes in the interest rate environment and the credit markets generally that may affect the price at which similar investments would trade in their principal markets and other relevant factors. When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, we use the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate our valuation. While most of our investments are not publicly traded, applicable accounting standards require us to assume as part of our valuation process that our investments are sold in a principal market to market participants (even if we plan on holding an investment through its maturity). As a result, volatility in the capital markets can also adversely affect our investment valuations. Decreases in the market values or fair values of our investments are recorded as unrealized depreciation. The effect of all of these factors on our portfolio can reduce our net asset value by increasing net unrealized depreciation in our portfolio. Depending on market conditions, we could incur substantial realized losses and may suffer unrealized losses, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

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

Many of our portfolio companies may be susceptible to economic downturns or recessions (including the economic downturn that occurred from 2008 through 2009) and may be unable to repay our loans during these periods. Therefore, during these periods our non-performing assets may increase and the value of our portfolio may decrease if we are required to write down the values of our investments. Adverse economic conditions may also decrease the value of collateral securing some of our loans and the value of our equity investments. Economic slowdowns or recessions could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and a decrease in revenues, net income and assets. Unfavorable economic conditions also could increase our funding costs, limit our access to the capital markets or result in a decision by lenders not to extend credit to us. These events could prevent us from increasing investments and harm our operating results. We experienced to some extent such effects as a result of the economic downturn that occurred from 2008 through 2009 and may experience such effects again in any future downturn or recession.

A portfolio company's failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by us or other lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, acceleration of the time when the loans are due and foreclosure on its assets representing collateral for its obligations, which could trigger cross defaults under other agreements and jeopardize our portfolio company's ability to meet its obligations under the

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debt that we hold and the value of any equity securities we own. We may incur expenses to the extent necessary to seek recovery upon default or to negotiate new terms with a defaulting portfolio company.

Investments in privately held middle-market companies involve significant risks.

We primarily invest in privately held U.S. middle-market companies. Investments in privately held middle-market companies involve a number of significant risks, including the following:

these companies may have limited financial resources and may be unable to meet their obligations, which may be accompanied by a deterioration in the value of any collateral and a reduction in the likelihood of us realizing any guarantees we may have obtained in connection with our investment;

they typically have shorter operating histories, narrower product lines and smaller market shares than larger businesses, which tend to render them more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns;

they typically depend on the management talents and efforts of a small group of persons; therefore, the death, disability, resignation or termination of one or more of these persons could have a material adverse effect on our portfolio company and, in turn, on us;

there is generally little public information about these companies. These companies and their financial information are not subject to the Exchange Act (as defined below) and other regulations that govern public companies, and we may be unable to uncover all material information about these companies, which may prevent us from making a fully informed investment decision and cause us to lose money on our investments;

they generally have less predictable operating results and may require substantial additional capital to support their operations, finance expansion or maintain their competitive position;

our executive officers, directors and our investment adviser may, in the ordinary course of business, be named as defendants in litigation arising from our investments in our portfolio companies;

changes in laws and regulations, as well as their interpretations, may adversely affect their business, financial structure or prospects; and

they may have difficulty accessing the capital markets to meet future capital needs.

Our debt investments may be risky and we could lose all or part of our investment.

The debt that we invest in is typically not initially rated by any rating agency, but we believe that if such investments were rated, they would be below investment grade (rated lower than "Baa3" by Moody's Investors Service, lower than "BBB " by Fitch Ratings or lower than "BBB " by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services), which under the guidelines established by these entities, is an indication of having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Bonds that are rated below investment grade are sometimes referred to as "high yield bonds" or "junk bonds." Therefore, our investments may result in an above average amount of risk and volatility or loss of principal. While the debt we invest in is often secured, such security does not guarantee that we will receive principal and interest payments according to the terms of the loan, or that the value of any collateral will be sufficient to allow us to recover all or a portion of the outstanding amount of the loan should we be forced to enforce our remedies.

We also may invest in assets other than first and second lien and mezzanine debt investments, including high-yield securities, U.S. government securities, credit derivatives and other structured

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securities and certain direct equity investments. These investments entail additional risks that could adversely affect our investment returns.

Investments in equity securities, many of which are illiquid with no readily available market, involve a substantial degree of risk.

We may purchase common and other equity securities. Although common stock has historically generated higher average total returns than fixed income securities over the long-term, common stock also has experienced significantly more volatility in those returns. The equity securities we acquire may fail to appreciate and may decline in value or become worthless and our ability to recover our investment will depend on our portfolio company's success. Investments in equity securities involve a number of significant risks, including:

- any equity investment we make in a portfolio company could be subject to further dilution as a result of the issuance of additional equity interests and to serious risks as a junior security that will be subordinate to all indebtedness (including trade creditors) or senior securities in the event that the issuer is unable to meet its obligations or becomes subject to a bankruptcy process;

- to the extent that the portfolio company requires additional capital and is unable to obtain it, we may not recover our investment; and

- in some cases, equity securities in which we invest will not pay current dividends, and our ability to realize a return on our investment, as well as to recover our investment, will be dependent on the success of the portfolio company. Even if the portfolio company is successful, our ability to realize the value of our investment may be dependent on the occurrence of a liquidity event, such as a public offering or the sale of the portfolio company. It is likely to take a significant amount of time before a liquidity event occurs or we can otherwise sell our investment. In addition, the equity securities we receive or invest in may be subject to restrictions on resale during periods in which it could be advantageous to sell them.

There are special risks associated with investing in preferred securities, including:

- preferred securities may include provisions that permit the issuer, at its discretion, to defer distributions for a stated period without any adverse consequences to the issuer. If we own a preferred security that is deferring its distributions, we may be required to report income for tax purposes before we receive such distributions;

- preferred securities are subordinated to debt in terms of priority to income and liquidation payments, and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than debt;

- preferred securities may be substantially less liquid than many other securities, such as common stock or U.S. government securities; and

- generally, preferred security holders have no voting rights with respect to the issuing company, subject to limited exceptions.

Additionally, when we invest in first lien senior secured loans (including unitranche loans), second lien senior secured loans or mezzanine debt, we may acquire warrants or other equity securities as well. Our goal is ultimately to dispose of such equity interests and realize gains upon our disposition of such interests. However, the equity interests we receive may not appreciate in value and, in fact, may decline in value. Accordingly, we may not be able to realize gains from our equity interests and any gains that we do realize on the disposition of any equity interests may not be sufficient to offset any other losses we experience.

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We may invest, to the extent permitted by law, in the equity securities of investment funds that are operating pursuant to certain exceptions to the Investment Company Act and in advisers to similar investment funds and, to the extent we so invest, will bear our ratable share of any such company's expenses, including management and performance fees. We will also remain obligated to pay base management fees, income based fees and the Capital Gains Fee to Ares Capital Management with respect to the assets invested in the securities and instruments of such companies. With respect to each of these investments, each of our common stockholders will bear his or her share of the base management fees, income based fees and the Capital Gains Fee due to Ares Capital Management as well as indirectly bearing the management and performance fees and other expenses of any such investment funds or advisers.

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

If one of our portfolio companies were to go bankrupt, even though we may have structured our interest as senior debt, depending on the facts and circumstances, a bankruptcy court might recharacterize our debt holding as an equity investment and subordinate all or a portion of our claim to that of other creditors. In addition, lenders can be subject to lender liability claims for actions taken by them where they become too involved in the borrower's business or exercise control over the borrower. For example, we could become subject to a lender's liability claim, if, among other things, we actually render significant managerial assistance.

Our portfolio companies may incur debt or issue equity securities that rank equally with, or senior to, our investments in such companies.

Our portfolio companies may have, or may be permitted to incur, other debt, or issue other equity securities, that rank equally with, or senior to, our investments. By their terms, such instruments may provide that the holders are entitled to receive payment of dividends, interest or principal on or before the dates on which we are entitled to receive payments in respect of our investments. These debt instruments would usually prohibit the portfolio companies from paying interest on or repaying our investments in the event and during the continuance of a default under such debt. Also, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of a portfolio company, holders of securities ranking senior to our investment in that portfolio company typically are entitled to receive payment in full before we receive any distribution in respect of our investment. After repaying such holders, the portfolio company may not have any remaining assets to use for repaying its obligation to us. In the case of securities ranking equally with our investments, we would have to share on an equal basis any distributions with other security holders in the event of an insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of the relevant portfolio company.

The rights we may have with respect to the collateral securing any junior priority loans we make to our portfolio companies may also be limited pursuant to the terms of one or more intercreditor agreements (including agreements governing "first out" and "last out" structures) that we enter into with the holders of senior debt. Under such an intercreditor agreement, at any time that senior obligations are outstanding, we may forfeit certain rights with respect to the collateral to the holders of the senior obligations. These rights may include the right to commence enforcement proceedings against the collateral, the right to control the conduct of such enforcement proceedings, the right to approve amendments to collateral documents, the right to release liens on the collateral and the right to waive past defaults under collateral documents. We may not have the ability to control or direct such actions, even if as a result our rights as junior lenders are adversely affected.

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When we are a debt or minority equity investor in a portfolio company, we are often not in a position to exert influence on the entity, and other equity holders and management of the company may make decisions that could decrease the value of our portfolio holdings.

When we make debt or minority equity investments, we are subject to the risk that a portfolio company may make business decisions with which we disagree and the other equity holders and management of such company may take risks or otherwise act in ways that do not serve our interests. As a result, a portfolio company may make decisions that could decrease the value of our investment.

Our portfolio companies may be highly leveraged.

Some of our portfolio companies may be highly leveraged, which may have adverse consequences to these companies and to us as an investor. These companies may be subject to restrictive financial and operating covenants and the leverage may impair these companies' ability to finance their future operations and capital needs. As a result, these companies' flexibility to respond to changing business and economic conditions and to take advantage of business opportunities may be limited. Further, a leveraged company's income and net assets will tend to increase or decrease at a greater rate than if borrowed money were not used.

Our investment adviser's fee structure may induce it to make certain investments, including speculative investments.

The fees payable by us to Ares Capital Management may create an incentive for Ares Capital Management to make investments on our behalf that are risky or more speculative than would be the case in the absence of such compensation arrangement. The way in which income based fees payable to our investment adviser are determined, which are calculated as a percentage of the return on invested capital, may encourage our investment adviser to use leverage to increase the return on our investments. Under certain circumstances, the use of leverage may increase the likelihood of default, which would disfavor the holders of our common stock and the holders of securities convertible into our common stock. In addition, our investment adviser will receive the Capital Gains Fee based, in part, upon net capital gains realized on our investments. Unlike income based fees, there is no hurdle rate applicable to the Capital Gains Fee. As a result, our investment adviser may have a tendency to invest more in investments that are likely to result in capital gains as compared to income producing securities. Such a practice could result in our investing in more speculative securities than would otherwise be the case, which could result in higher investment losses, particularly during economic downturns.

The income based fees will be computed and paid on income that has been accrued but not yet received in cash, including as a result of investments with a deferred interest feature such as debt instruments with PIK interest, preferred stock with PIK dividends and zero coupon securities. If a portfolio company defaults on a loan that is structured to provide accrued interest, it is possible that accrued interest previously used in the calculation of certain fees will become uncollectible. Our investment adviser is not under any obligation to reimburse us for any part of the fees it received that were based on such accrued interest that we never actually receive.

Because of the structure of the income based fees, it is possible that we may have to pay income based fees in a quarter during which we incur a loss. For example, if we receive pre-incentive fee net investment income in excess of the hurdle rate for a quarter, we will pay the applicable income based fees even if we have incurred a loss in that quarter due to realized and/or unrealized capital losses. In addition, if market interest rates rise, we may be able to invest our funds in debt instruments that provide for a higher return, which would increase our pre-incentive fee net investment income and make it easier for our investment adviser to surpass the fixed hurdle rate and receive income based fees.

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Our investments in foreign companies may involve significant risks in addition to the risks inherent in U.S. investments.

Our investment strategy contemplates potential investments in foreign companies. Investing in foreign companies may expose us to additional risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies. These risks include changes in exchange control regulations, political and social instability, expropriation, imposition of foreign taxes (potentially at confiscatory levels), less liquid markets, less available information than is generally the case in the United States, higher transaction costs, less government supervision of exchanges, brokers and issuers, less developed bankruptcy laws, difficulty in enforcing contractual obligations, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards and greater price volatility.

Although most of our investments will be U.S. dollar denominated, our investments that are denominated in a foreign currency will be subject to the risk that the value of a particular currency will change in relation to one or more other currencies. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, the level of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation and political developments. We may employ hedging techniques to minimize these risks, but we cannot assure you that such strategies will be effective or without risk to us.

We may expose ourselves to risks if we engage in hedging transactions.

We have and may in the future enter into hedging transactions, which may expose us to risks associated with such transactions. We may utilize instruments such as forward contracts, currency options and interest rate swaps, caps, collars and floors to seek to hedge against fluctuations in the relative values of our portfolio positions from changes in currency exchange rates and market interest rates. Use of these hedging instruments may include counter-party credit risk.

Hedging against a decline in the values of our portfolio positions does not eliminate the possibility of fluctuations in the values of such positions or prevent losses if the values of such positions decline. However, such hedging can establish other positions designed to gain from those same developments, thereby offsetting the decline in the value of such portfolio positions. Such hedging transactions may also limit the opportunity for gain if the values of the underlying portfolio positions should increase. Moreover, it may not be possible to hedge against an exchange rate or interest rate fluctuation that is so generally anticipated that we are not able to enter into a hedging transaction at an acceptable price.

The success of our hedging transactions will depend on our ability to correctly predict movements in currencies and interest rates. Therefore, while we may enter into such transactions to seek to reduce currency exchange rate and interest rate risks, unanticipated changes in currency exchange rates or interest rates may result in poorer overall investment performance than if we had not engaged in any such hedging transactions. In addition, the degree of correlation between price movements of the instruments used in a hedging strategy and price movements in the portfolio positions being hedged may vary. Moreover, for a variety of reasons, we may not seek to (or be able to) establish a perfect correlation between such hedging instruments and the portfolio holdings being hedged. Any such imperfect correlation may prevent us from achieving the intended hedge and expose us to risk of loss. In addition, it may not be possible to hedge fully or perfectly against currency fluctuations affecting the value of securities denominated in non-U.S. currencies because the value of those securities is likely to fluctuate as a result of factors not related to currency fluctuations. See also "Risk Factors Risk Relating to Our Business We are exposed to risks associated with changes in interest rates."

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We may initially invest a portion of the net proceeds of offerings pursuant to this prospectus primarily in high-quality short-term investments, which will generate lower rates of return than those expected from the interest generated on first and second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt.

We may initially invest a portion of the net proceeds of offerings pursuant to this prospectus primarily in cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and other high-quality short-term investments. These securities generally earn yields substantially lower than the income that we anticipate receiving once we are fully invested in accordance with our investment objective. As a result, we may not, for a time, be able to achieve our investment objective and/or we may need to, for a time, decrease the amount of any dividend that we may pay to our stockholders to a level that is substantially lower than the level that we expect to pay when the net proceeds of offerings are fully invested in accordance with our investment objective. If we do not realize yields in excess of our expenses, we may incur operating losses and the market price of our shares may decline.

RISKS RELATING TO OFFERINGS PURSUANT TO THIS PROSPECTUS

Our shares of common stock have traded at a discount from net asset value and may do so again in the future, which could limit our ability to raise additional equity capital.

Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a market price that is less than the net asset value that is attributable to those shares. This characteristic of closed-end investment companies is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value per share may decline. It is not possible to predict whether any shares of our common stock will trade at, above, or below net asset value. In the recent past, including during much of 2009, the stocks of BDCs as an industry, including at times shares of our common stock, traded below net asset value and at near historic lows as a result of concerns over liquidity, leverage restrictions and distribution requirements. When our common stock is trading below its net asset value per share, we will generally not be able to issue additional shares of our common stock at its market price without first obtaining approval for such issuance from our stockholders and our independent directors. Pursuant to approval granted at our 2014 annual stockholders meeting, we currently are permitted to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value, subject to certain limitations and determinations that must be made by our board of directors. Such stockholder approval expires the earlier of June 2, 2015 and the date of our 2015 annual stockholders meeting.

There is a risk that investors in our common stock may not receive dividends or that our dividends may not grow over time and that investors in our debt securities may not receive all of the interest income to which they are entitled.

We intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders out of assets legally available for distribution. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results that will allow us to make a specified level of cash distributions or year-to-year increases in cash distributions. If we declare a dividend and if more stockholders opt to receive cash distributions rather than participate in our dividend reinvestment plan, we may be forced to sell some of our investments in order to make cash dividend payments.

In addition, due to the asset coverage test applicable to us as a BDC, we may be limited in our ability to make distributions. Certain of the Facilities may also limit our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions. Further, if we invest a greater amount of assets in equity securities that do not pay current dividends, it could reduce the amount available for distribution. See "Price Range of Common Stock and Distributions."

The above-referenced restrictions on distributions may also inhibit our ability to make required interest payments to holders of our debt, which may cause a default under the terms of our debt

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agreements. Such a default could materially increase our cost of raising capital, as well as cause us to incur penalties under the terms of our debt agreements.

Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and of our charter and bylaws could deter takeover attempts and have an adverse effect on the price of our common stock.

The Maryland General Corporation Law, our charter and our bylaws contain provisions that may discourage, delay or make more difficult a change in control of Ares Capital or the removal of our directors. We are subject to the Maryland Business Combination Act (the "Business Combination Act"), subject to any applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act. Our board of directors has adopted a resolution exempting from the Business Combination Act any business combination between us and any other person, subject to prior approval of such business combination by our board, including approval by a majority of our disinterested directors. If the resolution exempting business combinations is repealed or our board or disinterested directors do not approve a business combination, the Business Combination Act may discourage third parties from trying to acquire control of us and may increase the difficulty of consummating such an offer. Our bylaws exempt from the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act (the "Control Share Acquisition Act") acquisitions of our stock by any person. If we amend our bylaws to repeal the exemption from the Control Share Acquisition Act, subject to any applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act, the Control Share Acquisition Act also may make it more difficult for a third party to obtain control of us and may increase the difficulty of consummating such an offer.

We have also adopted measures that may make it difficult for a third party to obtain control of us, including provisions of our charter classifying our board of directors into three classes serving staggered three-year terms, and provisions of our charter authorizing our board of directors to classify or reclassify shares of our stock into one or more classes or series, to cause the issuance of additional shares of our stock, and to amend our charter from time to time, without stockholder approval, to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue. These provisions, as well as other provisions of our charter and bylaws, may discourage, delay, defer, make more difficult or prevent a transaction or a change in control that might otherwise be in your best interest.

Investing in our common stock may involve an above average degree of risk.

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

The market price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly.

The capital and credit markets have experienced periods of extreme volatility and disruption over the past several years. The market price and liquidity of the market for shares of our common stock may be significantly affected by numerous factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be directly related to our operating performance. These factors include:

- significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of publicly traded RICs, BDCs or other companies in our sector, which are not necessarily related to the operating performance of these companies;

- price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market from time to time;

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exclusion of our common stock from certain indices, such as the Russell 1000 Index, which could reduce the ability of certain investment funds to own our common stock and put short-term selling pressure on our common stock;

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

loss of our RIC status;

changes in our earnings or variations in our operating results;

changes in the value of our portfolio of investments;

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

departure of Ares Capital Management's key personnel;

operating performance of companies comparable to us;

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

future sales of our securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common stock or the conversion of such securities, including the Convertible Unsecured Notes;

uncertainty surrounding the strength of the U.S. economic recovery;

concerns regarding European sovereign debt;

general economic trends and other external factors; and

loss of a major funding source.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been brought against that company. If our stock price fluctuates significantly, we may be the target of securities litigation in the future. Securities litigation could result in substantial costs and divert management's attention and resources from our business.

We may in the future determine to issue preferred stock, which could adversely affect the market value of our common stock.

The issuance of shares of preferred stock with dividend or conversion rights, liquidation preferences or other economic terms favorable to the holders of preferred stock could adversely affect the market price for our common stock by making an investment in the common stock less attractive. In addition, the dividends on any preferred stock we issue must be cumulative. Payment of dividends and repayment of the liquidation preference of preferred stock must take preference over any dividends or other payments to our common stockholders, and holders of preferred stock are not subject to any of our expenses or losses and are not entitled to participate in any income or appreciation in excess of their stated preference (other than convertible preferred stock that converts into common stock). In addition, under the Investment Company Act, preferred stock constitutes a "senior security" for purposes of the 200% asset coverage test.

The net asset value per share of our common stock may be diluted 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 or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock.

At our 2014 annual stockholders meeting, subject to certain determinations required to be made by our board of directors, our stockholders approved our ability to sell or otherwise issue shares

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of our common stock, in an amount not exceeding 25% of our then outstanding common stock, at a price below the then current net asset value per share during a period that began on June 2, 2014 and expires on the earlier of June 2, 2015 and the date of our 2015 annual stockholders meeting.

In addition, at our 2009 annual stockholders meeting, our stockholders approved a proposal authorizing us to sell or otherwise issue warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock subject to certain limitations (including, without limitation, that the number of shares issuable does not exceed 25% of our then outstanding common stock and that the exercise or conversion price thereof is not, at the date of issuance, less than the greater of the market value per share and the net asset value per share of our common stock). The authorization granted to sell or issue warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock has no expiration.

Any decision to sell shares of our common stock below its then current net asset value per share or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares 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 its then current net asset value per share, such sales would result in an immediate dilution to the net asset value per share of our common stock. 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 the stockholders' interest in our earnings and assets and their voting interest in us than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance. 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 cannot be predicted.

In addition, if we issue warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock, subject to certain limitations, the exercise or conversion price per share could be less than net asset value per share at the time of exercise or conversion (including through the operation of anti-dilution protections). Because we would incur expenses in connection with any issuance of such securities, such issuance could result in a dilution of the net asset value per share at the time of exercise or conversion. This dilution would include reduction in net asset value per share as a result of the proportionately greater decrease in the stockholders' interest in our earnings and assets and their voting interest than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance.

Further, if current stockholders of the Company do not purchase any shares to maintain their percentage interest, regardless of whether such offering is above or below the then current net asset value per share, their voting power will be diluted. For additional information and hypothetical examples of these risks, see "Sales of Common Stock Below Net Asset Value" and the prospectus supplement pursuant to which such sale is made.

Your interest in us may be diluted if you do not fully exercise your subscription rights in any rights offering. In addition, if the subscription price is less than our net asset value per share, then you will experience an immediate dilution of the aggregate net asset value of your shares.

In the event we issue subscription rights, stockholders who do not fully exercise their subscription rights should expect that they will, at the completion of a rights offering pursuant to this prospectus, own a smaller proportional interest in us than would otherwise be the case if they fully exercised their rights. We cannot state precisely the amount of any such dilution in share ownership because we do not know at this time what proportion of the shares will be purchased as a result of such rights offering.

In addition, if the subscription price is less than the net asset value per share of our common stock, then our stockholders would experience an immediate dilution of the aggregate net asset value of

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their shares as a result of the offering. The amount of any decrease in net asset value is not predictable because it is not known at this time what the subscription price and net asset value per share will be on the expiration date of a rights offering or what proportion of the shares will be purchased as a result of such rights offering. Such dilution could be substantial. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Offerings Pursuant to this Prospectus The net asset value per share of our common stock may be diluted 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 or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock" and "Sales of Common Stock Below Net Asset Value."

Investors in offerings of our common stock will likely incur immediate dilution upon the closing of such offering.

We generally expect the public offering price of any offering of shares of our common stock to be higher than the book value per share of our outstanding common stock (unless we offer shares pursuant to a rights offering or after obtaining prior approval for such issuance from our stockholders and our independent directors). Accordingly, investors purchasing shares of our common stock in offerings pursuant to this prospectus may pay a price per share that exceeds the tangible book value per share after such offering.

Our stockholders will experience dilution in their ownership percentage if they opt out of our dividend reinvestment plan.

All dividends declared in cash payable to stockholders that are participants in our dividend reinvestment plan are automatically reinvested in shares of our common stock. As a result, our stockholders that opt out of our dividend reinvestment plan will experience dilution in their ownership percentage of our common stock over time.

Our stockholders may experience dilution upon the conversion of the Convertible Unsecured Notes.

The February 2016 Convertible Notes (as defined below) are convertible into shares of our common stock beginning August 15, 2015 or, under certain circumstances, earlier. The June 2016 Convertible Notes (as defined below) are convertible into shares of our common stock beginning on December 15, 2015 or, under certain circumstances, earlier. The 2017 Convertible Notes (as defined below) are convertible into shares of our common stock beginning on September 15, 2016 or, under certain circumstances, earlier. The 2018 Convertible Notes (as defined below) are convertible into shares of our common stock beginning on July 15, 2017 or, under certain circumstances, earlier. The 2019 Convertible Notes (as defined below) are convertible into shares of our common stock beginning on July 15, 2018 or, under certain circumstances, earlier. Upon conversion of the Convertible Unsecured Notes, we have the choice to pay or deliver, as the case may be, at our election, cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock. As of March 31, 2014, the conversion price of the February 2016 Convertible Notes was effectively $18.62 per share of common stock, the conversion price of the June 2016 Convertible Notes was effectively $18.53 per share, the conversion price of the 2017 Convertible Notes was effectively $19.05 per share, the conversion price of the 2018 Convertible Notes was effectively $19.70 per share and the conversion price of the 2019 Convertible Notes was effectively $20.05 per share, in each case taking into account certain de minimis adjustments that will be made on the conversion date and subject to further adjustment in certain circumstances. If we elect to deliver shares of common stock upon a conversion at the time our tangible book value per share exceeds the conversion price in effect at such time, our stockholders may incur dilution. In addition, our stockholders will experience dilution in their ownership percentage of common stock upon our issuance of common stock in connection with the conversion of the Convertible Unsecured Notes and any dividends paid on our common stock will also be paid on shares issued in connection with such conversion after such issuance.

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Our stockholders may receive shares of our common stock as dividends, which could result in adverse tax consequences to them.

In order to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement applicable to RICs, we have the ability to declare a large portion of a dividend in shares of our common stock instead of in cash. As long as a portion of such dividend is paid in cash (which portion could be as low as 20%) and certain requirements are met, the entire distribution would be treated as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, a stockholder would be taxed on 100% of the fair market value of the shares received as part of the dividend on the date a stockholder received it in the same manner as a cash dividend, even though most of the dividend was paid in shares of our common stock.

Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market may have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock.

Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock, or the availability of such common stock for sale (including as a result of the conversion of our Convertible Unsecured Notes into common stock), could adversely affect the prevailing market prices for our common stock. If this occurs and continues, it could impair our ability to raise additional capital through the sale of securities should we desire to do so.

The trading market or market value of our publicly issued debt securities may fluctuate.

Our publicly issued debt securities may or may not have an established trading market. We cannot assure you that a trading market for our publicly issued debt securities will ever develop or be maintained if developed. In addition to our creditworthiness, many factors may materially adversely affect the trading market for, and market value of, our publicly issued debt securities. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

the time remaining to the maturity of these debt securities;

the outstanding principal amount of debt securities with terms identical to these debt securities;

the ratings assigned by national statistical ratings agencies;

the general economic environment;

the supply of debt securities trading in the secondary market, if any;

the redemption or repayment features, if any, of these debt securities;

the level, direction and volatility of market interest rates generally; and

market rates of interest higher or lower than rates borne by the debt securities.

You should also be aware that there may be a limited number of buyers if and when you decide to sell your debt securities. This too may materially adversely affect the market value of the debt securities or the trading market for the debt securities.

Terms relating to redemption may materially adversely affect your return on any debt securities that we may issue.

If your debt securities are redeemable at our option, we may choose to redeem your debt securities at times when prevailing interest rates are lower than the interest rate paid on your debt securities. In addition, if your debt securities are subject to mandatory redemption, we may be required to redeem your debt securities also at times when prevailing interest rates are lower than the interest rate paid on your debt securities. In this circumstance, you may not be able to reinvest the redemption

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proceeds in a comparable security at an effective interest rate as high as your debt securities being redeemed.

Our credit ratings may not reflect all risks of an investment in our debt securities.

Our credit ratings are an assessment by third parties of our ability to pay our obligations. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings will generally affect the market value of our debt securities. Our credit ratings, however, may not reflect the potential impact of risks related to market conditions generally or other factors discussed above on the market value of or trading market for the publicly issued debt securities.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements in this prospectus constitute forward-looking statements, which relate to future events or our future performance or financial condition. The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including statements concerning:

- our, or our portfolio companies', future business, operations, operating results or prospects;
- the return or impact of current and future investments;
- the impact of a protracted decline in the liquidity of credit markets on our business;
- the impact of fluctuations in interest rates on our business;
- the impact of changes in laws or regulations (including the interpretation thereof) governing our operations or the operations of our portfolio companies or the operations of our competitors;
- the valuation of our investments in portfolio companies, particularly those having no liquid trading market;
- our ability to recover unrealized losses;
- market conditions and our ability to access alternative debt markets and additional debt and equity capital;
- our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties;
- the general economy and its impact on the industries in which we invest;
- uncertainty surrounding the financial stability of the U.S. and the EU;
- Middle East turmoil and the potential for rising energy prices and its impact on the industries in which we invest;
- the financial condition of and ability of our current and prospective portfolio companies to achieve their objectives;
- our expected financings and investments;
- our ability to successfully complete and integrate any acquisitions;

the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital;

the timing, form and amount of any dividend distributions;

the timing of cash flows, if any, from the operations of our portfolio companies; and

the ability of our investment adviser to locate suitable investments for us and to monitor and administer our investments.

We use words such as "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "intends," "will," "should," "may" and similar expressions to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements include these words. Our actual results and condition could differ materially from those implied or expressed in the forward-looking statements for any reason, including the factors set forth in "Risk Factors" and the other information included in this prospectus.

We have based the forward-looking statements included in this prospectus on information available to us on the date of this prospectus, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, you are advised

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to consult any additional disclosures that we may make directly to you or through reports that we have filed or in the future may file with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K, registration statements on Form N-2, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

The forward-looking statements in this prospectus are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

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USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of our securities for general corporate purposes, which include investing in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective. We also expect to use the net proceeds of an offering to repay or repurchase outstanding indebtedness, which may include indebtedness (approximately $3.0 billion aggregate principal amount outstanding as of April 30, 2014) under (a) the Revolving Credit Facility (no amounts outstanding as of April 30, 2014), (b) the Revolving Funding Facility (no amounts outstanding as of April 30, 2014), (c) the SMBC Funding Facility (as defined below) (no amounts outstanding as of April 30, 2014), (d) the February 2016 Convertible Notes (approximately $575.0 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of April 30, 2014), (e) the June 2016 Convertible Notes (approximately $230.0 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of April 30, 2014), (f) the 2017 Convertible Notes (approximately $162.5 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of April 30, 2014), (g) the 2018 Convertible Notes (approximately $270.0 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of April 30, 2014), (h) the 2019 Convertible Notes (approximately $300.0 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of April 30, 2014), (i) the 2018 Notes (as defined below) (approximately $750.0 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of April 30, 2014), (j) the February 2022 Notes (as defined below) (approximately $143.8 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of April 30, 2014), (k) the October 2022 Notes (as defined below) (approximately $182.5 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of April 30, 2014), (l) the 2040 Notes (as defined below) (approximately $200.0 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of April 30, 2014) and (m) the 2047 Notes (as defined below) (approximately $229.6 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of April 30, 2014).

Subject to certain exceptions, the interest charged on the indebtedness incurred under the Revolving Credit Facility is based on LIBOR (one-, two-, three- or six-month) plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Credit Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. As of April 30, 2014, one-, two-, three- and six-month LIBOR was 0.15%, 0.19%, 0.22% and 0.32%, respectively. The Revolving Credit Facility matures on May 4, 2019. Subject to certain exceptions, the interest charged on the indebtedness incurred under the Revolving Funding Facility is based on LIBOR plus applicable spreads ranging from 2.25% to 2.50% and ranging from 1.25% to 1.50% over "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Funding Facility), in each case, determined monthly based on the composition of the borrowing base relative to outstanding borrowings under the facility. As of April 30, 2014, the Revolving Funding Facility was scheduled to expire on April 18, 2017 (subject to extension exercisable upon mutual consent). See "Recent Developments" for more information on the Revolving Funding Facility. Subject to certain exceptions, the interest charged on the indebtedness incurred under the SMBC Funding Facility is based on one-month LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the SMBC Funding Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. The SMBC Funding Facility is scheduled to expire on September 14, 2021 (subject to two one- year extension options exercisable upon mutual consent). The interest charged on the Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes is as follows: (a) 5.75% in the case of the February 2016 Convertible Notes, (b) 5.125% in the case of the June 2016 Convertible Notes, (c) 4.875% in the case of the 2017 Convertible Notes, (d) 4.75% in the case of the 2018 Convertible Notes, (e) 4.375% in the case of the 2019 Convertible Notes, (f) 4.875% in the case of the 2018 Notes, (g) 7.00% in the case of the February 2022 Notes, (h) 5.875% in the case of the October 2022 Notes, (i) 7.75% in the case of the 2040 Notes and (j) 6.875% in the case of the 2047 Notes. The February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes mature on February 1, 2016, June 1, 2016, March 15, 2017, January 15, 2018 and January 15, 2019, respectively. The 2018 Notes, February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes, the 2040 Notes and the 2047 Notes mature on November 30, 2018, February 15, 2022, October 1, 2022,

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October 15, 2040 and April 15, 2047, respectively. The supplement to this prospectus relating to an offering may more fully identify the use of the proceeds from such offering.

We anticipate that substantially all of the net proceeds of an offering of securities pursuant to this prospectus and its related prospectus supplement will be used for the above purposes within three months of any such offering, depending on the availability of appropriate investment opportunities consistent with our investment objective, but no longer than within six months of any such offerings.

While our primary focus is to generate current income and capital appreciation through investments in first and second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt and, to a lesser extent, equity securities of eligible portfolio companies, we also may invest up to 30% of our portfolio in non-qualifying assets, as permitted by the Investment Company Act. See "Regulation." Specifically, as part of this 30% basket, we may invest in entities that are not considered "eligible portfolio companies" (as defined in the Investment Company Act), including companies located outside of the United States, entities that are operating pursuant to certain exceptions under the Investment Company Act, and publicly traded entities whose public equity market capitalization exceeds the levels provided for under the Investment Company Act. Pending such investments, we will invest a portion of the net proceeds primarily in cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and other high-quality short-term investments. These securities generally earn yields substantially lower than the income that we anticipate receiving once we are fully invested in accordance with our investment objective. As a result, we may not, for a time, be able to achieve our investment objective and/or we may need to, for a time, decrease the amount of any dividend that we may pay to our stockholders to a level that is substantially lower than the level that we expect to pay when the net proceeds of offerings are fully invested in accordance with our investment objective. If we do not realize yields in excess of our expenses, we may incur operating losses and the market price of our common stock and debt securities may decline. See "Regulation Temporary Investments" for additional information about temporary investments we may make while waiting to make longer-term investments in pursuit of our investment objective.

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PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Our common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "ARCC." Our common stock has historically traded at prices both above and below our net asset value per share. It is not possible to predict whether our common stock will trade at, above or below net asset value. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Offerings Pursuant to this Prospectus Our shares of common stock have traded at a discount from net asset value and may do so again in the future, which could limit our ability to raise additional equity capital."

The following table sets forth, for each fiscal quarter for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012, 2013 and 2014, the net asset value per share of our common stock, the range of high and low closing sales prices of our common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market, the closing sales price as a premium (discount) to net asset value as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market and the dividends or distributions declared by us. On June 24, 2014, the last reported closing sales price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Select Market was $17.10 per share, which represented a premium of approximately 4.1% to the net asset value per share reported by us as of March 31, 2014.

	Net Asset Value(1)	Price Range		High Sales Price Premium (Discount) to Net Asset Value(2)	Low Sales Price Premium (Discount) to Net Asset Value(2)	Cash Dividend Per Share(3)
		High	Low			
Year ended December 31, 2012						
First Quarter	$ 15.47	$ 16.70	$ 15.51	8.0%	0.3%	$ 0.37
Second Quarter	$ 15.51	$ 16.55	$ 14.67	6.7%	(5.4)%	$ 0.37
Third Quarter	$ 15.74	$ 17.68	$ 16.04	12.3%	1.9%	$ 0.43(4)
Fourth Quarter	$ 16.04	$ 17.74	$ 16.08	10.6%	0.2%	$ 0.43(4)
Year ended December 31, 2013						
First Quarter	$ 15.98	$ 18.54	$ 17.66	16.0%	10.5%	$ 0.38
Second Quarter	$ 16.21	$ 18.27	$ 16.42	12.7%	1.3%	$ 0.38
Third Quarter	$ 16.35	$ 18.12	$ 17.03	10.8%	4.2%	$ 0.38
Fourth Quarter	$ 16.46	$ 18.38	$ 17.06	11.7%	3.6%	$ 0.43(4)
Year ended December 31, 2014						
First Quarter	$ 16.42	$ 18.51	$ 17.36	12.7%	5.7%	$ 0.43(4)
Second Quarter (through June 24, 2014)	*	$ 17.66	$ 16.50	*	*	$ 0.38

(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 closing sales prices. The net asset values shown are based on outstanding shares at the end of the relevant quarter.

(2) Calculated as the respective high or low closing sales price less net asset value, divided by net asset value (in each case, as of the applicable quarter).

(3) Represents the dividend or distribution declared in the relevant quarter.

(4) Consists of a quarterly dividend of $0.38 per share and an additional dividend of $0.05 per share.

* Net asset value has not yet been calculated for this period.

We currently intend to pay dividends or make other distributions to our stockholders on a quarterly basis out of assets legally available for distribution. We may also pay additional dividends or make additional distributions to our stockholders from time to time. Our quarterly and additional dividends or distributions, if any, will be determined by our board of directors.

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The following table summarizes our dividends declared and payable for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012, 2013 and 2014:

Date Declared	Record Date	Payment Date	Amount
February 28, 2012	March 15, 2012	March 30, 2012	$ 0.37
May 8, 2012	June 15, 2012	June 29, 2012	$ 0.37
August 7, 2012	September 14, 2012	September 28, 2012	$ 0.38
August 7, 2012	September 14, 2012	September 28, 2012	$ 0.05(1)
November 5, 2012	December 14, 2012	December 28, 2012	$ 0.38
November 5, 2012	December 14, 2012	December 28, 2012	$ 0.05(1)
Total declared and payable for 2012			$ 1.60
February 27, 2013	March 15, 2013	March 29, 2013	$ 0.38
May 7, 2013	June 14, 2013	June 28, 2013	$ 0.38
August 6, 2013	September 16, 2013	September 30, 2013	$ 0.38
November 5, 2013	December 16, 2013	December 31, 2013	$ 0.38
November 5, 2013	December 16, 2013	December 31, 2013	$ 0.05(1)
Total declared and payable for 2013			$ 1.57(2)
November 5, 2013	March 14, 2014	March 28, 2014	$ 0.05(3)
February 26, 2014	March 14, 2014	March 31, 2014	$ 0.38
May 6, 2014	June 16, 2014	June 30, 2014	$ 0.38
Total declared and payable for 2014			$ 0.81

(1) Represents an additional dividend.

(2) Does not include an additional dividend of $0.05 per share, paid on March 28, 2014 to stockholders of record as of March 14, 2014, which was previously declared on November 5, 2013.

(3) Represents an additional dividend, paid on March 28, 2014 to stockholders of record as of March 14, 2014, which was previously declared on November 5, 2013.

Of the $1.57 per share in dividends declared and payable during the year ended December 31, 2013, the entire $1.57 per share was comprised of ordinary income. Of the $1.60 per share in dividends declared and payable during the year ended December 31, 2012, the entire $1.60 per share was comprised of ordinary income.

To maintain our RIC status under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), we must timely distribute an amount equal to at least 90% of our investment company taxable income (as defined by the Code, which generally includes net ordinary income and net short term capital gains) to our stockholders. In addition, we generally will be required to pay an excise tax equal to 4% on certain undistributed income unless we distribute in a timely manner an amount at least equal to the sum of (i) 98% of our ordinary income recognized during a calendar year, (ii) 98.2% of our capital gain net income, as defined by the Code, recognized for the one year period ending October 31st in that calendar year and (iii) any income recognized, but not distributed, in preceding years. The taxable income on which we pay excise tax is generally distributed to our stockholders in the next tax year. Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income for distribution in the following year, and pay any applicable excise tax. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, we recorded an excise tax expense of $2.5 million. For the years

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ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, we recorded an excise tax expense of $10.3 million and $7.9 million, respectively. We cannot assure you that we will achieve results that will permit the payment of any cash distributions. We maintain an "opt out" dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders. As a result, if we declare a cash dividend, stockholders' cash dividends will be automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, unless they specifically "opt out" of the dividend reinvestment plan so as to receive cash dividends. See "Dividend Reinvestment Plan."

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RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009, the ratios of earnings to fixed charges of the Company, computed as set forth below, were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	For the Year Ended December 31, 2013	For the Year Ended December 31, 2012	For the Year Ended December 31, 2011	For the Year Ended December 31, 2010	For the Year Ended December 31, 2009
Earnings to Fixed Charges(1)	3.3	3.9	4.6(2)	3.7(3)	9.8(4)	9.4(5)

For purposes of computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represent net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations plus (or minus) income tax expense (benefit) including excise tax expense plus fixed charges. Fixed charges include interest and credit facility fees expense and amortization of debt issuance costs.

(1) Earnings include net realized and unrealized gains or losses and the capital gains incentive fee expense accrued in accordance with GAAP. Net realized and unrealized gains or losses and the capital gains incentive fee expense accrued in accordance with GAAP can vary substantially from period to period.

Excluding the net realized and unrealized gains or losses and the capital gains incentive fee expense accrued in accordance with GAAP, the earnings to fixed charges ratio would be 3.3 for the three months ended March 31, 2014, 3.7 for the year ended December 31, 2013, 3.7 for the year ended December 31, 2012, 3.6 for the year ended December 31, 2011, 4.0 for the year ended December 31, 2010 and 6.5 for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(2) Earnings for the year ended December 31, 2012 included a net realized loss on the extinguishment of debt of $2.7 million.

(3) Earnings for the year ended December 31, 2011 included a net realized loss on the extinguishment of debt of $19.3 million.

(4) Earnings for the year ended December 31, 2010 included a one-time gain on the acquisition of Allied Capital Corporation (the "Allied Acquisition") of $195.9 million, a net realized loss on the extinguishment of debt of $2.0 million and net realized gain on sale of other assets of $5.9 million.

(5) Earnings for the year ended December 31, 2009, included a net realized gain on the extinguishment of debt of $26.5 million.

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

The information contained in this section should be read in conjunction with the "Selected Condensed Consolidated Financial Data of Ares Capital" and our financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement.

OVERVIEW

We are a specialty finance company that is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company incorporated in Maryland. We have elected to be regulated as a BDC under the Investment Company Act.

We are externally managed by Ares Capital Management, a subsidiary of Ares Management, a publicly traded, leading global asset manager, pursuant to our investment advisory and management agreement. Ares Operations, a subsidiary of Ares Management, provides certain administrative and other services necessary for us to operate.

Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in first lien senior secured loans (including unitranche loans), second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component like warrants.

To a lesser extent, we also make preferred and/or common equity investments, which have generally been non-control equity investments, of less than $20 million (usually in conjunction with a concurrent debt investment). However, we may increase the size or change the nature of these investments.

Since our initial public offering on October 8, 2004 through March 31, 2014, our exited investments resulted in an aggregate cash flow realized internal rate of return (as discussed in more detail in footnote 1 to the last table in Business Investments") to us of approximately 13% (based on original cash invested, net of syndications, of approximately $8.2 billion and total proceeds from such exited investments of approximately $10.0 billion). Approximately 71% of these exited investments resulted in an aggregate cash flow realized internal rate of return to us of 10% or greater.

Additionally, since our initial public offering on October 8, 2004 through March 31, 2014, our realized gains have exceeded our realized losses by approximately $270 million (excluding a one-time gain on the acquisition of Allied Capital and realized gains/losses from the extinguishment of debt and other assets). For this same time period, our average annualized net realized gain rate was approximately 1.1% (excluding a one-time gain on the acquisition of Allied Capital and realized gains/losses from the extinguishment of debt and other assets). Net realized gain/loss rates for a particular period are the amount of net realized gains/losses during such period divided by the average quarterly investments at amortized cost in such period.

Information included herein regarding internal rates of return, realized gains and losses and annualized net realized gain rates since our initial public offering are historical results relating to our past performance and are not necessarily indicative of future results, the achievement of which cannot be assured.

As a BDC, we are required to comply with certain regulatory requirements. For instance, we generally have to invest at least 70% of our total assets in "qualifying assets," including securities and indebtedness of private U.S. companies and certain public U.S. companies, cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less. We also may invest up to 30% of our portfolio in non-qualifying assets, as permitted by the Investment Company Act. See "Regulation." Specifically, as part of this 30% basket, we may invest in entities that are not considered "eligible portfolio companies" (as defined in the Investment Company Act), including companies located outside of the United States, entities that are operating pursuant to certain exceptions under the Investment Company Act, and publicly traded entities whose public equity market capitalization exceeds the levels provided for under the Investment Company Act.

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We have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code, and operate in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. To qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and timely distribute to our stockholders generally at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. Pursuant to this election, we generally will not have to pay U.S. federal corporate-level income taxes on any income that we distribute to our stockholders provided that we satisfy those requirements.

PORTFOLIO AND INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

The Company's investment activity for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 and the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 is presented below (information presented herein is at amortized cost unless otherwise indicated).

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		For the Year Ended December 31,		
(dollar amounts in millions)	**2014**	**2013**	**2013**	**2012**	**2011**
New investment commitments(1):					
New portfolio companies	$ 442.2	$ 90.5	$ 2,148.5	$ 1,794.7	$ 1,778.0
Existing portfolio companies(2)	409.9	323.1	1,854.4	1,402.3	1,896.4
Total new investment commitments	852.1	413.6	4,002.9	3,197.0	3,674.4
Less:					
Investment commitments exited	849.2	221.7	1,840.0	2,614.5	2,603.1
Net investment commitments	$ 2.9	$ 191.9	$ 2,162.9	$ 582.5	$ 1,071.3
Principal amount of investments funded:					
First lien senior secured loans	$ 646.2	$ 180.5	$ 2,000.1	$ 1,908.3	$ 1,973.1
Second lien senior secured loans	14.1	99.0	602.8	733.1	511.1
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP(3)	87.5	21.0	652.5	270.0	496.8
Senior subordinated debt	64.4	51.5	192.0	146.3	51.8
Preferred equity securities	7.7	1.0	1.8		164.1
Other equity securities	6.3	2.1	44.0	103.9	41.2
Commercial real estate					0.9
Total	$ 826.2	$ 355.1	$ 3,493.2	$ 3,161.6	$ 3,239.0
Principal amount of investments sold or repaid:					
First lien senior secured loans	$ 503.9	$ 110.8	$ 885.8	$ 1,455.9	$ 1,320.9
Second lien senior secured loans	127.2	97.8	526.1	331.0	286.6
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP	17.9	14.1	145.2	66.3	
Senior subordinated debt	0.3	0.3	201.0	409.0	463.2
Collateralized loan obligations				55.5	166.3
Preferred equity securities	2.7		26.3	26.2	43.5
Other equity securities	5.2	2.7	16.8	126.0	166.1
Commercial real estate			0.2	13.0	21.6
Total	$ 657.2	$ 225.7	$ 1,801.4	$ 2,482.9	$ 2,468.2
Number of new investment commitments(4)	24	17	95	82	72
Average new investment commitment amount	$ 35.5	$ 24.1	$ 42.1	$ 39.0	$ 51.0
Weighted average term for new investment commitments (in months)	66	70	74	66	63
Percentage of new investment commitments at floating rates	92%	77%	89%	88%	94%
Percentage of new investment commitments at fixed rates	6%	21%	10%	8%	5%
Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities(5):					
Funded during the period at amortized cost	9.3%	8.9%	9.8%	9.9%	10.9%
Funded during the period at fair value(6)	9.3%	8.9%	9.8%	9.9%	10.9%
Exited or repaid during the period at amortized cost	8.7%	9.8%	9.8%	9.7%	10.2%
Exited or repaid during the period at fair value(6)	8.7%	9.9%	9.7%	9.6%	10.1%

(1) New investment commitments include new agreements to fund revolving credit facilities or delayed draw loans.

(2) Includes investment commitments to the SSLP to make co-investments with GE in first lien senior secured loans of middle market companies of $60.7 million and $24.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and $736.6 million, $270.0 million and $496.8 million for

the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

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(3) See "Senior Secured Loan Program" below and Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 for more information on the SSLP.

(4) Number of new investment commitments represents each commitment to a particular portfolio company or a commitment to multiple companies as part of an individual transaction (e.g., the purchase of a portfolio of investments).

(5) "Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities at amortized cost" is computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on accruing debt and other income producing securities, divided by (b) total accruing debt and other income producing securities at amortized cost. "Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities at fair value" is computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on accruing debt and other income producing securities, divided by (b) total accruing debt and other income producing securities at fair value.

(6) Represents fair value for investments in the portfolio as of the most recent prior quarter end, if applicable.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, our investments consisted of the following:

	As of			
	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
(in millions)	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
First lien senior secured loans	$ 3,548.3	$ 3,521.7	$ 3,405.6	$ 3,377.6
Second lien senior secured loans	1,223.4	1,197.2	1,335.8	1,319.2
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP(1)	1,814.8	1,842.0	1,745.2	1,771.4
Senior subordinated debt	429.3	388.0	364.1	323.2
Preferred equity securities	231.4	236.8	226.0	229.0
Other equity securities	457.3	603.1	453.7	600.2
Commercial real estate	7.0	10.8	7.0	12.3
	$ 7,711.5	$ 7,799.6	$ 7,537.4	$ 7,632.9

(1) The proceeds from these certificates were applied to co-investments with GE to fund first lien senior secured loans to 46 and 47 different borrowers as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

The weighted average yields at amortized cost and fair value of the following portions of our portfolio as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were as follows:

	As of			
	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Debt and other income producing securities(1)	10.2%	10.2%	10.4%	10.4%
Total portfolio(2)	9.2%	9.1%	9.4%	9.3%
First lien senior secured loans(2)	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%
Second lien senior secured loans(2)	9.1%	9.3%	9.4%	9.5%
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP(2)(3)	14.5%	14.3%	15.0%	14.8%
Senior subordinated debt(2)	9.7%	10.8%	10.3%	11.6%
Income producing equity securities(2)	10.1%	9.3%	10.1%	9.1%

(1)

"Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities at amortized cost" is computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on accruing debt and other income producing securities, divided by (b) total accruing debt and other income producing securities at amortized cost. "Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities at fair value" is computed as the (a) annual stated

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interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on accruing debt and other income producing securities, divided by (b) total accruing debt and other income producing securities at fair value.

(2) "Weighted average yields at amortized cost" are computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on the relevant accruing debt and other income producing securities, divided by (b) the total relevant investments at amortized cost. "Weighted average yields at fair value" are computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on the relevant accruing debt and other income producing securities, divided by (b) the total relevant investments at fair value.

(3) The proceeds from these certificates were applied to co-investments with GE to fund first lien senior secured loans.

Ares Capital Management, our investment adviser, employs an investment rating system to categorize our investments. In addition to various risk management and monitoring tools, our investment adviser grades the credit risk of all investments on a scale of 1 to 4 no less frequently than quarterly. This system is intended primarily to reflect the underlying risk of a portfolio investment relative to our initial cost basis in respect of such portfolio investment (i.e., at the time of origination or acquisition), although it may also take into account under certain circumstances the performance of the portfolio company's business, the collateral coverage of the investment and other relevant factors. Under this system, investments with a grade of 4 involve the least amount of risk to our initial cost basis. The trends and risk factors for this investment since origination or acquisition are generally favorable, which may include the performance of the portfolio company or a potential exit. Investments graded 3 involve a level of risk to our initial cost basis that is similar to the risk to our initial cost basis at the time of origination or acquisition. This portfolio company is generally performing as expected and the risk factors to our ability to ultimately recoup the cost of our investment are neutral to favorable. All investments or acquired investments in new portfolio companies are initially assessed a grade of 3. Investments graded 2 indicate that the risk to our ability to recoup the initial cost basis of such investment has increased materially since origination or acquisition, including as a result of factors such as declining performance and non-compliance with debt covenants; however, payments are generally not more than 120 days past due. An investment grade of 1 indicates that the risk to our ability to recoup the initial cost basis of such investment has substantially increased since origination or acquisition, and the portfolio company likely has materially declining performance. For debt investments with an investment grade of 1, most or all of the debt covenants are out of compliance and payments are substantially delinquent. For investments graded 1, it is anticipated that we will not recoup our initial cost basis and may realize a substantial loss of our initial cost basis upon exit. For investments graded 1 or 2, our investment adviser enhances its level of scrutiny over the monitoring of such portfolio company. The grade of a portfolio investment may be reduced or increased over time.

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Set forth below is the grade distribution of our portfolio companies as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

	As of							
	March 31, 2014				December 31, 2013			
(dollar amounts in millions)	Fair Value	%	Number of Companies	%	Fair Value	%	Number of Companies	%
Grade 1	$ 56.1	0.7%	6	3.1%	$ 54.6	0.7%	7	3.6%
Grade 2	253.3	3.3%	12	6.1%	256.3	3.4%	12	6.2%
Grade 3	6,497.9	83.3%	162	83.1%	6,636.2	86.9%	162	84.0%
Grade 4	992.3	12.7%	15	7.7%	685.8	9.0%	12	6.2%
	$ 7,799.6	100.0%	195	100.0%	$ 7,632.9	100.0%	193	100.0%

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the weighted average grade of the investments in our portfolio at fair value was 3.1 and 3.0, respectively.

As of March 31, 2014, loans on non-accrual status represented 3.2% and 1.9% of the total investments at amortized cost and at fair value, respectively. As of December 31, 2013, loans on non-accrual status represented 3.1% and 2.1% of the total investments at amortized cost and at fair value, respectively.

Senior Secured Loan Program

We co-invest in first lien senior secured loans of middle market companies with GE through an unconsolidated Delaware limited liability company, the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC (d/b/a "the Senior Secured Loan Program") or the SSLP. The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of ours and GE (with approval from a representative of each required). We provide capital to the SSLP in the form SSLP Certificates.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we and GE had agreed to make $11.0 billion of capital available to the SSLP, of which approximately $8.8 billion and $8.7 billion in aggregate principal amount, respectively, was funded. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we had agreed to make available to the SSLP approximately $2.3 billion, of which approximately $1.8 billion and $1.7 billion in aggregate principal amount, respectively, was funded. Investment of any unfunded amount must be approved by the investment committee of the SSLP as described above.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the SSLP had total assets of $8.9 billion and $8.7 billion, respectively. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, GE's investment in the SSLP consisted of senior notes of $6.8 billion and $6.7 billion, respectively, and SSLP Certificates of $259.3 million and $249.3 million, respectively. The SSLP Certificates are junior in right of payment to the senior notes held by GE. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we and GE owned 87.5% and 12.5%, respectively, of the outstanding SSLP Certificates.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the SSLP portfolio was comprised of all first lien senior secured loans to U.S. middle-market companies. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, one loan was on non-accrual status, representing 1.0% and 1.0%, respectively, of the total loans at principal amount in the SSLP. The portfolio companies in the SSLP are in industries similar to the companies in our portfolio. Additionally, as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the SSLP had commitments to fund various delayed draw investments to certain of its portfolio companies of $282.2 and $510.4 million, respectively, which had been approved by the SSLP investment committee. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we had commitments to co-invest in the SSLP for its portion

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of the SSLP's commitments to fund such delayed draw investments of up to $49.2 million and $85.1 million, respectively.

Below is a summary of the SSLP's portfolio, followed by a listing of the individual first lien senior secured loans in the SSLP's portfolio as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

(dollar amounts in millions)	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
Total first lien senior secured loans(1)	$ 8,753.6	$ 8,664.4
Weighted average yield on first lien senior secured loans(2)	7.1%	7.1%
Number of borrowers in the SSLP	46	47
Largest loan to a single borrower(1)	$ 348.8	$ 321.7
Total of five largest loans to borrowers(1)	$ 1,544.5	$ 1,510.7

(1) At principal amount.

(2) Computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate on accruing first lien senior secured loans, divided by (b) total first lien senior secured loans at principal amount.

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SSLP Loan Portfolio as of March 31, 2014

(dollar amounts in millions) Portfolio Company	Business Description	Maturity Date	Stated Interest Rate(1)	Principal Amount
Access CIG, LLC(2)	Records and information management services provider	10/2017	7.0%	$ 186.0
ADG, LLC	Dental services	9/2019	8.1%	216.9
AMZ Products Merger Corporation	Specialty chemicals manufacturer	12/2018	6.8%	237.0
Argon Medical Devices, Inc.	Manufacturer and marketer of single-use specialty medical devices	4/2018	6.5%	238.6
BECO Holding Company, Inc.(4)	Wholesale distributor of first response fire protection equipment and related parts	12/2017	8.3%	143.4
Brewer Holdings Corp.	Provider of software and technology-enabled content and analytical solutions to insurance brokers	11/2019	7.0%	175.0
Cambridge International, Inc.	Manufacturer of custom designed and engineered metal products	4/2018	8.0%	85.4
CCS Group Holdings, LLC(4)	Correctional facility healthcare operator	4/2017	7.3%	217.4
CH Hold Corp.	Collision repair company	11/2019	5.5%	270.0
Chariot Acquisition, LLC	Distributor and designer of aftermarket golf cart parts and accessories	1/2019	7.8%	141.4
CIBT Holdings, Inc.(4)	Expedited travel document processing services	12/2018	6.8%	180.6
CWD, LLC	Supplier of automotive aftermarket brake parts	6/2016	10.0%	129.3
Drayer Physical Therapy Institute, LLC	Outpatient physical therapy provider	7/2018	7.5%	136.4
Driven Brands, Inc.(2)(4)	Automotive aftermarket car care franchisor	3/2017	6.0%	202.2
ECI Purchaser Company, LLC	Manufacturer of specialized pressure regulators, valves and other control equipment for use with liquefied and compressed gases	12/2019	6.0%	236.7
Excelligence Learning Corporation(4)	Developer, manufacturer and retailer of educational products	8/2018	7.8%	173.6
Fleischmann's Vinegar Company, Inc.	Manufacturer and marketer of industrial vinegar	5/2016	8.0%	74.7
Fox Hill Holdings, LLC(2)	Third party claims administrator on behalf of insurance carriers	6/2018	6.8%	289.5
III US Holdings, LLC	Provider of library automation software and systems	3/2018	7.6%	216.3
Implus Footcare, LLC(4)	Provider of footwear and other accessories	10/2016	9.0%	209.3
Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Inc. & Leeds IV Advisors, Inc.(2)(4)(5)	Private school operator	6/2015		83.7
Intermedix Corporation(3)	Revenue cycle management provider to the emergency healthcare industry	12/2019	5.8%	273.0
iParadigms, LLC	Provider of anti-plagiarism software to the education industry	4/2019	6.5%	163.8
Laborie Medical Technologies Corp(4)	Provider of medical diagnostics products	10/2018	6.8%	113.3
MCH Holdings, Inc.(4)	Healthcare professional provider	1/2020	6.3%	180.0
MWI Holdings, Inc.(2)	Provider of engineered springs, fasteners, and other precision components	3/2019	7.4%	260.9
Noranco Manufacturing (USA) Ltd.	Supplier of complex machined and sheet metal components for the aerospace industry	4/2019	6.8%	160.6
Nordco, Inc.	Designer and manufacturer of railroad maintenance-of-way machinery	8/2019	7.0%	219.4
Oak Parent, Inc.(2)	Manufacturer of athletic apparel	4/2018	7.5%	304.4
Penn Detroit Diesel Allison, LLC	Distributor of new equipment and aftermarket parts to the heavy-duty truck industry	12/2016	9.0%	59.4
PetroChoice Holdings, LLC	Provider of lubrication solutions	1/2017	10.0%	158.3
PODS Funding Corp. II(2)	Storage and warehousing	12/2018	7.1%	348.8
Pregis Corporation, Pregis Intellipack Corp. and Pregis Innovative Packaging Inc.(2)	Provider of highly-customized, tailored protective packaging solutions	3/2017	7.8%	151.2
Protective Industries, Inc. dba Caplugs(2)(4)	Plastic protection products	10/2019	6.8%	277.6

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(dollar amounts in millions) Portfolio Company	Business Description	Maturity Date	Stated Interest Rate(1)	Principal Amount
PSSI Holdings, LLC(2)	Provider of mission-critical outsourced cleaning and sanitation services to the food processing industry	6/2018	6.0%	214.5
Restaurant Technologies, Inc.	Provider of bulk cooking oil management services to the restaurant and fast food service industries	6/2018	7.0%	201.5
Selig Sealing Products, Inc.	Manufacturer of container sealing products for rigid packaging applications	10/2019	6.8%	198.5
Singer Sewing Company	Manufacturer of consumer sewing machines	6/2017	7.3%	196.5
Strategic Partners, Inc.(4)	Supplier of medical uniforms, specialized medical footwear and accessories	8/2018	7.8%	231.5
Talent Partners G.P. and Print Payroll Services, G.P.	Provider of technology-enabled payroll to the advertising industry	10/2017	8.0%	61.2
TecoStar Acquisition Company	Manufacturer of precision complex components for the medical device market and the aerospace and defense market	12/2019	6.4%	118.0
The Teaching Company, LLC and The Teaching Company Holdings, Inc.(2)(4)	Education publications provider	3/2017	9.0%	110.9
Towne Holdings, Inc.	Provider of contracted hospitality services and parking systems	12/2019	6.8%	154.0
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc.(2)	Anesthesiology service provider	12/2019	7.3%	324.2
Universal Services of America, LP	Provider of security officer and guard services	7/2019	6.0%	269.5
WB Merger Sub, Inc.	Importer, distributor and developer of premium wine and spirits	12/2016	9.0%	159.2
				$ 8,753.6

(1) Represents the weighted average annual stated interest rate as of March 31, 2014. All interest rates are payable in cash. For loans on non-accrual status, the stated interest rate is not shown as there is no current yield on such loans.

(2) We also hold a portion of this company's first lien senior secured loan.

(3) We also hold a portion of this company's second lien senior secured loan.

(4) We hold an equity investment in this company.

(5) Loan was on non-accrual status, as determined by the investment committee of the SSLP, as of March 31, 2014.

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SSLP Loan Portfolio as of December 31, 2013

(dollar amounts in millions) Portfolio Company	Business Description	Maturity Date	Stated Interest Rate(1)	Principal Amount	Fair Value(2)
Access CIG, LLC(3)	Records and information management services provider	10/2017	7.0%	$ 186.9	$ 186.9
ADG, LLC	Dental services	9/2019	8.1%	217.5	217.5
AMZ Products Merger Corporation	Specialty chemicals manufacturer	12/2018	6.8%	237.6	237.6
Argon Medical Devices, Inc.	Manufacturer and marketer of single-use specialty medical devices	4/2018	6.5%	239.2	239.2
BECO Holding Company, Inc.(5)	Wholesale distributor of first response fire protection equipment and related parts	12/2017	8.3%	143.4	143.4
Brewer Holdings Corp. and Zywave, Inc.	Provider of software and technology-enabled content and analytical solutions to insurance brokers	11/2019	7.0%	175.5	175.5
Cambridge International, Inc.	Manufacturer of custom designed and engineered metal products	4/2018	8.0%	86.0	86.0
CCS Group Holdings, LLC(5)	Correctional facility healthcare operator	4/2016	8.0%	134.5	134.5
CH Hold Corp.	Collision repair company	11/2019	5.5%	270.0	270.0
Chariot Acquisition, LLC	Distributor and designer of aftermarket golf cart parts and accessories	1/2019	7.8%	142.3	142.3
CIBT Holdings, Inc.(5)	Expedited travel document processing services	12/2018	6.8%	178.9	178.9
CWD, LLC	Supplier of automotive aftermarket brake parts	6/2016	10.0%	130.5	130.5
Drayer Physical Therapy Institute, LLC	Outpatient physical therapy provider	7/2018	7.5%	136.7	136.7
Driven Holdings, LLC(5)	Automotive aftermarket car care franchisor	3/2017	7.0%	159.1	159.1
ECI Purchaser Company, LLC	Manufacturer of equipment to safely control pressurized gases	12/2019	6.0%	209.0	209.0
Excelligence Learning Corporation(5)	Developer, manufacturer and retailer of educational products	8/2018	7.8%	174.0	174.0
Fleischmann's Vinegar Company, Inc.	Manufacturer and marketer of industrial vinegar products	5/2016	8.0%	74.7	74.7
Fox Hill Holdings, LLC(3)	Third party claims administrator on behalf of insurance carriers	6/2018	6.8%	289.5	289.5
III US Holdings, LLC	Provider of library automation software and systems	3/2018	7.6%	194.5	194.5
Implus Footcare, LLC(5)	Provider of footwear and other accessories	10/2016	9.0%	210.3	210.3
Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Inc. & Leeds IV Advisors, Inc.(3)(5)(6)	Private school operator	6/2015		82.4	74.2
Intermedix Corporation(4)	Revenue cycle management provider to the emergency healthcare industry	12/2018	6.3%	321.7	321.7
iParadigms, LLC	Provider of anti-plagiarism software to the education industry	4/2019	6.5%	164.2	164.2
JHP Pharmaceuticals, LLC(5)	Manufacturer of specialty pharmaceutical products	12/2019	6.8%	182.2	182.2
Laborie Medical Technologies Corp(5)	Developer and manufacturer of medical equipment	10/2018	6.8%	113.5	113.5
LJSS Acquisition, Inc.	Fluid power distributor	10/2017	6.8%	159.8	159.8
MWI Holdings, Inc.(3)	Provider of engineered springs, fasteners, and other precision components	3/2019	7.4%	261.6	261.6
Noranco Manufacturing (USA) Ltd.	Supplier of complex machined and sheet metal components for the aerospace industry	4/2019	6.8%	161.1	161.1
Nordco, Inc.	Designer and manufacturer of railroad maintenance-of-way machinery	8/2019	7.0%	224.7	224.7
Oak Parent, Inc.(3)	Manufacturer of athletic apparel	4/2018	7.5%	307.1	307.1
Penn Detroit Diesel Allison, LLC	Distributor of new equipment and aftermarket parts to the heavy-duty truck industry	12/2016	9.0%	59.5	59.5
PetroChoice Holdings, LLC	Provider of lubrication solutions	1/2017	10.0%	158.3	158.3
PODS Funding Corp. II(3)	Storage and warehousing	12/2018	7.0%	314.1	314.1
Pregis Corporation, Pregis Intellipack Corp. and Pregis Innovative Packaging Inc.(3)	Provider of highly-customized, tailored protective packaging solutions	3/2017	7.8%	152.0	152.0
Protective Industries, Inc. dba Caplugs(3)(5)	Plastic protection products	10/2019	6.8%	278.3	278.3

PSSI Holdings, LLC(3)	Provider of mission-critical outsourced cleaning and sanitation services to the food processing industry	6/2018	6.0%	224.4	224.4
Restaurant Technologies, Inc.	Provider of bulk cooking oil management services to the restaurant and fast food service industries	6/2018	7.0%	202.7	202.7
Selig Sealing Products, Inc.	Manufacturer of container sealing products for rigid packaging applications	10/2019	6.8%	209.0	209.0
Singer Sewing Company	Manufacturer of consumer sewing machines	6/2017	7.3%	197.0	197.0
Strategic Partners, Inc.(5)	Supplier of medical uniforms, specialized medical footwear and accessories	8/2018	7.8%	232.1	232.1
Talent Partners G.P. and Print Payroll Services, G.P.	Provider of technology-enabled payroll to the advertising industry	10/2017	8.0%	62.0	62.0
TecoStar Acquisition Company	Manufacturer of precision components for orthopedic medical devices	12/2019	6.4%	118.0	118.0
The Teaching Company, LLC and The Teaching Company Holdings, Inc.(3)(5)	Education publications provider	3/2017	9.0%	111.5	109.3

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(dollar amounts in millions) Portfolio Company	Business Description	Maturity Date	Stated Interest Rate(1)	Principal Amount	Fair Value(2)
Towne Holdings, Inc.	Provider of contracted hospitality services and parking systems	12/2019	6.8%	154.0	154.0
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc.(3)	Anesthesiology service provider	12/2019	6.0%	210.0	210.0
Universal Services of America, LP	Provider of security officer and guard services	7/2019	6.0%	253.9	253.9
WB Merger Sub, Inc.	Importer, distributor and developer of premium wine and spirits	12/2016	9.0%	159.2	159.2
				$ 8,664.4	$ 8,654.0

(1) Represents the weighted average annual stated interest rate as of December 31, 2013. All interest rates are payable in cash. For loans on non-accrual status, the stated interest rate is not shown as there is no current yield on such loans.

(2) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC 820-10. The determination of such fair value is not included in our board of directors valuation process described elsewhere herein.

(3) We also hold a portion of this company's first lien senior secured loan.

(4) We also hold a portion of this company's second lien senior secured loan.

(5) We hold an equity investment in this company.

(6) Loan was on non-accrual status, as determined by the investment committee of the SSLP, as of December 31, 2013.

The amortized cost and fair value of our SSLP Certificates was $1.8 billion and $1.8 billion, respectively, as of March 31, 2014, and $1.7 billion and $1.8 billion, respectively, as of December 31, 2013. The SSLP Certificates pay a weighted average contractual coupon of three month LIBOR plus approximately 8.0% and also entitle the holders thereof to receive a portion of the excess cash flow from the underlying loan portfolio, which may result in a return to the holders of the SSLP Certificates that is greater than both the contractual coupon on the SSLP Certificates as well as the weighted average yield on the SSLP's portfolio of 7.1% and 7.1% at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. Our yield on our investment in the SSLP at amortized cost and fair value was 14.5% and 14.3%, respectively, as of March 31, 2014, and 15.0% and 14.8%, respectively, as of December 31, 2013. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, we earned interest income of $67.7 million and $48.6 million, respectively, from our investment in the SSLP Certificates.

We are also entitled to certain fees in connection with the SSLP. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, in connection with the SSLP, we earned capital structuring service, sourcing and other fees totaling $12.5 million and $7.9 million, respectively.

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Selected financial information for the SSLP as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013 is as follows:

(in millions)	As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2013
Selected Balance Sheet Information:	
Investments in loans receivable, net of discount for loan origination fees	$ 8,601.6
Cash and other assets	$ 142.3
Total assets	$ 8,743.9
Senior notes	$ 6,699.5
Other liabilities	$ 64.2
Total liabilities	$ 6,763.7
Subordinated certificates and members' capital	$ 1,980.2
Total liabilities and members' capital	$ 8,743.9
Selected Statement of Operations Information:	
Total revenues	$ 554.2
Total expenses	$ 296.7
Net income	$ 257.5

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013

Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

(in millions)	For the three months ended March 31, 2014	2013
Total investment income	$ 239.7	$ 195.1
Total expenses	122.0	92.2
Net investment income before income taxes	117.7	102.9
Income tax expense, including excise tax	5.4	3.8
Net investment income	112.3	99.1
Net realized gains	12.1	11.7
Net unrealized losses	(7.4)	(30.4)
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 117.0	$ 80.4

Net income can vary substantially from period to period due to various factors, including acquisitions, the level of new investment commitments, the recognition of realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation and depreciation. As a result, quarterly comparisons of net income may not be meaningful.

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Investment Income

(in millions)	For the three months ended March 31, 2014	2013
Interest income from investments	$ 173.5	$ 144.2
Capital structuring service fees	20.9	6.0
Dividend income	30.7	32.1
Management and other fees	6.0	4.5
Other income	8.6	8.3
Total investment income	$ 239.7	$ 195.1

The increase in interest income from investments for the three months ended March 31, 2014 from the comparable period in 2013 was primarily due an increase in the size of our portfolio, which increased from an average of $5.9 billion at amortized cost for the three months ended March 31, 2013 to an average of $7.6 billion at amortized cost for the comparable period in 2014. The increase in capital structuring fees for the three months ended March 31, 2014 from the comparable period in 2013 was primarily due to the increase in new investment commitments, which increased from $410 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013 to $852 million for the comparable period in 2014, as well as due to the increase in the average capital structuring service fees received on new investments, from 1.5% in 2013 to 2.5% in 2014. The decrease in dividend income for the three months ended March 31, 2014 from the comparable period in 2013 was primarily due to a decrease in additional dividends received from Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P. ("IHAM"). The dividends received from IHAM for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 included additional dividends of $10.0 million and $17.4 million, respectively, that were paid in addition to the quarterly dividends generally paid by IHAM. IHAM paid the additional dividends out of accumulated earnings that had previously been retained by IHAM. Also during the three months ended March 31, 2014, we received $6.6 million in other non-recurring dividends from non-income producing equity securities compared to $0.4 million for the comparable period in 2013.

Operating Expenses

(in millions)	For the three months ended March 31, 2014	2013
Interest and credit facility fees	$ 52.5	$ 39.4
Base management fees	30.1	23.2
Incentive fees related to pre-incentive fee net investment income	28.3	23.8
Incentive fees related to capital gains per GAAP	1.0	(3.8)
Administrative fees	3.7	2.6
Other general and administrative	6.4	7.0
Total expenses	$ 122.0	$ 92.2

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Interest and credit facility fees for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, were comprised of the following:

(in millions)	For the three months ended March 31, 2014	2013
Stated interest expense	$ 41.5	$ 29.9
Facility fees	3.4	2.6
Amortization of debt issuance costs	3.9	3.5
Accretion of discount on notes payable	3.7	3.4
Total interest and credit facility fees expense	$ 52.5	$ 39.4

Stated interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2014 increased from the comparable period in 2013 primarily due to the increase in the average principal amount of debt outstanding, which increased to $3.0 billion as compared to $2.1 billion for the comparable period in 2013.

The increase in base management fees and incentive fees related to pre-incentive fee net investment income for the three months ended March 31, 2014 from the comparable period in 2013 were primarily due to the increase in the size of the portfolio and in the case of incentive fees, the related increase in pre-incentive fee net investment income.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014, the capital gains incentive fee expense accrual calculated in accordance with GAAP was $0.9 million. For the three months ended March 31, 2013 we recorded a reduction of $3.8 million in the capital gains incentive fee expense accrual calculated in accordance with GAAP. The capital gains incentive fee accrued under GAAP includes an accrual related to unrealized capital appreciation, whereas the capital gains incentive fee actually payable under our investment advisory and management agreement does not. There can be no assurance that such unrealized capital appreciation will be realized in the future. The accrual for any capital gains incentive fee under GAAP in a given period may result in an additional expense if such cumulative amount is greater than in the prior period or a reduction of previously recorded expense if such cumulative amount is less than in the prior period. If such cumulative amount is negative, then there is no accrual. As of March 31, 2014, the total capital gains incentive fee accrual calculated in accordance with GAAP was $64.4 million (included in "management and incentive fees payable" in the consolidated balance sheet). However, as of March 31, 2014, there was no capital gains fee actually payable under our investment advisory and management agreement. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 for more information on the base management and incentive fees.

Administrative fees represent fees paid to Ares Operations for our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Ares Operations in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including our allocable portion of the cost of certain of our executive officers and their respective staffs. Other general and administrative expenses include professional fees, rent, insurance, depreciation, director's fees and other costs.

Income Tax Expense, Including Excise Tax

We have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code and operate in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. To qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, timely distribute to our stockholders generally at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. In order to maintain our RIC status, we, among other things,

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have made and intend to continue to make the requisite distributions to our stockholders which will generally relieve us from U.S. federal corporate-level income taxes.

Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year dividend distributions from such current year taxable income into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. To the extent that the we determine that our estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions from such income, we accrue excise tax on estimated excess taxable income as such taxable income is earned. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, we recorded a net expense of $2.5 million and $3.0 million, respectively, for U.S. federal excise tax.

Certain of our consolidated subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, we recorded a tax expense of approximately $2.9 million and $0.8 million, respectively, for these subsidiaries.

Net Realized Gains/Losses

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we had $667.9 million of sales, repayments or exits of investments resulting in $12.0 million of net realized gains. Net realized gains of $12.0 million on investments were comprised of $12.1 million of gross realized gains and $0.1 million of gross realized losses.

The realized gains and losses on investments during the three months ended March 31, 2014 consisted of the following:

(in millions) **Portfolio Company**	**Net Realized Gains (Losses)**
JHP Group Holdings, Inc.	$ 1.9
Orion Foods, LLC	1.6
La Paloma Generating Company, LLC	1.6
Magnacare Holdings, Inc.	1.3
Imperial Capital Group LLC	1.3
Stag-Parkway, Inc.	1.2
Eberle Design, Inc.	1.0
Other, net	2.1
Total, net	$ 12.0

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we purchased $0.4 million aggregate principal amount of the 2047 Notes and as a result of these transactions, we recognized realized losses of $0.1 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we also recognized net realized gains on foreign currency transactions of $0.2 million.

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, we had $235.7 million of sales, repayments or exits of investments resulting in $11.7 million of net realized gains. Net realized gains of $11.7 million on investments were comprised of $11.7 million of gross realized gains and $0.0 million of gross realized losses.

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The realized gains and losses on investments during the three months ended March 31, 2013 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Realized Gains (Losses)
Performant Financial Corporation	$ 8.6
Other, net	3.1
Total, net	$ 11.7

Net Unrealized Gains/Losses

We value our portfolio investments quarterly and the changes in value are recorded as unrealized gains or losses. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, net unrealized gains and losses for our portfolio were comprised of the following:

(in millions)	For the three months ended March 31, 2014	2013
Unrealized appreciation	$ 50.7	$ 31.3
Unrealized depreciation	(48.2)	(56.9)
Net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation reversed related to net realized gains or losses(1)	(9.9)	(4.8)
Total net unrealized losses from investments	$ (7.4)	$ (30.4)

(1) The net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation reversed related to net realized gains or losses represents the unrealized appreciation or depreciation recorded on the related asset at the end of the prior period.

The changes in unrealized appreciation and depreciation during the three months ended March 31, 2014 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	$ 6.9
Campus Management Corp.	3.5
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC	3.4
Orion Foods, LLC	3.3
Ciena Capital LLC	2.0
The Dwyer Group	2.0
OTG Management, LLC	(4.5)
The Step2 Company, LLC	(11.6)
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	(15.4)
Other, net	12.9
Total, net	$ 2.5

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The changes in unrealized appreciation and depreciation during the three months ended March 31, 2013 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Apple & Eve, LLC	$ 3.6
Matrixx Initiatives, Inc.	3.0
La Paloma Generating Company, LLC	2.3
American Broadband Communications, LLC	2.2
Orion Food, LLC	(2.4)
ADF Capital, Inc.	(2.5)
Ciena Capital LLC	(4.1)
CitiPostal Inc.	(5.3)
UL Holding Co., LLC	(6.2)
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	(26.4)
Other, net	10.2
Total, net	$ (25.6)

For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011

Operating results for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 are as follows:

(in millions)	For the Years Ended December 31, 2013	2012	2011
Total investment income	$ 881.7	$ 748.0	$ 634.5
Total expenses	437.2	387.9	344.6
Net investment income before income taxes	444.5	360.1	289.9
Income tax expense, including excise tax	14.1	11.2	7.5
Net investment income	430.4	348.9	282.4
Net realized gains on investments	63.7	46.7	96.6
Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(5.6)	115.3	(40.2)
Realized losses on extinguishment of debt		(2.7)	(19.3)
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 488.5	$ 508.2	$ 319.5

Investment Income

(in millions)	For the Years Ended December 31, 2013	2012	2011
Interest income from investments	$ 647.9	$ 571.5	$ 473.2
Capital structuring service fees	91.7	102.1	97.4
Dividend income	99.6	39.7	38.4
Management and other fees	20.2	18.9	16.7
Other income	22.3	15.8	8.8
Total investment income	$ 881.7	$ 748.0	$ 634.5

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The increase in interest income from investments for the year ended December 31, 2013 from the comparable period in 2012 was primarily due to the increase in the size of the portfolio, which increased from an average of $5.5 billion at amortized cost for the year ended December 31, 2012 to an average of $6.7 billion at amortized cost for the comparable period in 2013. Even though new investment commitments increased from $3.2 billion for the year ended December 31, 2012 to $4.0 billion for the comparable period in 2013, capital structuring service fees decreased for the year ended December 31, 2013 from the comparable period in 2012 primarily due to the decrease in the average capital structuring service fees received on new investments, which decreased from 3.2% in 2012 to 2.3% in 2013.

The increase in dividend income for the year ended December 31, 2013 from the comparable period in 2012 was primarily due to $72.4 million in dividend payments from IHAM for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to $19.9 million for the comparable period in 2012. The dividend income from IHAM for the year ended December 31, 2013 included additional dividends of $32.4 million that were paid in addition to the quarterly dividends generally paid by IHAM. IHAM paid the additional dividends out of accumulated earnings that had previously been retained by IHAM. Also during the year ended December 31, 2013, we received $9.0 million in other non-recurring dividends from non-income producing equity securities compared to $2.2 million for the comparable period in 2012. The increase in other income for the year ended December 31, 2013 from the comparable period in 2012 was primarily attributable to higher amendment fees.

The increase in interest income from investments for the year ended December 31, 2012 from the comparable period in 2011 was primarily due to the increase in the size of the portfolio, which increased from an average of $4.6 billion at amortized cost for the year ended December 31, 2011 to an average of $5.5 billion at amortized cost for the comparable period in 2012. Even though new investment commitments decreased from $3.7 billion for the year ended December 31, 2011 to $3.2 billion for the comparable period in 2012, capital structuring service fees increased for the year ended December 31, 2012 from the comparable period in 2011 primarily due to the increase in the average capital structuring service fees received on new investments, which increased from 2.7% in 2011 to 3.2% in 2012. For the year ended December 31, 2012, dividend income included $19.9 million from the Company's investment in IHAM as compared to $19.0 million for the comparable period in 2011. Also during the year ended December 31, 2012, we received $2.2 million in other non-recurring dividends from non-income producing equity securities compared to $10.5 million for the comparable period in 2011. The increase in other income for the year ended December 31, 2012 from the comparable period in 2011 was primarily attributable to higher amendment, letter of credit and agency fees.

Operating Expenses

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
(in millions)	**2013**	**2012**	**2011**
Interest and credit facility fees	$ 171.5	$ 143.0	$ 122.5
Incentive fees related to pre-incentive fee net investment income	110.5	95.2	79.0
Incentive fees related to capital gains per GAAP	11.6	31.9	33.3
Base management fees	104.9	86.2	71.6
Professional fees	13.6	12.0	16.7
Administrative fees	12.3	9.3	9.5
Other general and administrative	12.8	10.3	12.0
Total operating expenses	$ 437.2	$ 387.9	$ 344.6

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Interest and credit facility fees for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, were comprised of the following:

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
(in millions)	**2013**	**2012**	**2011**
Stated interest expense	$ 136.3	$ 113.1	$ 92.2
Facility fees	8.2	5.5	6.1
Amortization of debt issuance costs	13.2	13.1	13.2
Accretion of discount on notes payable	13.8	11.3	11.0
Total interest and credit facility fees	$ 171.5	$ 143.0	$ 122.5

Stated interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2013 increased from the comparable period in 2012 primarily due to the increase in the average principal amount of debt outstanding and an increase in our weighted average stated interest rate of our debt outstanding. For the year ended December 31, 2013, our average principal debt outstanding was $2.6 billion as compared to $2.2 billion for the comparable period in 2012, and the weighted average stated interest rate on our outstanding debt was 5.3% for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to 5.2% for the comparable period in 2012. The higher weighted average stated interest rate for the year ended December 31, 2013 relates to having borrowed, on a relative basis, less from our lower-cost floating rate revolving debt facilities and having more fixed-rate term debt outstanding.

Stated interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2012 increased from the comparable period in 2011 primarily due to the increase in the average principal amount of debt outstanding and an increase in our weighted average stated interest rate of our debt outstanding. For the year ended December 31, 2012, our average principal debt outstanding was $2.2 billion as compared to $1.8 billion for the comparable period in 2011, and the weighted average stated interest rate on our debt outstanding was 5.2% for the year ended December 31, 2012 as compared to 5.1% for the comparable period in 2011. The higher weighted average stated interest rate for the year ended December 31, 2012 relates to having borrowed, on a relative basis, less from our lower-cost floating rate revolving debt facilities and having more fixed-rate term debt outstanding.

The increase in base management fees and incentive fees related to pre- incentive fee net investment income for the year ended December 31, 2013 from the comparable period in 2012 and for the year ended December 31, 2012 from the comparable period in 2011 were both primarily due to the increase in the size of the portfolio and in the case of incentive fees, the related increase in pre-incentive fee net investment income.

For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 the capital gains incentive fee expense accrual calculated in accordance with GAAP was $11.6 million, $31.9 million and $33.3 million, respectively. As a result of the Capital Gains Amendment, we accrued $26.0 million of capital gains incentive fees in accordance with GAAP for the year ended December 31, 2011 as a result of the application of the Capital Gains Amendment with respect to the assets purchased in the Allied Acquisition. The capital gains incentive fee accrued under GAAP includes an accrual related to unrealized capital appreciation, whereas the Capital Gains Fee actually payable under our investment advisory and management agreement does not. There can be no assurance that such unrealized capital appreciation will be realized in the future. The accrual for any capital gains incentive fee under GAAP in a given period may result in an additional expense if such cumulative amount is greater than in the prior period or a reduction of previously recorded expense if such cumulative amount is less than in the prior period. If such cumulative amount is negative, then there is no accrual. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the total capital gains incentive fee accrual calculated in accordance with GAAP was $80.9 million and $80.8 million, respectively (included in management and incentive fees payable in the

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consolidated balance sheet). However, the Capital Gains Fee actually payable under our investment advisory and management agreement for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was $17.4 million and $11.5 million, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2011 there was no Capital Gains Fee payable under our investment advisory and management agreement.

See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 for more information on the base management and incentive fees.

Professional fees include legal, accounting, valuation and other professional fees incurred related to the management of the Company. The decrease in professional fees for the year ended December 31, 2012 from the comparable period in 2011 primarily resulted from declines in professional fees related to the Allied Acquisition following its completion in 2010 and having substantially completed the integration of Allied Capital by early 2011. Administrative fees represent fees paid to Ares Operations for our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Ares Operations in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including our allocable portion of the cost of certain of our executive officers and their respective staffs. Other general and administrative expenses include rent, insurance, depreciation, director's fees and other costs.

Income Tax Expense, Including Excise Tax

The Company has elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code and operates in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. To qualify as a RIC, the Company must, among other things, timely distribute to its stockholders generally at least 90% of its investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. In order to maintain its RIC status, the Company, among other things, has made and intends to continue to make the requisite distributions to its stockholders which will generally relieve the Company from U.S. federal corporate-level income taxes.

Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year dividend distributions from such current year taxable income into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. To the extent that the Company determines that its estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions from such income, the Company accrues excise tax on estimated excess taxable income as such taxable income is earned. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, we recorded a net expense of $10.3 million, $7.9 million and $6.6 million, respectively, for U.S. federal excise tax.

Certain of our consolidated subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, we recorded a tax expense of approximately $3.8 million, $3.2 million and $0.9 million, respectively, for these subsidiaries.

Net Realized Gains/Losses

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company had $1.8 billion of sales, repayments or exits of investments resulting in $63.7 million of net realized gains. These sales, repayments or exits included $442.3 million of investments sold to IHAM and certain vehicles managed by IHAM. A net realized loss of $0.1 million was recorded on these transactions. See Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 for more detail on IHAM and its managed vehicles. Net realized gains of $63.7 million on investments were comprised of $112.9 million of gross realized gains and $49.2 million of gross realized losses.

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The realized gains and losses on investments during the year ended December 31, 2013 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Realized Gains (Losses)
Passport Health Communications, Inc	$ 19.8
Financial Pacific Company	17.7
Component Hardware Group, Inc.	17.2
Tradesmen International, Inc.	10.0
AWTP, LLC	8.7
Performant Financial Corporation	8.6
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC	7.1
Performance Food Group, Inc.	4.1
eInstruction Corporation	(40.3)
Other, net	10.8
Total	$ 63.7

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company had $2.5 billion of sales, repayments or exits of investments resulting in $46.7 million of net realized gains. These sales, repayments or exits included $256.9 million of investments sold to IHAM and certain vehicles managed by IHAM. A net realized gain of $2.3 million was recorded on these transactions. Net realized gains of $46.7 million on investments were comprised of $172.0 million of gross realized gains and $125.3 million of gross realized losses. Additionally, during the year ended December 31, 2012, in connection with the repayment in full of the $60 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's asset-backed notes (the "CLO Notes") issued under its 2006 debt securitization (the "Debt Securitization") ahead of their scheduled maturities, $2.7 million of unamortized debt issuance costs were expensed and recorded as a realized loss on the extinguishment of debt.

The realized gains and losses on investments during the year ended December 31, 2012 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Realized Gains (Losses)
Reed Group, Ltd.	$ 41.5
Stag-Parkway, Inc.	30.0
R3 Education, Inc. and EIC Acquisitions Corp.	18.3
Savers, Inc. and SAI Acquisition Corporation	15.2
BenefitMall Holdings Inc.	12.5
Things Remembered Inc. and TRM Holdings Corporation	9.6
Sunquest Information Systems, Inc.	9.1
Norwesco	5.7
OTG Management, Inc.	4.0
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates	(5.5)
LVCG Holdings LLC	(6.6)
Direct Buy Holdings, Inc. and Direct Buy Investors, LP	(8.3)
Aquila Binks Forest Development, LLC	(9.5)
Making Memories Wholesale, Inc	(12.3)
Firstlight Financial Corporation	(26.0)
Prommis Solutions, LLC	(46.8)
Other, net	15.8
Total	$ 46.7

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During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company had $2.5 billion of sales, repayments or exits of investments resulting in $96.6 million of net realized gains. These sales, repayments or exits included $261.3 million of investments sold to IHAM or certain vehicles managed by IHAM. A net realized gain of $0.1 million was recorded on these transactions. Net realized gains of $96.6 million on investments were comprised of $249.1 million of gross realized gains and $152.5 million of gross realized losses. Additionally, during the year ended December 31, 2011, in connection with the redemptions of all of the Company's outstanding 6.000% notes due on April 1, 2012 (the "2012 Notes") and all the Company's outstanding 6.625% notes due on July 15, 2011 (the "2011 Notes"), the Company recognized a realized loss on the extinguishment of debt of $19.3 million.

The realized gains and losses on investments during the year ended December 31, 2011 consisted of the following:

(in millions) **Portfolio Company**	**Net Realized Gains (Losses)**
Reflexite Corporation	$ 40.9
DSI Renal, Inc.	27.5
Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund VI, Ltd.	23.9
Industrial Container Services, LLC	19.9
Dryden XVIII Leveraged Loan 2007 Limited	19.3
Penn Detroit Diesel Allison, LLC	18.4
Callidus MAPS CLO Fund I LLC	15.0
Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund VII, Ltd.	10.8
Callidus MAPS CLO Fund II, Ltd.	8.2
Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund IV, Ltd.	8.0
Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund V, Ltd.	5.7
Border Foods, Inc.	5.2
Driven Brands, Inc	4.5
Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund III, Ltd	4.4
Sigma International Group, Inc.	(4.3)
AWTP, LLC	(7.6)
Universal Trailer Corporation	(7.9)
HB&G Building Products, Inc.	(9.1)
Summit Business Media, LLC	(10.1)
Wastequip, Inc.	(10.2)
Coverall North America, Inc.	(12.3)
Primis Marketing Group, Inc.	(14.1)
Cook Inlet Alternative Risk, LLC	(15.7)
Direct Buy Holdings, Inc.	(17.7)
MPBP Holdings, Inc.	(27.7)
Other, net	21.6
Total	$ 96.6

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Net Unrealized Gains/Losses

We value our portfolio investments quarterly and the changes in value are recorded as unrealized gains or losses. Net unrealized gains and losses for the Company's portfolio for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, were comprised of the following:

(in millions)	For the Years Ended December 31, 2013	2012	2011
Unrealized appreciation	$ 106.5	$ 151.0	$ 144.1
Unrealized depreciation	(105.1)	(126.7)	(205.1)
Net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation reversed related to net realized gains or losses(1)	(7.0)	91.0	20.8
Total net unrealized gains (losses) from investments	$ (5.6)	$ 115.3	$ (40.2)

(1) The net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation reversed related to net realized gains or losses represents the unrealized appreciation or depreciation recorded on the related asset at the end of the prior period.

The changes in unrealized appreciation and depreciation during the year ended December 31, 2013 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC	$ 9.8
Orion Foods, LLC	7.0
10th Street, LLC	6.8
American Broadband Communications, LLC	6.6
Imperial Capital Private Opportunities, LP	5.7
OTG Management, LLC	4.5
The Dwyer Group	4.2
Ciena Capital LLC	(7.7)
Competitor Group, Inc.	(9.5)
Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Inc.	(12.6)
UL Holding Co., LLC	(13.2)
CitiPostal Inc.	(13.8)
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	(13.9)
Other, net	27.5
Total (net)	$ 1.4

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The changes in unrealized appreciation and depreciation during the year ended December 31, 2012 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	$ 41.6
ADF Restaurant Group, LLC	12.2
R3 Education, Inc.	6.9
Performant Financial Corporation	6.5
Tradesmen International, Inc.	6.5
AWTP, LLC	6.2
Financial Pacific Company	6.0
ELC Acquisition Corp.	5.1
The Dwyer Group	5.0
Campus Management Corp.	(4.5)
Community Education Centers, Inc	(4.6)
Matrixx Initiatives, Inc.	(4.8)
HCP Acquisition Holdings, LLC	(6.2)
UL Holding Co., LLC	(7.0)
RE Community Holdings II, Inc.	(7.3)
American Broadband Communications, LLC	(8.5)
Orion Foods, LLC	(10.4)
eInstruction Corporation	(16.7)
MVL Group, Inc	(27.9)
Other, net	26.2
Total (net)	$ 24.3

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The changes in unrealized appreciation and depreciation during the year ended December 31, 2011 consisted of the following:

(in millions) Portfolio Company	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	$ 48.9
Firstlight Financial Corporation	15.4
BenefitMall Holdings, Inc.	9.5
Things Remembered Inc	5.5
American Broadband Holding Company	5.3
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	4.9
Savers, Inc.	4.9
The Step2 Company, LLC	(4.5)
Direct Buy Holdings, Inc	(5.6)
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC	(6.3)
Orion Foods, LLC	(6.8)
Making Memories Wholesale, Inc	(7.0)
Reed Group, Ltd	(8.3)
CitiPostal Inc.	(11.0)
Pillar Processing, LLC	(12.6)
Ciena Capital LLC	(27.0)
eInstruction Corporation	(27.9)
Prommis Solutions, LLC	(43.2)
Other, net	4.8
Total (net)	$ (61.0)

FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's liquidity and capital resources are generated primarily from the net proceeds of public offerings of equity and debt securities, advances from the Facilities, net proceeds from the issuance of other securities, including convertible unsecured notes, as well as cash flows from operations.

As of March 31, 2014, we had $146.6 million in cash and cash equivalents and $3.1 billion in total aggregate principal amount of debt outstanding ($3.1 billion at carrying value). Subject to leverage and borrowing base restrictions, we had approximately $2.1 billion available for additional borrowings under the Facilities as of March 31, 2014.

We may from time to time seek to retire or repurchase our common stock through cash purchases, as well as retire, cancel or purchase our outstanding debt through cash purchases and/or exchanges, in open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Such repurchases or exchanges, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual and regulatory restrictions and other factors. The amounts involved may be material. In addition, we may from time to time enter into additional debt facilities, increase the size of existing facilities or issue additional debt securities, including unsecured debt and/or debt securities convertible into common stock. Any such incurrence or issuance would be subject to prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual and regulatory restrictions and other factors. In accordance with the Investment Company Act, with certain limited exceptions, we are only allowed to borrow amounts such that our asset coverage, calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act, is at least 200% after such borrowing. As of March 31, 2014, our asset coverage was 260%.

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Equity Issuances

The following table summarizes the total shares issued and proceeds we received in underwritten public offerings of our common stock net of underwriting and offering costs for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. There were no sales of our equity securities during the three months ended March 31, 2014 and the year ended December 31, 2011.

(in millions, except per share data)	Shares issued	Offering price per share(1)	Proceeds net of underwriting discounts and offering costs
2013			
December 2013 public offering	16.4	$ 17.47	$ 286.0
October 2013 public offering	12.7	$ 16.98	$ 214.3
April 2013 public offering	19.1	$ 17.43	$ 333.2
Total for the year ended December 31, 2013	48.2		$ 833.5
2012			
August 2012 public offering	25.9	$ 16.55	$ 427.6
January 2012 public offering	16.4	$ 15.41	$ 252.4
Total for the year ended December 31, 2012	42.3		$ 680.0

(1) The shares were sold to the underwriters for a price equal to the offering price per share, which the underwriters were then permitted to sell at variable prices.

We used the net proceeds from these public equity offerings in 2013 and 2012 to repay outstanding debt and for general corporate purposes, which include investing in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, our total equity market capitalization was $5.3 billion.

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Debt Capital Activities

Our debt obligations consisted of the following as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

	As of					
	March 31, 2014			December 31, 2013		
(in millions)	Total Aggregate Principal Amount Available/ Outstanding(1)	Principal Amount	Carrying Value	Total Aggregate Principal Amount Available/ Outstanding(1)	Principal Amount	Carrying Value
Revolving Credit Facility	$ 1,170.0(2)	$	$	$ 1,060.0	$	$
Revolving Funding Facility	620.0(3)	100.0	100.0	620.0	185.0	185.0
SMBC Funding Facility	400.0			400.0		
February 2016 Convertible Notes	575.0	575.0	558.5(4)	575.0	575.0	556.5(4)
June 2016 Convertible Notes	230.0	230.0	222.6(4)	230.0	230.0	221.8(4)
2017 Convertible Notes	162.5	162.5	159.5(4)	162.5	162.5	159.2(4)
2018 Convertible Notes	270.0	270.0	264.4(4)	270.0	270.0	264.1(4)
2019 Convertible Notes	300.0	300.0	295.5(4)	300.0	300.0	295.3(4)
2018 Notes	750.0	750.0	750.8(5)	600.0	600.0	596.7(5)
February 2022 Notes	143.8	143.8	143.8	143.8	143.8	143.8
October 2022 Notes	182.5	182.5	182.5	182.5	182.5	182.5
2040 Notes	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
2047 Notes	229.5	229.5	181.1(6)	230.0	230.0	181.4(6)
	$ 5,233.3	$ 3,143.3	$ 3,058.7	$ 4,973.8	$ 3,078.8	$ 2,986.3

(1) Subject to borrowing base and leverage restrictions. Represents the total aggregate amount committed or outstanding, as applicable, under such instrument.

(2) Provides for a feature that allows us, under certain circumstances, to increase the size of the Revolving Credit Facility to a maximum of $1,755.0 million.

(3) Provides for a feature that allows us and Ares Capital CP, under certain circumstances, to increase the size of the Revolving Funding Facility to a maximum of $865.0 million.

(4) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Convertible Unsecured Notes less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the Convertible Unsecured Notes. The total unaccreted discount for the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes was $16.5 million, $7.4 million, $3.0 million, $5.6 million and $4.5 million, respectively, as of March 31, 2014. The total unaccreted discount for the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes was $18.5 million, $8.2 million, $3.3 million, $5.9 million and $4.7 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2013.

(5)

Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the 2018 Notes. The total unamortized premium for the 2018 Notes was $0.8 million as of March 31, 2014. The total unaccreted discount for the 2018 Notes was $3.3 million as of December 31, 2013.

(6)

Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding less the unaccreted purchased discount. The total unaccreted purchased discount for the 2047 Notes was $48.4 million and $48.6 million as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

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The weighted average stated interest rate and weighted average maturity, both on aggregate principal amount, of all our debt outstanding as of March 31, 2014 were 5.4% and 7.6 years, respectively, and as of December 31, 2013 were 5.3% and 7.9 years, respectively.

The ratio of total principal amount of debt outstanding to stockholders' equity as of March 31, 2014 was 0.64:1.00 compared to 0.63:1.00 as of December 31, 2013. The ratio of total carrying value of debt outstanding to stockholders' equity as of March 31, 2014 was 0.62:1.00 compared to 0.61:1.00 as of December 31, 2013.

Revolving Credit Facility

We are party to the Revolving Credit Facility, which as of March 31, 2014 allowed us to borrow up to $1,170 million at any one time outstanding. See "Recent Developments" as well as Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 for more information on the Revolving Credit Facility. The end of the revolving period and the stated maturity date for the Revolving Credit Facility are May 4, 2018 and May 4, 2019, respectively. The Revolving Credit Facility also provides for a feature that allowed us, under certain circumstances, to increase the size of the facility to a maximum of $1,755 million as of March 31, 2014. The interest rate charged on the Revolving Credit Facility is based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Credit Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. Additionally, we are required to pay a commitment fee of 0.375% per annum on any unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility. As of March 31, 2014, there were no amounts outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility and we were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Revolving Credit Facility.

Revolving Funding Facility

Our consolidated subsidiary, Ares Capital CP, is party to the Revolving Funding Facility, which as of March 31, 2014 allowed Ares Capital CP to borrow up to $620 million at any one time outstanding. The Revolving Funding Facility is secured by all of the assets held by, and the membership interest in, Ares Capital CP. As of March 31, 2014, the end of the reinvestment period and the stated maturity date for the Revolving Funding Facility was April 18, 2015 and April 18, 2017, respectively. The Revolving Funding Facility also provides for a feature that allowed, under certain circumstances, for an increase in the size of the facility to a maximum of $865 million as of March 31, 2014. The interest rate charged on the Revolving Funding Facility is one month LIBOR plus an applicable spread ranging from 2.25% to 2.50% over LIBOR and ranging from 1.25% to 1.50% over "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Funding Facility) in each case, determined monthly based on the composition of the borrowing base relative to outstanding borrowings under the facility. Additionally, as of March 31, 2014, Ares Capital CP was required to pay a commitment fee of between 0.50% and 1.75% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the Revolving Funding Facility. As of March 31, 2014, the principal amount outstanding under the Revolving Funding Facility was $100.0 million and we and Ares Capital CP were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Revolving Funding Facility. See "Recent Developments" as well as Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 for more information on the Revolving Funding Facility.

SMBC Funding Facility

Our consolidated subsidiary, Ares Capital JB Funding LLC ("ACJB"), is party to a revolving funding facility (as amended, the "SMBC Funding Facility"), which allows ACJB to borrow up to $400 million at any one time outstanding. The SMBC Funding Facility is secured by all of the assets held by ACJB. The end of the reinvestment period and the stated maturity date for the SMBC Funding Facility are September 14, 2016 and September 14, 2021, respectively. The reinvestment period and the

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stated maturity date are both subject to two one-year extensions by mutual agreement. The interest rate charged on the SMBC Funding Facility is based on one month LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the SMBC Funding Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. Through March 14, 2014, ACJB was required to pay a commitment fee of up to 0.75% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the SMBC Funding Facility. After March 14, 2014, ACJB is required to pay a commitment fee of between 0.35% and 0.875% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the SMBC Funding Facility. As of March 31, 2014, there were no amounts outstanding under the SMBC Funding Facility and we and ACJB were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the SMBC Funding Facility.

Convertible Unsecured Notes

In January 2011, we issued $575 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on February 1, 2016 (the "February 2016 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In March 2011, we issued $230 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on June 1, 2016 (the "June 2016 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In March 2012, we issued $162.5 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on March 15, 2017 (the "2017 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In the fourth quarter of 2012, we issued $270.0 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on January 15, 2018 (the "2018 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In July 2013, we issued $300.0 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on January 15, 2019 (the "2019 Convertible Notes" and together with the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes, the "Convertible Unsecured Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. We do not have the right to redeem the Convertible Unsecured Notes prior to maturity. The February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.750%, 5.125%, 4.875%, 4.750% and 4.375%, respectively, per year, payable semi-annually.

In certain circumstances, the Convertible Unsecured Notes will be convertible into cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, at our election, at their respective conversion rates (listed below as of March 31, 2014) subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments and the requirements of their respective indenture (the "Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures"). Prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding their respective conversion date (listed below), holders may convert their Convertible Unsecured Notes only under certain circumstances set forth in the respective Convertible Unsecured Notes Indenture. On or after their respective conversion dates until the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately preceding their respective maturity date, holders may convert their Convertible Unsecured Notes at any time. In addition, if we engage in certain corporate events as described in their respective Convertible Unsecured Notes Indenture, holders of the Convertible Unsecured Notes may require us to repurchase for cash all or part of the Convertible Unsecured Notes at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Unsecured Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest through, but excluding, the required repurchase date.

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Certain key terms related to the convertible features for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes as of March 31, 2014) are listed below.

	February 2016 Convertible Notes	June 2016 Convertible Notes	2017 Convertible Notes	2018 Convertible Notes	2019 Convertible Notes
Conversion premium	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%	15.0%
Closing stock price at issuance	$16.28	$16.20	$16.46	$16.91	$17.53
Closing stock price date	January 19, 2011	March 22, 2011	March 8, 2012	October 3, 2012	July 15, 2013
Conversion price(1)	$18.62	$18.53	$19.05	$19.70	$20.05
Conversion rate (shares per one thousand dollar principal amount)(1)	53.6914	53.9565	52.5068	50.7591	49.8854
Conversion dates	August 15, 2015	December 15, 2015	September 15, 2016	July 15, 2017	July 15, 2018

(1) Represents conversion price and conversion rate, as applicable, as of March 31, 2014, taking into account certain de minimis adjustments that will be made on the conversion date.

Unsecured Notes

2018 Notes

In November 2013, we issued $600.0 million in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes, which bear interest at a rate of 4.875% per year and mature on November 30, 2018 (the "2018 Notes"). The 2018 Notes require payment of interest semi-annually, and all principal is due upon maturity. These notes are redeemable in whole or in part at any time at our option at a redemption price equal to par plus a "make whole" premium, as determined in the indenture governing the 2018 Notes, and any accrued and unpaid interest.

In January 2014, we issued an additional $150.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Notes at a premium of 102.7% of their principal amount.

February 2022 Notes

In February 2012, we issued $143.8 million in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes, which bear interest at a rate of 7.00% per year and mature on February 15, 2022 (the "February 2022 Notes"). The February 2022 Notes require payment of interest quarterly, and all principal is due upon maturity. These notes are redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at our option on or after February 15, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest.

October 2022 Notes

In September 2012 and October 2012, we issued $182.5 million in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes, which bear interest at a rate of 5.875% per year and mature on October 1, 2022 (the "October 2022 Notes"). The October 2022 Notes require payment of interest quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. These notes are redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at our option on or after October 1, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest.

2040 Notes

In October 2010, we issued $200.0 million in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes which bear interest at a rate of 7.75% and mature on October 15, 2040 (the "2040 Notes"). The 2040 Notes require payment of interest quarterly, and all principal is due upon maturity. These notes are redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at our option on or after October 15, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest.

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2047 Notes

As part of the Allied Acquisition, we assumed $230.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes which bear interest at a rate of 6.875% and mature on April 15, 2047 (the "2047 Notes" and together with the 2018 Notes, the February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes and the 2040 Notes, the "Unsecured Notes"). The 2047 Notes require payment of interest quarterly, and all principal is due upon maturity. These notes are redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at our option, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest.

As of March 31, 2014 we were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures and the indentures governing the Unsecured Notes.

The Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes are our senior unsecured obligations and rank senior in right of payment to our existing and future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes; equal in right of payment to our existing and future unsecured indebtedness that is not expressly subordinated; effectively junior in right of payment to any of our secured indebtedness (including existing unsecured indebtedness that we later secure) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness; and structurally junior to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) incurred by our subsidiaries, financing vehicles or similar facilities. The Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes are not currently senior to any other outstanding debt.

See Note 5 to our consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 for more detail on our debt obligations as of March 31, 2014.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

A summary of the maturities of our principal amounts of debt and other contractual payment obligations as of December 31, 2013 are as follows:

	Payments Due by Period				
(in millions)	**Total**	**Less than 1 year**	**1-3 years**	**3-5 years**	**After 5 years**
Revolving Credit Facility	$	$	$	$	$
Revolving Funding Facility	185.0			185.0	
SMBC Funding Facility					
February 2016 Convertible Notes	575.0		575.0		
June 2016 Convertible Notes	230.0		230.0		
2017 Convertible Notes	162.5			162.5	
2018 Convertible Notes	270.0			270.0	
2019 Convertible Notes	300.0				300.0
2018 Notes	600.0			600.0	
February 2022 Notes	143.8				143.8
October 2022 Notes	182.5				182.5
2040 Notes	200.0				200.0
2047 Notes	230.0				230.0
Operating lease obligations	72.0	7.2	12.0	12.5	40.3
	$ 3,150.8	$ 7.2	$ 817.0	$ 1,230.0	$ 1,096.6

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OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has various commitments to fund investments in its portfolio, as described below.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we had the following commitments to fund various revolving and delayed draw senior secured and subordinated loans, including commitments to fund which are at (or substantially at) our discretion:

	As of	
(in millions)	**March 31, 2014**	**December 31, 2013**
Total revolving and delayed draw commitments	$ 762.4	$ 834.5
Less: funded commitments	(82.8)	(87.1)
Total unfunded commitments	679.6	747.4
Less: commitments substantially at discretion of ours	(6.0)	(16.0)
Less: unavailable commitments due to borrowing base or other covenant restrictions	(1.6)	(1.7)
Total net adjusted unfunded revolving and delayed draw commitments	$ 672.0	$ 729.7

Included within the total revolving and delayed draw commitments as of March 31, 2014 were commitments to issue up to $41.9 million in letters of credit through a financial intermediary on behalf of certain portfolio companies. As of March 31, 2014, we had $16.9 million in letters of credit issued and outstanding under these commitments on behalf of the portfolio companies. In addition to these letters of credit included as a part of the total revolving and delayed draw commitments to portfolio companies, as of March 31, 2014 we also had $5.3 million of letters of credit issued and outstanding on behalf of other portfolio companies. For all these letters of credit issued and outstanding, we would be required to make payments to third parties if the portfolio companies were to default on their related payment obligations. None of these letters of credit issued and outstanding are recorded as a liability on our balance sheet as such letters of credit are considered in the valuation of the investments in the portfolio company. Of these letters of credit, $16.0 million expire in 2014 and $6.2 million expire in 2015.

We also have commitments to co-invest in the SSLP for our portion of the SSLP's commitments to fund delayed draw investments to certain portfolio companies of the SSLP. See "Senior Secured Loan Program" above and Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 for more information.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we were party to subscription agreements to fund equity investments in private equity investment partnerships as follows:

	As of	
(in millions)	**March 31, 2014**	**December 31, 2013**
Total private equity commitments	$ 59.5	$ 59.5
Less: funded private equity commitments	(12.1)	(11.9)
Total unfunded private equity commitments	47.4	47.6
Less: private equity commitments substantially at discretion of ours	(43.2)	(43.2)
Total net adjusted unfunded private equity commitments	$ 4.2	$ 4.4

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In the ordinary course of business, we may sell certain of our investments to third party purchasers. In particular, in connection with the sale of certain controlled portfolio company equity investments (as well as certain other sales), we have, and may continue to do so in the future, agreed to indemnify such purchasers for future liabilities arising from the investments and the related sale transaction. Such indemnification provisions have given rise to liabilities in the past and may do so in the future.

As of March 31, 2014, one of our portfolio companies, Ciena Capital LLC ("Ciena"), had one non-recourse securitization Small Business Administration ("SBA") loan warehouse facility, which has reached its maturity date but remains outstanding. Ciena is working with the providers of the SBA loan warehouse facility with regard to the repayment of that facility. Allied Capital had previously issued a performance guaranty (which Ares Capital succeeded to as a result of the Allied Acquisition) whereby Ares Capital must indemnify the warehouse providers for any damages, losses, liabilities and related costs and expenses that they may incur as a result of Ciena's failure to perform any of its obligations as loan originator, loan seller or loan servicer under the warehouse facility. As of March 31, 2014, there were no known issues or claims with respect to this performance guaranty.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

In May 2014, we and Ares Capital CP entered into an amendment to the Revolving Funding Facility. The amendment, among other things, (1) extended the reinvestment period from April 18, 2015 to May 14, 2017, (2) extended the stated maturity date from April 18, 2017 to May 14, 2019 and (3) reduced the range of commitment fees paid depending on the size of the unused portion of the Revolving Funding Facility from between 0.50% and 1.75% per annum to 0.50% and 1.50% per annum. Commitments under the amended Revolving Funding Facility were reduced from the pre-amendment commitments of $620 million to $540 million.

In May 2014, we increased total commitments under the Revolving Credit Facility by $80 million from $1,170 million to $1,250 million.

From April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014, we made new investment commitments of $303 million, of which $223 million were funded. Of these new commitments, 71% were in first lien senior secured loans, 18% were in second lien senior secured loans, 10% were investments in subordinated certificates of the SSLP to make co-investments with GE in first lien senior secured loans through the SSLP and 1% were in other equity securities. Of the $303 million of new investment commitments, 90% were floating rate, 9% were fixed rate and 1% were non-interest bearing. The weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities funded during the period at amortized cost was 8.6%. We may seek to syndicate a portion of these new investment commitments, although there can be no assurance that we will be able to do so.

From April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014, we exited $401 million of investment commitments. Of these investment commitments, 48% were first lien senior secured loans, 47% were second lien senior secured loans, 3% were investments in subordinated certificates of the SSLP, 1% were senior subordinated loans and 1% were other equity securities. Of the $401 million of exited investment commitments, 98% were floating rate, 1% were fixed rate and 1% were non-interest bearing. The weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities exited or repaid during the period at amortized cost was 8.8%. On the $401 million of investment commitments exited from April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014, we recognized total net realized gains of approximately $3 million.

In addition, as of April 30, 2014, we had an investment backlog and pipeline of approximately $235 million and $475 million, respectively. Investment backlog includes transactions approved by our investment adviser's investment committee and/or for which a formal mandate, letter of intent or a signed commitment have been issued, and therefore we believe are likely to close. Investment pipeline

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includes transactions where due diligence and analysis are in process, but no formal mandate, letter of intent or signed commitment have been issued. The consummation of any of the investments in this backlog and pipeline depends upon, among other things, one or more of the following: satisfactory completion of our due diligence investigation of the prospective portfolio company, our acceptance of the terms and structure of such investment and the execution and delivery of satisfactory transaction documentation. In addition, we may syndicate a portion of these investments and certain of these investments may result in the repayment of existing investments. We cannot assure you that we will make any of these investments or that we will syndicate any portion of these investments.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with GAAP, and include the accounts of ours and our consolidated subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications that, in the opinion of management, are necessary for the fair presentation of the results of the operations and financial condition as of and for the periods presented. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for interim financial information and pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-Q and Articles 6 or 10 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring accruals considered necessary for the fair presentation of financial statements for the interim period presented, have been included. The current period's results of operations will not necessarily be indicative of results that ultimately may be achieved for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include funds from time to time deposited with financial institutions and short-term, liquid investments in a money market fund. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost which approximates fair value.

Concentration of Credit Risk

We place our cash and cash equivalents with financial institutions and, at times, cash held in money market accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit.

Investments

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the amortized cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized gains or losses previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the period, net of recoveries. Unrealized gains or losses primarily reflect the change in investment values, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized gains or losses when gains or losses are realized.

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are typically valued at such market quotations. In order to validate market quotations, we look at a number of factors to determine if the quotations are representative of fair value, including the source and nature of the quotations. Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or whose market prices are not readily available (i.e., substantially all of our investments) are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors, based on, among other things, the input of our investment adviser, audit committee

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and independent third-party valuation firms that have been engaged at the direction of our board of directors to assist in the valuation of each portfolio investment without a readily available market quotation at least once during a trailing 12-month period (with certain de minimis exceptions) and under a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. The valuation process is conducted at the end of each fiscal quarter, and a minimum of 50% of our portfolio at fair value is subject to review by an independent valuation firm each quarter. In addition, our independent registered public accounting firm obtains an understanding of, and performs select procedures relating to, our investment valuation process within the context of performing the integrated audit.

As part of the valuation process, we may take into account the following types of factors, if relevant, in determining the fair value of our investments: the enterprise value of a portfolio company (the entire value of the portfolio company to a market participant, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time), the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flow, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, a comparison of the portfolio company's securities to any similar publicly traded securities, changes in the interest rate environment and the credit markets generally that may affect the price at which similar investments would trade in their principal markets and other relevant factors. When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, we consider the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate our valuation.

Because there is not a readily available market value for most of the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors, as described herein. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments may fluctuate from period to period. Additionally, the fair value of our investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that we may ultimately realize. Further, such investments are generally subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or otherwise are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If we were required to liquidate a portfolio investment in a forced or liquidation sale, we could realize significantly less than the value at which we have recorded it.

In addition, 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 unrealized gains or losses reflected in the valuations currently assigned.

Our board of directors undertakes a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

Our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment in conjunction with our portfolio management team.

Preliminary valuations are reviewed and discussed with our investment adviser's management and investment professionals, and then valuation recommendations are presented to our board of directors.

The audit committee of our board of directors reviews these valuations, as well as the input of third parties, including independent third-party valuation firms, who review a minimum of 50% of our portfolio at fair value.

Our board of directors discusses valuations and ultimately determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio without a readily available market quotation in good faith based on, among other things, the input of our investment adviser, audit committee and, where applicable, independent third-party valuation firms.

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Interest and Dividend Income Recognition

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis and includes the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. Discounts from and premiums to par value on securities purchased are accreted/amortized into interest income over the life of the respective security using the effective yield method. The amortized cost of investments represents the original cost adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, if any.

Loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest payments are past due 30 days or more or when there is reasonable doubt that principal or interest will be collected in full. Accrued and unpaid interest is generally reversed when a loan is placed on non-accrual status. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment regarding collectability. 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. We may make exceptions to this if the loan has sufficient collateral value and is in the process of collection.

Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded as dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are payable by the portfolio company and are expected to be collected. Dividend income on common equity securities is recorded on the record date for private portfolio companies or on the ex-dividend date for publicly traded portfolio companies.

Payment-in-Kind Interest

We have loans in our portfolio that contain PIK provisions. 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 interest income. To maintain our status as a RIC, this non-cash source of income must be paid out to stockholders in the form of dividends even though we have not yet collected the cash.

Capital Structuring Service Fees and Other Income

Our investment adviser seeks to provide assistance to our portfolio companies in connection with our investments and in return we may receive fees for capital structuring services. These fees are generally only available to us as a result of our underlying investments, are normally paid at the closing of the investments, are generally non- recurring and are recognized as revenue when earned upon closing of the investment. The services that our investment adviser provides vary by investment, but generally include reviewing existing credit facilities, arranging bank financing, arranging equity financing, structuring financing from multiple lenders, structuring financing from multiple equity investors, restructuring existing loans, raising equity and debt capital, and providing general financial advice, which concludes upon closing of the investment. Any services of the above nature subsequent to the closing would generally generate a separate fee payable to us. In certain instances where we are invited to participate as a co-lender in a transaction and do not provide significant services in connection with the investment, a portion of loan fees paid to us in such situations will be deferred and amortized over the estimated life of the loan. We may also take a seat on the board of directors of a portfolio company, or observe the meetings of the board of directors without taking a formal seat.

Other income includes fees for asset management, management and consulting services, loan guarantees, commitments, amendments and other services rendered by us to portfolio companies. Such fees are recognized as income when earned or the services are rendered.

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Foreign Currency Translation

Our books and records are maintained in U.S. dollars. Any foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis:

(1) Fair value of investment securities, other assets and liabilities at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the period.

(2) Purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses at the exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions, income or expenses.

Results of operations based on changes in foreign exchange rates are separately disclosed in the statement of operations. Foreign security and currency translations may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies and U.S. government securities. These risks include, but are not limited to, currency fluctuations and revaluations and future adverse political, social and economic developments, which could cause investments in foreign markets to be less liquid and prices more volatile than those of comparable U.S. companies or U.S. government securities.

Accounting for Derivative Instruments

We do not utilize hedge accounting and instead mark our derivatives to market in the consolidated statement of operations.

Equity Offering Expenses

Our offering costs, excluding underwriters' fees, are charged against the proceeds from equity offerings when received.

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs are amortized over the life of the related debt instrument using the straight line method, which closely approximates the effective yield method.

Income Taxes

We have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code and operate in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. To qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, meet certain source-of- income and asset diversification requirements and timely distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. We, among other things, have made and intend to continue to make the requisite distributions to our stockholders, which will generally relieve us from U.S. federal corporate-level income taxes.

Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year dividend distributions from such current year taxable income into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. To the extent that we determine that our estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions, we accrue excise tax, if any, on estimated excess taxable income as such taxable income is earned.

Certain of our consolidated subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal and state corporate-level income taxes.

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Dividends to Common Stockholders

Dividends and distributions to common stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount to be paid out as a dividend is determined by our board of directors each quarter and is generally based upon the earnings estimated by management. Net realized capital gains, if any, are generally distributed, although we may decide to retain such capital gains for investment.

We have adopted a dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of any distributions we declare in cash on behalf of our stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash. As a result, if our board of directors authorizes, and we declare, a cash dividend, then our stockholders who have not "opted out" of our dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, rather than receiving the cash dividend. We intend to use primarily newly issued shares to implement the dividend reinvestment plan (so long as we are trading at a premium to net asset value). If our shares are trading at a significant enough discount to net asset value and we are otherwise permitted under applicable law to purchase such shares, we intend to purchase shares in the open market in connection with our obligations under our dividend reinvestment plan. However, we reserve the right to issue new shares of our common stock in connection with our obligations under the dividend reinvestment plan even if our shares are trading below net asset value.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of actual and contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income or loss and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates include the valuation of investments.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are subject to financial market risks, including changes in interest rates and the valuations of our investment portfolio.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate sensitivity refers to the change in our earnings that may result from changes in the level of interest rates. Because we fund a portion of our investments with borrowings, our net investment income is affected by the difference between the rate at which we invest and the rate at which we borrow. 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. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business We are exposed to risks associated with changes in interest rates."

As of March 31, 2014, 81% of the investments at fair value in our portfolio bore interest at variable rates, 9% bore interest at fixed rates, 8% were non-interest earning and 2% were on non-accrual status. Additionally, for the variable rate investments, 69% of these investments contained interest rate floors (representing 56% of total investments at fair value). The Facilities all bear interest at variable rates with no interest rate floors, while the Unsecured Notes and the Convertible Unsecured Notes bear interest at fixed rates.

We regularly measure our exposure to interest rate risk. We assess interest rate risk and manage our interest rate exposure on an ongoing basis by comparing our interest rate sensitive assets to our interest rate sensitive liabilities. Based on that review, we determine whether or not any hedging transactions are necessary to mitigate exposure to changes in interest rates.

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While hedging activities may mitigate our exposure to adverse fluctuations in interest rates, certain hedging transactions that we may enter into in the future, such as interest rate swap agreements, may also limit our ability to participate in the benefits of lower interest rates with respect to our portfolio investments. In addition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to effectively hedge our interest rate risk.

Based on our March 31, 2014 balance sheet, the following table shows the annual impact on net income of base rate changes in interest rates (considering interest rate floors for variable rate instruments) assuming no changes in our investment and borrowing structure:

(in millions) Basis Point Change	**Interest Income**	**Interest Expense**	**Net Income(1)**
Up 300 basis points	$ 104.9	$ 3.0	$ 101.9
Up 200 basis points	$ 44.6	$ 2.0	$ 42.6
Up 100 basis points	$ (14.1)	$ 1.0	$ (15.1)
Down 100 basis points	$ 6.4	$ (0.2)	$ 6.6
Down 200 basis points	$ 6.4	$ (0.2)	$ 6.6
Down 300 basis points	$ 6.4	$ (0.2)	$ 6.6

(1) Excludes the impact of incentive fees based on pre-incentive fee net investment income. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 for more information on the incentive fee.

Based on our December 31, 2013 balance sheet, the following table shows the annual impact on net income of base rate changes in interest rates (considering interest rate floors for variable rate instruments) assuming no changes in our investment and borrowing structure:

(in millions) Basis Point Change	**Interest Income**	**Interest Expense**	**Net Income(1)**
Up 300 basis points	$ 98.2	$ 5.6	$ 92.6
Up 200 basis points	$ 38.7	$ 3.7	$ 35.0
Up 100 basis points	$ (19.0)	$ 1.9	$ (20.9)
Down 100 basis points	$ 6.3	$ (0.3)	$ 6.6
Down 200 basis points	$ 6.3	$ (0.3)	$ 6.6
Down 300 basis points	$ 6.3	$ (0.3)	$ 6.6

(1) Excludes the impact of incentive fees based on pre-incentive fee net investment income. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 for more information on the incentive fee.

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SENIOR SECURITIES
(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

Information about our senior securities (including preferred stock, debt securities and other indebtedness) is shown in the following tables as of the end of each fiscal year ended December 31 since we commenced operations and as of March 31, 2014. The report of our independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG LLP, on the senior securities table as of December 31, 2013, is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The " " indicates information that the SEC expressly does not require to be disclosed for certain types of senior securities.

Class and Year	Total Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Treasury Securities(1)	Asset Coverage Per Unit(2)	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Unit(3)	Average Market Value Per Unit(4)
Revolving Credit Facility				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$	$	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$	$	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$	$	$	N/A
Fiscal 2011	$ 395,000	$ 2,518	$	N/A
Fiscal 2010	$ 146,000	$ 3,213	$	N/A
Fiscal 2009	$ 474,144	$ 2,298	$	N/A
Fiscal 2008	$ 480,486	$ 2,205	$	N/A
Fiscal 2007	$ 282,528	$ 2,650	$	N/A
Fiscal 2006	$ 193,000	$ 2,638	$	N/A
Fiscal 2005	$	$	$	N/A
Revolving Funding Facility				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$ 100,000	$ 2,602	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 185,000	$ 2,642	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$ 300,000	$ 2,816	$	N/A
Fiscal 2011	$ 463,000	$ 2,518	$	N/A
Fiscal 2010	$ 242,050	$ 3,213	$	N/A
Fiscal 2009	$ 221,569	$ 2,298	$	N/A
Fiscal 2008	$ 114,300	$ 2,205	$	N/A
Fiscal 2007	$ 85,000	$ 2,650	$	N/A
Fiscal 2006	$ 15,000	$ 2,638	$	N/A
Fiscal 2005	$ 18,000	$ 32,645	$	N/A
Fiscal 2004	$ 55,500	$ 3,878	$	N/A
Revolving Funding II Facility				
Fiscal 2009	$	$	$	N/A
SMBC Revolving Funding Facility				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$	$	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$	$	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$	$	$	N/A
Debt Securitization				
Fiscal 2011	$ 77,531	$ 2,518	$	N/A
Fiscal 2010	$ 155,297	$ 3,213	$	N/A
Fiscal 2009	$ 273,752	$ 2,298	$	N/A
Fiscal 2008	$ 314,000	$ 2,205	$	N/A
Fiscal 2007	$ 314,000	$ 2,650	$	N/A
Fiscal 2006	$ 274,000	$ 2,638	$	N/A
February 2016 Convertible Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$ 558,534	$ 2,602	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 556,456	$ 2,642	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$ 548,521	$ 2,816	$	N/A
Fiscal 2011	$ 541,153	$ 2,518	$	N/A

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Class and Year	Total Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Treasury Securities(1)	Asset Coverage Per Unit(2)	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Unit(3)	Average Market Value Per Unit(4)
June 2016 Convertible Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$ 222,577	$ 2,602	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 221,788	$ 2,642	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$ 218,761	$ 2,816	$	N/A
Fiscal 2011	$ 215,931	$ 2,518	$	N/A
2017 Convertible Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$ 159,445	$ 2,602	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 159,220	$ 2,642	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$ 158,312	$ 2,816	$	N/A
2018 Convertible Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$ 264,424	$ 2,602	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 264,097	$ 2,642	$	N/A
Fiscal 2012	$ 262,829	$ 2,816	$	N/A
2019 Convertible Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$ 295,488	$ 2,602	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 295,279	$ 2,642	$	N/A
2011 Notes				
Fiscal 2010	$ 296,258	$ 3,213	$	$ 1,018
2012 Notes				
Fiscal 2010	$ 158,108	$ 3,213	$	$ 1,018
2018 Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$ 750,825	$ 2,602	$	N/A
Fiscal 2013	$ 596,756	$ 2,642	$	N/A
February 2022 Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$ 143,750	$ 2,602	$	$ 1,034
Fiscal 2013	$ 143,750	$ 2,642	$	$ 1,043
Fiscal 2012	$ 143,750	$ 2,816	$	$ 1,035
October 2022 Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$ 182,500	$ 2,602	$	$ 1,002
Fiscal 2013	$ 182,500	$ 2,642	$	$ 993
Fiscal 2012	$ 182,500	$ 2,816		$ 986
2040 Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$ 200,000	$ 2,602	$	$ 1,029
Fiscal 2013	$ 200,000	$ 2,642	$	$ 1,038
Fiscal 2012	$ 200,000	$ 2,816	$	$ 1,041
Fiscal 2011	$ 200,000	$ 2,518	$	$ 984
Fiscal 2010	$ 200,000	$ 3,213	$	$ 952
2047 Notes				
Fiscal 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	$ 181,140	$ 2,602	$	$ 961
Fiscal 2013	$ 181,429	$ 2,642	$	$ 972
Fiscal 2012	$ 181,199	$ 2,816	$	$ 978
Fiscal 2011	$ 180,988	$ 2,518	$	$ 917
Fiscal 2010	$ 180,795	$ 3,213	$	$ 847

(1) Total amount of each class of senior securities outstanding at carrying value at the end of the period presented.

(2) The asset coverage ratio for a class of senior securities representing indebtedness is calculated as our consolidated total assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, divided by total senior securities representing indebtedness. This asset coverage ratio is multiplied by $1,000 to determine the "Asset Coverage Per Unit" (including for the February

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2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes, the 2040 Notes and the 2047 Notes, which were issued in $25 increments).

(3) The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon our involuntary liquidation in preference to any security junior to it.

(4) Not applicable, except for with respect to the 2011 Notes, the 2012 Notes, the February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes, the 2040 Notes and the 2047 Notes, as other senior securities are not registered for public trading on a stock exchange. The average market value per unit for each of the 2011 Notes, the 2012 Notes, the February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes, the 2040 Notes and the 2047 Notes is based on the average daily prices of such notes and is expressed per $1,000 of indebtedness (including for the February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes, the 2040 Notes and the 2047 Notes, which were issued in $25 increments).

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BUSINESS

GENERAL

Ares Capital, a Maryland corporation, is a specialty finance company that is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company. We have elected to be regulated as a BDC under the Investment Company Act. We were founded on April 16, 2004, were initially funded on June 23, 2004 and completed our initial public offering on October 8, 2004. We are one of the largest BDCs with approximately $8.2 billion of total assets as of March 31, 2014.

We are externally managed by our investment adviser, Ares Capital Management, a subsidiary of Ares Management, a publicly traded, leading global asset manager with approximately $77 billion of AUM as of March 31, 2014. Our administrator, Ares Operations, a subsidiary of Ares Management, provides certain administrative and other services necessary for us to operate.

Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in U.S. middle-market companies, where we believe the supply of primary capital is limited and the investment opportunities are most attractive. However, we may from time to time invest in larger or smaller (in particular, for investments in early-stage and/or venture capital-backed) companies. We generally use the term "middle-market" to refer to companies with annual EBITDA between $10 million and $250 million. As used herein, EBITDA represents net income before net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization.

We invest primarily in first lien senior secured loans (including unitranche loans), second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component. First and second lien senior secured loans generally are senior debt instruments that rank ahead of subordinated debt of a given portfolio company. Mezzanine debt is subordinated to senior loans and is generally unsecured. Our investments in corporate borrowers generally range between $30 million and $400 million each, investments in project finance/power generation projects generally range between $10 million and $200 million each and investments in early-stage and/or venture capital-backed companies generally range between $1 million and $25 million each. However, the investment sizes may be more or less than these ranges and may vary based on, among other things, our capital availability, the composition of our portfolio and general micro- and macro-economic factors.

To a lesser extent, we also make preferred and/or common equity investments, which have generally been non-control equity investments of less than $20 million (usually in conjunction with a concurrent debt investment). However, we may increase the size or change the nature of these investments.

The proportion of these types of investments will change over time given our views on, among other things, the economic and credit environment in which we are operating. In connection with our investing activities, we may make commitments with respect to indebtedness or securities of a potential portfolio company substantially in excess of our final investment. In such situations, while we may initially agree to fund up to a certain dollar amount of an investment, we may subsequently syndicate or sell a portion of such amount (including, without limitation, to vehicles managed by our portfolio company, IHAM), such that we are left with a smaller investment than what was reflected in our original commitment. In addition to originating investments, we may also acquire investments in the secondary market (including purchases of a portfolio of investments).

The first and second lien senior secured loans in which we invest generally have stated terms of three to 10 years and the mezzanine debt investments in which we invest generally have stated terms of up to 10 years, but the expected average life of such first and second lien loans and mezzanine debt is generally between three and seven years. However, we may invest in loans and securities with any maturity or duration. The instruments in which we invest typically are not rated by any rating agency, but we believe that if such instruments were rated, they would be below investment grade (rated lower

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than "Baa3" by Moody's Investors Service, lower than "BBB " by Fitch Ratings or lower than "BBB " by Standard & Poor's Rating Services), which, under the guidelines established by these entities, is an indication of having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Bonds that are rated below investment grade are sometimes referred to as "high yield bonds" or "junk bonds." We may invest without limit in debt or other securities of any rating, as well as debt or other securities that have not been rated by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

We believe that our investment adviser, Ares Capital Management, is able to leverage the current investment platform, resources and existing relationships of Ares Management with financial sponsors, financial institutions, hedge funds and other investment firms to provide us with attractive investment opportunities. In addition to deal flow, the Ares investment platform assists our investment adviser in analyzing, structuring and monitoring investments. Ares has been in existence for more than 16 years and its senior partners have an average of over 26 years of experience in leveraged finance, private equity, distressed debt, commercial real estate finance, investment banking and capital markets. The Company has access to Ares' investment professionals and administrative professionals, who provide assistance in accounting, finance, legal, compliance, operations, information technology and investor relations. As of March 31, 2014, Ares had 304 investment professionals and 397 administrative professionals.

We and GE also co-invest in first lien senior secured loans of middle market companies through an unconsolidated vehicle, the SSLP. As of March 31, 2014, the SSLP had available capital of $11.0 billion of which approximately $8.8 billion in aggregate principal amount was funded at March 31, 2014. As of March 31, 2014, we had agreed to make available to the SSLP approximately $2.3 billion, of which approximately $1.8 billion was funded. The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with approval from a representative of each required). As of March 31, 2014, our investment in the SSLP was approximately $1.8 billion at fair value (including unrealized appreciation of $27.2 million), which represented approximately 24% of our total portfolio at fair value. As of March 31, 2014, the SSLP had 46 underlying borrowers. For more information on the SSLP, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Portfolio and Investment Activity Senior Secured Loan Program."

While our primary focus is to generate current income and capital appreciation through investments in first and second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt and, to a lesser extent, equity securities of eligible portfolio companies, we also may invest up to 30% of our portfolio in non-qualifying assets, as permitted by the Investment Company Act. See "Regulation." Specifically, as part of this 30% basket, we may invest in entities that are not considered "eligible portfolio companies" (as defined in the Investment Company Act), including companies located outside of the United States, entities that are operating pursuant to certain exceptions under the Investment Company Act, and publicly traded entities whose public equity market capitalization exceeds the levels provided for under the Investment Company Act.

In the first quarter of 2011, the Staff informally communicated to certain BDCs the Staff's belief that certain entities, which would be classified as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act but for the exception from the definition of "investment company" set forth in Rule 3a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act, could not be treated as eligible portfolio companies (as defined in Section 2(a)(46) under the Investment Company Act) (i.e., not eligible to be included in a BDC's 70% "qualifying assets" basket). Subsequently, in August 2011 the SEC issued the Concept Release, which stated that "[a]s a general matter, the Commission presently does not believe that Rule 3a-7 issuers are the type of small, developing and financially troubled businesses in which the U.S. Congress intended BDCs primarily to invest" and requested comment on whether or not a 3a-7 issuer

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should be considered an "eligible portfolio company." We provided a comment letter in respect of the Concept Release and continue to believe that the language of Section 2(a)(46) of the Investment Company Act permits a BDC to treat as "eligible portfolio companies" entities that rely on the 3a-7 exception. However, given the current uncertainty in this area (including the language in the Concept Release) and subsequent discussions with the Staff, we have, solely for purposes of calculating the composition of our portfolio pursuant to Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act, identified such entities, which include the SSLP, as "non-qualifying assets" should the Staff ultimately disagree with our position.

As of March 31, 2014, our portfolio company, IHAM, which became an SEC-registered investment adviser effective March 30, 2012, managed 13 IHAM Vehicles and served as the sub-manager/sub-servicer for three other IHAM Vehicles. See Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and the year ended December 31, 2013. As of March 31, 2014, IHAM AUM was approximately $2.8 billion. As of March 31, 2014, Ares Capital had invested approximately $171 million (at amortized cost) in IHAM. In connection with IHAM's registration as an SEC-registered investment adviser, on March 30, 2012, we received exemptive relief from the SEC allowing us to, subject to certain conditions, own directly or indirectly up to 100% of IHAM's outstanding equity interests and make additional investments in IHAM once IHAM became an SEC-registered investment adviser. From time to time, IHAM or certain IHAM Vehicles may purchase investments from us or sell investments to us, in each case for a price equal to the fair market value of such investments determined at the time of such transactions.

About Ares

Ares (NYSE:ARES) is a leading global asset manager with approximately $77 billion of assets under management and approximately 700 employees in more than 15 offices in the United States, Europe and Asia as of March 31, 2014. Since its inception in 1997, Ares has adhered to a disciplined investment philosophy that focuses on delivering strong risk-adjusted investment returns throughout market cycles. Ares believes each of its four distinct but complementary investment groups in Tradable Credit, Direct Lending, Private Equity and Real Estate is a market leader based on assets under management and investment performance. Ares was built upon the fundamental principle that each group benefits from being part of the greater whole.

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The following chart shows the structure and various investment strategies of Ares as of March 31, 2014:

(1) AUM refers to the assets of the funds, alternative asset companies and other entities and accounts that are managed or co-managed by Ares (including funds managed by IHAM). It includes drawn and undrawn amounts, including certain amounts that are subject to regulatory leverage restrictions and/or borrowing base restrictions. AUM amounts are as of March 31, 2014 and are unaudited. Certain amounts are preliminary and remain subject to change, and differences may arise due to rounding.

Ares Capital Management

Ares Capital Management, our investment adviser, is served by an origination, investment and portfolio management team of 76 U.S.-based investment professionals as of March 31, 2014 and led by the senior partners of the Ares Direct Lending Group: Michael Arougheti, Kipp deVeer, Mitchell Goldstein and Michael Smith. Ares Capital Management leverages off of Ares' investment platform and benefits from the significant capital markets, trading and research expertise of Ares' investment professionals. Ares Capital Management's investment committee has 12 members, including the senior partners and U.S.-based partners of the Ares Direct Lending Group, senior partners in the Ares Private Equity Group and a senior partner in the Ares Tradable Credit Group.

MARKET OPPORTUNITY

We believe that current market conditions present attractive opportunities for us to invest in middle-market companies, specifically:

We believe that the disruption and volatility in the credit markets between 2008 and 2009 reduced capital available to certain specialty finance companies and other capital providers, causing a reduction in competition. These market conditions may continue to create opportunities to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns.

We believe that many commercial and investment banks have, in recent years, de-emphasized their service and product offerings to middle-market businesses in favor of lending to large corporate clients and managing capital markets transactions. In addition, these lenders may be constrained in their ability to underwrite and hold bank loans and high yield securities for middle-market issuers as they seek to meet existing and future regulatory capital requirements. These factors may result in opportunities for alternative funding sources to middle-market companies and therefore more new-issue market opportunities for us.

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We believe that there is a lack of bank market participants that are willing to hold meaningful amounts of certain middle-market loans. As a result, we believe our ability to minimize syndication risk for a company seeking financing by being able to hold our loans without having to syndicate them is a competitive advantage.

We believe there is a large pool of un-invested private equity capital for middle-market businesses. We expect private equity firms will seek to leverage their investments by combining equity capital with senior secured loans and mezzanine debt from other sources such as us.

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

We believe that we have the following competitive advantages over other capital providers to middle-market companies:

The Ares Platform

As of March 31, 2014, Ares had approximately $77 billion of total AUM in the related asset classes of non-syndicated first and second lien senior secured corporate and commercial real estate loans, syndicated corporate and commercial real estate loans, high yield bonds, corporate and commercial real estate mezzanine debt and private equity. We believe Ares' current investment platform provides a competitive advantage in terms of access to origination and marketing activities and diligence for us. In particular, we believe that the Ares platform provides us with an advantage through its deal flow generation and investment evaluation process. Ares' asset management platform also provides additional market information, company knowledge and industry insight that benefit our investment and due diligence process. Ares' professionals maintain extensive financial sponsor and intermediary relationships, which provide valuable insight and access to transactions and information.

Seasoned Management Team

The investment professionals in the Ares Direct Lending Group and members of our investment adviser's investment committee also have significant experience investing across market cycles. This experience also provides us with a competitive advantage in identifying, originating, investing in and managing a portfolio of investments in middle-market companies.

Broad Origination Strategy

We focus on self-originating most of our investments by pursuing a broad array of investment opportunities in middle-market companies across multiple channels. We also leverage off of the extensive relationships of the broader Ares platform, including relationships with the portfolio companies in the IHAM Vehicles, to identify investment opportunities. We believe that this allows for asset selectivity and that there is a significant relationship between proprietary deal origination and credit performance. We believe that our focus on generating proprietary deal flow and lead investing also gives us greater control over capital structure, deal terms, pricing and documentation and enables us to actively manage our portfolio investments. Moreover, by leading the investment process, we are often able to secure controlling positions in credit tranches, thereby providing additional control in investment outcomes. We also have originated substantial proprietary deal flow from middle-market intermediaries, which often allows us to act as the sole or principal source of institutional capital to the borrower.

Scale and Flexible Transaction Structuring

We believe that being one of the largest BDCs makes us a more desirable and flexible capital provider, especially in competitive markets. We are flexible and have significant experience in

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structuring investments, including the types of investments and the terms associated with such investments. We believe this approach and experience enables our investment adviser to identify attractive investment opportunities throughout economic cycles and across a company's capital structure so we can make investments consistent with our stated investment objective and preserve principal while seeking appropriate risk adjusted returns. In addition, we have the ability to provide "one stop" financing with the ability to invest capital across the balance sheet and syndicate and hold larger investments than many of our competitors. We believe that the ability to underwrite, syndicate and hold larger investments benefits our stockholders by (a) potentially increasing net income and earnings through syndication, (b) increasing originated deal flow flexibility, (c) broadening market relationships and deal flow, (d) allowing us to optimize our portfolio composition and (e) allowing us to provide capital to a broader spectrum of middle-market companies, which we believe currently have limited access to capital from traditional lending sources. In addition, we believe that the ability to provide capital at every level of the balance sheet provides a strong value proposition to middle-market borrowers and our senior debt capabilities provide superior deal origination and relative value analysis capabilities compared to traditional "mezzanine only" lenders.

Experience with and Focus on Middle-Market Companies

Ares has historically focused on investments in middle-market companies and we benefit from this experience. In sourcing and analyzing deals, our investment adviser benefits from Ares' extensive network of relationships focused on middle-market companies, including management teams, members of the investment banking community, private equity groups and other investment firms with whom Ares has had long-term relationships. We believe this network enables us to identify well-positioned prospective portfolio company investments. The Ares Direct Lending Group works closely with Ares' other investment professionals. As of March 31, 2014, Ares oversaw a portfolio of investments in over 1,000 companies, 300 structured assets and approximately 275 properties across over 30 industries, which provides access to an extensive network of relationships and insights into industry trends and the state of the capital markets.

Disciplined Investment Philosophy

In making its investment decisions, our investment adviser has adopted Ares' long-standing, consistent, credit-based investment approach that was developed over 16 years ago by its founders. Specifically, our investment adviser's investment philosophy, portfolio construction and portfolio management involve an assessment of the overall macroeconomic environment and financial markets and company-specific research and analysis. Its investment approach emphasizes capital preservation, low volatility and minimization of downside risk. In addition to engaging in extensive due diligence from the perspective of a long-term investor, our investment adviser's approach seeks to reduce risk in investments by focusing on:

businesses with strong franchises and sustainable competitive advantages;

industries with positive long-term dynamics;

businesses and industries with cash flows that are dependable and predictable;

management teams with demonstrated track records and appropriate economic incentives;

rates of return commensurate with the perceived risks;

securities or investments that are structured with appropriate terms and covenants; and

businesses backed by experienced private equity sponsors.

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Extensive Industry Focus

We seek to concentrate our investing activities in industries with a history of predictable and dependable cash flows and in which the Ares investment professionals have had extensive investment experience. Ares investment professionals have developed long-term relationships with management teams and management consultants in over 30 industries, and have accumulated substantial information and identified potential trends within these industries. In turn, we benefit from these relationships, information and identification of potential trends in making investments.

OPERATING AND REGULATORY STRUCTURE

Our investment activities are managed by Ares Capital Management, which is a subsidiary of Ares, and supervised by our board of directors, a majority of whom are independent of Ares and its affiliates. Ares Capital Management is registered under the Advisers Act. Under our investment advisory and management agreement, we have agreed to pay Ares Capital Management base management fees based on our total assets, as defined under the Investment Company Act (other than cash and cash equivalents, but including assets purchased with borrowed funds), income based fees and the Capital Gains Fee. See "Management Investment Advisory and Management Agreement." Ares Operations provides us with certain administrative and other services necessary for us to operate pursuant to our administration agreement. See "Management Administration Agreement."

As a BDC, we are required to comply with certain regulatory requirements. For example, we are not generally permitted to invest in any portfolio company in which a fund managed by Ares or any of its downstream affiliates (other than us and our downstream affiliates) currently has an investment. However, we may co-invest on a concurrent basis with funds managed by Ares or any of its downstream affiliates, subject to compliance with existing regulatory guidance, applicable regulations and our allocation procedures. Certain types of co-investment transactions would only be permitted pursuant to an exemptive order from the SEC, for which we have applied. Any such order will be subject to certain terms and conditions. Further there is no assurance that this application for exemptive relief will be granted by the SEC.

Also, while we may borrow funds to make investments, our ability to use debt is limited in certain significant aspects. In particular, BDCs must have at least 200% asset coverage calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act in order to incur debt or issue preferred stock (which we refer to collectively as "senior securities"), which requires us to finance our investments with at least as much equity as senior securities in the aggregate. Certain of our credit facilities also require that we maintain asset coverage of at least 200%.

In addition, as a consequence of our being a RIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as well as our status as a BDC, our asset growth is dependent on our ability to raise equity capital through the issuance of common stock. RICs generally must distribute substantially all of their earnings to stockholders as dividends in order to preserve their status as a RIC and not be subject to additional corporate-level income taxes. This requirement, in turn, generally prevents us from using earnings to support our operations including making new investments.

MARKET CONDITIONS

From time to time, capital markets may experience periods of disruption and instability. For example, between 2008 and 2009, the global financial markets experienced stress, volatility, instability, illiquidity and disruption, and as a result, during this time the availability of capital and access to capital markets was limited. While market conditions have experienced relative stability in recent years, there have been continuing periods of volatility and there can be no assurances that adverse market conditions will not repeat themselves in the future. If they do, we could face difficulty raising new capital on attractive terms. Consequently, our operating strategy could be materially and adversely

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affected. As the global liquidity situation and market conditions evolve, we will continue to monitor and adjust our approach to funding accordingly. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business The capital markets may experience periods of disruption and instability. Such market conditions may materially and adversely affect debt and equity capital markets in the United States, which may have a negative impact on our business and operations."

In connection with the prior depressed market conditions of the general economy during the period between 2008 and 2009, the stocks of BDCs as an industry traded at near historic lows as a result of concerns over liquidity, credit quality, leverage restrictions and distribution requirements. In some cases, certain BDCs became "forced sellers" of assets, defaulted on their indebtedness, decreased their distributions to stockholders or announced share repurchase programs. Although we believe that we currently have sufficient capital to fund our investments and operations, if such adverse market conditions repeat themselves, we cannot assure you that the market pressures we may face in the future will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

INVESTMENTS

Ares Capital Corporation Portfolio

We have built an investment portfolio of primarily first and second lien senior secured loans, mezzanine debt and, to a lesser extent, equity investments in private middle-market companies. Our portfolio is well diversified by industry sector and its concentration to any single issuer is limited. Our largest investment as of March 31, 2014 was in the subordinated certificates of the SSLP. The SSLP consists of a diverse portfolio of first lien senior secured loans to 46 different borrowers as of March 31, 2014 and the portfolio companies in the SSLP are in industries similar to the companies in Ares Capital's portfolio. Our investment in the SSLP represented approximately 24% of our portfolio at fair value as of March 31, 2014.

Our debt investments in corporate borrowers generally range between $30 million and $400 million each, investments in project finance/power generation projects generally range between $10 million and $200 million each and investments in early-stage and/or venture capital-backed companies generally range between $1 million and $25 million each. However, the sizes of our investments may be more or less than these ranges and may vary based on, among other things, our capital availability, the composition of our portfolio and general micro- and macro-economic factors.

Our preferred and/or common equity investments have generally been non-control equity investments of less than $20 million (usually in conjunction with a concurrent debt investment). However, we may increase the size or change the nature of these investments.

In addition, the proportion of these types of investments will change over time given our views on, among other things, the economic and credit environment in which we are operating. In connection with our investing activities, we may make commitments with respect to indebtedness or securities of a potential portfolio company substantially in excess of our expected final hold size. In such situations, while we may initially agree to fund up to a certain dollar amount of an investment, we may subsequently syndicate a portion of such amount such that we are left with a smaller investment than what was reflected in our original commitment. We may also syndicate a "first out" tranche of a loan to an investor and retain a "last out" tranche of such loan, in which case the "first out" tranche of such loan will generally receive priority with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder. In addition to originating investments, we may also acquire investments in the secondary market (including purchases of a portfolio of investments).

We make senior secured loans primarily in the form of first lien loans (including unitranche loans) and second lien loans. Our senior secured loans generally have terms of three to 10 years. In connection with our senior secured loans we generally receive a security interest in certain of the assets

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of the borrower and consequently such assets serve as collateral in support of the repayment of such senior secured loans. Senior secured loans are generally exposed to the least amount of credit risk because they typically hold a senior position with respect to scheduled interest and principal payments and security interests in assets of the borrower. However, unlike mezzanine debt, senior secured loans typically do not receive any stock, warrants to purchase stock or other yield enhancements. Senior secured loans may include both revolving lines of credit and term loans.

Structurally, mezzanine debt usually ranks subordinate in priority of payment to senior secured loans and is often unsecured. However, mezzanine debt ranks senior to common and preferred equity in a borrowers' capital structure. Mezzanine debt investments generally offer lenders fixed returns in the form of interest payments and will often provide lenders an opportunity to participate in the capital appreciation of a borrower, if any, through an equity interest. This equity interest typically takes the form of an equity co-investment and/or warrants. Due to its higher risk profile and often less restrictive covenants as compared to senior secured loans, mezzanine debt generally bears a higher stated interest rate than senior secured loans. The equity co- investment and warrants (if any) associated with a mezzanine debt investment typically allow lenders to receive repayment of their principal on an agreed amortization schedule while retaining their equity interest in the borrower. Equity issued in connection with mezzanine debt also may include a "put" feature, which permits the holder to sell its equity interest back to the borrower at a price determined through an agreed formula.

In making an equity investment, in addition to considering the factors discussed below under " Investment Selection," we also consider the anticipated timing of a liquidity event, such as a public offering, sale of the company or redemption of our equity securities.

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We generally seek to invest in companies in the industries in which Ares' investment professionals have direct expertise. The following is a representative list of the industries in which we have invested:

Aerospace and Defense

Automotive Services

Business Services

Consumer Products

Containers and Packaging

Education

Energy

Environmental Services

Financial Services

Food and Beverage

Healthcare Services

Investment Funds and Vehicles

Manufacturing

Oil and Gas

Other Services

Restaurant and Food Services

Retail

Telecommunications

However, we may invest in other industries if we are presented with attractive opportunities.

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The industrial and geographic compositions of our portfolio at fair value as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were as follows:

	As of	
Industry	**March 31, 2014**	**December 31, 2013**
Investment Funds and Vehicles(1)	24.0%	23.7%
Healthcare Services	14.9	15.4
Business Services	8.8	9.2
Other Services	8.6	7.5
Education	6.6	6.7
Energy	5.4	5.4
Financial Services	4.8	5.1
Consumer Products	4.7	3.5
Restaurants and Food Services	4.0	5.2
Manufacturing	3.6	3.3
Containers and Packaging	3.3	3.3
Automotive Services	2.9	2.9
Retail	1.6	1.6
Chemicals	1.4	1.4
Aerospace and Defense	1.3	1.4
Other	4.1	4.4
Total	100.0%	100.0%

(1) Includes the Company's investment in the SSLP, which had made first lien senior secured loans to 46 and 47 different borrowers as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. The portfolio companies in the SSLP are in industries similar to the companies in the Company's portfolio.

	As of	
Geographic Region	**March 31, 2014**	**December 31, 2013**
West(1)	52.0%	50.0%
Midwest	16.5	15.8
Southeast	13.7	13.6
Mid Atlantic	13.6	15.9
International	2.0	3.7
Northeast	2.2	1.0
Total	100.0%	100.0%

(1) Includes the Company's investment in the SSLP, which represented 23.6% and 23.2% of the total investment portfolio at fair value as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

Since our initial public offering on October 8, 2004 through March 31, 2014, our exited investments resulted in an aggregate cash flow realized internal rate of return (as discussed in more detail in footnote 1 to the table below) to us of approximately 13% (based on original cash invested, net of syndications, of approximately $8.2 billion and total proceeds from such exited investments of approximately $10.0 billion).

Approximately 71% of these exited investments resulted in an aggregate cash flow realized internal rate of return to us of 10% or greater.

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The aggregate cash flow realized internal rate of return, original cash invested, net of syndications, and total proceeds, in each case from exited investments, are listed below from our initial public offering on October 8, 2004 through the end of each period shown below.

	Exited Investments IPO through										
(dollar amounts in millions)	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2006	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2004
Realized internal rate of return(1)	13%	13%	13%	14%	15%	14%	19%	21%	26%	41%	17%
Original cash invested, net of syndications.	$ 8,169	$ 7,717	$ 6,817	$ 4,638	$ 2,696	$ 1,220	$ 923	$ 684	$ 424	$ 119	$ 28
Total proceeds	$ 10,004	$ 9,445	$ 8,264	$ 5,627	$ 3,256	$ 1,405	$ 1,104	$ 818	$ 511	$ 140	$ 32

(1) Internal rate of return is the discount rate that makes the net present value of all cash flows related to a particular investment equal to zero. Internal rate of return is gross of expenses related to investments as these expenses are not allocable to specific investments. Investments are considered to be exited when the original investment objective has been achieved through the receipt of cash and/or non-cash consideration upon the repayment of a debt investment or sale of an investment or through the determination that no further consideration was collectible and, thus, a loss may have been realized.

Additionally, since our initial public offering on October 8, 2004 through March 31, 2014, our realized gains have exceeded our realized losses by approximately $270 million (excluding a one-time gain on the Allied Acquisition and realized gains/losses from the extinguishment of debt and other assets). For the same time period, our average annualized net realized gain rate was approximately 1.1% (excluding a one-time gain on the Allied Acquisition and realized gains/losses from the extinguishment of debt and from other assets). Net realized gain/loss rates for a particular period are the amount of net realized gains/losses during such period divided by the average quarterly investments at amortized cost in such period.

Information included herein regarding internal rates of return, realized gains and losses and annualized net realized gain rates since our initial public offering are historical results relating to our past performance and are not necessarily indicative of future results, the achievement of which cannot be assured.

INVESTMENT SELECTION

Ares' investment philosophy was developed over the past 16 years and has remained consistent and relevant throughout a number of economic cycles. We are managed using a similar investment philosophy used by the investment professionals of Ares in Ares' investment funds.

This investment philosophy involves, among other things:

- an assessment of the overall macroeconomic environment and financial markets and how such assessment may impact industry and asset selection;
- company-specific research and analysis; and
- with respect to each individual company, an emphasis on capital preservation, low volatility and minimization of downside risk.

The foundation of Ares' investment philosophy is intensive credit investment analysis, a portfolio management discipline based on both market technicals and fundamental value-oriented research, and diversification strategy. We follow a rigorous investment process based on:

- a comprehensive analysis of issuer creditworthiness, including a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the issuer's business;
- an evaluation of management and its economic incentives;

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an analysis of business strategy and industry trends; and

an in-depth examination of capital structure, financial results and projections.

We seek to identify those companies exhibiting superior fundamental risk-reward profiles and strong defensible business franchises while focusing on the relative value of the investment across the industry as well as for the specific company.

Intensive Due Diligence

The process through which an investment decision is made involves extensive research into the target company, its industry, its growth prospects and its ability to withstand adverse conditions. If the senior investment professional responsible for the transaction determines that an investment opportunity should be pursued, we will engage in an intensive due diligence process. Approximately 30-40% of the investments initially reviewed by us proceed to this phase. Though each transaction will involve a somewhat different approach, the regular due diligence steps generally undertaken include:

meeting with the target company's management to get an insider's view of the business, and to probe for potential weaknesses in business prospects;

checking management's backgrounds and references;

performing a detailed review of historical financial performance, including performance through various economic cycles, and the quality of earnings;

visiting headquarters and company operations and meeting with top and middle-level executives;

contacting customers and vendors to assess both business prospects and standard practices;

conducting a competitive analysis, and comparing the issuer to its main competitors on an operating, financial, market share and valuation basis;

researching the industry for historic growth trends and future prospects as well as to identify future exit alternatives (including available Wall Street research, industry association literature and general news);

assessing asset value and the ability of physical infrastructure and information systems to handle anticipated growth; and

investigating legal risks and financial and accounting systems.

Selective Investment Process

After an investment has been identified and preliminary diligence has been completed, a credit research and analysis report is prepared. This report is reviewed by the senior investment professional in charge of the potential investment. If such senior and other investment professionals are in favor of the potential investment, then it is first presented to an underwriting committee, which is comprised of senior members of the Ares Direct Lending Group.

After the investment is approved by the underwriting committee, a more extensive due diligence process is employed by the transaction team. Additional due diligence with respect to any investment may be conducted on our behalf by attorneys, independent accountants, and other

third party consultants and research firms prior to the closing of the investment, as appropriate on a case-by-case basis. Approximately 7-10% of all investments initially reviewed by us will be presented to

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the investment committee. Approval of an investment for funding requires the approval of the majority of the investment committee of Ares Capital Management, although unanimous consent is sought.

Issuance of Formal Commitment

Once we have determined that a prospective portfolio company is suitable for investment, we work with the management and/or sponsor of that company and its other capital providers, including senior, junior and equity capital providers, if any, to finalize the structure of the investment. Approximately 5-7% of the investments initially reviewed by us eventually result in the issuance of formal commitments and the closing of such transactions.

Debt Investments

We invest in portfolio companies primarily in the form of first lien senior secured loans (including unitranche loans), second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt. The first and second lien senior secured loans generally have terms of three to 10 years. In connection with our first and second lien senior secured loans we generally receive security interests in certain assets of our portfolio companies that will serve as collateral in support of the repayment of such loans. First and second lien senior secured loans generally have floating interest rates, which may have LIBOR floors, and also may provide for some amortization of principal and excess cash flow payments, with the remaining principal balance due at maturity.

We structure our mezzanine investments primarily as unsecured subordinated loans that provide for relatively high fixed interest rates that provide us with significant current interest income. The mezzanine debt investments generally have terms of up to 10 years. These loans typically have interest-only payments, with amortization of principal, if any, deferred to the later years of the mezzanine investment. In some cases, we may enter into loans that, by their terms, convert into equity or additional debt or defer payments of interest (or at least cash interest) for the first few years after our investment. Also, in some cases our mezzanine debt will be secured by a subordinated lien on some or all of the assets of the borrower.

In some cases, our debt investments may provide for a portion of the interest payable to be PIK interest. To the extent interest is PIK, it will be payable through the increase of the principal amount of the loan by the amount of interest due on the then-outstanding aggregate principal amount of such loan.

In the case of our first and second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt, we tailor the terms of the investment to the facts and circumstances of the transaction and the prospective portfolio company, negotiating a structure that aims to protect our rights and manage our risk while creating incentives for the portfolio company to achieve its business plan and improve its profitability. For example, in addition to seeking a senior position in the capital structure of our portfolio companies, we will seek, where appropriate, to limit the downside potential of our investments by:

- targeting a total return on our investments (including both interest and potential equity appreciation) that compensates us for credit risk;
- incorporating "put" rights, call protection and LIBOR floors for floating rate loans, into the investment structure; and
- negotiating covenants in connection with our investments that afford our portfolio companies as much flexibility in managing their businesses as possible, consistent with preservation of our capital. Such restrictions may include affirmative and negative covenants, default penalties, lien protection, change of control provisions and board rights, including either observation or participation rights.

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We generally require financial covenants and terms that require an issuer to reduce leverage, thereby enhancing credit quality. These methods include: (a) maintenance leverage covenants requiring a decreasing ratio of indebtedness to cash flow over time, (b) maintenance cash flow covenants requiring an increasing ratio of cash flow to the sum of interest expense and capital expenditures and (c) indebtedness incurrence prohibitions, limiting a company's ability to take on additional indebtedness. In addition, by including limitations on asset sales and capital expenditures we may be able to prevent a company from changing the nature of its business or capitalization without our consent.

Our debt investments may include equity features, such as warrants or options to buy a minority interest in the portfolio company. Warrants we receive with our debt investments may require only a nominal cost to exercise, and thus, as a portfolio company appreciates in value, we may achieve additional investment return from this equity interest. We may structure the warrants to provide provisions protecting our rights as a minority-interest holder, as well as puts, or rights to sell such securities back to the portfolio company, upon the occurrence of specified events. In many cases, we also obtain registration rights in connection with these equity interests, which may include demand and "piggyback" registration rights.

Equity Investments

To a lesser extent, we also make preferred and/or common equity investments, which have generally been non-control equity investments of less than $20 million (usually in conjunction with a concurrent debt investment). However, we may increase the size or change the nature of these investments.

ON-GOING RELATIONSHIPS WITH AND MONITORING OF PORTFOLIO COMPANIES

We closely monitor each investment we make, maintain a regular dialogue with both the management team and other stakeholders and seek specifically tailored financial reporting. In addition, senior investment professionals may take board seats or obtain board observation rights in connection with our portfolio companies. As of March 31, 2014, of our 195 portfolio companies, we were entitled to board seats or board observation rights on 42% of these companies and these companies represented approximately 65% of our portfolio at fair value.

We seek to exert significant influence post-investment, in addition to covenants and other contractual rights and through board participation, when appropriate, by actively working with management on strategic initiatives. We often introduce managers of companies in which we have invested to other portfolio companies to capitalize on complementary business activities and best practices.

Our investment adviser employs an investment rating system to categorize our investments. In addition to various risk management and monitoring tools, our investment adviser grades the credit risk of all investments on a scale of 1 to 4 no less frequently than quarterly. This system is intended primarily to reflect the underlying risk of a portfolio investment relative to our initial cost basis in respect of such portfolio investment (i.e., at the time of origination or acquisition), although it may also take into account under certain circumstances the performance of the portfolio company's business, the collateral coverage of the investment and other relevant factors. Under this system, investments with a grade of 4 involve the least amount of risk to our initial cost basis. The trends and risk factors for this investment since origination or acquisition are generally favorable, which may include the performance of the portfolio company or a potential exit. Investments graded 3 involve a level of risk to our initial cost basis that is similar to the risk to our initial cost basis at the time of origination or acquisition. This portfolio company is generally performing as expected and the risk factors to our ability to ultimately recoup the cost of our investment are neutral to favorable. All investments or acquired

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investments in new portfolio companies are initially assessed a grade of 3. Investments graded 2 indicate that the risk to our ability to recoup the initial cost basis of such investment has increased materially since origination or acquisition, including as a result of factors such as declining performance and non-compliance with debt covenants; however, payments are generally not more than 120 days past due. An investment grade of 1 indicates that the risk to our ability to recoup the initial cost basis of such investment has substantially increased since origination or acquisition, and the portfolio company likely has materially declining performance. For debt investments with an investment grade of 1, most or all of the debt covenants are out of compliance and payments are substantially delinquent. For investments graded 1, it is anticipated that we will not recoup our initial cost basis and may realize a substantial loss of our initial cost basis upon exit. For investments graded 1 or 2, our investment adviser enhances its level of scrutiny over the monitoring of such portfolio company. The grade of a portfolio investment may be reduced or increased over time.

As of March 31, 2014, the weighted average grade of our portfolio was 3.1. For more information, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Portfolio and Investment Activity."

MANAGERIAL ASSISTANCE

As a BDC, we must offer, and must provide upon request, significant managerial assistance to certain of our portfolio companies. This assistance could involve, among other things, monitoring the operations of our portfolio companies, participating in board and management meetings, consulting with and advising officers of portfolio companies and providing other organizational and financial guidance. Ares Operations may provide all or a portion of this assistance pursuant to our administration agreement, the costs of which will be reimbursed by us. We may receive fees for these services.

COMPETITION

Our primary competitors include public and private funds, commercial and investment banks, commercial finance companies, other BDCs and private equity funds, each of which we compete with for financing opportunities. Many of our competitors are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial and marketing resources than we do. For example, some competitors may have 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 could allow them to consider more investments and establish more relationships than we do. Furthermore, many of our competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the Investment Company Act imposes on us as a BDC. For additional information concerning the competitive risks we face, see "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities."

We believe that the relationships of the members of our investment adviser's investment committee and of the senior partners of Ares enable us to learn about, and compete effectively for, financing opportunities with attractive middle-market companies in the industries in which we seek to invest. We believe that Ares' professionals' deep and long-standing direct sponsor relationships and the resulting proprietary transaction opportunities that these relationships often present, provide valuable insight and access to transactions and information. We use the industry information of Ares' investment professionals to which we have access to assess investment risks and determine appropriate pricing for our investments in portfolio companies.

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STAFFING

We do not currently have any employees and do not expect to have any employees. Services necessary for our business are provided by individuals who are employees or affiliates of our investment adviser, Ares Capital Management, and our administrator, Ares Operations, each of which is a subsidiary of Ares Management, pursuant to the terms of our investment advisory and management agreement and our administration agreement, respectively, each as described below. Each of our executive officers is an employee or affiliate of our investment adviser or our administrator. Our day-to-day investment activities are managed by our investment adviser. Most of the services necessary for the origination of our investment portfolio are provided by investment professionals employed by Ares Capital Management. Ares Capital Management had 76 U.S.-based investment professionals as of March 31, 2014 who focus on origination, transaction development, investment and the ongoing monitoring of our investments. See "Management Investment Advisory and Management Agreement" below. We reimburse both our investment adviser and our administrator for a certain portion of expenses incurred in connection with such staffing, as described in more detail below. Because we have no employees, Ares Capital does not have a formal employee relations policy.

PROPERTIES

We do not own any real estate or other physical properties materially important to our operation. Our headquarters are currently located at 245 Park Avenue, 44th Floor, New York, New York 10167. We are party to an office lease pursuant to which we are leasing New York office facilities from a third party (the "43rd/44th Floor Space"). We have entered into separate subleases with Ares Management LLC, the sole member of Ares Capital Management ("AM LLC"), and IHAM, pursuant to which AM LLC and IHAM subleased approximately 35% and 18%, respectively, of the 43rd/44th Floor Space for a rent equal to 35% and 18%, respectively, of the base annual rent payable by us under our lease for the 43rd/44th Floor Space, plus certain additional costs and expenses.

We are also party to an office lease pursuant to which we began leasing additional New York office space in early 2013 (the "42nd Floor Space"). We have entered into a sublease with AM LLC to sublease 100% of the 42nd Floor Space to AM LLC for a rent equal to 100% of the base annual rent payable by us under our lease for the 42nd Floor Space, plus certain additional costs and expenses.

We are also party to an office lease with a third party for office space in Washington D.C. We entered into an office sublease with AM LLC, pursuant to which AM LLC subleases approximately 54% of the Washington, D.C. office space leased by us for a rent equal to 54% of the base annual rent payable by us under our office lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses.

We have also entered into two office subleases with AM LLC, pursuant to which (i) we sublease approximately 42% of AM LLC's Chicago office space for a rent equal to 42% of the base annual rent payable by AM LLC under its office lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses and (ii) we sublease approximately 7% of certain of AM LLC's Los Angeles office space for a rent equal to 7% of the base annual rent payable by AM LLC under such office lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses.

The sublease arrangements and allocations described above are as of March 31, 2014. The allocations in connection with our subleases described above are subject to change and future review. These percentages are subject to change depending on the composition of, and functions performed by, the staff in each of these offices. See Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 for more information on our office subleases.

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LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are party to certain lawsuits in the normal course of business. In addition, Allied Capital was involved in various legal proceedings that we assumed in connection with the Allied Acquisition. Furthermore, third parties may try to seek to impose liability on us in connection with our activities or the activities of our portfolio companies. While the outcome of any such legal proceedings cannot at this time be predicted with certainty, we do not expect that these legal proceedings will materially affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

On May 20, 2013, we were named as one of several defendants in an action filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (the "Pennsylvania Court") by the bankruptcy trustee of DSI Renal Holdings LLC and two related companies. On March 17, 2014, the action was transferred to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware pursuant to a motion filed by the defendants and granted by the Pennsylvania Court. The complaint in the action alleges, among other things, that each of the named defendants participated in a purported "fraudulent transfer" involving the restructuring of a subsidiary of DSI Renal Holdings LLC. Among other things, the complaint seeks, jointly and severally from all defendants, (1) damages of approximately $425 million, of which the complaint states our individual share is approximately $117 million, and (2) punitive damages. We are currently unable to assess with any certainty whether we may have any exposure in this action. We believe the claims are without merit and intend to vigorously defend ourselves in this action.

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PORTFOLIO COMPANIES

The following table describes each of the businesses included in our portfolio and reflects data as of March 31, 2014. Percentages shown for class of investment securities held by us represent percentage of the class owned and do not necessarily represent voting ownership. Percentages shown for equity securities, other than warrants or options, represent the actual percentage of the class of security held before dilution. Percentages shown for warrants and options held represent the percentage of class of security we may own assuming we exercise our warrants or options before dilution.

We have indicated by footnote portfolio companies (a) where we directly or indirectly own more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company and, therefore, are presumed to be "controlled" by us under the Investment Company Act and (b) where we directly or indirectly own 5% to 25% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company or where we hold one or more seats on the portfolio company's board of directors and, therefore, are deemed to be an "affiliated person" under the Investment Company Act. We directly or indirectly own less than 5% of the outstanding voting securities of all other portfolio companies (or have no other affiliations with such portfolio companies) listed on the table. We offer to make significant managerial assistance to certain of our portfolio companies. Where we do not hold a seat on the portfolio company's board of directors, we may also receive rights to observe such board meetings.

Where we have indicated by footnote the amount of unfunded commitments to portfolio companies to fund various revolving and delayed draw senior secured and subordinated loans, such unfunded commitments are presented net of (i) standby letters of credit treated as funded commitments because they are issued and outstanding, (ii) commitments substantially at the Company's discretion and (iii) commitments that are unavailable due to borrowing base or other covenant restrictions.

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ARES CAPITAL AND SUBSIDIARIES
PORTFOLIO COMPANIES
As of March 31, 2014
(dollar amounts in thousands)

Company	Business Description	Investment	Interest(1)	Maturity Date	% of Class Held at 3-31-14	Fair Value	
10th Street, LLC and	Real estate holding company	First lien senior secured loan	7.00% Cash, 1.00% PIK	11/2/2019		$ 24,895	
New 10th Street, LLC(4)		Senior subordinated loan	7.00% Cash, 1.00% PIK	11/2/2019		$ 26,520	
5 North 11th Street		Member interest			10.00%	$ 7,100	
Brooklyn, NY 11211		Option			40.10%	$ 25	
2329497 Ontario Inc.	Provider of outsourced data	Second lien senior secured					
77 King Street West, Suite 4400	center infrastructure and	loan	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/M)	6/30/2019		$ 41,557	
PO Box 235 Toronto, ON M5K 1J3 Canada	related services						
Access CIG, LLC	Records and information	First lien senior secured loan	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/M)	10/5/2017		$ 988	
205 Main Street, Suite E	management services						
Pleasanton, CA 94566	provider						
ADF Capital, Inc., ADF Restaurant	Restaurant owner and	First lien senior secured loan	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	12/18/2018		$ 39,500	
Group, LLC, and ARG Restaurant	operator	Promissory note	13.00% PIK	11/27/2016		$ 16,925	
Holdings, Inc. 165 Passaic Avenue Fairfield, NJ 07004		Warrants			95.00%	$	(2)
Alegeus Technologies Holdings Corp.	Benefits administration and	Preferred stock			0.79%	$ 2,702	
1601 Trapelo Road	transaction processing	Common stock			0.00%	$ 27	
South Building, 2nd Floor Waltham, MA 02451	provider						
AllBridge Financial, LLC(4)	Asset management services	Equity interests			100.00%	$ 10,115	
13760 Noel Road, Suite 1100 Dallas, TX 75240							
Alphabet Energy, Inc.	Technology developer to	First lien senior secured loan	9.50%	7/31/2017		$ 1,940	
26225 Eden Landing Road, Suite D	convert waste-heat into	First lien senior secured loan	9.62%	7/1/2017		$ 2,910	
Hayward, CA 94545	electricity	Series B preferred stock			2.04%	$ 250	
		Warrants			3.22%	$ 128	(2)
American Academy Holdings, LLC	Provider of education,	First lien senior secured	5.50% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	3/19/2019		$ 5,000	(5)
2480 South 3850 West, Suite B	training, certification,	revolving loan					

Salt Lake City, UT 84120	networking, and consulting services to medical coders and other healthcare professionals	First lien senior secured loan	5.50% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	3/19/2019	$	58,641
American Broadband Communications, LLC,	Broadband communication	Warrants			17.00% $	6,402(2)
American Broadband Holding Company, and Cameron Holdings of NC, Inc. 401 N. Tryon Street, 10th Floor Charlotte, NC 28202	services	Warrants			20.00% $	3,388(2)
American Commercial Coatings, Inc. 2008 Cypress Street Paris, KY 40362	Real estate property	Commercial mortgage loan	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/1/2025	$	1,350
Apple & Eve, LLC and US Juice Partners, LLC(3) 2 Seaview Blvd Port Washington, NY 11050	Juice manufacturer	Senior units			9.71% $	5,817
Argotec, LLC 53 Silvio O. Conte Drive	Manufacturer of thermoplastic polyurethane	First lien senior secured revolving loan	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/M)	5/31/2018	$	1,000(6)
Greenfield MA, 01301	films	First lien senior secured loan	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	5/31/2019	$	74
		First lien senior secured loan	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	5/31/2019	$	5,714
Athletic Club Holdings, Inc. 5201 East Tudor Road Anchorage, AL 99507	Premier health club operator	First lien senior secured loan	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	3/28/2019	$	34,000
ATI Phyiscal Therapy Holdings, LLC 790 Remington Blvd. Boilingbrook, IL 60440	Outpatient rehabilitation services provider	Class C common stock			0.49% $	55

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Company	Business Description	Investment	Interest(1)	Maturity Date	% of Class Held at 3-31-14	Fair Value
AxelaCare Holdings, Inc. and AxelaCare	Provider of home infusion	First lien senior secured loan	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	4/12/2019		$ 4,430
Investment Holdings, L.P.	services	Preferred units			0.68%	$ 820
9801 Renner Blvd., Suite 275		Common units			0.68%	$ 7
Lenexa, KS 66219						
Batanga, Inc.	Independent digital media	First lien senior secured revolving loan	8.50%	4/30/2014		$ 3,750(7)
2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 800	company					
Coral Gables, FL 33134		First lien senior secured loan	9.60%	11/1/2016		$ 4,607
		First lien senior secured loan	9.60%	9/30/2017		$ 4,500
BECO Holding Company, Inc.	Wholesale distributor of	Common stock			2.39%	$ 3,254
10926 David Taylor Drive, Suite 300	first response fire protection					
Charlotte, NC 28262	equipment and related parts					
Benihana, Inc.	Restaurant owner and	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/21/2017		$ (8)
8685 Northwest 53rd Terrace	operator					
Miami, FL 33166		First lien senior secured loan	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	2/21/2018		$ 4,900
Bicent (California) Holdings LLC	Gas turbine power	Senior subordinated loan	8.25% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	2/6/2021		$ 50,000
100 N. West Street	generation facilities operator					
Easton, MD 21601						
BlackArrow, Inc.	Advertising and data	First lien senior secured loan	9.25%	9/1/2017		$ 7,920
65 North San Pedro	solutions software platform	Warrants			1.36%	$ 76(2)
San Jose, CA 95110	provider for the television and video industry					
BluePay Processing, Inc.	Technology-enabled payment	First lien senior secured loan	5.00% (Libor + 4.00%/Q)	8/30/2019		$ 5,970
184 Shuman Blvd., Suite 350	processing solutions	First lien senior secured loan	6.25% (Base Rate + 3.00%/Q)	8/30/2019		$ 15
Naperville, IL 60563	provider					
Brush Power, LLC	Gas turbine power	First lien senior secured loan	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	8/1/2020		$ 89,752
1150 West Century Ave.	generation facilities operator					
Bismarck ND, 58503						
Cadence Aerospace, LLC (fka PRV	Aerospace precision	First lien senior secured loan	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	5/9/2018		$ 4,447
Aerospace, LLC)	components manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/Q)	5/10/2019		$ 77,267
2600 94th Street SW, Suite 150						
Everett, WA 98204						
California Forensic Medical Group, Incorporated	Correctional facility healthcare operator	First lien senior secured revolving		11/16/2018		$ (9)

		loan					
300 Foam Street, Suite B		First lien senior secured loan		11/16/2018	$		(10)
Monterey, CA 93940		First lien senior secured loan	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	11/16/2018	$	53,504	
Callidus Capital Corporation(4)	Asset management services	Common stock			100.00%	$ 1,730	
2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90067							
Cambrios Technologies Corporation	Manufacturer of	First lien senior secured loan	12.00%	8/1/2015	$	2,576	
930 East Arques Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94085	nanotechnology-based solutions for electronic devices and computers	Warrants			4.88%	$ 6(2)	
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp.(3) 350 Park Avenue, 23rd Floor New York, NY 10022	Education software developer	Preferred stock			16.75%	$ 6,873	
Capital Investments and Ventures Corp.	SCUBA diver training and	First lien senior secured		8/9/2018	$		(11)
30151 Tomas Street,	certification provider	revolving loan	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	8/9/2018	$	32,645	
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688		First lien senior secured loan					
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage	Payroll and accounting	First lien senior secured loan	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	12/24/2017	$	57,605	
Co-Investors, L.L.C.(3)	services provider to the	Class A membership units			10.13%	$ 4,634	
2300 Empire Avenue, 5th Floor	entertainment industry	Class B membership units			10.13%	$ 4,634	
Burbank, CA 91504							
CCS Group Holdings, LLC 3343 Perimeter Hill Drive, Suite 300 Nashville, TN 37211	Correctional facility healthcare operator	Class A units			0.75%	$ 1,423	
Centinela Funding, LLC	Solar power generation	Senior subordinated loan	10.00% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	11/14/2020	$	56,000	
Two Tower Center, 11th Floor East Brunswick, NJ 08816	facility developer and operator						
CFW Co-Invest, L.P. and NCP Curves, L.P.	Health club franchisor	Limited partnership interest			12.24%	$ 2,964	
100 Ritchie Road		Limited partnership interest			12.25%	$ 1,583	
Waco, TX 76712							

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Charter Baking Company, Inc.	Baked goods manufacturer	Senior subordinated loan	17.50% PIK	6/30/2015		$ 2,992
3300 Walnut Street, Unit C Boulder, CO 80301		Preferred stock			2.79%	$ 2,448
CIBT Investment Holdings, LLC	Expedited travel document processing services	Class A shares			1.97%	$ 3,758
111 Huntington Ave., 30th Floor Boston, MA 02199						
CIC Flex, LP	Investment partnership	Limited partnership units			14.28%	$ 3,561
60 South Sixth Street, Suite 3720 Minneapolis, MN 55402						
Ciena Capital LLC(4)	Real estate and small business loan servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan	6.00%	12/31/2014		$ 14,000(12)
1633 Broadway, 39th Floor		First lien senior secured loan	12.00%	12/31/2016		$ 26,000
New York, NY 10019		Equity interests			100.00%	$ 12,969
CitiPostal Inc.(4)	Document storage and management services	First lien senior secured revolving loan	6.50% (Libor + 4.50%/M)	12/21/2014		$ 2,500(13)
5 North 11th Street		First lien senior secured loan		12/21/2014		$ 41,500
Brooklyn, NY 11211		Senior subordinated loan		12/21/2015		$
		Common stock			63.13%	$
Cleveland East Equity, LLC	Hotel operator	Real estate equity interests			50.00%	$ 3,936
26300 Harvard Road Warrensville Heights, OH 44122						
Command Alkon, Inc.	Software solutions provider to the ready-mix concrete industry	Second lien senior secured loan	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	3/28/2018		$ 10,000
1800 International Park Dr., Suite 400 Birmingham, AL 35243		Second lien senior secured loan	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/S)	5/26/2019		$ 26,500
Commercial Credit Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment finance and leasing company	Senior subordinated loan	12.75%	5/10/2018		$ 28,000
121 West Trade Street, Suite 2100 Charlotte, NC 28202						
Commons R-3, LLC	Real estate developer	Real estate equity interests			20.00%	$
5555 Glenridge Connector, Suite 700 Atlanta, GA 30342						
Community Education Centers, Inc.	Offender re-entry and in-prison treatment services provider	First lien senior secured loan	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	12/13/2014		$ 13,571
35 Fairfield Place		First lien senior secured loan	7.50% (Base Rate + 4.25%/S)	12/13/2014		$ 714
West Caldwell, NJ 07006				12/13/2015		$ 34,008

		Second lien senior secured loan	15.23% (Libor + 10.00% Cash, 5.00% PIK/Q)				
		Second lien senior secured loan	15.23% (Libor + 10.00% Cash, 5.00% PIK/Q)	12/13/2015		$ 10,250	
		Warrants			3.84%	$	(2)
		Warrants			3.32%	$	(2)
Competitor Group, Inc. and Calera XVI, LLC	Endurance sports media and event operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan	10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q)	11/30/2018		$ 2,565	(14)
9401 Waples Street, Suite 150 San Diego, CA 92121		First lien senior secured revolving loan	9.00% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	11/30/2018		$ 810	(14)
		First lien senior secured loan	10.00% (Libor + 7.75% Cash, 1.00% PIK/Q)	11/30/2018		$ 48,650	
		Membership units			7.85%	$ 371	
Component Hardware Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment manufacturer	First lien senior secured revolving loan	6.75% (Base Rate + 3.50%/Q)	7/1/2019		$ 187	(15)
1890 Swarthmore Avenue Lakewood, NJ 08701		First lien senior secured loan	5.50% (Libor + 4.50%/M)	7/1/2019		$ 23,583	
Cook Inlet Alternative Risk, LLC	Risk management services	Senior subordinated loan	9.00%	9/30/2015		$ 1,500	
10 British American Blvd. Latham, NY 12110							
Coverall North America, Inc.	Commercial janitorial services provider	Letter of credit facility		12/22/2014		$	(16)
5201 Congress Ave., Suite 275 Boca Raton, FL 33487							
Covestia Capital Partners, LP	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest			47.00%	$ 838	
11111 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 1620 Los Angeles, CA 90025							
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and	Hotel operator	Senior subordinated loan		9/8/2011		$	
affiliates(4)		Senior subordinated loan		6/1/2017		$	
2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor		Common equity interest			90.00%	$	
Los Angeles, CA 90067							

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Crown Health Care Laundry Services, LLC and Crown Laundry Holdings, LLC(3)	Provider of outsourced healthcare linen management solutions	First lien senior secured revolving loan		3/13/2019		$	(17)
1501 N. Guillemard Street		First lien senior secured loan	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	3/13/2019		$ 24,500	
Pensacola, FL 32501		Class A preferred units			11.76%	$ 2,475	
		Class B common units			11.76%	$ 275	
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings LLC(3)	Healthcare analysis services provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan	6.25% (Base Rate + 3.00%/Q)	10/4/2018		$ 144	(18)
8901 Farrow Rd		Class A common stock			5.90%	$ 4,449	
Columbia, SC 29203		Class C common stock			20.00%	$ 711	
Dialysis Newco, Inc.	Dialysis provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/16/2018		$	(19)
424 Church Street, Suite 1900 Nashville, TN 37219		First lien senior secured loan	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	8/16/2020		$ 1,823	
		First lien senior secured loan	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	8/16/2020		$ 13,676	
		Second lien senior secured loan	9.75% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	2/15/2021		$ 58,195	
Distant Lands Trading Co.	Coffee manufacturer	Class A common stock			3.32%	$	
801 Houser Way North Renton, WA 98055		Class A-1 common stock			7.33%	$	
DNAnexus, Inc.	Bioinformatics company	First lien senior secured loan		2/1/2018		$	(20)
1975 W. El Camino Real, Suite 101		First lien senior secured loan	9.25%	10/1/2017		$ 5,000	
Mountain View, CA 94040		Warrants			0.80%	$	(2)
Driven Brands, Inc. and Driven Holdings, LLC	Automotive aftermarket car care franchisor	First lien senior secured loan	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	3/15/2017		$ 980	
128 S. Tryon St., Ste 900		First lien senior secured loan	7.25% (Base Rate + 4.00%/Q)	3/15/2017		$ 20	
Charlotte, NC 28202		Preferred stock			1.96%	$ 2,910	
		Common stock			1.96%	$ 1,376	
Dynamic India Fund IV, LLC IFS Court, Twenty Eight Cybercity, Ebene, Mauritius	Investment company	Member interest			5.44%	$ 2,903	
Earthcolor Group, LLC 249 Pomeroy Road Parsippany, NJ 07054	Printing management services	Limited liability company interests			9.30%	$	
Eckler Industries, Inc. 5200 S. Washington Ave. Titusville, FL 32780	Restoration parts and accessories provider for classic automobiles	First lien senior secured revolving loan	8.25% (Base Rate + 5.00%/Q)	7/12/2017		$ 4,200	(21)
				7/12/2017		$ 296	

		First lien senior secured loan	8.25% (Base Rate + 5.00%/M)			
		First lien senior secured loan	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/S)	7/12/2017	$	7,826
		First lien senior secured loan	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	7/12/2017	$	30,448
		Series A preferred stock			5.41%	$ 1,870
		Common stock			5.41%	$
EcoMotors, Inc.	Engine developer	First lien senior secured loan	10.83%	10/31/2016	$	5,000
17000 Federal Drive, Suite 200		First lien senior secured loan	10.83%	6/1/2017	$	5,000
Allen Park, MI 48101		First lien senior secured loan	10.13%	7/1/2016	$	4,458
		Warrants			2.29%	$ 43(2)
ELC Acquisition Corp., ELC Holdings	Developer, manufacturer	Preferred stock	12.00% PIK		10.57%	$ 10,633
Corporation, and Excelligence Learning	and retailer of educational	Common stock			8.47%	$ 1,127
Corporation(3) 2 Lower Ragsdale Drive Monterey, CA 93940	products					
Emerald Performance Materials, LLC	Polymers and performance	First lien senior secured loan	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	5/18/2018	$	17,773
2020 Front Street, Suite 100 Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221	materials manufacturer					
Encompass Digital Media, Inc.	Provider of outsourced	First lien senior secured loan	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	8/10/2017	$	19,798
3030 Andrita Street Los Angeles, CA 90065	network origination and transmission services for media companies					
EUNetworks Group Limited	Broadband bandwidth	First lien senior secured loan		5/8/2019	$	(22)
50 Raffles Place	infrastructure provider	First lien senior secured loan	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	5/8/2019	$	21,177
#32-01 Singapore Land Tower, Singapore 048623						
First Insight, Inc.	SaaS company providing	First lien senior secured loan	9.50%	4/3/2017	$	3,465
1606 Carmody Court, Suite 106	merchandising and pricing	Warrants			13.17%	$ 7(2)
Sewickley, PA 15143	solutions to companies worldwide					

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Fox Hill Holdings, Inc.	Third party claims	First lien senior secured loan	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	6/15/2018		$ 60,519	
571 Main Street	administrator on behalf of	First lien senior secured loan	8.00% (Base Rate + 4.75%/Q)	6/15/2018		$ 7,135	
Hudson, MA 01749	insurance carriers						
Fulton Holdings Corp.	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan	8.50%	5/28/2018		$ 43,000	
5950 Fulton Industrial Blvd		First lien senior secured loan	8.50%	5/28/2018		$ 40,000	
Atlanta, GA 30336		Common stock			2.16%	$ 2,020	
Garden Fresh Restaurant Corp.	Restaurant owner and	First lien senior secured revolving loan		7/3/2018		$	(23)
15822 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite A	operator	First lien senior secured loan	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/M)	2/21/2018		$ 43,367	
San Diego, CA 92127							
Genocea Biosciences, Inc.	Vaccine discovery	First lien senior secured loan	8.00%	4/1/2017		$ 10,000	
Cambridge Discovery Park, 5th Floor 100 Acorn Park Drive Cambridge, MA 02140	technology company	Common stock			1.29%	$ 654	
Genomatica, Inc.	Developer of a	First lien senior secured loan	9.26%	10/1/2016		$ 1,470	
4757 Nexus Center Drive	biotechnology platform	Warrants			0.00%	$ 6	(2)
San Diego, CA 9212	for the production of chemical products						
Geotrace Technologies, Inc.	Reservoir processing and	Warrants			62.97%	$	(2)
1011 Highway 6 South, Suite 220 Houston, TX 77077	development	Warrants			50.76%	$ 638	(2)
GHS Interactive Security, LLC	Originates residential	First lien senior secured loan		5/13/2018		$	(24)
and LG Security Holdings, LLC	security alarm contracts	First lien senior secured loan	7.50% (Libor + 6.00%/S)	5/13/2018		$ 3,954	
2081 Arena Blvd., Suite 260 Sacramento, CA 95834		Class A membership units			31.20%	$ 432	
GI Advo Opco, LLC	Residential behavioral	First lien senior secured loan	6.00% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	6/30/2017		$ 14,523	
2520 Wrangle Hill Rd, Suite 200	treatment services provider	First lien senior secured loan	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	6/30/2017		$ 280	
Bear, DE 19701							
Gilchrist & Soames, Inc.	Personal care	First lien senior secured revolving loan	7.25% (Base Rate + 4.00%/M)	12/31/2014		$ 3,650	(25)
1535 E. Naomi Street	manufacturer	First lien senior secured revolving loan	6.25% (Libor + 5.00%/M)	12/31/2014		$ 5,050	(25)
PO Box 33806		First lien senior secured loan	13.44% Cash, 2.00% PIK	12/31/2014		$ 21,945	
Indianapolis, IN 46203							
Global Healthcare Exchange, LLC	On-demand supply chain	First lien senior secured revolving loan		3/11/2020		$	(26)
and GHX Ultimate Parent Corp.	automation solutions	First lien senior secured loan	10.00% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	3/11/2020		$ 125,000	
1315 W. Century Drive	provider	Class A common stock			0.83%	$ 2,475	

Louisville, CO 80027		Class B common stock			0.63%	$ 25
Gordian Acquisition Corp.	Financial services firm	Common stock			5.00%	$
950 Third Avenue, 17th Floor New York, NY 10022						
Harvey Tool Company, LLC	Cutting tool provider to	First lien senior secured revolving loan	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	3/28/2019		$ 198(27)
and Harvey Tool Holding, LLC	the metalworking industry	First lien senior secured loan	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	3/28/2020		$ 25,000
428 Newburyport Turnpike Rowley, MA 01969-1729		Class A membership units			1.15%	$ 750
HCI Equity, LLC(4) 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90067	Investment company	Member interest			100.00%	$ 411
HCPro, Inc. and HCP Acquisition	Healthcare compliance	Senior subordinated loan		8/8/2014		$
Holdings, LLC(4) 600 Fifth Avenue, 17th Floor New York, NY 10020	advisory services	Class A units			28.83%	$
Hojeij Branded Foods, Inc.	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2017		$ 450(28)
12700 Spine Rd SW		First lien senior secured loan	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2017		$ 27,500
Atlanta, GA 30320		Warrants			7.50%	344(2)
		Warrants			7.50%	4,965(2)
ICSH, Inc.	Industrial container	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/31/2016		$ (29)
1540 Greenwood Avenue	manufacturer, reconditioner	First lien senior secured loan		8/31/2016		$ (30)
Montebello, CA 90640	and servicer	First lien senior secured loan	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2016		$ 103,708
IfByPhone Inc.	Voice-based marketing	First lien senior secured loan	11.00%	11/1/2015		$ 1,333
300 W. Adams Street, Suite 900	automation software	First lien senior secured loan	11.00%	1/1/2016		$ 733
Chicago, IL 60606	provider	Warrants			0.50%	$ 61(2)

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ILC Industries, LLC 105 Wilbur Place Bohemia, NY 11716	Designer and manufacturer of protective cases and technically advanced lighting systems	First lien senior secured loan	8.00% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	7/11/2018		$ 18,582	
Imperial Capital Group LLC 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 9th Floor S Los Angeles, CA 90067	Investment services	Class A common units 2006 Class B common units 2007 Class B common units			3.75% 3.75% 3.75%	$ 15,252 $ 4 $	
Imperial Capital Private Opportunities, LP 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 9th Floor S Los Angeles, CA 90067	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest			80.00%	$ 12,548	
Implus Footcare, LLC 2001 TW Alexander Drive P.O. Box 13925 Durham, NC 27709	Provider of footwear and other accessories	Preferred stock Common stock	6.00% PIK		2.58% 2.39%	$ 5,248 $ 992	
INC Research, Inc. 3201 Beechleaf Court, Suite 600 Raleigh, NC 27604	Pharmaceutical and biotechnology consulting services	Common stock			15.07%	$ 1,846	
Infilaw Holding, LLC 1100 5th Avenue South, Suite 301 Naples, FL 34102	Operator of for-profit law schools	First lien senior secured revolving loan First lien senior secured loan Series A preferred units Series B preferred units	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2016 8/25/2016	 95.34% 6.67%	$ (31) $ 14,291 $ 124,890 $ 11,476	
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation(3) 1170 Wheeler Way, Suite 150 Langhorne, PA 19047	OTC drug products manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan Class A common stock Class B common stock	13.25% (Libor + 11.75%/Q)	8/25/2017	 12.60% 12.60%	$ 19,310 $ 10,713 $ 10,713	
Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Inc. & Leeds IV Advisors, Inc. Calle Santa Ana 1660 Santurce, Puerto Rico 00909-2309	Private school operator	First lien senior secured loan Series B preferred stock Series C preferred stock Common stock		6/7/2015	 19.59% 0.80% 0.83%	$ 46,770 $ $ $	
Intermedix Corporation 6451 N. Federal Highway, Suite 1000 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308	Revenue cycle management provider to the emergency healthcare industry	Second lien senior secured loan	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	6/27/2020		$ 112,000	
Investor Group Services, LLC(3) 2020 Front Street, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02116	Business consulting for private equity and corporate clients	Limited liability company membership interest			8.50%	$ 630	
IronPlanet, Inc.	Online auction platform	First lien senior secured revolving loan	8.00%	9/24/2015		$ 5,000	(32)

3825 Hopyard Road, Suite 250	provider for	First lien senior secured loan	9.25%	7/1/2017	$ 7,350	
Pleasanton, CA 94588	used heavy equipment	Warrants			7.60% $ 242	(2)
ISS #2, LLC	Provider of repairs,	First lien senior secured revolving loan		6/5/2018	$	(33)
2875 North Michigan Avenue,	refurbishments and services	First lien senior secured loan		6/5/2018	$	(34)
Suite 4020	to the broader industrial	First lien senior secured loan	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	6/5/2018	$ 59,575	
Chicago, IL 60611	end user markets					
Itel Laboratories, Inc.	Data services provider for	First lien senior secured revolving loan		6/29/2018	$	(35)
6745 Phillips Industrial Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32256	building materials to property insurance industry	Preferred units			1.80% $ 1,143	
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.(4)	Asset management services	Member interest			100.00% $ 264,941	
2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90067						
Joule Unlimited Technologies, Inc.	Renewable fuel and	First lien senior secured loan	10.00%	2/1/2017	$ 7,500	
and Stichting Joule Global Foundation 18 Crosby Drive Bedford, MA 01730	chemical production developer	Warrants			2.17% $ 39	(2)

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K2 Pure Solutions Nocal, L.P.	Chemical producer	First lien senior secured revolving loan	8.13% (Libor + 7.13%/M)	8/19/2019		$ 2,211	(36)
260 Queen Street West, 4th Floor		First lien senior secured loan	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2019		$ 79,870	
Toronto, ON M5V 1Z8 Canada							
Keynote Systems, Inc. and	Web and mobile cloud	First lien senior secured revolving loan		2/24/2020		$	(37)
Hawaii Ultimate Parent Corp., Inc.	performance testing	First lien senior secured loan	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/S)	2/24/2020		$ 183,175	
777 Mariners Island Blvd.	and monitoring	Class A common stock			2.17%	$ 3,924	
San Mateo, CA 94404	services provider	Class B common stock			2.17%	$ 40	
La Paloma Generating	Natural gas fired, combined	Second lien senior secured loan	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	2/20/2020		$ 9,750	
Company, LLC 24 Waterway Avenue, Suite 800 Houston, TX 77380	cycle plant operator						
Lakeland Tours, LLC	Educational travel provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan		12/31/2016		$	(38)
218 West Water Street, Suite 400		First lien senior secured loan	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/31/2016		$ 123,351	
Charlottesville, VA 22902		First lien senior secured loan	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	12/31/2016		$ 9,623	
		Common stock			3.53%	$ 4,720	
LM Acquisition Holdings, LLC	Developer and manufacturer	Class A units			0.89%	$ 1,024	
6415 Northwest Drive, Unit 11 Mississauga, ON L4V 1X1 Canada	of medical equipment						
Mac Lean-Fogg Company	Manufacturer of intelligent	Senior subordinated loan	9.50% Cash, 1.50% PIK	10/31/2023		$ 100,621	
1000 Allanson Road	transportation systems						
Mundelein, IL 60060-3890	products in the traffic and rail industries						
Market Track Holdings, LLC	Business media consulting	Preferred stock			1.50%	$ 2,097	
10 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 2550 Chicago, IL 60606	services company	Common stock			1.50%	$ 2,097	
Massage Envy, LLC	Franchisor in the massage	First lien senior secured revolving loan		9/26/2018		$	(39)
14350 N. 87th Street	industry	First lien senior secured loan	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	9/26/2018		$ 77,962	
Suites 200, 205 and 230 Scottsdale, AZ 85260		Common stock			1.66%	$ 3,595	
Matrixx Initiatives, Inc. and	Developer and marketer of	Warrants			4.56%	$ 334	(2)
Wonder Holdings Acquisition Corp.	over-the-counter healthcare	Warrants			5.00%	$ 1,167	(2)
8515 E. Anderson Dr. Scottsdale, AZ 85255	products						
MC Acquisition Holdings I, LLC		Class A units			0.59%	$ 1,000	

825 East Gate Blvd. Garden City, NY 11530	Healthcare professional provider						
McKenzie Sports Products, LLC	Designer, manufacturer and	First lien senior secured loan	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/M)	3/30/2017		$	79
1910 Saint Luke's Church Road Salisbury, NC 28146	distributor of taxidermy forms and supplies	First lien senior secured loan	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	3/30/2017		$	16,495
Microstar Logistics LLC,	Keg management solutions	Second lien senior secured loan	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/14/2018		$	142,500
Microstar Global Asset Management LLC, and MStar Holding Corporation 5299 DTC Blvd., Suite 510 Greenwood Village, CO 80111	provider	Common stock			3.47%	$	7,650
Monte Nido Holdings, LLC 27162 Sea Vista Drive Malibu, CA 90265	Outpatient eating disorder treatment provider	First lien senior secured loan	7.75% (Libor + 6.75%/Q)	12/20/2019		$	44,750
Moxie Liberty LLC 4100 Spring Valley, Suite 1001 Dallas, TX 75244	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan		8/21/2020		$	(40)
Moxie Patiot LLC 4100 Spring Valley, Suite 1001 Dallas, TX 75244	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan		12/18/2020		$	(41)
MSC.Software Corporation and	Provider of software	First lien senior secured loan	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	11/30/2017		$	43,242
Maximus Holdings, LLC 4675 MacArthur Court Newport Beach, CA 92660	simulation tools and related services	Warrants			15.00%	$	1,506(2)

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Multi-Ad Services, Inc.(3)	Marketing services and	Preferred units			13.95%	$ 2,178	
1720 W. Detweiller Drive Peoria, IL 61615	software provider	Common units			7.48%	$	
MVL Group, Inc.(4)	Marketing research provider	Senior subordinated loan		7/8/2012		$ 2,485	
1061 E. Indiantown Road, Suite 300		Junior subordinated loan		7/8/2012		$	
Jupiter, FL 33477		Common stock			56.10%	$	
MW Dental Holding Corp.	Dental services provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan		4/12/2017		$	(42)
680 Hehli Way		First lien senior secured loan		4/12/2017		$	(43)
PO Box 69		First lien senior secured loan	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2017		$ 1,000	
Mondovi, WI 54755		First lien senior secured loan	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2017		$ 93,384	
MWI Holdings, Inc.	Manufacturer of engineered	First lien senior secured loan	9.38% (Libor + 8.13%/Q)	3/27/2019		$ 48,274	
101 Godfrey Street P.O. Box 7008 Logansport, IN 46947	springs, fasteners, and other precision components						
Napa Management Services	Anesthesia management	First lien senior secured loan	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	2/28/2019		$ 100,000	
Corporation 68 South Service Road, Suite 350 Melville, NY 11747	services provider	Common units			8.90%	$ 8,717	
National Healing Corporation and	Wound care service and	Second lien senior secured loan	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/5/2020		$ 10,200	
National Healing Holding Corp. 5220 Belfort Road, Suite 130 Jacksonville, FL 32256	equipment provider	Preferred stock			0.76%	$ 1,462	
NComputing, Inc.	Desktop virtualization	Warrants			2.02%	$ 45	(2)
3979 Freedom Circle, Suite 600 Santa Clara, CA 95054	hardware and software technology service provider						
NetShape Technologies, Inc.	Manufacturer of metal	First lien senior secured revolving loan	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	12/31/2014		$ 784	(44)
8751 Old State Road 60 Sellersburg, IN 47172	precision engineered components						
Netsmart Technologies, Inc. and	Healthcare technology	First lien senior secured loan		12/18/2017		$	(45)
NS Holdings, Inc.	provider	First lien senior secured loan	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/18/2017		$ 2,817	
4950 College Boulevard		First lien senior secured loan	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/18/2017		$ 36,027	
Overland Park, KS 66211		Common stock			1.70%	$ 3,715	
New Trident Holdcorp, Inc.	Outsourced mobile	Second lien senior secured loan	10.25% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	7/31/2020		$ 80,000	
505 Hamilton Ave, Suite 200 Palo Alto, CA 94301	diagnostic healthcare service provider						

NPH, Inc. 13175 Gregg Street Poway, CA 92064	Hotel property	Real estate equity interests			100.00%	$ 5,577	
Oak Parent, Inc.	Manufacturer of athletic	First lien senior secured loan	7.50% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/1/2018		$ 39,792	
425 Park 20 W	apparel	First lien senior secured loan	9.25% (Base Rate + 6.00%/Q)	4/1/2018		$ 104	
Grovetown, GA 30813							
OmniSYS Acquisition Corporation,	Provider of technology-	First lien senior secured revolving loan		11/21/2018		$	(46)
OmniSYS, LLC, and OSYS	enabled solutions	First lien senior secured loan	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	11/21/2018		$ 20,869	
Holdings, LLC	to pharmacies	Limited liability company membership			1.57%	$ 1,031	
15950 Dallas Parkway Suite 350 Dallas, TX 75248		interest					

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Orion Foods, LLC (fka Hot Stuff Foods, LLC)(4)	Convenience food service retailer	First lien senior secured revolving loan	10.75% (Base Rate + 7.50%/M)	9/30/2014		$ 400(47)
2930 W. Maple Street Sioux Falls, SD 57118		First lien senior secured loan	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	9/30/2014		$ 32,698
		Second lien senior secured loan	14.00%	9/30/2014		$ 4,147
		Preferred units			93.53%	$
		Class A common units			100.00%	$
		Class B common units			25.00%	$
OTG Management, LLC 352 Park Avenue South New York, NY 10010	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan		12/11/2017		$ (48)
		First lien senior secured loan		12/11/2017		$ (49)
		First lien senior secured loan	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/11/2017		$ 6,250
		First lien senior secured loan	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/11/2017		$ 25,000
		First lien senior secured loan	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/11/2017		$ 11,325
		Common units		12/11/2017	4.44%	$ 2,120
		Warrants		12/11/2017	7.73%	$ 4,229(2)
Panda Sherman Power, LLC 4100 Spring Valley Road, Suite 1001 Dallas, TX 75244	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/14/2018		$ 32,500
Panda Temple Power II, LLC 4100 Spring Valley Road, Suite 1001 Dallas, TX 75244	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	4/3/2019		$ 20,000
Panda Temple Power, LLC 4100 Spring Valley Road, Suite 1001 Dallas, TX 75244	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	7/17/2018		$ 60,000
Paper Source, Inc. and Pine Holdings, Inc. 410 N. Milwaukee Chicago, IL 60654	Retailer of fine and artisanal stationary	First lien senior secured revolving loan		9/23/2018		$ (50)
		First lien senior secured loan	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	9/23/2018		$ 18,905
		Class A common stock			3.64%	$ 7,205
Partnership Capital Growth Fund I, L.P. One Embarcadero, Suite 3810 San Francisco, CA 94111	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest			25.00%	$ 3,631
Partnership Capital Growth Investors III, L.P.	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest			2.50%	$ 1,999

One Embarcadero, Suite 3810 San Francisco, CA 94111						
Pelican Products, Inc.	Flashlights manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan	7.25% (Base Rate + 4.00%/Q)	7/11/2018	$ 2,311	
23215 Early Avenue		Second lien senior secured loan	12.25% (Base Rate + 9.00%/Q)	6/14/2019	$ 32,640	
Torrance, CA 90505						
PerfectServe, Inc.	Communications software platform provider for hospitals and physician practices	First lien senior secured revolving loan		6/26/2015	$	(51)
1225 East Weisgarber Road, Suite 300 Knoxville, TN 37909		First lien senior secured loan		10/15/2017	$	(52)
		First lien senior secured loan	10.00%	4/1/2017	$ 3,500	
		Warrants			2.70% $ 70	(2)
Performance Food Group, Inc. and	Food service distributor	Second lien senior secured loan	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	11/14/2019	$ 39,675	
Wellspring Distribution Corp 12650 East Arapahoe Road		Class A non-voting common stock			0.77% $ 6,621	
Centennial, CO 80112						
PG Mergersub, Inc. and PGA	Provider of patient surveys, management reports and national databases for the integrated healthcare delivery system	Second lien senior secured loan	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	10/20/2018	$ 23,684	
Holdings, Inc. 245 Park Avenue, 41st Floor		Preferred stock			0.13% $ 18	
New York, NY 10167		Common stock			0.13% $ 892	
PG-ACP Co-Invest, LLC	Supplier of medical uniforms, specialized medical footwear and accessories	Class A membership units			99.99% $ 1,570	
9800 De Soto Avenue Chatsworth, CA 91311						
Physiotherapy Associates Holdings, Inc. 855 Springdale Drive, Suite 200	Outpatient rehabilitation physical therapy provider	Class A common stock			8.00% $ 3,090	
Exton, PA 19341						
PIH Corporation	Franchisor of education-based early childhood centers	First lien senior secured revolving loan	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	6/15/2016	$	621(53)
3660 Cedarcrest Road Acworth, GA 30101		First lien senior secured loan	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	6/15/2016	$ 38,837	

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Pillar Processing LLC, PHL	Mortgage services	First lien senior secured loan		11/20/2018		$ 2,145
Investors, Inc., and PHL Holding Co.(3)		First lien senior secured loan		5/20/2019		$
220 Northpointe		Class A common stock			100.00%	$
Parkway, Suite G Buffalo, NY 14228						
Piper Jaffray Merchant Banking Fund I, L.P. 800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 800 Minneapolis, MN 55402	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest			2.00%	$ 767
Platform Acquisition, Inc.	Data center and managed	Common stock			1.65%	$ 7,919
330 Primrose Road, Suite 300	cloud services provider					
Burlingame, CA 94010						
PMI Holdings, Inc.	Restaurant owner and	Preferred stock			1.02%	$ 624
8000 NE Parkway Dr. #350 Vancouver, WA 98662	operator	Common stock			0.75%	$ 870
PODS Funding Corp. II	Storage and warehousing	First lien senior secured loan	8.25% (Base Rate + 5.00%/Q)	12/19/2018		$ 4,103
5585 Rio Vista Drive		First lien senior secured loan	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/19/2018		$ 35,763
Clearwater, FL 33760						
POS I Corp. (fka Vantage Oncology, Inc.) 1500 Rosecrans Ave, Suite 400 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266	Radiation oncology care provider	Common stock			5.67%	$ 1,043
Powersport Auctioneer Holdings, LLC	Powersport vehicle auction	Common units			2.38%	$ 955
13175 Gregg Street Poway, CA 92064	operator					
Pregis Corporation, Pregis	Provider of highly-	First lien senior secured loan	7.75% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	3/23/2017		$ 970
Intellipack Corp., and Pregis Innovative	customized, tailored	First lien senior secured loan	8.50% (Base Rate + 5.25%/Q)	3/23/2017		$ 5
Packaging Inc. 1650 Lake Cook Rd., Suite 400 Deerfield, IL 60015	protective packaging solutions					
Protective Industries, Inc. dba Caplugs	Plastic protection products	First lien senior secured loan	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/M)	10/7/2019		$ 995
2150 Elmwood Avenue Buffalo, NY 14207	manufacturer	Preferred stock			2.50%	$ 5,601
PSSI Holdings, LLC	Provider of mission-critical	First lien senior secured loan	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/S)	6/13/2018		$ 956
1010 E Washington, Suite 202 Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641	outsourced cleaning and sanitation services to the food processing industry					
Quantance, Inc.			10.25%	9/1/2016		$ 3,500

2800 Campus Drive, Suite 100 San Mateo, CA 94403	Designer of semiconductor products to the mobile wireless market	First lien senior secured loan Warrants			1.93%	$	74(2)
R2 Acquisition Corp. 207 NW Park Ave Portland, OR 97209	Marketing services	Common stock			0.33%	$	177
R3 Education, Inc. and EIC	Medical school operator	Preferred stock			15.66%	$	1,936
Acquisitions Corp. 1750 W. Broadway St. #222 Oviedo, FL 32765		Common membership interest Warrants			22.19% 10.00%	$ $	29,307 (2)
Rainstor, Inc. 321 Pacifica Ave., 3rd Floor San Francisco, CA 94111	Database solutions provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan First lien senior secured loan Warrants	11.25%	2/28/2015 4/1/2016	 1.48%	$ $ $	(54) 2,500 70(2)
RCHP, Inc. 103 Continental Place, Suite 200 Brentwood, TN 37027	Operator of general acute care hospitals	First lien senior secured loan Second lien senior secured loan	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q) 11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	11/4/2018 5/4/2019		$ $	75,215 85,850
RE Community Holdings II, Inc. and Pegasus Community Energy, LLC. 809 West Hill Street Charlotte, NC 28208	Operator of municipal recycling facilities	Preferred stock			21.43%	$	
Reed Group, Ltd. 10155 Westmoor Drive, Suite 210 Westminster, CO 80021	Medical disability management services provider	Equity interests			4.00%	$	

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Respicardia, Inc.	Developer of implantable	First lien senior secured loan	11.00%	7/1/2015		$ 3,200	
12400 Whitewater Drive, Suite 150 Minnetonka, MN 55343	therapies to improve cardiovascular health	Warrants			0.19%	$ 29	(2)
Restaurant Holding Company, LLC	Fast food restaurant						
Carretera 165 Km 6.2	operator	First lien senior secured loan	8.75% (Libor + 7.75%/M)	2/17/2019		$ 37,500	
Zona Industrial Cataño Cataño, Puerto Rico 00962							
RuffaloCODY, LLC	Provider of student	First lien senior secured		5/29/2019		$	(55)
65 Kirkwood North Rd SW	fundraising and enrollment	revolving loan					
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404	management services	First lien senior secured loan		5/29/2019		$	(56)
		First lien senior secured loan	5.50% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	5/29/2019		$ 24,933	
		First lien senior secured loan	5.50% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	5/29/2019		$ 634	
		First lien senior secured loan	6.50% (Base Rate + 3.25%/Q)	5/29/2019		$ 1,453	
S.B. Restaurant Company	Restaurant owner and	Preferred stock			2.15%	$	
14241 Firestone Blvd, Suite 315 La Mirada, CA 90638	operator	Warrants			2.50%	$	(2)
Sage Products Holdings III, LLC	Patient infection control and	Second lien senior secured	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	6/13/2020		$ 75,000	
3909 Three Oaks Road	preventive care solutions	loan					
Cary, IL 60013	provider						
Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC	Manufacturer of metal	Common units			66.67%	$	
8751 Old State Road 60 Sellersburg, IN 47172	precision engineered components						
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC(4)	Co-investment vehicle	Subordinated certificates	8.23% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	12/20/2024		$ 1,841,987	
2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90067		Membership interest			87.50%	$	
Service King Paint & Body, LLC	Collision repair site	First lien senior secured		8/20/2017		$	(57)
808 S. Central Expressway	operators	revolving loan					
Richardson, TX 75080		First lien senior secured loan		8/20/2017		$	(58)
		First lien senior secured loan	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2017		$ 13,968	
		First lien senior secured loan	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2017		$ 119,033	
		First lien senior secured loan	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2017		$ 10,000	
		First lien senior secured loan	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2017		$ 9,593	
		Membership interest			76.92%	$ 7,140	
Ship Investor & Cy S.C.A.	Payment processing	Common stock			1.00%	$ 2,774	
55 Mansell Street London E1 8AN United Kingdom	company						

Shock Doctor, Inc. and BRP Hold 14, LLC 110 Cheshire Lane, Suite 120 Minnetonka, MN 55305	Developer, marketer and distributor of sports protection equipment and accessories.	First lien senior secured revolving loan First lien senior secured loan First lien senior secured loan Class A preferred units	10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q) 10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q) 10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q)	3/14/2020 3/14/2020 3/14/2020	$ $ $ 3.94% $	2,073(59) 7,871 80,000 5,000
Sorbent Therapeutics, Inc. 710 Lakeway Drive, Suite 290 Sunnyvale, CA 94085	Orally-administered drug developer	First lien senior secured loan Warrants	10.25%	9/1/2016	$ 6.12% $	6,370 25(2)
Spin HoldCo Inc. 303 Sunnyside Blvd., Suite 70 Plainview, NY 11803	Laundry service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan	8.00% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	5/14/2020	$	140,000
SSH Environmental Industries, Inc. and SSH Non-Destructive Testing, Inc. 875 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 4020 Chicago, IL 60611	Manufacturer of magnetic sensors and supporting sensor products	First lien senior secured loan	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/16/2016	$	10,568
Startec Equity, LLC(4) 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90067	Communication services	Member interest			100.00% $	191
Summit Business Media Parent Holding Company LLC 375 Park Avenue New York, NY 10152-0002	Business media consulting services	Limited liability company membership interest			45.98% $	1,620
Sunrun Solar Owner Holdco X, LLC 595 Market Street, 29th Floor San Francisco, CA 94105	Residential solar energy provider	First lien senior secured loan	9.50% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	6/30/2019	$	59,423

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Sunrun Solar Owner Holdco XIII, LLC	Residential solar energy	First lien senior secured loan		12/31/2019		$	(60)
595 Market Street, 29th Floor	provider	First lien senior secured loan	9.50% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	12/31/2019		$ 28,656	
San Francisco, CA 94105							
SurgiQuest, Inc.	Medical device company	First lien senior secured revolving loan	8.50%	9/28/2014		$ 2,200	(61)
333 Quarry Road							
Milford, CT 06460		First lien senior secured loan	10.00%	10/1/2017		$ 5,726	
		First lien senior secured loan	10.69%	10/1/2017		$ 2,000	
		Warrants			5.21%	$	(2)
The Dwyer Group(3)	Operator of multiple	Senior subordinated loan	11.75%	6/29/2018		$ 39,900	
7 Times Square, Suite 4307	franchise concepts primarily	Series A preferred units	8.00% PIK		18.26%	$ 14,576	
New York, NY 10036	related to home maintenance or repairs						
The Step2 Company, LLC	Toy manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan	10.00%	4/13/2015		$ 25,600	
10010 Aurora-Hudson Road							
Streetsboro, OH 44241		Second lien senior secured loan	10.00%	4/13/2015		$ 4,500	
		Second lien senior secured loan		4/13/2015		$ 14,238	
		Common units			1.77%	$	
		Warrants			5.00%	$	(2)
The Teaching Company, LLC and The	Education publications	First lien senior secured loan	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	3/16/2017		$ 29,820	
Teaching Company Holdings, Inc.	provider	Preferred stock			1.77%	$ 2,918	
4151 Lafayette Center Drive, No. 100		Common stock			3.64%	$ 7	
Chantilly, VA 20151							
The Thymes, LLC(4)	Cosmetic products	Preferred units	8.00% PIK		67.50%	$ 3,519	
629 9th Street SE	manufacturer	Common units			67.50%	$ 7,855	
Minneapolis, MN 55414							
Things Remembered Inc. and TRM	Personalized gifts retailer	First lien senior secured revolving loan		5/24/2017		$	(62)
Holdings Corporation							
5500 Avion Park Drive		First lien senior secured loan	8.00% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	5/24/2018		14,775	
Highland Heights, OH 44143							
TOA Technologies, Inc.	Cloud based, mobile	First lien senior secured revolving loan		10/31/2014		$	(63)
3333 Richmond Road, Suite 420	workforce management						
Beachwood, OH 44122	applications provider	First lien senior secured loan	10.25%	11/1/2016		$ 12,242	
		Warrants			3.91%	1,189	(2)
TPTM Merger Corp.	Manufacturer of time	First lien senior secured		9/12/2018		$	(64)

116 American Road Morris Plains, NJ 07950	temperature indicator products	revolving loan First lien senior secured loan		9/12/2018	$		(65)
		First lien senior secured loan	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	9/12/2018	$	25,870	
Tripwire, Inc.	IT security software	First lien senior secured		5/23/2018	$		(66)
101 SW Main St., Suite 1500 Portland, OR 97204	provider	revolving loan First lien senior secured loan	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	5/23/2018	$	144,800	
		Class B common stock			2.95%	$ 84	
		Class A common stock			2.95%	$ 8,348	
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc. 2411 Fountain View Dr., Suite 200 Houston, TX 77057	Anesthesiology service provider	First lien senior secured loan	7.25% (Base Rate + 4.00%/Q)	12/31/2019	$	29,925	
UL Holding Co., LLC and Universal Lubricants, LLC(3) 2824 N Ohio Wichita, KS 67201	Petroleum product manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan		12/31/2014	$	34,957	
		Second lien senior secured loan		12/31/2014	$	3,683	
		Second lien senior secured loan		12/31/2014	$	3,657	
		Class A common units			2.68%	$	
		Class B-5 common units			59.92%	$	
		Class B-4 common units			100.00%	$	
		Class C common units			8.60%	$	
United Road Towing, Inc. 9550 Bornet Drive, Suite 301 Mokena, IL 60448	Towing company	Warrants			3.00%	$	(2)
Velocity Holdings Corp. 13432 Wards Rd Lynchburg, VA 24501	Hosted enterprise resource planning application management services provider	Common units			6.75%	$ 4,597	

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Venturehouse-Cibernet Investors, LLC 509 Seventh Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20004	Financial settlement services for intercarrier wireless roaming	Equity interest			3.31%	$
VSC Investors LLC 401 Vance Street Los Angeles, CA 90272	Investment company	Membership interest			1.95%	$ 1,267
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC(3) 350 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022	Management consulting services	Common membership interest			5.98%	$ 8,677
Wash Multifamily Laundry Systems, LLC 3690 Redondo Beach Ave. Redondo Beach, CA 90278	Laundry service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan	7.75% (Libor + 6.75%/S)	2/21/2020		$ 78,000
Waste Pro USA, Inc 2101 West State Road 434, Suite 315 Longwood, FL 32779	Waste management services	Preferred Class A common equity			2.47%	$ 28,818
Wilcon Holdings LLC 624 South Grand Ave., Suite 1200 Los Angeles, CA 90017	Communications infrastructure provider	Class A common stock			4.72%	$ 1,561
Woodstream Corporation 69 N. Locust Street Lititz, PA 17543-1714	Pet products manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/31/2016		$ 8,313
		Senior subordinated loan	11.50%	2/28/2017		$ 80,000
		Common stock			2.17%	$ 2,881
Wyle Laboratories, Inc. and Wyle Holdings, Inc. 1960 E. Grand Ave., Suite 900 El Segundo, CA 90245	Provider of specialized engineering, scientific and technical services	Senior preferred stock	8.00% PIK		0.77%	$ 112
		Common stock			0.66%	$ 1,961
X Plus Two Solutions, Inc. and X Plus One Solutions, Inc. 315 Park Avenue South, 12th Floor New York, NY 10010	Provider of open and integrated software for digital marketing optimization	First lien senior secured revolving loan	8.50%	9/1/2014		$ 8,600(67)
		First lien senior secured loan	10.00%	3/1/2017		$ 6,788(68)
		First lien senior secured loan	10.00%	10/1/2017		$ 1,820
		Warrants			6.10%	$ 180(2)
		Warrants			10.50%	$ 306(2)
Young Innovations, Inc. 13705 Shoreline Court East Earth City, MO 63045	Dental supplies and equipment manufacturer	First lien senior secured revolving loan		1/30/2018		$ (69)
		First lien senior secured loan	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	1/30/2019		$ 22,403
				1/30/2019		$ 20

First lien senior secured loan	6.75% (Base Rate + 3.50%/Q)

(1) All interest is payable in cash unless otherwise indicated. A majority of the variable rate loans to our portfolio companies bear interest at a rate that may be determined by reference to either LIBOR or an alternate Base Rate (commonly based on the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate), at the borrower's option, which resets daily (D), monthly (M), bimonthly (B), quarterly (Q) or semiannually (S). For each such loan, we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of September 30, 2012.

(2) Percentages shown for warrants or convertible preferred stock held represents the percentages of common stock we may own on a fully diluted basis, assuming we exercise our warrants or convert our preferred stock to common stock.

(3) As defined in the Investment Company Act, we are an "Affiliate" of this portfolio company because we own 5% or more of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities.

(4) As defined in the Investment Company Act, we are an "Affiliate" of this portfolio company because we own 5% or more of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or we have the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company (including through a management agreement). In addition, as defined in the Investment Company Act, we "Control" this portfolio company because we own more than 25% of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or we have the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company (including through a management agreement).

(5) $0 of total commitment of $5,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(6) $4,000 of total commitment of $5,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(7) $250 of total commitment of $4,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(8) Total commitment of $3,231 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(9) Total commitment of $5,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(10) Total commitment of $10,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(11) Total commitment of $10,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(12) $0 of total commitment of $20,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(13) $2,200 of total commitment of $4,700 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(14) Total commitment of $3,750 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(15) $3,547 of total commitment of $3,734 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(16) Total commitment of $5,284 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(17) $4,272 of total commitment of $5,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(18) $4,356 of total commitment of $4,500 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

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(19) Total commitment of $5,716 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(20) Total commitment of $5,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(21) $3,300 of total commitment of $7,500 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(22) Total commitment of $20,613 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(23) $2,510 of total commitment of $5,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(24) Total commitment of $17,238 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(25) $1,300 of total commitment of $10,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(26) Total commitment of $15,625 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(27) $2,302 of total commitment of $2,500 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(28) $1,909 of total commitment of $2,500 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(29) $7,341 of total commitment of $10,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(30) Total commitment of $23,750 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(31) $15,330 of total commitment of $25,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(32) $0 of total commitment of $5,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(33) Total commitment of $5,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(34) Total commitment of $10,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(35) Total commitment of $2,500 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(36) $2,744 of total commitment of $5,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(37) Total commitment of $10,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(38) $21,236 of total commitment of $22,500 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(39) Total commitment of $5,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(40) Total commitment of $100,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

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Total commitment of $100,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(42) Total commitment of $10,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(43) Total commitment of $29,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(44) $188 of total commitment of $972 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(45) Total commitment of $2,905 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(46) Total commitment of $2,500 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(47) $9,600 of total commitment of $10,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(48) Total commitment of $2,500 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(49) Total commitment of $32,425 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(50) Total commitment of $2,500 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(51) Total commitment of $2,500 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(52) Total commitment of $2,500 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(53) $2,692 of total commitment of $3,314 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(54) Total commitment of $1,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(55) Total commitment of $7,683 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(56) Total commitment of $10,596 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(57) Total commitment of $10,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(58) Total commitment of $5,988 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(59) $12,927 of total commitment of $15,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(60) Total commitment of $11,344 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(61) $33 of total commitment of $2,233 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(62) Total commitment of $5,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

(63) $2,340 of total commitment of $4,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

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Total commitment of $5,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

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Total commitment of $7,500 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

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Total commitment of $10,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

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$6,400 of total commitment of $15,000 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

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$327 of total commitment of $6,788 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

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Total commitment of $2,857 remains unfunded as of March 31, 2014.

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Set forth below is a brief description of each portfolio company in which we have made an investment that represents greater than 5% of our total assets as of March 31, 2014.

Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC

The Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC, or SSLP, was formed in December 2007. We and GE co-invest through the SSLP in first lien senior secured loans of middle-market companies and, as of March 31, 2014, the SSLP had available capital of $11.0 billion of which approximately $8.8 billion in aggregate principal amount was funded. As of March 31, 2014, we had agreed to make available to the SSLP approximately $2.3 billion, of which approximately $1.8 billion was funded. The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with approval from a representative of each required). The SSLP consists of a diverse portfolio of first lien senior secured loans to 46 different borrowers as of March 31, 2014 and the portfolio companies in the SSLP are in industries similar to the companies in Ares Capital's portfolio. For more information on the SSLP, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Portfolio and Investment Activity Senior Secured Loan Program."

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MANAGEMENT

Our business and affairs are managed under the direction of our board of directors. The responsibilities of the board of directors include, among other things, the quarterly valuation of our investments. The size of our board of directors is set at nine members and currently consists of four directors who are "interested persons" of Ares Capital as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act and five directors who are not such "interested persons." We refer to the directors who are non-interested persons as our "independent directors." We refer to our directors who are "interested persons" as our "interested directors." Our board of directors elects our officers, who serve at the discretion of the board of directors. The board of directors maintains an audit committee and nominating and governance committee, and may establish additional committees from time to time as necessary.

Under our charter and bylaws, our directors are divided into three classes. Directors are elected for staggered terms of three years each, with the term of office of only one of these three classes of directors expiring each year. 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CERTAIN OTHER OFFICERS

Name, Address and Age(1)	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director	Other Directorships of Public or Registered Investment Companies Held by Director During Past 5 Years
Independent Directors					
Steve Bartlett, 66	Director	Class II Director since 2012 (term expires in 2015)	Since 2012, Mr. Bartlett has been providing strategic independent consulting services to several U.S. corporations. From 1999 to 2012, Mr. Bartlett served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Financial Services Roundtable.	One(2)	Centene Corporation
Ann Torre Bates, 56	Director	Class I Director since 2010 (term expires in 2017)	Ms. Bates currently dedicates her time serving on boards of directors of several companies in the financial sector. From 1997 to 2012, Ms. Bates was a strategic and financial consultant, principally with respect to corporate finance matters.	One(2)	United Natural Foods, Inc., SLM Corporation (Sallie Mae), 17 investment companies in the Franklin Templeton Group of Mutual Funds and Allied Capital Corporation
Steven B. McKeever, 53	Director	Class I Director since 2012 (term expires in 2017)	Since 1997, Mr. McKeever has been CEO of Hidden Beach Recordings, an independent record label based in Los Angeles, California.	One(2)	
Frank E. O'Bryan, 80	Director	Class III Director since 2005 (term expires in 2016)	Since 2004, Mr. O'Bryan has been retired.	One(2)	The First American Financial Corp.
Eric B. Siegel, 56	Director	Class III Director since 2004 (term expires in 2016)	Since 1995, Mr. Siegel has been an independent business consultant providing advice through a limited liability company owned by Mr. Siegel, principally with respect to acquisition strategy and structuring, and the subsequent management of	One(2)	El Paso Electric Company

acquired entities.

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Name, Address and Age(1)	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director	Other Directorships of Public or Registered Investment Companies Held by Director During Past 5 Years
Interested Directors					
Michael J. Arougheti, 41(3)	Director and Chief Executive Officer	Class I Director since February 2009 (term expires in 2017); Chief Executive Officer since May 2013 (indefinite term)	Since May 2013, Mr. Arougheti has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company and since February 2009, he has served as a director of the Company. Mr. Arougheti previously served as President of the Company from May 2004 to May 2013. Mr. Arougheti is a Co-Founder of Ares and currently serves as President of Ares, Co-Head and a Senior Partner of the Ares Direct Lending Group and a member of the Ares Board of Directors and Management Committee. In addition, Mr. Arougheti serves as a member of the Investment Committees of Ares Capital Management, the Ares Direct Lending Group, Ares Management Limited and Ares Commercial Real Estate Management LLC, the manager of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation.	One(2)	Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation, Planet Organic Health Corp.
Antony P. Ressler, 53(4)	Director	Class III Director since 2010 (term expires in 2016)	Mr. Ressler is a Co-Founder of Ares and currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of Ares and Chairman of the Ares Board of Directors and Management Committee. Mr. Ressler has been a Senior Partner of the Ares Private Equity Group since 1997 and is a member of the Investment Committees of the funds managed by the Ares Private Equity Group and certain funds managed by the Ares Tradable Credit Group.	One(2)	WCA Waste Corporation
Robert L. Rosen, 67(5)	Director	Class II Director since 2004 (term expires in 2015)	Since August 2005, Mr. Rosen has served as managing partner of RLR Capital Partners, which invests principally in the securities of publicly traded North American companies. From 1987 to the present, Mr. Rosen has been CEO of RLR Partners, LLC, a private investment firm with interests in financial services, healthcare, media and multi-industry companies. Mr. Rosen is also an Operating Advisor to Ares Management.	One(2)	Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation, Sapient Corporation
Bennett Rosenthal, 50(6)	Chairman and Director	Class II Director since 2004 (term expires in 2015)	Since 2004, Mr. Rosenthal has served as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Rosenthal is a Co-Founder of Ares and currently serves as a Senior Partner of Ares, Co-Head and a Senior Partner of the Ares Private Equity Group and a member of the Ares Board of Directors and Management Committee. Mr. Rosenthal is also a member of the Investment Committees of Ares Capital Management and the funds managed by the Ares Private Equity Group and certain funds in the Direct Lending Group.	One(2)	Nortek, Inc., Hanger, Inc., Maidenform Brands, Inc.
Executive Officers and Certain Other Officers Who Are Not Directors					
Joshua M. Bloomstein, 40	General Counsel, Vice President and Secretary	General Counsel since January 2010; Secretary since December 2010; Vice President since November 2006 (indefinite terms)	Since January 2010, Mr. Bloomstein has served as General Counsel of the Company, since December 2010, Mr. Bloomstein has served as Secretary of the Company and since November 2006, Mr. Bloomstein has served as Vice President of the Company. He joined Ares in November 2006 and currently serves as the Deputy General Counsel of Ares Management.		

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Name, Address and Age(1)	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director	Other Directorships of Public or Registered Investment Companies Held by Director During Past 5 Years
R. Kipp deVeer, 41	President	Since May 2013 (indefinite term)	Since May 2013, Mr. deVeer has served as President of the Company. Mr. deVeer has served as an officer of Ares Capital Management since 2004. Mr. deVeer joined Ares in May 2004 and currently serves as a Senior Partner in and Co-Head of the Ares Direct Lending Group and member of the Management Committee of Ares. Mr. deVeer is a member of the Investment Committees of Ares Capital Management, the Ares Direct Lending Group and Ares Management Limited and one of the two investment committees of Ivy Hill Asset Management. Mr. deVeer is also a director of Ares Management Limited.		
Mitchell Goldstein, 47	Executive Vice President	Since May 2013 (indefinite term)	Since May 2013, Mr. Goldstein has served as an Executive Vice President of the Company. Mr. Goldstein has served as an officer of Ares Capital Management since 2005. Mr. Goldstein joined Ares in May 2005 and currently serves as a Senior Partner in the Ares Direct Lending Group. Mr. Goldstein is a member of the Investment Committees of Ares Capital Management and the Ares Direct Lending Group and both investment committees of Ivy Hill Asset Management.		
Miriam Krieger, 38	Chief Compliance Officer	Since July 2011 (indefinite term)	Since July 2011, Ms. Krieger has served as Chief Compliance Officer of the Company, and currently serves as Ares Management's Deputy Chief Compliance Officer Direct Lending. From March 2008 until April 2010, Ms. Krieger was Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary of Allied Capital Corporation, where she served as Executive Vice President from August 2008 until April 2010 and as Senior Vice President from March 2008 to August 2008.		
Scott C. Lem, 36	Chief Accounting Officer, Vice President and Treasurer	Chief Accounting Officer since December 2013; Vice President and Treasurer since May 2013 (indefinite terms)	Since December 2013, Mr. Lem has served as Chief Accounting Officer of the Company and since May 2013, Mr. Lem has served as Vice President and Treasurer of the Company. Mr. Lem previously served as Assistant Treasurer of the Company from May 2009 to May 2013. Mr. Lem has also served as Chief Accounting Officer of Ares Capital Management since January 2009. From July 2003 to December 2008, Mr. Lem served as Controller of Ares Management.		
Daniel F. Nguyen, 42	Vice President and Assistant Treasurer	Vice President since January 2011 and Assistant Treasurer since May 2013 (indefinite terms)	Since January 2011, Mr. Nguyen has served as Vice President of the Company and since May 2013, Mr. Nguyen has served as Assistant Treasurer of the Company. From March 2007 to December 2010 and from September 2012 to May 2013, Mr. Nguyen served as Treasurer of the Company. From July 2004 to March 2007, Mr. Nguyen served as Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Mr. Nguyen joined Ares in August 2000 and currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ares and a member of the Ares Management Committee. Mr. Nguyen also currently serves as Chief Financial Officer of Ares Dynamic Credit Allocation Fund, Inc. and Ares Multi-Strategy Credit Fund, Inc., two publicly traded closed-end funds managed by an affiliate of Ares Management, and as Treasurer of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation.		

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Name, Address and Age(1)	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director	Other Directorships of Public or Registered Investment Companies Held by Director During Past 5 Years
Penni F. Roll, 48	Chief Financial Officer	Since December 2010 (indefinite term)	Since December 2010, Ms. Roll has served as Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Since April 2010, Ms. Roll has served as Executive Vice President Finance of Ares Capital Management. Ms. Roll served as Chief Financial Officer of Allied Capital Corporation from 1998 until April 2010. Ms. Roll joined Allied Capital Corporation in 1995 as its Controller after serving as a Manager in KPMG LLP's financial services practice.		
Michael L. Smith, 43	Executive Vice President	Since May 2013 (indefinite term)	Since May 2013, Mr. Smith has served as an Executive Vice President of the Company. Mr. Smith has served as an officer of Ares Capital Management since 2004. Mr. Smith joined Ares in May 2004 and currently serves as a Senior Partner in the Ares Direct Lending Group. Mr. Smith is a member of the Investment Committees of Ares Capital Management and the Ares Direct Lending Group and one of the two investment committees of Ivy Hill Asset Management.		
Michael D. Weiner, 61	Vice President	Since September 2006 (indefinite term)	Since September 2006, Mr. Weiner has been Vice President of the Company. Mr. Weiner currently serves as General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer of Ares and a member of the Ares Management Committee. From September 2006 to January 2010, Mr. Weiner served as General Counsel to the Company. Mr. Weiner has also served as Vice President and General Counsel of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation since March 2012.		Hughes Communications, Inc.

(1) The business address of Messrs. Arougheti, Bloomstein, deVeer, Goldstein, Rosen and Smith and Ms. Roll is c/o Ares Capital Corporation, 245 Park Avenue, 44th Floor, New York, New York 10167. The business address of Ms. Krieger is c/o Ares Capital Corporation, 2200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600-W, Washington, DC 20037. The business address of each director, executive officer and other listed officer is c/o Ares Capital Corporation, 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067.

(2) Including the Company.

(3) Mr. Arougheti is an interested director because he is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, is on the Investment Committee of the investment adviser, is a Co-Founder and President of Ares and serves on the Board of Directors and Management Committee of Ares.

(4) Mr. Ressler is an interested director because he is a Co-Founder and the Chief Executive Officer of Ares and serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Management Committee of Ares.

(5) Mr. Rosen is an interested director because he is an Operating Advisor to Ares Management.

(6) Mr. Rosenthal is an interested director because he is on the Investment Committee of the investment adviser, is a Co-Founder and Senior Partner of Ares and serves on the Board of Directors and Management Committee of Ares.

Biographical Information and Discussion of Experience and Qualifications, etc.

Directors

As described below under "Committees of the Board of Directors Nominating and Governance Committee," the board of directors has identified certain desired attributes for director nominees. Each of our directors has demonstrated high character and integrity, superior credentials and recognition in his or her respective field and the relevant expertise and experience upon which to be able to offer advice and guidance to our management. Each of our directors also has sufficient time available to devote to the affairs of the Company, is able to work with the other members of the board of directors and contribute to the success of the Company and can represent the long-term interests of the Company's stockholders as a whole. Our directors have been selected such that the board of directors represents a range of backgrounds and experience. Set forth below is biographical information of each director and in the paragraph immediately following such director's biographical information, a paragraph discussing such director's particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that lead us

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and our board of directors to conclude, as of the date of this prospectus, that such individual should serve as a director, in light of the Company's business and structure.

Independent Directors

Steve Bartlett, 66, has served as a director of the Company since 2012 and currently serves on the audit committee. Mr. Bartlett has been a consultant since 2012, providing strategic independent consulting services to several U.S. corporations. From 1999 to 2012, Mr. Bartlett served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Financial Services Roundtable. Mr. Bartlett currently sits on the board of directors of Operation Hope and International Relief and Development. In 2001, Mr. Bartlett served on the President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education. Mr. Bartlett previously served as the Mayor of Dallas, Texas from 1991 to 1995, a member of the United States Congress from 1983 to 1991, and a member of the Dallas City Council from 1977 to 1981. Mr. Bartlett also founded Meridian Products Corporation, a manufacturer of injection molded plastics in 1976. Mr. Bartlett previously served on the Board of Governors of the National YMCA, the board of directors of BIPAC and Easter Seals of Greater Washington, DC, and the board of directors for the following companies: Centene Corporation (NYSE), IMCO Recycling, Inc. (NYSE), KB Home Corporation (NYSE), Sun Coast Industries (NYSE), Dallas Can! and Grace Presbyterian Village. Mr. Bartlett also served as co-chair of Character Counts of Dallas and chair of the Trinity Trails. Mr. Bartlett also served on the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Board. Mr. Bartlett graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1971, later serving as a guest lecturer at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.

We believe that Mr. Bartlett's experience serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Financial Services Roundtable, his experience in politics (including serving as the Mayor of Dallas, Texas, a member of the United States Congress and a member of the Dallas City Council) and his service as a director of public and private companies provides the board of directors with key experience and insight to the Company, especially with respect to issues specific to boards of directors of public companies and companies in the financial services industry.

Ann Torre Bates, 56, has served as a director of the Company since 2010 and is currently the chairperson of the audit committee. Ms. Bates currently dedicates her time serving on the boards of directors of several companies in the financial sector. From 1997 to 2012, Ms. Bates was a strategic and financial consultant, principally with respect to corporate finance matters. From 1995 to 1997, Ms. Bates served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of NHP, Inc., a national real estate services firm. From 1991 to 1995, Ms. Bates was Vice President and Treasurer of US Airways, and held various finance positions from 1988 to 1991. Ms. Bates holds a BBA in Accountancy from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA in Finance and Economics from Cornell University. She currently serves on the board of directors of United Natural Foods, Inc. and SLM Corporation (Sallie Mae) and is a director or trustee of 17 investment companies in the Franklin Templeton Group of Mutual Funds. She served as a director of Allied Capital Corporation from 2003 to 2010.

We believe that Ms. Bates' experience serving as a director of other public companies in the financial sector, as well as her past experience as a chief financial officer, provides the board of directors and, specifically, the audit committee of the board of directors with valuable knowledge and insight in the financial services sector as well as experience in financial and accounting matters.

Steven B. McKeever, 53, has served as a director of the Company since 2012 and is currently the chairperson of the nominating and governance committee. Mr. McKeever is the CEO of Hidden Beach Recordings, an independent record label based in Los Angeles, California, which Mr. McKeever founded in 1997. From 1991 to 1995, Mr. McKeever was with Motown Records, where he served as Executive Vice President of Talent and Creative Affairs from 1993 to 1995 and Senior Vice President of Artists and Repertoire from 1991 to 1993. In 1992, Mr. McKeever created MoJAZZ Records, a subsidiary of Motown Records and served as its President. In 1993, he was instrumental in the sale of

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Motown Records to PolyGram Records. Mr. McKeever eventually left Motown Records in 1995 to work on his own entrepreneurial projects. Mr. McKeever began his career at the law firm of Irell & Manella LLP in Los Angeles as an entertainment lawyer. In 2011, Mr. McKeever served as the Executive Producer of Entertainment for the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington, D.C. Mr. McKeever currently serves as a director of several organizations, including College Bound (Chairman), African Ancestry.com and The Pacific Institute Spirit Board. He served as a Governor of the Los Angeles Chapter of The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (a/k/a The GRAMMYs) from 2001 to 2003 and 2008 to 2010 and gives generous time to various charitable organizations such as The City of Hope. Mr. McKeever received his BS from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and received his JD from Harvard Law School.

We believe that Mr. McKeever's diversity of experiences, in particular his small business and entrepreneurial experience, provides the board of directors with unique insight and expertise into the management of small and middle market companies.

Frank E. O'Bryan, 80, has served as a director of the Company since 2005 and currently serves on the nominating and governance committee. Mr. O'Bryan served as Chairman of the Board of WMC Mortgage Company from 1997 to 2003 and as a Vice Chairman until 2004, when the company was sold to General Electric Corporation. Mr. O'Bryan served as Vice Chairman of Shearson/American Express Mortgage Corp. (formerly Western Pacific Financial) and as a Director of Shearson American Express from 1981 to 1985 and prior to that served as a Director and senior executive of Shearson Hayden Stone from 1979 to 1981. Mr. O'Bryan holds a BS in Business from the University of Arizona. Mr. O'Bryan is a past member of the boards of directors of Damon Corporation, Grubb & Ellis, Standard Pacific Corporation, Farmers & Merchants Bank and The First American Financial Corporation.

We believe that Mr. O'Bryan's long and varied business career, including his service as a director of numerous public and private companies, allows him to provide key experience and insight, especially with respect to issues specific to boards of directors of public companies and companies in the financial services industry, and that Mr. O'Bryan also provides valuable knowledge and expertise in financial and accounting matters to the board of directors from his service on the audit committees of The First American Financial Corporation and Standard Pacific Corporation.

Eric B. Siegel, 56, has served as a director of the Company since 2004 and has been the lead independent director of the board of directors since 2010. Mr. Siegel currently serves on the audit committee and the nominating and governance committee. Since 1995, Mr. Siegel has been an independent business consultant providing advice through a limited liability company owned by Mr. Siegel, principally with respect to acquisition strategy and structuring, and the subsequent management of acquired entities. Mr. Siegel is currently a member of the Advisory Board of and Special Advisor to the Chairman of the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club and a director and Chairman of the Executive Committee of El Paso Electric Company, a NYSE publicly traded utility company. Mr. Siegel is also a past member of the boards of directors of a number of public and private companies, including Kerzner International Ltd. Mr. Siegel is a retired limited partner of Apollo Advisors, L.P. and Lion Advisors, L.P., private investment management firms. Mr. Siegel is a member of the board of directors of the Friends of the Los Angeles Saban Free Clinic and a past member of the Board of Trustees of the Marlborough School. Mr. Siegel holds his BA summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa and JD Order of the Coif from the University of California at Los Angeles.

We believe that Mr. Siegel's experience practicing as a corporate lawyer provides valuable insight to the board of directors on regulatory and risk management issues and that his experience as a partner in investment firms and over 20 years of experience serving as a director for both public and private companies provide industry-specific knowledge and expertise to the board of directors.

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Interested Directors

Michael J. Arougheti, 41, has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company since May 2013 and as a director of the Company since 2009. Mr. Arougheti previously served as President of the Company from May 2004 to May 2013. Mr. Arougheti is a Co-Founder, Senior Partner and President of Ares. He is Co-Head and a Senior Partner of the Ares Direct Lending Group and serves as a member of the Board of Directors and Management Committee of Ares. Mr. Arougheti also is a member of the Investment Committees of our investment adviser, the Ares Direct Lending Group, Ares Management Limited (through which Ares Management manages its European private debt and capital markets businesses) and Ares Commercial Real Estate Management LLC, the manager of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation. Mr. Arougheti may from time to time serve as an officer, director or principal of entities affiliated with Ares Management or of investment funds managed by Ares Management and its affiliates. From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Arougheti was employed by Royal Bank of Canada, where he was a Managing Partner of the Principal Finance Group of RBC Capital Partners and a member of the firm's Mezzanine Investment Committee. At RBC Capital Partners, Mr. Arougheti oversaw an investment team that originated, managed and monitored a diverse portfolio of middle market leveraged loans, senior and junior subordinated debt, preferred equity and common stock and warrants on behalf of RBC and other third party institutional investors. Mr. Arougheti joined Royal Bank of Canada in October 2001 from Indosuez Capital, where he was a Principal, responsible for originating, structuring and executing leveraged transactions across a broad range of products and asset classes. Mr. Arougheti also sat on the firm's Investment Committee. Prior to joining Indosuez in 1994, Mr. Arougheti worked at Kidder, Peabody & Co., where he was a member of the firm's Mergers and Acquisitions Group. In addition to serving as Chairman of the board of directors of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation, Mr. Arougheti also serves on the boards of directors of Investor Group Services, Riverspace Arts and Operation Hope. Mr. Arougheti received a BA in Ethics, Politics and Economics, cum laude, from Yale University.

We believe that Mr. Arougheti's depth of experience in investment management, leveraged finance and financial services, as well as his intimate knowledge of the Company's business and operations, gives the board of directors valuable industry-specific knowledge and expertise on these and other matters. Mr. Arougheti is an interested director because he is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, is on the Investment Committee of our investment adviser, is a Co-Founder, Senior Partner and President of Ares and serves as a member of the Board of Directors and Management Committee of Ares.

Antony P. Ressler, 53, has served as a director of the Company since April 2010. Mr. Ressler is a Co-Founder, Senior Partner and Chief Executive Officer of Ares. He serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Management Committee of Ares. Mr. Ressler is also a Senior Partner of the Ares Private Equity Group and a member of the Investment Committees of funds managed by the Ares Private Equity Group and certain funds managed by the Ares Tradable Credit Group. Mr. Ressler may from time to time serve as an officer, director or principal of entities affiliated with Ares Management or of investment funds managed by Ares Management and its affiliates. Prior to Ares, Mr. Ressler was a co-founder of Apollo Management, L.P. in 1990 and was a member of the original six-member management team. Mr. Ressler oversaw and led the capital markets activities of Apollo Management, L.P. from 1990 until 1997, particularly focusing on high yield bonds, leveraged loans and other fixed income assets. Prior to 1990, Mr. Ressler served as a Senior Vice President in the High Yield Bond Department of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., with responsibility for the New Issue/Syndicate Desk. Mr. Ressler currently serves on the board of directors of Air Lease Corporation. Mr. Ressler is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Cedars Sinai Medical Center, is Finance Chair and a member of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), and is Founder and Co-Chairman of the Alliance for College Ready Public Schools, a high performing group of eighteen charter high schools and middle schools based in Los Angeles. Mr. Ressler is also one of the founding members of the board and Finance

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Chair of the Painted Turtle Camp, a southern California based organization (affiliated with Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Association), which was created to serve children dealing with chronic and life threatening illnesses by creating memorable, old-fashioned camping experiences. Mr. Ressler is also a former member of the board of directors of WCA Waste Corporation. Mr. Ressler received his BSFS from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and received his MBA from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business.

We believe that Mr. Ressler's intimate knowledge of the business and operations of Ares and the Company, his extensive experience in the financial industry and as a partner in investment firms and his service as a director of other public companies provides industry-specific knowledge and expertise to the board of directors. Mr. Ressler is an interested director because he is a Co-Founder, Senior Partner and Chief Executive Officer of Ares and serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Management Committee of Ares.

Robert L. Rosen, 67, has served as a director of the Company since 2004. Mr. Rosen is an Operating Advisor to Ares Management. Mr. Rosen is the managing partner of RLR Capital Partners, which invests principally in the securities of publicly traded North American companies. From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Rosen was a Managing Partner of RLR Focus Fund LP, an "active value" hedge fund. From 1995 to 2001, Mr. Rosen served as an exclusive consultant to Apollo Management, L.P. In 1998, Mr. Rosen founded National Financial Partners (NYSE: "NFP"), an independent provider of financial services to high net worth individuals and small- to medium-sized corporations. He served as NFP's CEO from 1998 to 2000 and as its Chairman until January 2002. From 1987 to 1993, Mr. Rosen was a Managing Partner of Ballantrae Partners, L.P., an investment partnership. From 1989 to 1993, Mr. Rosen was Chairman and CEO of Damon Corporation, a leading healthcare and laboratory testing company that was ultimately sold to Quest Diagnostics. From 1983 to 1987, Mr. Rosen was Vice Chairman of Maxxam Group. Prior to that, Mr. Rosen spent twelve years at Shearson American Express in positions in research, investment banking and senior management, and for two years was Assistant to Sanford Weill, the then Chairman and CEO of Shearson. In 2012, Mr. Rosen joined the board of directors of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation and Sapient Corporation. Mr. Rosen is a member of the NYU Stern School of Business Board of Overseers and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Rosen received an undergraduate degree from City University of New York and an MBA in finance from NYU's Stern School.

We believe that Mr. Rosen's over 31 years of experience as a senior executive of financial services, healthcare services and private equity funds brings broad financial industry and specific investment management insight and experience to the board of directors and that his expertise in finance provides valuable knowledge to the board of directors. Mr. Rosen is an interested director because of his role as an Operating Adviser to Ares Management.

Bennett Rosenthal, 50, has served as Chairman of our board of directors since 2004. Mr. Rosenthal is a Co-Founder and Senior Partner of Ares. He is Co-Head and a Senior Partner of the Ares Private Equity Group and serves as a member of the Board of Directors and Management Committee of Ares. Mr. Rosenthal also is a member of the Investment Committees of our investment adviser and the funds managed by the Ares Private Equity Group and certain funds managed by the Ares Direct Lending Group. Mr. Rosenthal may from time to time serve as an officer, director or principal of entities affiliated with Ares Management or of investment funds managed by Ares Management and its affiliates. Mr. Rosenthal joined Ares in 1998 from Merrill Lynch & Co., where he served as a Managing Director in the Global Leveraged Finance Group. Mr. Rosenthal currently serves on the Board of Directors of Aspen Dental Management, Inc., City Ventures, LLC, Nortek, Inc., the parent entities of CHG Healthcare Holdings L.P., CPG International Inc., Serta International Holdco LLC and Simmons Bedding Company, and several other private companies. Mr. Rosenthal's previous public company board of directors experience includes Maidenform Brands, Inc. and Hanger, Inc. Mr. Rosenthal also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Windward School in Los Angeles. Mr. Rosenthal graduated summa cum laude with a BS in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business where he also received his MBA with distinction.

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We believe that Mr. Rosenthal's intimate knowledge of the business and operations of Ares, extensive experience in the financial industry as well as the management of private equity and debt investments in particular and experience as a director of other public and private companies not only give the board of directors valuable insight but also position him well to continue to serve as the chairman of our board of directors. Mr. Rosenthal is an interested director because he is on the Investment Committee of our investment adviser, is a Co-Founder and Senior Partner of Ares and serves on the Board of Directors and Management Committee of Ares.

Executive Officers and Certain Other Officers Who Are Not Directors

Joshua M. Bloomstein, 40, serves as the General Counsel, Vice President and Secretary of the Company. He joined Ares in November 2006 and currently serves as the Deputy General Counsel of Ares Management, and may from time to time serve as an officer, director or principal of entities affiliated with Ares Management or of investment funds managed by Ares Management and its affiliates. Prior to joining Ares, Mr. Bloomstein was an attorney with Latham & Watkins LLP specializing in leveraged buyouts and private equity investments as well as general partnership and corporate matters. Mr. Bloomstein graduated magna cum laude with a BA in Political Science from the State University of New York at Albany and received a JD degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Miami, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif.

R. Kipp deVeer, 41, serves as President of the Company. He joined Ares in May 2004 and currently serves as a Senior Partner in and Co-Head of the Ares Direct Lending Group and member of the Management Committee of Ares. Mr. deVeer may from time to time serve as an officer, director or principal of entities affiliated with Ares Management or of investment funds managed by Ares Management and its affiliates. Mr. deVeer is a member of the Investment Committees of our investment adviser, the Ares Direct Lending Group and Ares Management Limited (through which Ares Management manages its European private debt and capital markets businesses) and one of the two investment committees of Ivy Hill Asset Management. Mr. deVeer is also a director of Ares Management Limited. Prior to joining Ares, Mr. deVeer was a partner at RBC Capital Partners, a division of Royal Bank of Canada, which led the firm's middle-market financing and principal investment business. Mr. deVeer joined RBC in October 2001 from Indosuez Capital, where he was Vice President in the Merchant Banking Group. Previously, Mr. deVeer worked at J.P. Morgan and Co., both in the Special Investment Group of J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc. and the Investment Banking Division of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. Mr. deVeer received a BA from Yale University and an MBA from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.

Mitchell Goldstein, 47, serves as an Executive Vice President of the Company. Mr. Goldstein joined Ares in May 2005 and currently serves as a Senior Partner in the Ares Direct Lending Group, and may from time to time serve as an officer, director or principal of entities affiliated with Ares Management or of investment funds managed by Ares Management and its affiliates. Mr. Goldstein is a member of the Investment Committees of our investment adviser and of the Ares Direct Lending Group and both investment committees of Ivy Hill Asset Management. Prior to joining Ares, Mr. Goldstein worked at Credit Suisse First Boston ("CSFB"), where he was a Managing Director in the Financial Sponsors Group. At CSFB, Mr. Goldstein was responsible for providing investment banking services to private equity funds and hedge funds with a focus on M&A and restructurings as well as capital raisings, including high yield, bank debt, mezzanine debt, and IPOs. Mr. Goldstein joined CSFB in 2000 at the completion of the merger with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. From 1998 to 2000, Mr. Goldstein was at Indosuez Capital, where he was a member of the Investment Committee and a Principal, responsible for originating, structuring and executing leveraged transactions across a broad range of products and asset classes. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Goldstein worked at Bankers Trust. Mr. Goldstein graduated *summa cum laude* from the State University of New York at Binghamton with

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a BS in Accounting, received an MBA from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Miriam Krieger, 38, serves as Chief Compliance Officer of the Company. She joined Ares in April 2010 and currently serves as Ares Management's Deputy Chief Compliance Officer Direct Lending, and may from time to time, serve as an officer, director or principal of entities affiliated with Ares Management or of investment funds managed by Ares Management and its affiliates. From March 2008 until joining Ares, Ms. Krieger was Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary of Allied Capital Corporation, where she also served as Executive Vice President from August 2008 until April 2010 and as Senior Vice President from March 2008 to August 2008. Ms. Krieger also served as Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer at MCG Capital Corporation, a publicly traded business development company, from 2006 to 2008 and Vice President and Assistant General Counsel from 2004 to 2006. From 2001 to 2004, Ms. Krieger was an associate in the Financial Services Group of the law firm of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP. Ms. Krieger graduated with a BA in Economics and Political Science from Wellesley College and received a JD and an MA in Economics from Duke University.

Scott C. Lem, 36, serves as Chief Accounting Officer, Vice President and Treasurer of the Company. Mr. Lem previously served as Assistant Treasurer of the Company from May 2009 to May 2013. He joined Ares in July 2003 and currently serves as Chief Accounting Officer of Ares Capital Management, and may from time to time serve as an officer, director or principal of entities affiliated with Ares Management or of investment funds managed by Ares Management and its affiliates. From July 2003 to December 2008, Mr. Lem served as Controller of Ares Management. Previously, Mr. Lem was with Ernst & Young LLP and Arthur Andersen LLP, most recently as a Senior Associate conducting audits for clients across several industries including entertainment, hospitality and real estate. Mr. Lem graduated summa cum laude with a BS in Accounting from the University of Southern California's Leventhal School of Accounting and summa cum laude with a BS in Business Administration from the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business. Mr. Lem has also received an MBA in Finance from UCLA's Anderson School of Management. Mr. Lem is a Certified Public Accountant (Inactive).

Daniel F. Nguyen, 42, serves as a Vice President and Assistant Treasurer of the Company. He joined Ares in August 2000 and serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ares and a member of the Management Committee of Ares, and may from time to time serve as an officer, director or principal of entities affiliated with Ares Management or of investment funds managed by Ares Management and its affiliates. Mr. Nguyen also serves as Chief Financial Officer of Ares Dynamic Credit Allocation Fund, Inc. and Ares Multi-Strategy Credit Fund, Inc., two publicly- traded closed-end funds managed by an affiliate of Ares Management, and as Treasurer of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation. From March 2007 to December 2010 and from September 2012 to May 2013, Mr. Nguyen served as Treasurer of the Company and from August 2004 to March 2007, as Chief Financial Officer of the Company. From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Nguyen was with Arthur Andersen LLP, where he was in charge of conducting business audits on financial clients, performing due diligence investigation of potential mergers and acquisitions and analyzing changes in accounting guidelines for derivatives. Mr. Nguyen graduated with a BS in Accounting from the University of Southern California's Leventhal School of Accounting and received an MBA in Global Business from Pepperdine University's Graziadio School of Business and Management. Mr. Nguyen also studied European Business at Oxford University as part of the M.B.A. curriculum. Mr. Nguyen is a Chartered Financial Analyst® and a Certified Public Accountant.

Penni F. Roll, 48, serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company. She joined Ares in April 2010 as Executive Vice President Finance of Ares Capital Management and may from time to time serve as an officer, director or principal of entities affiliated with Ares Management or of investment funds managed by Ares Management and its affiliates. Ms. Roll served as Chief Financial Officer of Allied Capital Corporation from 1998 until April 2010. Ms. Roll joined Allied Capital

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Corporation in 1995 as its Controller after serving as a Manager in KPMG LLP's financial services practice. Ms. Roll graduated magna cum laude with a BSBA in Accounting from West Virginia University. Ms. Roll is a Certified Public Accountant (Inactive).

Michael L. Smith, 43, serves as an Executive Vice President of the Company. Mr. Smith joined Ares in May 2004 and currently serves as a Senior Partner in the Ares Direct Lending Group, and may from time to time serve as an officer, director or principal of entities affiliated with Ares Management or of investment funds managed by Ares Management and its affiliates. Mr. Smith is a member of the Investment Committees of our investment adviser and the Ares Direct Lending Group and one of the two investment committees of Ivy Hill Asset Management. Prior to joining Ares, Mr. Smith was a Partner at RBC Capital Partners, a division of Royal Bank of Canada, which led the firm's middle-market financing and principal investment business. Mr. Smith joined RBC in October 2001 from Indosuez Capital, where he was a Vice President in the Merchant Banking Group. Previously, Mr. Smith worked at Kenter, Glastris & Company, and at Salomon Brothers Inc., in their Debt Capital Markets Group and Financial Institutions Group. Mr. Smith received a BS in Business Administration, *cum laude*, from the University of Notre Dame and a Masters in Management from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

Michael D. Weiner, 61, serves as a Vice President of the Company. Mr. Weiner serves as General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer of Ares and is a member of the Management Committee of Ares. He may from time to time serve as an officer, director or principal of entities affiliated with Ares Management or of investment funds managed by Ares Management and its affiliates. Mr. Weiner has also served as Vice President and General Counsel of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation since 2012. From September 2006 to January 2010, Mr. Weiner served as General Counsel of the Company. Mr. Weiner joined Ares in September 2006. Previously, Mr. Weiner served as General Counsel to Apollo Management L.P. and had been an officer of the corporate general partners of Apollo since 1992. Prior to joining Apollo, Mr. Weiner was a partner in the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius specializing in corporate and alternative financing transactions, securities law as well as general partnership, corporate and regulatory matters. Mr. Weiner has served on the boards of directors of several corporations. Mr. Weiner currently serves on the Board of Governors of the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. Mr. Weiner graduated with a BS in Business and Finance from the University of California at Berkeley and a JD from the University of Santa Clara.

BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Our board of directors monitors and performs an oversight role with respect to the business and affairs of the Company, including with respect to investment practices and performance, compliance with regulatory requirements and the services, expenses and performance of service providers to the Company. Among other things, our board of directors approves the appointment of our investment adviser, administrator and officers, reviews and monitors the services and activities performed by our investment adviser, administrator and officers and approves the engagement, and reviews the performance of, our independent registered public accounting firm.

Under the Company's bylaws, our board of directors may designate a chairman to preside over the meetings of the board of directors and meetings of the stockholders and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the board of directors. We do not have a fixed policy as to whether the chairman of the board of directors should be an independent director and believe that our flexibility to select our chairman and reorganize our leadership structure from time to time is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

Presently, Mr. Rosenthal serves as the chairman of our board of directors. Mr. Rosenthal is an interested director because he is on the Investment Committee of our investment adviser, is a Co-Founder and Senior Partner of Ares and serves on the Board of Directors and Management

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Committee of Ares. We believe that Mr. Rosenthal's history with the Company, familiarity with the Ares investment platform and extensive experience in the management of private equity and debt investments qualifies him to serve as the chairman of our board of directors. Moreover, we believe that we are best served through our existing leadership structure with Mr. Rosenthal as chairman of our board of directors, as Mr. Rosenthal's relationship with our investment adviser provides an effective bridge between our board of directors and our investment adviser, thus ensuring an open dialogue between our board of directors and our investment adviser and that both groups act with a common purpose.

The independent directors have designated a lead independent director whose duties include, among other things, chairing executive sessions of the independent directors, acting as a liaison between the independent directors and the chairman of the board of directors and between the independent directors and officers of the Company and our investment adviser, facilitating communication among the independent directors and the Company's counsel, reviewing and commenting on board and committee meeting agendas and calling additional meetings of the independent directors as appropriate. In August 2010, the board of directors designated and appointed Mr. Siegel as the lead independent director and Mr. Siegel has served as lead independent director since that time.

We believe that board leadership structures must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and that our existing board leadership structure is appropriate. However, we re-examine our corporate governance policies on an ongoing basis to ensure that they continue to meet the Company's needs.

BOARD'S ROLE IN RISK OVERSIGHT

Our board of directors performs its risk oversight function and fulfills its risk oversight responsibilities primarily (a) through its two standing committees, which report to the entire board of directors and are comprised solely of independent directors and (b) by working with our Chief Compliance Officer to monitor risk in accordance with our compliance policies and procedures.

As described below in more detail under "Committees of the Board of Directors," the audit committee and the nominating and governance committee assist the board of directors in performing its risk oversight function and fulfilling its risk oversight responsibilities. The audit committee's risk oversight responsibilities include overseeing the Company's accounting and financial reporting processes, assisting the board of directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to the Company's systems of internal controls regarding finance and accounting and audits of the Company's financial statements and disclosure controls and procedures, assisting the board of directors in determining the fair value of securities that are not publicly traded or for which current market values are not readily available, and discussing with management the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the Company's risk assessment and risk management policies. The nominating and governance committee's risk oversight responsibilities include selecting, researching and nominating directors for election by our stockholders, developing and recommending to our board of directors a set of corporate governance principles and overseeing the evaluation of our board of directors and its committees.

Our board of directors also performs its risk oversight function and fulfills its risk oversight responsibilities by working with our Chief Compliance Officer to monitor risk in accordance with the Company's policies and procedures. Our Chief Compliance Officer prepares a written report annually discussing the adequacy and effectiveness of the compliance policies and procedures of the Company and certain of its service providers. Our Chief Compliance Officer's report, which is reviewed by and discussed with our board of directors, addresses at a minimum (a) the operation of the compliance policies and procedures of the Company and certain of its service providers since the last report; (b) any material changes to such policies and procedures since the last report; (c) any recommendations for material changes to such policies and procedures as a result of our Chief

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Compliance Officer's annual review; and (d) any compliance matter that has occurred since the date of the last report about which our board of directors would reasonably need to know to oversee the Company's compliance activities and risks. In addition, our Chief Compliance Officer reports to our board of directors on a quarterly basis with respect to material compliance matters and meets separately in executive session with the independent directors periodically, but in no event less than once each year.

We believe that our board of directors' role in risk oversight is effective and appropriate given the extensive regulation to which we are already subject as a BDC. Specifically, as a BDC we must comply with certain regulatory requirements and restrictions that control the levels of risk in our business and operations. For example, our ability to incur indebtedness is limited such that our asset coverage must equal at least 200% immediately after each time we incur indebtedness, we generally have to invest at least 70% of our total assets in "qualifying assets" and, subject to certain exceptions, we are subject to restrictions on our ability to engage in transactions with Ares and its affiliates. See "Regulation." In addition, we have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code. As a RIC we must, among other things, meet certain source of income and asset diversification requirements. See "Certain Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations."

We believe that the extent of our board of directors' (and its committees') role in risk oversight complements our board of directors' leadership structure because it allows our independent directors, through the two fully independent board committees, a lead independent director, executive sessions with each of our Chief Compliance Officer, our independent registered public accounting firm and independent valuation providers and otherwise, to exercise oversight of risk without any conflict that might discourage critical review.

We believe that our board of directors' role in risk oversight must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and that our board of directors' existing role in risk oversight is appropriate. However, our board of directors re-examines the manner in which it administers its risk oversight function on an ongoing basis to ensure that it continues to meet the Company's needs.

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our board of directors has established an audit committee and a nominating and governance committee. We do not have a compensation committee because our executive officers do not receive any direct compensation from us. During 2013, the board of directors held 15 formal meetings, the audit committee held eight formal meetings, and the nominating and governance committee held four formal meetings. We encourage, but do not require, the directors to attend our annual meeting of stockholders in person.

Audit Committee

The members of the audit committee are Ms. Bates and Messrs. Bartlett and Siegel, each of whom is independent for purposes of the Investment Company Act and The NASDAQ Global Select Market's corporate governance regulations. Ms. Bates currently serves as chairperson of the audit committee.

The role of the audit committee is to assist our board of directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by: (i) overseeing the Company's accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the Company's financial statements and internal control over financial reporting and (ii) reviewing the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Company to the public. The audit committee is also responsible for approving our independent registered public accounting firm and recommending them to our board of directors (including a majority of the independent directors) for approval and submission to our stockholders for ratification, reviewing with our independent registered public accounting firm the plans and results of the audit engagement, approving professional services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm,

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reviewing the independence of our independent registered public accounting firm and reviewing the adequacy of our internal controls and procedures.

The audit committee also assists our board of directors in determining the fair value of debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or for which current market values are not readily available, and in connection therewith recommends valuation policies to the board of directors, considers valuation issues with respect to liquid securities and reviews valuations of illiquid securities proposed by the investment adviser. The audit committee also currently receives input from independent valuation firms that have been engaged at the direction of the board of directors to value certain portfolio investments. In addition, the audit committee is responsible for discussing with the Company's officers and management of our investment adviser the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps that the Company has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the Company's risk assessment and risk management policies. The audit committee also reviews and approves all transactions with related persons of the Company that are brought to the audit committee's attention, including each annual renewal of our investment advisory and management agreement and our administration agreement.

This description of the audit committee's role and responsibilities is summary in nature, is not exhaustive and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the charter of the audit committee, which can be accessed via the Company's website at *www.arescapitalcorp.com*. The contents of the Company's website are not intended to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement, and any references to the Company's website are intended to be inactive textual references only.

Our board of directors has determined that Ms. Bates is an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of the rules of the SEC.

Nominating and Governance Committee

The members of the nominating and governance committee are Messrs. McKeever, O'Bryan and Siegel, each of whom is independent for purposes of the Investment Company Act and The NASDAQ Global Select Market's corporate governance regulations. Mr. McKeever currently serves as chairman of the nominating and governance committee. The nominating and governance committee is responsible for (i) developing, reviewing and, as appropriate, updating certain policies regarding the nomination of directors and recommending such policies or any changes in such policies to the board of directors for approval, (ii) identifying individuals qualified to become directors, (iii) evaluating and recommending to the board of directors nominees to fill vacancies on the board of directors or committees thereof or to stand for election by the stockholders of the Company, (iv) reviewing the Company's policies relating to corporate governance and recommending any changes in such policies to the board of directors, and (v) overseeing the evaluation of the board of directors and its committees.

In considering possible candidates for election as a director, the nominating and governance committee takes into account, in addition to such other factors as it deems relevant, the desirability of selecting directors who:

- are of high character and integrity;
- are accomplished in their respective fields, with superior credentials and recognition;
- have relevant expertise and experience upon which to be able to offer advice and guidance to the Company's officers and management of the investment adviser and the administrator;
- have sufficient time available to devote to the affairs of the Company;
- are able to work with the other members of the board of directors and contribute to the success of the Company;

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can represent the long-term interests of the Company's stockholders as a whole; and

are selected such that the board of directors represents a range of backgrounds and experience.

The nominating and governance committee may consider recommendations for nomination of directors from our stockholders. Nominations made by stockholders must be delivered to or mailed (setting forth the information required by our bylaws) and received at our principal executive offices not earlier than the 150th day and not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the 120th day prior to the first anniversary of the date on which we first mailed our proxy materials for the previous year's annual meeting of stockholders; *provided*, *however*, that if the date of the annual meeting has changed by more than 30 days from the prior year, the nomination must be received not earlier than the 150th day prior to the date of such annual meeting or later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the later of (1) the 120th day prior to the date of such annual meeting or (2) the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of such meeting date is first made.

This description of the nominating and governance committee's role and responsibilities is summary in nature, is not exhaustive and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the charter of the nominating and governance committee, which can be accessed via the Company's website at *www.arescapitalcorp.com*. The contents of the Company's website are not intended to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement, and any references to the Company's website are intended to be inactive textual references only.

Compensation Committee

Currently, we do not have a compensation committee because our executive officers do not receive any direct compensation from us. Instead of having a compensation committee, we have provided that the oversight of the amounts payable to our investment adviser and our administrator pursuant to our investment advisory and management agreement and our administration agreement, respectively, will be separately approved by the audit committee, which is comprised entirely of independent directors for purposes of the NASDAQ corporate governance requirements and rules and regulations of the SEC, including the compensation committee requirements of NASDAQ Marketplace Rule 5605(d) and Rule 5605(a)(2). The compensation payable to our investment adviser pursuant to the investment advisory and management agreement is also separately approved by a majority of our independent directors in accordance with Section 15(c) of the Investment Company Act. The specific responsibilities of the audit committee, including those related to compensation, are set forth in the charter of the audit committee, which can be accessed via the Company's website at *www.arescapitalcorp.com*. The contents of the Company's website are not intended to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement, and any references to the Company's website are intended to be inactive textual references only.

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BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF OUR DIRECTORS

The following table sets forth the dollar range of our equity securities based on the closing price of our common stock on June 24, 2014 and the number of shares beneficially owned by each of our directors as of December 31, 2013. We are not part of a "family of investment companies," as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act.

Name of Director	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in Ares Capital(1)(2)
Independent Directors(3)	
Steve Bartlett(4)	$10,001-$50,000
Ann Torre Bates	$50,001-$100,000
Steven B. McKeever	$10,001-$50,000
Frank E. O'Bryan	Over $100,000
Eric B. Siegel	Over $100,000
Interested Directors	
Michael J. Arougheti	Over $100,000
Antony P. Ressler	Over $100,000
Robert L. Rosen	Over $100,000
Bennett Rosenthal	Over $100,000

(1) The dollar ranges are as follows: none, $1-$10,000, $10,001-$50,000, $50,001-$100,000 or over $100,000. The dollar range of our equity securities beneficially owned is calculated based on the closing sales price of our common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market as of June 24, 2014.

(2) Beneficial ownership determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) under the Exchange Act.

(3) As of December 31, 2013, to the best of our knowledge, except as listed above, none of the independent directors, nor any of their immediate family members, had any interest in us, our investment adviser or any person or entity directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with us or our investment adviser.

(4) The shares of our common stock held by Mr. Bartlett have been pledged as security in connection with a line of credit with a third party financial institution unaffiliated with the Company.

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COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table shows information regarding the compensation earned or actually received by our directors, none of whom is our employee, for services as a director for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. No compensation is paid by us to interested directors. No information has been provided with respect to our executive officers who are not directors, since our executive officers do not receive any direct compensation from us.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash(1)	Total
Independent Directors		
Steve Bartlett	$ 162,000	$ 162,000
Ann Torre Bates	$ 178,500	$ 178,500
Steven B. McKeever	$ 168,500	$ 168,500
Frank E. O'Bryan	$ 164,500	$ 164,500
Eric B. Siegel	$ 189,500	$ 189,500
Interested Directors		
Michael J. Arougheti	None	None
Antony P. Ressler	None	None
Robert L. Rosen(2)	None	None
Bennett Rosenthal	None	None

(1) For a discussion of the independent directors' compensation, see below.

(2) While Mr. Rosen did not receive any compensation from us for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, he did receive $160,500 from Ares Management in connection with his service as our director for such period.

The independent directors receive an annual fee of $125,000. They also receive $2,500 plus reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attending each board meeting and receive $1,000 plus reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attending each committee meeting. In addition, the chairperson of the audit committee receives an additional annual fee of $10,000, the lead independent director receives an additional annual fee of $15,000, and each chairperson of any other committee receives an additional annual fee of $2,000 for his or her additional services in these capacities. In addition, we purchase directors' and officers' liability insurance on behalf of our directors and officers.

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

We consider the members of the Investment Committee of Ares Capital Management to be our portfolio managers. The following individuals function as portfolio managers with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of our portfolio.

Name	Position	Length of Service with Ares (years)	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Michael J. Arougheti	Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Company	10	Since May 2013, Mr. Arougheti has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company and since February 2009, he has served as a director of the Company. Mr. Arougheti previously served as President of the Company from May 2004 to May 2013. Mr. Arougheti is a Co-Founder of Ares and currently serves as President of Ares, Co-Head and a Senior Partner of the Ares Direct Lending Group and a member of the Ares Board of Directors and Management Committee. In addition, Mr. Arougheti serves as a member of the Investment Committees of Ares Capital Management, the Ares Direct Lending Group, Ares Management Limited and Ares Commercial Real Estate Management LLC, the manager of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation.
R. Kipp deVeer	President of the Company	10	Since May 2013, Mr. deVeer has served as President of the Company. Mr. deVeer has served as an officer of Ares Capital Management since 2004. Mr. deVeer joined Ares in May 2004 and currently serves as a Senior Partner in and Co-Head of the Ares Direct Lending Group and member of the Management Committee of Ares. Mr. deVeer is a member of the Investment Committees of Ares Capital Management, the Ares Direct Lending Group and Ares Management Limited and one of the two investment committees of Ivy Hill Asset Management. Mr. deVeer is also a director of Ares Management Limited.

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Name	Position	Length of Service with Ares (years)	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Mitchell Goldstein	Executive Vice President of the Company	9	Since May 2013, Mr. Goldstein has served as an Executive Vice President of the Company. Mr. Goldstein has served as an officer of Ares Capital Management since 2005. Mr. Goldstein joined Ares in May 2005 and currently serves as a Senior Partner in the Ares Direct Lending Group. Mr. Goldstein is a member of the Investment Committees of Ares Capital Management and the Ares Direct Lending Group and both investment committees of Ivy Hill Asset Management.
John Kissick	Senior Partner in Ares Private Equity Group	16	Mr. Kissick serves as a Senior Partner in the Ares Private Equity Group. Mr. Kissick is also a Senior Advisor to the Ares Tradable Credit Group and is a member of the Investment Committees of all Ares funds.
Bennett Rosenthal	Chairman of the board of directors of the Company; Senior Partner in and Co-Head of the Ares Private Equity Group	16	Since 2004, Mr. Rosenthal has served as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Rosenthal is a Co-Founder of Ares and currently serves as a Senior Partner of Ares, Co-Head and a Senior Partner of the Ares Private Equity Group and a member of the Ares Board of Directors and Management Committee. Mr. Rosenthal is also a member of the Investment Committees of Ares Capital Management and the funds managed by the Ares Private Equity Group and certain funds in the Direct Lending Group.
David Sachs	Senior Partner in Ares Tradable Credit Group	16	Mr. Sachs serves as a Senior Partner in the Ares Tradable Credit Group. Mr. Sachs is a member of the Investment Committees of all Ares funds. Mr. Sachs is also a member of one of the two investment committees of Ivy Hill Asset Management.

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Name	Position	Length of Service with Ares (years)	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Michael L. Smith	Executive Vice President of the Company	10	Since May 2013, Mr. Smith has served as an Executive Vice President of the Company. Mr. Smith has served as an officer of Ares Capital Management since 2004. Mr. Smith joined Ares in May 2004 and currently serves as a Senior Partner in the Ares Direct Lending Group. Mr. Smith is a member of the Investment Committees of Ares Capital Management and the Ares Direct Lending Group and one of the two investment committees of Ivy Hill Asset Management.

None of the individuals listed above is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the portfolio of any other account, except that:

Messrs. Kissick and Rosenthal are each Senior Partners in the Ares Private Equity Group with responsibilities for certain funds and managed accounts, which as of March 31, 2014 had approximately $10 billion of AUM, a portion of which is used to calculate Ares' advisory fees related to such funds;

Mr. Kissick is a member of certain investment committees of and Mr. Sachs is a Senior Partner in the Ares Tradable Credit Group with responsibilities for certain funds and managed accounts, which as of March 31, 2014 had approximately $31 billion of AUM, a portion of which is used to calculate Ares' advisory fees related to such funds; and

Messrs. Arougheti, deVeer, Goldstein and Smith are each Senior Partners in the Ares Direct Lending Group. All such individuals have responsibilities with respect to certain funds and managed accounts, which as of March 31, 2014 had approximately $28 billion (including the Company) of AUM, a portion of which is used to calculate Ares' advisory fees related to such funds and managed accounts.

See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business There are significant potential conflicts of interest that could impact our investment returns."

Each of Messrs. Arougheti, deVeer, Goldstein and Smith is responsible for deal origination, execution and portfolio management. In addition to his deal origination, execution and portfolio management responsibilities, Mr. Arougheti also spends a portion of his time on corporate and administrative activities in his capacity as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and as President of Ares Management. Each of Messrs. Arougheti, deVeer, Goldstein and Smith is a Senior Partner in the Ares Direct Lending Group and receives a compensation package that includes some combination of fixed draw and variable incentive compensation based primarily on our performance. None of the portfolio managers receives any direct compensation from us.

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The following table sets forth the dollar range of our equity securities based on the closing price of our common stock on June 24, 2014 and the number of shares beneficially owned by each of the portfolio managers described above as of December 31, 2013 unless otherwise indicated below.

Name	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in Ares Capital(1)
Michael J. Arougheti	Over $1,000,000
R. Kipp deVeer	Over $1,000,000
Mitchell Goldstein	Over $1,000,000
John Kissick	Over $1,000,000
Bennett Rosenthal	Over $1,000,000
David Sachs	Over $1,000,000
Michael L. Smith	Over $1,000,000

(1) Dollar ranges are as follows: none, $1-$10,000, $10,001-$50,000, $50,001-$100,000, $100,001-$500,000, $500,001-$1,000,000 or over $1,000,000.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Management Services

Ares Capital Management serves as our investment adviser and is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act. Subject to the overall supervision of our board of directors, our investment adviser manages the day-to-day operations of, and provides investment advisory and management services to, Ares Capital. Under the terms of the investment advisory and management agreement, Ares Capital Management:

- determines the composition of our portfolio, the nature and timing of the changes to our portfolio and the manner of implementing such changes;
- identifies, evaluates and negotiates the structure of the investments we make (including performing due diligence on our prospective portfolio companies);
- closes and monitors the investments we make;
- determines the investments and other assets that we purchase, retain or sell; and
- provides us with such other investment advisory and research and related services as we may from time to time reasonably require.

Ares Capital Management's services to us under the investment advisory and management agreement are not exclusive, and it is free to furnish similar services to other entities. Similarly, affiliates of our investment adviser may directly or indirectly manage funds or other investment vehicles with investment objectives similar to ours. Accordingly, we may compete with these Ares funds or other investment vehicles managed by our investment adviser and its affiliates for capital and investment opportunities. Ares Capital Management endeavors to allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner, and in any event consistent with any fiduciary duties owed to Ares Capital. Nevertheless, it is possible that we may not be given the opportunity to participate in certain investments made by investment funds or other investment vehicles managed by Ares Capital Management or its affiliates.

Ares Capital Management is a subsidiary of Ares Management, a publicly traded, leading global asset manager. As of March 31, 2014, Ares Management had approximately $77 billion of total AUM.

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Base Management Fee

Pursuant to the investment advisory and management agreement and subject to the overall supervision of our board of directors, our investment adviser provides investment advisory and management services to us. For providing these services, our investment adviser receives a fee from us consisting of a base management fee, an income based fee and a capital gains incentive fee.

The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 1.5% based on the average value of our total assets (other than cash or cash equivalents but including assets purchased with borrowed funds) at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters. The base management fee is payable quarterly in arrears.

Income Based Fee and Capital Gains Incentive Fee

The income based fee is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based on our pre-incentive fee net investment income for the quarter. Pre-incentive fee net investment income means interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence and consulting fees or other fees that we receive from portfolio companies but excluding fees for providing managerial assistance) accrued during the calendar quarter, minus operating expenses for the quarter (including the base management fee, any expenses payable under the administration agreement, and any interest expense and dividends paid on any outstanding preferred stock, but excluding the income based fee and the capital gains incentive fee accrued under GAAP). Pre-incentive fee net investment income includes, in the case of investments with a deferred interest feature such as debt instruments with PIK interest, preferred stock with PIK dividends and zero coupon securities, accrued income that we have not yet received in cash. Our investment adviser is not under any obligation to reimburse us for any part of the income based fee it received that was based on accrued interest that we never actually receive. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business There are significant potential conflicts of interest that could impact our investment returns" and "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business We may be obligated to pay our investment adviser certain fees even if we incur a loss."

Pre-incentive fee net investment income does not include any realized capital gains, realized capital losses, unrealized capital appreciation, unrealized capital depreciation or income tax expense related to realized gains. Because of the structure of income based fees, it is possible that we may pay income based fees in a quarter where we incur a loss. For example, if we receive pre-incentive fee net investment income in excess of the hurdle rate (as defined below) for a quarter, we will pay the income based fee even if we have incurred a loss in that quarter due to realized and/or unrealized capital losses.

Pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a rate of return on the value of our net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any income based fees and capital gains incentive fees accrued during the period) at the end of the immediately preceding calendar quarter, is compared to a fixed "hurdle rate" of 1.75% per quarter. If market credit spreads rise, we may be able to invest our funds in debt instruments that provide for a higher return, which may increase our pre-incentive fee net investment income and make it easier for our investment adviser to surpass the fixed hurdle rate and receive a fee based on such net investment income. To the extent we have retained pre-incentive fee net investment income that has been used to calculate the income based fee, it is also included in the amount of our total assets (other than cash and cash equivalents but including assets purchased with borrowed funds) used to calculate the 1.5% base management fee.

We pay our investment adviser an income based fee with respect to our pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows:

- no income based fee in any calendar quarter in which our pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate;

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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. We refer to this portion of our pre-incentive fee net investment income (which exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 2.1875%) as the "catch-up" provision. The "catch-up" is meant to provide our investment adviser with 20% of the pre-incentive fee net investment income as if a hurdle rate did not apply if this net investment income exceeded 2.1875% in any calendar quarter; and

20% of the amount of our pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter.

The following is a graphical representation of the calculation of the income based fee:

Quarterly Income Based Fee Based on Net Investment Income

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

Percentage of pre-incentive fee net investment income
allocated to income based fee

These calculations will be appropriately pro rated for any period of less than three months and adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the calendar quarter.

The Capital Gains Fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or, upon termination of our investment advisory and management agreement, as of the termination date) and is calculated at the end of each applicable year by subtracting (a) the sum of our cumulative aggregate realized capital losses and aggregate unrealized capital depreciation from (b) our cumulative aggregate realized capital gains, in each case calculated from October 8, 2004. Realized capital gains and losses include gains and losses on investments and foreign currencies, as well as gains and losses on extinguishment of debt and other assets. If such amount is positive at the end of such year, then the Capital Gains Fee for such year is equal to 20% of such amount, less the aggregate amount of Capital Gains Fees paid in all prior years. If such amount is negative, then there is no Capital Gains Fee for such year.

The cumulative aggregate realized capital gains are calculated as the sum of the differences, if positive, between (a) the net sales price of each investment in our portfolio when sold and (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

The cumulative aggregate realized capital losses are calculated as the sum of the amounts by which (a) the net sales price of each investment in our portfolio when sold is less than (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

The aggregate unrealized capital depreciation is calculated as the sum of the differences, if negative, between (a) the valuation of each investment in our portfolio as of the applicable Capital Gains Fee calculation date and (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, as a result of the Capital Gains Amendment, if we are required by GAAP to record an investment at its fair value as of the time of acquisition instead of at the actual amount paid for such investment by us (including, for example, as a result of the application of the acquisition method of accounting), then solely for the purposes of calculating the Capital Gains Fee, the "accreted or amortized cost basis" of an investment shall be an amount (the "Contractual Cost Basis") equal to (1) (x) the actual amount paid by us for such investment plus (y) any amounts recorded in our financial statements as required by GAAP that are attributable to the accretion of such investment plus (z) any other adjustments made to the cost basis included in our financial statements, including PIK interest or additional amounts funded (net of repayments) minus (2) any amounts recorded in our financial statements as required by GAAP that are attributable to the amortization of such investment, whether such calculated Contractual Cost Basis is higher or lower than the fair value of such investment (as determined in accordance with GAAP) at the time of acquisition.

We defer cash payment of any income based fee and the Capital Gains Fee otherwise earned by our investment adviser if during the most recent four full calendar quarter period ending on or prior to the date such payment is to be made the sum of (a) the aggregate distributions to our stockholders and (b) the change in net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any income based fees or capital gains incentive fees accrued during the period) is less than 7.0% of our net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness) at the beginning of such period. Any such deferred fees are carried over for payment in subsequent calculation periods to the extent such payment is payable under our investment advisory and management agreement.

Examples of Fee Calculation

Example 1 Income Based Fee(1):

Assumptions

Hurdle rate(2) = 1.75%
Management fee(3) = 0.375%
Other expenses (legal, accounting, custodian, transfer agent, etc.)(4) = 0.20%

Alternative 1

Additional Assumptions

Investment income (including interest, dividends, fees, etc.) = 1.25%
Pre-incentive fee net investment income (investment income (management fee + other expenses)) = 0.675%
Pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate, therefore there is no income based fee.

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(1) The hypothetical amount of pre-incentive fee net investment income shown is based on a percentage of total net assets. In addition, the example assumes that during the most recent four full calendar quarter period ending on or prior to the date the payment set forth in the example is to be made, the sum of (a) our aggregate distributions to our stockholders and (b) our change in net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any income based fees or capital gains incentive fees accrued during the period) is at least 7% of our net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness) at the beginning of such period (as adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases).

(2) Represents a quarter of the 7.0% annualized hurdle rate.

(3) Represents a quarter of the 1.5% annualized management fee.

(4) Excludes offering expenses.

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Alternative 2

Additional Assumptions

Investment income (including interest, dividends, fees, etc.) = 2.70%
Pre-incentive fee net investment income
(investment income (management fee + other expenses)) = 2.125%
Pre-incentive fee net investment income exceeds hurdle rate, therefore there is an income based fee.

Income Based Fee	=	100% × "Catch-Up" + the greater of 0% **AND** (20% × (pre-incentive fee net investment income 2.1875%)
	=	(100% × (2.125% 1.75%)) + 0%
	=	100% × 0.375%
	=	0.375%

Alternative 3

Additional Assumptions

Investment income (including interest, dividends, fees, etc.) = 3.50%
Pre-incentive fee net investment income
(investment income (management fee + other expenses)) = 2.925%
Pre-incentive fee net investment income exceeds hurdle rate, therefore there is an income based fee.

Income Based Fee	=	100% × "Catch-Up" + the greater of 0% **AND** (20% × (pre-incentive fee net investment income 2.1875%)
	=	(100% × (2.1875% 1.75%)) + (20% × (2.925% 2.1875%))
	=	0.4375% + (20% × 0.7375%)
	=	0.4375% + 0.1475%
	=	0.585%

Example 2 Capital Gains Incentive Fee:

Alternative 1:

Assumptions

Year 1: $20 million investment made in Company A ("Investment A"), and $30 million investment made in Company B ("Investment B")

Year 2: Investment A is sold for $50 million and fair value ("FV") of Investment B determined to be $32 million

Year 3: FV of Investment B determined to be $25 million

Year 4: Investment B sold for $31 million

The capital gains incentive fee, if any, would be:

Year 1: None (No sales transactions)

Year 2: $6 million (20% multiplied by $30 million realized capital gains on sale of Investment A)

Year 3: None; $5 million (20% multiplied by ($30 million realized cumulative capital gains less $5 million cumulative capital depreciation)) less $6 million (previous Capital Gains Fee paid in Year 2)

Year 4: $200,000; $6.2 million (20% multiplied by $31 million cumulative realized capital gains) less $6 million (Capital Gains Fee paid in Year 2)

Alternative 2

Assumptions

Year 1: $20 million investment made in Company A ("Investment A"), $30 million investment made in Company B ("Investment B") and $25 million investment made in Company C ("Investment C")

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Year 2: Investment A sold for $50 million, FV of Investment B determined to be $25 million and FV of Investment C determined to be $25 million

Year 3: FV of Investment B determined to be $27 million and Investment C sold for $30 million

Year 4: FV of Investment B determined to be $35 million

Year 5: Investment B sold for $20 million

The capital gains incentive fee, if any, would be:

Year 1: None (No sales transactions)

Year 2: $5 million (20% multiplied by $25 million ($30 million realized capital gains on Investment A less $5 million unrealized capital depreciation on Investment B))

Year 3: $1.4 million ($6.4 million (20% multiplied by $32 million ($35 million cumulative realized capital gains less $3 million unrealized capital depreciation)) less $5 million (Capital Gains Fee paid in Year 2))

Year 4: None (No sales transactions)

Year 5: None ($5 million (20% multiplied by $25 million (cumulative realized capital gains of $35 million less realized capital losses of $10 million)) less $6.4 million (cumulative Capital Gains Fee paid in Year 2 and Year 3))

For the three months ended March 31, 2014, we incurred $30.1 million in base management fees and $28.3 million in income based fees. The capital gains incentive fee as calculated and payable under the investment advisory and management agreement for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was $0. However, in accordance with GAAP, the Company had cumulatively accrued a capital gains incentive fee of $64.4 million as of March 31, 2014 that is not currently due under the investment advisory and management agreement.

GAAP requires that the capital gains incentive fee accrual consider the cumulative aggregate unrealized capital appreciation in the calculation, as a capital gains incentive fee would be payable if such unrealized capital appreciation were realized, even though such unrealized capital appreciation is not permitted to be considered in calculating the fee actually payable under the investment advisory and management agreement. This GAAP accrual is calculated using the aggregate cumulative realized capital gains and losses and aggregate cumulative unrealized capital depreciation included in the calculation of the Capital Gains Fee plus the aggregate cumulative unrealized capital appreciation. If such amount is positive at the end of a period, then GAAP requires the Company to record a capital gains incentive fee equal to 20% of such cumulative amount, less the aggregate amount of actual Capital Gains Fees paid or capital gains incentive fees accrued under GAAP in all prior periods. As of March 31, 2014, the Company has paid Capital Gains Fees since inception totaling $33.4 million, of which $17.4 million was paid in the first quarter of 2014. The resulting accrual for any capital gains incentive fee under GAAP in a given period may result in an additional expense if such cumulative amount is greater than in the prior period or a reversal of previously recorded expense if such cumulative amount is less than in the prior period. If such cumulative amount is negative, then there is no accrual. There can be no assurance that such unrealized capital appreciation will be realized in the future.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, we incurred $104.9 million in base management fees and $110.5 million in income based fees. In accordance with GAAP, the Company accrued a capital gains incentive fee of $11.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. However, the capital gains incentive fee as calculated and payable under the investment advisory and management agreement for the year ended December 31, 2013 was $17.4 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, we incurred $86.2 million in base management fees and $95.2 million in income based fees. In accordance with GAAP, the Company accrued a capital gains incentive fee of $31.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. However, the capital gains incentive fee as calculated and payable under the investment advisory and management agreement for the year ended December 31, 2012 was $11.5 million.

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For the year ended December 31, 2011, we incurred $71.6 million in base management fees and $79.0 million in income based fees. In accordance with GAAP, the Company accrued a capital gains incentive fee of $33.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, including $26.0 million recognized in the second quarter of 2011 as a result of the application of the Capital Gains Amendment described above with respect to the assets purchased in the Allied Acquisition. However, the capital gains incentive fee as calculated and payable under the investment advisory and management agreement for the year ended December 31, 2011 was $0.

Payment of Our Expenses

The services of all investment professionals and staff of our investment adviser, when and to the extent engaged in providing investment advisory and management services to us and routine overhead expenses of such personnel allocable to such services, are provided and paid for by our investment adviser. We bear all other costs and expenses of our operations and transactions, including, but not limited to, those relating to: rent; organization; calculation of our net asset value (including, but not limited to, the cost and expenses of any independent valuation firm); expenses incurred by our investment adviser payable to third parties, including agents, consultants or other advisers, in monitoring our financial and legal affairs and in monitoring our investments and performing due diligence on our prospective portfolio companies; interest payable on indebtedness, if any, incurred to finance our investments; offerings of our common stock and other securities; investment advisory and management fees; administration fees; fees payable to third parties, including agents, consultants or other advisers, relating to, or associated with, evaluating and making investments; transfer agent and custodial fees; registration fees; listing fees; taxes; independent directors' fees and expenses; costs of preparing and filing reports or other documents with the SEC; the costs of any reports, proxy statements or other notices to stockholders, including printing costs; to the extent we are covered by any joint insurance policies, our allocable portion of the insurance premiums for such policies; direct costs and expenses of administration, including auditor and legal costs; and all other expenses incurred by us or our administrator in connection with administering our business as described in more detail under "Administration Agreement" below.

Duration, Termination and Amendment

At an in-person meeting of our board of directors on March 16, 2011, the form of our current investment advisory and management agreement, including two proposed amendments to our then existing investment advisory and management agreement, was approved by our board of directors with the recommendation that stockholders of the Company vote to approve the proposed amendments. On June 6, 2011, our stockholders approved the proposed amendments, and we entered into a restated investment advisory and management agreement, reflecting such amendments on June 6, 2011. At an in-person meeting of our board of directors on April 30, 2014, our board of directors, including a majority of the directors who are not "interested persons" of the Company as defined in the Investment Company Act, voted to approve the continuation of the investment advisory and management agreement to June 6, 2015. A discussion regarding the basis for our board of directors' approval of the 2011 adoption of the form of our current investment advisory and management agreement is available in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

Unless terminated earlier, the investment advisory and management agreement will automatically renew for successive annual periods if approved annually by our board of directors or by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities, including, in either case, approval by a majority of our directors who are not "interested persons" of the Company (as defined in the Investment Company Act). The investment advisory and management agreement will automatically terminate in the event of its assignment. The investment advisory and management agreement may be terminated by either party without penalty upon 60 days' written notice to the other party.

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Conflicts of interest may arise if our investment adviser seeks to change the terms of our investment advisory and management agreement, including, for example, the amount of the base management fee, the income based fee, the Capital Gains Fee or other compensation terms. Material amendments to our investment advisory and management agreement must be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities and by a majority of our independent directors, and we may from time to time decide it is appropriate to seek the requisite approval to change the terms of the agreement.

Indemnification

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

Organization of our Investment Adviser

Our investment adviser is a Delaware limited liability company that is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act. The principal executive offices of Ares Capital Management are located at 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067.

ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

We are also party to a separate administration agreement with Ares Operations, an affiliate of our investment adviser and a subsidiary of Ares Management. Our board of directors approved the continuation of our administration agreement on April 30, 2014, which extended the term of the agreement to June 1, 2015. Pursuant to the administration agreement, Ares Operations furnishes us with office equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at our office facilities. Under the administration agreement, Ares Operations also performs, or oversees the performance of, our required administrative services, which include, among other things, providing assistance in accounting, legal, compliance, operations, technology, and investor relations, being responsible for the financial records that we are required to maintain and preparing reports to our stockholders and reports filed with the SEC. In addition, Ares Operations assists us in determining and publishing our net asset value, assists us in providing managerial assistance to our portfolio companies, oversees the preparation and filing of our tax returns and the printing and dissemination of reports to our stockholders, and generally oversees the payment of our expenses and the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to us by others. Payments under the administration agreement are equal to an amount based upon our allocable portion of Ares Operations' overhead and other expenses (including travel expenses) incurred by Ares Operations in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including our allocable portion of the compensation of certain of our officers (including our chief compliance officer, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, general counsel, treasurer and assistant treasurer) and their respective staffs. The administration agreement may be terminated by either party without penalty upon 60 days' written notice to the other party.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company incurred $3.7 million in administrative fees. As of March 31, 2014, $3.7 million of these fees were unpaid and included in "accounts payable and other liabilities" in our March 31, 2014 consolidated balance sheet. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, we incurred $12.3 million, $9.3 million and $9.6 million, respectively, in administrative fees.

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Indemnification

The administration agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, Ares Operations, its members and their respective officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons and members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from us for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of Ares Operations' services under the administration agreement or otherwise as our administrator.

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CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

We are party to an investment advisory and management agreement with Ares Capital Management, a subsidiary of Ares Management, an entity in which certain of our directors, officers and members of the investment committee of our investment adviser may have indirect ownership and pecuniary interests. Certain of our directors, officers and members of the investment committee of our investment adviser also serve as officers or principals of other investment managers affiliated with Ares Management that currently, and may in the future, manage investment funds with investment objectives similar to our investment objective. In addition, certain of our officers and directors and the members of the investment committee of our investment adviser serve or may serve as officers, directors or principals of entities that operate in the same or related line of business as we do or of investment funds managed by our affiliates. Accordingly, we may not be made aware of and/or given the opportunity to participate in certain investments made by investment funds managed by advisers affiliated with Ares Management. However, our investment adviser intends to allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner in accordance with our investment adviser's investment allocation policy. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business There are significant potential conflicts of interest that could impact our investment returns."

Pursuant to the terms of the administration agreement between Ares Operations and us, Ares Operations, a subsidiary of Ares Management, currently provides us with certain administrative and other services necessary to conduct our day-to-day operations, and we reimburse Ares Operations, at cost, for our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses (including travel expenses) incurred by Ares Operations in performing its obligations under our administration agreement, including our allocable portion of the cost of certain of our officers (including our chief compliance officer, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, general counsel, secretary and treasurer) and their respective staffs, but not investment professionals.

Our portfolio company, IHAM, is party to the IHAM administration agreement with Ares Operations, pursuant to which Ares Operations provides IHAM with, among other things, office facilities, equipment, clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services, services relating to the marketing and sale of interests in vehicles managed by IHAM, services of, and oversight of, custodians, depositories, accountants, attorneys, underwriters and such other persons in any other capacity deemed to be necessary. Under the IHAM administration agreement, IHAM reimburses Ares Operations for all of the actual costs associated with such services, including its allocable portion of Ares Operations' overhead and the cost of Ares Operations' officers and respective staff in performing its obligations under the IHAM administration agreement.

We are party to an office lease pursuant to which we are leasing the 43rd/44th Floor Space. We have previously entered into separate subleases with AM LLC and IHAM, pursuant to which AM LLC and IHAM subleased 15% and 20%, respectively, of the Company's 43rd/44th Floor Space for a rent equal to 15% and 20%, respectively, of the base annual rent payable by us under the our lease for the 43rd/44th Floor Space, plus certain additional costs and expenses. In September 2013, these subleases were amended to provide that AM LLC and IHAM sublease approximately 35% and 18%, respectively, of our 43rd/44th Floor Space for a rent equal to 35% and 18%, respectively, of the base annual rent payable by us under our lease for the 43rd/44th Floor Space, plus certain additional costs and expenses.

We are also party to an office lease pursuant to which we began leasing the 42nd Floor Space in early 2013. We have entered into a sublease with AM LLC to sublease 100% of the 42nd Floor Space to AM LLC for a rent equal to 100% of the base annual rent payable by us under our lease for the 42nd Floor Space, plus certain additional costs and expenses.

We are also party to an office lease with a third party for office space in Washington D.C. We entered into an office sublease with AM LLC in September 2013, pursuant to which AM LLC

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subleases approximately 54% of the Washington, D.C. office space leased by us for a rent equal to 54% of the base annual rent payable by us under our office lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses.

We have also entered into an office sublease with Ares Commercial Real Estate Management LLC ("ACREM"), a subsidiary of Ares Management, pursuant to which we are subleasing approximately 12% of ACREM's Chicago office space for a fixed rent equal to 12% of the base annual rent payable by ACREM under its office lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses. Our office sublease with ACREM was terminated on June 30, 2013.

In September 2013, we also entered into two office subleases with AM LLC, pursuant to which (i) we sublease approximately 42% of AM LLC's Chicago office space for a rent equal to 42% of the base annual rent payable by AM LLC under its office lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses and (ii) we sublease approximately 7% of certain of AM LLC's Los Angeles office space for a rent equal to 7% of the base annual rent payable by AM LLC under such office lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses.

The sublease arrangements and allocations described above are as of March 31, 2014. The allocations in connection with our subleases described above are subject to change and future review. These percentages are subject to change depending on the composition of, and functions performed by, the staff in each of these offices. See Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 for more information on our office subleases.

We have also entered into a license agreement with AM LLC pursuant to which AM LLC has agreed to grant us a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name "Ares." Under this agreement, we will have a right to use the Ares name for so long as Ares Capital Management remains our investment adviser. Other than with respect to this limited license, we have no legal right to the "Ares" name.

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CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS

To our knowledge, as of June 24, 2014, there were no persons that owned 25% or more of our outstanding voting securities and no person would be deemed to control us, as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act.

The following table sets forth, as of June 24, 2014 (unless otherwise noted), the number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned by each of our current directors and named executive officers, all directors, executive officers and certain other officers as a group and certain beneficial owners, according to information furnished to us by such persons or publicly available filings.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to the securities. Ownership information for those persons who beneficially own 5% or more of our outstanding shares of common stock is based upon Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 13F or other filings by such persons with the SEC and other information obtained from such persons. To our knowledge, as of June 24, 2014, there were no persons that owned 5% or more of our outstanding shares of common stock. Except as otherwise noted below, each person named in the following table has sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of our common stock that he or she beneficially owns.

The address for Mr. Arougheti, Mr. Rosen, Ms. Roll and certain officers is c/o Ares Capital Corporation, 245 Park Avenue, 44th Floor, New York, New York 10167. The address for each of the other directors, executive officers and certain other officers is c/o Ares Capital Corporation, 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class(1)
Directors and Named Executive Officers:		
Interested Directors		
Michael J. Arougheti	583,817	*
Antony P. Ressler	2,594,744(2)	*
Robert L. Rosen	15,000	*
Bennett Rosenthal	255,138(3)	*
Independent Directors		
Steve Bartlett	3,200(4)	*
Ann Torre Bates	5,149(5)	*
Steven B. McKeever	1,650	*
Frank E. O'Bryan	12,400(6)	*
Eric B. Siegel	27,102(7)	*
Named Executive Officers Who Are Not Directors		
Penni F. Roll	49,452(8)	*
All Directors, Executive Officers and Certain Other Officers as a Group (18 persons)	3,946,706(9)	1.3%

* Represents less than 1%.

(1) Based on 298,269,678 shares of common stock outstanding as of June 24, 2014.

(2) Consists of (i) 1,003,568 shares of common stock indirectly beneficially owned by Mr. Ressler through TJ Capital Investors LLC of which Mr. Ressler is the manager; and (ii) 1,591,176 shares of common stock indirectly beneficially owned by Mr. Ressler through a family foundation of which Mr. Ressler is the trustee.

(3) Consists of 255,138 shares of common stock indirectly beneficially owned by Mr. Rosenthal through BAR Holdings, LLC of which Mr. Rosenthal is the manager.

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(4) The shares of our common stock held by Mr. Bartlett have been pledged as security in connection with a line of credit with a third party financial institution unaffiliated with the Company.

(5) Consists of (i) 2,874 shares of common stock owned directly; and (ii) 2,275 shares of common stock indirectly beneficially owned by Ms. Bates through her spouse.

(6) Consists of (i) 400 shares of common stock owned directly; and (ii) 12,000 shares of common stock indirectly beneficially owned by Mr. O'Bryan through a family trust of which Mr. O'Bryan is the trustee and beneficiary.

(7) Consists of (i) 16,775 shares of common stock owned directly; (ii) 8,166 shares of common stock indirectly beneficially owned by Mr. Siegel through his spouse; and (iii) 2,161 shares of common stock indirectly beneficially owned by Mr. Siegel as a custodian for the accounts of his children. Mr. Siegel has shared voting and investment authority with respect to shares held by his spouse.

(8) Consists of (i) 8,147 shares of common stock owned directly; and (ii) 41,305 shares of common stock indirectly beneficially owned by Ms. Roll through a trust for the benefit of Ms. Roll, her spouse and her children.

(9) Includes shares owned by officers of the Company that are not "Named Executive Officers," as defined in Item 402 of Regulation S-K, as promulgated under the Securities Act.

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DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The net asset value per share of our outstanding shares of common stock is determined quarterly by dividing the value of total assets minus liabilities by the total number of shares outstanding.

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are typically valued at such market quotations. In order to validate market quotations, we look at a number of factors to determine if the quotations are representative of fair value, including the source and nature of the quotations. Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or whose market prices are not readily available (*i.e.*, substantially all of our investments) are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors, based on, among other things, the input of our investment adviser, audit committee and independent third-party valuation firms that have been engaged at the direction of our board of directors to assist in the valuation of each portfolio investment without a readily available market quotation at least once during a trailing 12-month period (with certain de minimis exceptions) and under a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. We follow ASC 820-10, which expands the application of fair value accounting for investments (see Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2013). ASC 820-10 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with GAAP and expands disclosure of fair value measurements. ASC 820-10 determines fair value to be the price that would be received for an investment in a current sale, which assumes an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The valuation process is conducted at the end of each fiscal quarter, and a minimum of 50% of our portfolio at fair value is subject to review by an independent valuation firm each quarter. In addition, our independent registered public accounting firm obtains an understanding of, and performs select procedures relating to, our investment valuation process within the context of performing the integrated audit.

As part of the valuation process, we may take into account the following types of factors, if relevant, in determining the fair value of our investments: the enterprise value of a portfolio company (the entire value of the portfolio company to a market participant, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time), the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flow, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, a comparison of the portfolio company's securities to any similar publicly traded securities, changes in the interest rate environment and the credit markets generally that may affect the price at which similar investments would trade in their principal markets and other relevant factors. When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, we consider the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate our valuation.

Because there is not a readily available market value for most of the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors, as described herein. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments may fluctuate from period to period. Additionally, the fair value of our investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that we may ultimately realize. Further, such investments are generally subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or otherwise are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If we were required to liquidate a portfolio investment in a forced or liquidation sale, we may realize significantly less than the value at which we have previously recorded it.

In addition, 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 unrealized gains or losses reflected in the valuations currently assigned.

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Our board of directors undertakes a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

Our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment in conjunction with our portfolio management team.

Preliminary valuations are reviewed and discussed with our investment adviser's management and investment professionals, and then valuation recommendations are presented to the board of directors.

The audit committee of our board of directors reviews these valuations, as well as the input of third parties, including independent third-party valuation firms, who review a minimum of 50% of our portfolio at fair value.

The board of directors discusses valuations and ultimately determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio without a readily available market quotation in good faith based on, among other things, the input of our investment adviser, audit committee and, where applicable, independent third-party valuation firms.

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DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

We have adopted a dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of any distributions we declare in cash on behalf of our stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash as provided below. As a result, if our board of directors authorizes, and we declare, a cash dividend, then our stockholders who have not "opted out" of our dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, rather than receiving the cash dividends.

No action is required on the part of a registered stockholder to have their cash dividend reinvested in shares of our common stock. A registered stockholder may elect to receive an entire cash dividend in cash by notifying Computershare Shareowner Services LLC ("Computershare"), the plan administrator and our transfer agent and registrar, in writing so that such notice is received by the plan administrator no later than the record date fixed by the board of directors for dividends to stockholders. The plan administrator will set up an account for shares acquired through the dividend reinvestment plan for each stockholder who has not elected to receive dividends in cash and hold such shares in non-certificated form. Upon request by a stockholder participating in the dividend reinvestment plan, received in writing no later than 10 days prior to the record date, the plan administrator will, instead of crediting fractional shares to the participant's account, issue a check for any fractional share.

Those stockholders whose shares are held by a broker or other financial intermediary may receive dividends in cash by notifying their broker or another financial intermediary of their election.

We intend to use primarily newly issued shares to implement the dividend reinvestment plan (so long as our shares are trading at or at a premium to net asset value). If our shares are trading at a discount to net asset value and we are otherwise permitted under applicable law to purchase such shares, we intend to purchase shares in the open market in connection with our obligations under our dividend reinvestment plan. However, we reserve the right to issue new shares of our common stock in connection with our obligations under the dividend reinvestment plan even if our shares are trading below net asset value. If newly issued shares are used to implement the dividend reinvestment plan, the number of shares to be issued to a stockholder shall be determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to such stockholder by the market price per share of our common stock at the close of regular trading on The NASDAQ Global Select Market on the dividend payment date. Market price per share on that date shall be the closing price for such shares on The NASDAQ Global Select Market or, if no sale is reported for such day, at the average of their reported bid and asked prices. If shares are purchased in the open market to implement the dividend reinvestment plan, the number of shares to be issued to a stockholder shall be determined by dividing the dollar amount of the cash dividend payable to such stockholder by the weighted average price per share for all shares purchased by the plan administrator in the open market in connection with the dividend. The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after giving effect to payment of the dividend cannot be established until the value per share at which additional shares will be issued has been determined and elections of our stockholders have been tabulated.

There are no brokerage charges or other charges to stockholders who participate in the dividend reinvestment plan. The plan administrator's fees under the plan are paid by us. If a participant elects by notice to the plan administrator in advance of termination to have the plan administrator sell part or all of the shares held by the plan administrator in the participant's account and remit the proceeds to the participant, the plan administrator is authorized to deduct a transaction fee of up to $15 plus a $0.12 per share fee from the proceeds.

Stockholders whose cash dividends are reinvested in shares of our common stock are subject to the same U.S. federal, state and local tax consequences as are stockholders who elect to receive their dividends in cash. A stockholder's initial basis for determining gain or loss upon the sale of stock

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received in a dividend from us will be equal to the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to the stockholder. Any stock received on reinvestment of a cash dividend will have a new holding period for tax purposes commencing on the day following the day on which the shares are credited to the U.S. stockholder's account. See "Certain Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations."

Participants may terminate their accounts under the dividend reinvestment plan by notifying the plan administrator via its website at *www.computershare.com/investor*, by filling out the transaction request form located at bottom of their statement and sending it to the plan administrator at P.O. Box 30170, College Station, TX 77842-3170 or by calling the plan administrator's hotline at 1-866-365-2497.

The dividend reinvestment plan may be terminated by us upon notice in writing mailed to each participant at least 30 days prior to any record date for the payment of any dividend by us. All correspondence concerning the dividend reinvestment plan should be directed to the plan administrator via the Internet at *www.computershare.com/investor*, by mail at P.O. Box 30170, College Station, TX 77842-3170 or by telephone at 1-866-365-2497.

Additional information about the dividend reinvestment plan may be obtained by contacting the plan administrator via the Internet at *www.computershare.com/investor*, by mail at P.O. Box 30170, College Station, TX 77842-3170 or by telephone at 1-866-365-2497.

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CERTAIN MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion is a general summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to us and to an investment in shares of our preferred stock or our common stock and our qualification and taxation as a RIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes. This discussion does not purport to be a complete description of all of the tax considerations relating thereto. In particular, we have not described certain considerations that may be relevant to certain types of holders subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws, including stockholders subject to the alternative minimum tax, tax-exempt organizations, insurance companies, dealers in securities, traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for securities holdings, pension plans and trusts, financial institutions, persons who hold our preferred stock and our common stock as part of a straddle or a hedging or conversion transaction, and U.S. stockholders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar. This discussion assumes that investors hold our preferred stock or common stock as capital assets (within the meaning of the Code). This discussion is based upon the Code, its legislative history, existing and proposed U.S. Treasury regulations, published rulings and court decisions, each as of the date of this prospectus and all of which are subject to change, possibly retroactively, which could affect the continuing validity of this discussion. We have not sought and will not seek any ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") regarding the offerings pursuant to this prospectus or pursuant to the accompanying prospectus supplement unless expressly stated therein. This discussion does not discuss any aspects of U.S. estate or gift tax or foreign, state or local tax. It does not discuss the special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws that could result if we invested in tax-exempt securities or certain other investment assets. It also does not discuss the tax aspects of common or preferred stock sold in units with the other securities being registered.

If we issue preferred stock that may be convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for securities or other property or preferred stock with other terms that may have different U.S. federal income tax consequences than those described in this summary, the U.S. federal income tax consequences of such preferred stock will be described in the relevant prospectus supplement. This summary does not discuss the consequences of an investment in our subscription rights, debt securities or warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our preferred stock, common stock or debt securities or as units in combination with such securities. The U.S. federal income tax consequences of such an investment will be discussed in the relevant prospectus supplement.

A "U.S. stockholder" is a beneficial owner of shares of our preferred stock or common stock that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- a citizen or individual resident of the United States;
- a corporation, or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- a trust, if a court within the United States has primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all of its substantial decisions, or the trust has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person; or
- an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

A "non-U.S. stockholder" is a beneficial owner of shares of our preferred stock or common stock that is neither a U.S. stockholder nor an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

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If a partnership (including an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds shares of our preferred stock or common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Prospective beneficial owners of shares of our preferred or common stock that are partnerships or partners in such partnerships should consult their own tax advisers with respect to the purchase, ownership and disposition of shares of our preferred stock or common stock.

Tax matters are very complicated and the tax consequences to investors in our shares will depend on the facts of their particular situation. We encourage investors to consult their own tax advisers regarding the specific consequences of such an investment, including tax reporting requirements, the applicability of U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax laws, eligibility for the benefits of any applicable tax treaty and the effect of any possible changes in the tax laws.

ELECTION TO BE TAXED AS A RIC

As a BDC, we have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code. As a RIC, we generally will not pay U.S. federal corporate-level income taxes on our income and net capital gains that we distribute to our stockholders as dividends on a timely basis. We will be subject to U.S. federal corporate-level income tax on any undistributed income and/or gains. To qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, meet certain source of income and asset diversification requirements (as described below). In addition, we must distribute to our stockholders, for each taxable year, generally an amount equal to at least 90% of our "investment company taxable income," as defined by the Code (the "Annual Distribution Requirement"). See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business We may be subject to additional corporate-level income taxes if we fail to maintain our status as a RIC."

TAXATION AS A RIC

If we:

qualify as a RIC; and

satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement;

then we will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the portion of our investment company taxable income and net capital gain (generally, net long-term capital gain in excess of net short-term capital loss) we distribute (or are deemed to distribute) to stockholders. We will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the regular corporate rates on any income or capital gain not distributed (or deemed distributed) to our stockholders.

We will be subject to a 4% nondeductible U.S. federal excise tax on certain undistributed income unless we distribute in a timely manner an amount at least equal to the sum of (1) 98% of our ordinary income for each calendar year, (2) 98.2% of our capital gain net income for the one-year period ending October 31 in that calendar year and (3) any income recognized, but not distributed, in preceding years (collectively, the "Excise Tax Requirement"). We have paid in the past, and can be expected to pay in the future, such excise tax on a portion of our income.

Moreover, our ability to dispose of assets to meet our distribution requirements may be limited by (1) the illiquid nature of our portfolio and (2) other requirements relating to our status as a RIC, including the Diversification Tests (as defined below). If we dispose of assets to meet the Annual Distribution Requirement, the Diversification Tests, or the Excise Tax Requirement, we may make such dispositions at times that, from an investment standpoint, are not advantageous.

To qualify as a RIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we generally must, among other things:

qualify to be treated as a BDC at all times during each taxable year;

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derive in each taxable year at least 90% of our gross income from (a) dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, gains from the sale of stock or other securities or other income derived with respect to our business of investing in such stock or securities or (b) net income derived from an interest in a "qualified publicly traded partnership, or "QPTP" (collectively, the "90% Income Test"); and

diversify our holdings so that at the end of each quarter of the taxable year:

at least 50% of the value of our assets consists of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. Government securities, securities of other RICs and other securities that, with respect to any issuer, do not represent more than 5% of the value of our assets or more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of that issuer; and

no more than 25% of the value of our assets is invested in the securities, other than U.S. Government securities or securities of other RICs, of (i) one issuer, (ii) two or more issuers that are controlled, as determined under applicable tax rules, by us and that are engaged in the same or similar or related trades or businesses or (iii) securities of one or more QPTPs (collectively, the "Diversification Tests").

We may be required to recognize taxable income in circumstances in which we do not receive cash, such as income from hedging or foreign currency transactions. For example, if we hold debt obligations that are treated under applicable tax rules as having original issue discount (such as debt instruments with PIK interest or, in certain cases, that have increasing interest rates or that are issued with warrants), we must include in income each year a portion of the original issue discount that accrues over the life of the obligation, regardless of whether cash representing such income is received by us in the same taxable year. Because any original issue discount or other amounts accrued will be included in our investment company taxable income for the year of accrual, we may be required to make a distribution to our stockholders in order to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement and/or the Excise Tax Requirement, even though we will not have received any corresponding cash amount.

Furthermore, a portfolio company in which we invest may face financial difficulty that requires us to work-out, modify or otherwise restructure our investment in the portfolio company. Any such restructuring could, depending on the specific terms of the restructuring, result in unusable capital losses and future non-cash income.

In addition, certain of our investment practices may be subject to special and complex U.S. federal income tax provisions that may, among other things, (a) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions, (b) convert long-term capital gain (currently taxed at lower rates for non-corporate taxpayers) into higher taxed short-term capital gain or ordinary income, (c) convert an ordinary loss or a deduction into a capital loss (the deductibility of which is more limited), (d) adversely affect the time when a purchase or sale of stock or securities is deemed to occur or (e) adversely alter the characterization of certain complex financial transactions. We will monitor our transactions and may make certain tax elections in order to mitigate the effects of these provisions; however, no assurance can be given that we will be eligible for any such tax elections or that any elections we make will fully mitigate the effects of these provisions.

Gain or loss recognized by us from warrants acquired by us as well as any loss attributable to the lapse of such warrants generally will be treated as capital gain or loss. Such gain or loss generally will be long-term or short-term, depending on how long we held a particular warrant.

Our investment in non-U.S. securities may be subject to non-U.S. income, withholding and other taxes. In that case, our yield on those securities would be decreased. Stockholders will generally not be entitled to claim a U.S. foreign tax credit or deduction with respect to non-U.S. taxes paid by us.

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If we purchase shares in a "passive foreign investment company" (a "PFIC"), we may be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a portion of any "excess distribution" or gain from the disposition of such shares, even if such income is distributed as a taxable dividend by us to our stockholders. Additional charges in the nature of interest may be imposed on us in respect of deferred taxes arising from such distributions or gains. If we invest in a PFIC and elect to treat the PFIC as a "qualified electing fund" under the Code (a "QEF"), in lieu of the foregoing requirements, we will be required to include in income each year a portion of the ordinary earnings and net capital gain of the QEF, even if such income is not distributed to us. Alternatively, we may elect to mark-to-market at the end of each taxable year our shares in such PFIC; in this case, we will recognize as ordinary income any increase in the value of such shares, and as ordinary loss any decrease in such value to the extent it does not exceed prior increases included in income. Our ability to make either election will depend on factors beyond our control, and we are subject to limitations which may limit the availability or benefit of these elections. Under either election, we may be required to recognize in any year income in excess of our distributions from PFICs and our proceeds from dispositions of PFIC stock during that year, and such income will nevertheless be subject to the Annual Distribution Requirement and will be taken into account for purposes of determining whether we satisfy the Excise Tax Requirement.

Our functional currency is the U.S. dollar for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Under Section 988 of the Code, gains or losses attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between the time we accrue income, expenses or other liabilities denominated in a foreign currency and the time we actually collect such income or pay such expenses or liabilities may be treated as ordinary income or loss. Similarly, gains or losses on foreign currency forward contracts, the disposition of debt denominated in a foreign currency and other financial transactions denominated in foreign currency, to the extent attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between the acquisition and disposition dates, may also be treated as ordinary income or loss.

If we borrow money, we may be prevented by loan covenants from declaring and paying dividends in certain circumstances. Even if we are authorized to borrow funds and to sell assets in order to satisfy distribution requirements, under the Investment Company Act, we generally are not permitted to make distributions to our stockholders while our debt obligations and senior securities are outstanding unless certain "asset coverage" tests or other financial covenants are met. Limits on our payment of dividends may prevent us from meeting the Annual Distribution Requirement, and may, therefore, jeopardize our qualification for taxation as a RIC, or subject us to the 4% excise tax on undistributed income.

Some of the income and fees that we recognize, such as management fees, may not satisfy the 90% Income Test. In order to ensure that such income and fees do not disqualify us as a RIC for a failure to satisfy the 90% Income Test, we may be required to recognize such income or fees through one or more entities treated as U.S. corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes. While we expect that recognizing such income through such corporations will assist us in satisfying the 90% Income Test, no assurance can be given that this structure will be respected for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which could result in such income not being counted towards satisfying the 90% Income Test. If the amount of such income were too great and we were otherwise unable to mitigate this effect, it could result in our disqualification as a RIC. If, as we expect, the structure is respected, such corporations will be required to pay U.S. corporate income tax on their earnings, which ultimately will reduce the yield on such income and fees.

If we fail to satisfy the 90% Income Test or the Diversification Tests in any taxable year, we may be eligible for relief provisions if the failures are due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect and if a penalty tax is paid with respect to each failure to satisfy the applicable requirements. Additionally, relief is provided for certain *de minimis* failures of the diversification requirements where we correct the failure within a specified period. If the applicable relief provisions are not available or cannot be met, all of our income would be subject to U.S. federal corporate-level income tax as

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described below. We cannot provide assurance that we would qualify for any such relief should we fail the 90% Income Test or the Diversification Test.

If we fail to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement or otherwise fail to qualify as a RIC in any taxable year, and are not eligible for relief as described above, we will be subject to tax in that year on all of our taxable income, regardless of whether we make any distributions to our stockholders. In that case, all of our income will be subject to U.S. federal corporate-level income tax, reducing the amount available to be distributed to our stockholders. In contrast, assuming we qualify as a RIC, our U.S. federal corporate-level income tax should be substantially reduced or eliminated. See "Election to Be Taxed as a RIC" above and "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business We may be subject to additional corporate-level income taxes regardless of whether we continue to qualify as a RIC."

Capital Loss Carryforwards and Unrealized Losses

As a RIC, we are permitted to carry forward a net capital loss realized in a taxable year beginning on or before January 1, 2011 to offset our capital gain, if any, realized during the eight years following the year of the loss. A capital loss carryforward realized in a taxable year beginning before January 1, 2011 is treated as a short-term capital loss in the year to which it is carried. We are permitted to carry forward a net capital loss realized in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011 to offset capital gain indefinitely. For net capital losses realized in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, the excess of our net short-term capital loss over our net long-term capital gain is treated as a short-term capital loss arising on the first day of our next taxable year and the excess of our net long-term capital loss over our net short-term capital gain is treated as a long-term capital loss arising on the first day of our next taxable year. If future capital gain is offset by carried-forward capital losses, such future capital gain is not subject to fund-level U.S. federal income tax, regardless of whether distributed to stockholders. A RIC cannot carry back or carry forward any net operating losses.

It is believed that transactions we have undertaken, including the Allied Acquisition, have resulted in a limitation on our ability to use both our own and Allied Capital's capital loss carryforwards and, potentially, to use unrealized capital losses inherent in the tax basis of our own pre-acquisition assets and Allied Capital's assets we acquired. These limitations, imposed by Section 383 of the Code and based on the principles of Section 382 of the Code, are imposed on an annual basis. Losses in excess of the limitation may be carried forward, subject to the overall eight-year limitation. The Section 382 limitation applied to our and Allied Capital's losses generally will equal the product of the net asset value of each corporation immediately prior to the Allied Acquisition, respectively, and the "long-term tax-exempt rate," published by the IRS, in effect at such time. As of April 2010, the month during which the Allied Acquisition was consummated, the long-term tax-exempt rate was 4.03%. Additionally, under Section 384 of the Code, we may also be prohibited from using Allied Capital's loss carryforwards and unrealized losses against any of our unrealized gains at the time of the Allied Acquisition, to the extent such gains are realized within five years following the Allied Acquisition. While our ability to utilize losses in the future depends upon a variety of factors that cannot be known in advance, because capital loss carryforwards realized in taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011 generally expire eight taxable years following recognition, substantially all of our and Allied Capital's losses may become permanently unavailable. Future transactions we enter into may further limit our ability to utilize losses.

As of December 31, 2013, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we had capital loss carryforwards of approximately $0.1 billion and other losses limited under Sections 382 and 384 of the Code of approximately $0.3 billion. These amounts are estimates and will not be finally determined until we file our 2013 income tax return in 2014.

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TAXATION OF U.S. STOCKHOLDERS

Whether an investment in the shares of our preferred stock or common stock is appropriate for a U.S. stockholder will depend upon that person's particular circumstances. An investment in the shares of our preferred stock or common stock by a U.S. stockholder may have adverse tax consequences. The following summary generally describes certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in shares of our preferred stock and common stock by taxable U.S. stockholders and not by U.S. stockholders that generally are exempt from U.S. federal income taxation. U.S. stockholders should consult their own tax advisors before investing in shares of our preferred stock or common stock.

Distributions on Our Preferred Stock and Common Stock

Distributions by us generally are taxable to U.S. stockholders as ordinary income or long-term capital gain. Distributions of our investment company taxable income (which is, generally, our ordinary income excluding net capital gain) will be taxable as ordinary income to U.S. stockholders to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares of our common stock. Distributions of our net capital gain (which generally is the excess of our net long-term capital gain over our net short-term capital loss) properly reported by us as "capital gain dividends" will be taxable to U.S. stockholders as long-term capital gains (which, under current law, are taxed at preferential rates in the case of individuals, trusts or estates). This is true regardless of U.S. stockholders' holding periods for their preferred stock or common stock and regardless of whether the dividend is paid in cash or reinvested in additional common stock. Distributions in excess of our earnings and profits first will reduce a U.S. stockholder's adjusted tax basis in such stockholder's preferred stock or common stock and, after the adjusted tax basis is reduced to zero, will constitute capital gain to such U.S. stockholder. We have made distributions in excess of our earnings and profits and may continue to do so in the future. As a result, a U.S. stockholder will need to consider the effect of our distributions on such U.S. stockholder's adjusted tax basis in our preferred stock or common stock in their individual circumstances.

A portion of our ordinary income dividends, but not capital gain dividends, paid to corporate U.S. stockholders may, if certain conditions are met, qualify for the 70% dividends-received deduction to the extent that we have received dividends from certain corporations during the taxable year, but only to the extent such ordinary income dividends are treated as paid out of our earnings and profits. We expect only a small portion of our dividends to qualify for this deduction. A corporate U.S. stockholder may be required to reduce its basis on its preferred stock with respect to certain "extraordinary dividends," as provided under Section 1059 of the Code. Corporate U.S. stockholders should consult their own tax advisors in determining the application of these rules in their particular circumstances.

In general, "qualified dividend income" realized by non-corporate U.S. stockholders is taxable at the same rate as net capital gain. Generally, qualified dividend income is dividend income attributable to certain U.S. and foreign corporations, as long as certain holding period requirements as met. As long as certain requirements are met, our dividends paid to non-corporate U.S. stockholders attributable to qualified dividend income may be treated by such U.S. stockholders as qualified dividend income, but only to the extent such ordinary income dividends are treated as paid out of our earnings and profits. We expect only a small portion of our dividends to qualify as qualified dividend income.

Although we currently intend to distribute any of our net capital gain for each taxable year on a timely basis, we may in the future decide to retain some or all of our net capital gain, and may designate the retained amount as a "deemed distribution." In that case, among other consequences, we will pay tax on the retained amount, each U.S. stockholder will be required to include such

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stockholder's share of the deemed distribution in income as if it had been actually distributed to the U.S. stockholder, and the U.S. stockholder will be entitled to claim a credit equal to such stockholder's allocable share of the tax paid thereon by us. The amount of the deemed distribution net of such tax will be added to the U.S. stockholder's adjusted tax basis for such stockholder's preferred stock or common stock.

Because we expect to pay tax on any retained net capital gain at our regular corporate tax rate, and because that rate currently is in excess of the maximum rate currently payable by individuals on net capital gain, the amount of tax that individual stockholders will be treated as having paid and for which they will receive a credit would exceed the tax they owe on the retained net capital gain. Such excess generally may be claimed as a credit against a U.S. stockholder's other U.S. federal income tax obligations or may be refunded to the extent it exceeds the stockholder's liability for U.S. federal income tax. A U.S. stockholder that is not subject to U.S. federal income tax or otherwise is not required to file a U.S. federal income tax return would be required to file a U.S. federal income tax return on the appropriate form in order to claim a refund for the taxes we paid. In order to utilize the deemed distribution approach, we must provide a written statement to our stockholders reporting the deemed distribution after the close of the relevant taxable year. We cannot treat any of our investment company taxable income as a "deemed distribution."

We will be subject to the alternative minimum tax, also referred to as the "AMT," but any items that are treated differently for AMT purposes must be apportioned between us and our stockholders and this may affect U.S. stockholders' AMT liabilities. Although regulations explaining the precise method of apportionment have not yet been issued, such items generally will be apportioned in the same proportion that dividends paid to each stockholder bear to our taxable income (determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction), unless a different method for a particular item is warranted under the circumstances.

For purposes of determining (1) whether the Annual Distribution Requirement is satisfied for any year and (2) the amount of dividends paid for that year, we may, under certain circumstances, elect to treat a dividend that is paid during the following taxable year as if it had been paid during the taxable year in question. If we make such an election, the U.S. stockholder will still be treated as receiving the dividend in the taxable year in which the distribution is made. However, any dividend declared by us in October, November or December of any calendar year, payable to stockholders of record on a specified date in such a month and actually paid during January of the following year, will be treated as if it had been received by our U.S. stockholders on December 31 of the year in which the dividend was declared.

We have the ability to declare a large portion of a dividend in shares of our stock. As long as a portion of such dividend is paid in cash and certain requirements are met, the entire distribution will be treated as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, our stockholders will be taxed on 100% of the fair market value of the dividend on the date the dividend is received in the same manner as a cash dividend, even though most of the dividend was paid in shares of our stock, which may result in our U.S. stockholders having to pay tax on such dividends, even if no cash is received, and our non-U.S. stockholders may be subject to withholding tax in respect of amounts distributed in our common stock. In general, any dividend on shares of our preferred stock will be taxable as a dividend, regardless of whether any portion is paid in stock.

If investors purchase shares of our preferred stock or common stock shortly before the record date of a distribution, the price of the shares will include the value of the distribution and the investors will be subject to tax on the distribution even though it represents a return of their investment. We have built-up or have the potential to build up large amounts of unrealized gain which, when realized and distributed, could have the effect of a taxable return of capital to stockholders.

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Sale or Other Disposition of Our Preferred Stock or Common Stock

A U.S. stockholder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss if the U.S. stockholder sells or otherwise disposes of such stockholder's shares of our preferred stock or common stock. The amount of gain or loss will be measured by the difference between such stockholder's adjusted tax basis in the stock sold and the amount of the proceeds received in exchange. Any gain arising from such sale or disposition generally will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the stockholder has held such stockholder's shares for more than one year. Otherwise, such gain or loss will be classified as short-term capital gain or loss. However, any capital loss arising from the sale or disposition of shares of our preferred stock or common stock held for six months or less will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of the amount of capital gain dividends received, or undistributed capital gain deemed received, with respect to such shares. In addition, all or a portion of any loss recognized upon a disposition of shares of our preferred stock or common stock may be disallowed if substantially identical stock or securities are purchased (whether through reinvestment of distributions or otherwise) within 30 days before or after the disposition.

In general, U.S. stockholders that are individuals, trusts or estates are taxed at preferential rates on their net capital gain (generally, the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss for a taxable year, including long- term capital gain derived from an investment in our shares). Such rate is lower than the maximum rate on ordinary income currently payable by individuals. Corporate U.S. stockholders currently are subject to U.S. federal income tax on net capital gain at the maximum rate that also applies to ordinary income. Non-corporate U.S. stockholders with net capital losses for a year (i.e., capital loss in excess of capital gain) generally may deduct up to $3,000 of such losses against their ordinary income each year; any net capital losses of a non-corporate U.S. stockholder in excess of $3,000 generally may be carried forward and used in subsequent years as provided in the Code. Corporate U.S. stockholders generally may not deduct any net capital losses for a year, but may carry back such losses for three years or carry forward such losses for five years.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

We will send to each of our U.S. stockholders, after the end of each calendar year, a notice providing, on a per share and per distribution basis, the amounts includible in such U.S. stockholder's taxable income for such year as ordinary income and as long-term capital gain. In addition, the U.S. federal tax status of each year's distributions generally will be reported to the IRS. Distributions may also be subject to additional state, local and foreign taxes depending on a U.S. stockholder's particular situation.

We may be required to withhold U.S. federal income tax ("backup withholding") from all taxable distributions to any non-corporate U.S. stockholder (1) who fails to furnish us with a correct taxpayer identification number or a certificate that such stockholder is exempt from backup withholding or (2) with respect to whom the IRS notifies us has failed to properly report certain interest and dividend income to the IRS and to respond to notices to that effect. An individual's taxpayer identification number is his or her social security number. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amount withheld under backup withholding is allowed as a credit against the U.S. stockholder's U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle such stockholder to a refund, provided that proper information is timely provided to the IRS.

Medicare Tax on Net Investment Income

An additional 3.8% tax is imposed on the "net investment income" of certain U.S. holders who are citizens and resident aliens, and on the undistributed "net investment income" of certain estates and trusts. Among other items, "net investment income" includes generally taxable distributions or

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deemed distributions of stock, such as our preferred stock and our common stock, as well as taxable gain on the disposition of stock, including our preferred stock or common stock.

Withholding and Information Reporting on Foreign Financial Accounts

Pursuant to Sections 1471 to 1474 of the Code and the U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder, the relevant withholding agent generally will be required to withhold 30% of any dividends on our preferred stock and common stock paid after June 30, 2014 and the gross proceeds from a sale of our preferred stock and common stock paid after December 31, 2016 to (i) a foreign financial institution (whether such financial institution is the beneficial owner or an intermediary) unless such foreign financial institution agrees to verify, report and disclose its U.S. accountholders and meets certain other specified requirements or (ii) a non-financial foreign entity (whether such entity is the beneficial owner or an intermediary) unless such entity certifies that it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or provides the name, address and taxpayer identification number of each substantial U.S. owner and such entity meets certain other specified requirements. We will not pay any additional amounts in respect to any amounts withheld.

Reportable Transactions

Under U.S. Treasury regulations, if a stockholder recognizes a loss with respect to shares of $2 million or more for a non-corporate stockholder or $10 million or more for a corporate stockholder in any single taxable year (or a greater loss over a combination of years), the stockholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on Form 8886. Direct stockholders of certain portfolio securities in many cases are excepted from this reporting requirement, but under current guidance, stockholders of a RIC are not excepted. Future guidance may extend the current exception from this reporting requirement to stockholders of most or all RICs. The fact that a loss is reportable under these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether the taxpayer's treatment of the loss is proper. Significant monetary penalties apply to a failure to comply with this reporting requirement. States may also have a similar reporting requirement. Stockholders should consult their own tax advisors to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

TAXATION OF NON-U.S. STOCKHOLDERS

Whether an investment in shares of our preferred stock or common stock is appropriate for a non-U.S. stockholder will depend upon that person's particular circumstances. An investment in shares of our preferred stock or common stock by a non-U.S. stockholder may have adverse tax consequences and, accordingly, may not be appropriate for a non-U.S. stockholder. Non-U.S. stockholders should consult their own tax advisors before investing in our preferred stock or common stock.

Distributions on our Preferred Stock or Common Stock

Distributions of our investment company taxable income to non-U.S. stockholders will be subject to U.S. withholding tax (unless lowered or eliminated by an applicable income tax treaty) to the extent payable from our current and accumulated earnings and profits unless an exception applies.

If a non-U.S. stockholder receives distributions and such distributions are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the non-U.S. stockholder and, if an income tax treaty applies, attributable to a permanent establishment in the United States of such non-U.S. stockholder, such distributions generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the rates applicable to U.S. persons. In that case, we will not be required to withhold U.S. federal income tax if the non-U.S. stockholder complies with applicable certification and disclosure requirements. Special certification requirements apply to a non-U.S. stockholder that is a foreign trust and such entities are urged to consult their own tax advisors.

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Actual or deemed distributions of our net capital gain (which generally is the excess of our net long-term capital gain over our net short-term capital loss) to a non-U.S. stockholder, and gains recognized by a non-U.S. stockholder upon the sale of our preferred stock or common stock, will not be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax and generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax unless (a) the distributions or gains, as the case may be, are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the non-U.S. stockholder and, if an income tax treaty applies, are attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. stockholder in the United States (as discussed above) or (b) the non-U.S. stockholder is an individual, has been present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year, and certain other conditions are satisfied. For a corporate non-U.S. stockholder, distributions (both actual and deemed), and gains recognized upon the sale of our preferred stock or common stock that are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business may, under certain circumstances, be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" (unless lowered or eliminated by an applicable income tax treaty). Non-U.S. stockholders of our preferred stock or common stock are encouraged to consult their own advisors as to the applicability of an income tax treaty in their individual circumstances.

In general, no U.S. source withholding taxes will be imposed on dividends paid by RICs in taxable years beginning before January 1, 2014 to non-U.S. stockholders to the extent the dividends are designated as "interest-related dividends" or "short-term capital gain dividends." Under this exemption, interest-related dividends and short-term capital gain dividends generally represent distributions of interest or short-term capital gain that would not have been subject to U.S. withholding tax at the source if they had been received directly by a non-U.S. stockholder, and that satisfy certain other requirements. As of the date hereof, this provision has expired and, as a result, this exception will not apply for any taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014. Even if this provision is reinstated, no assurance can be given that we will distribute any interest- related or short-term capital gain dividends.

If we distribute our net capital gain in the form of deemed rather than actual distributions (which we may do in the future), a non-U.S. stockholder will be entitled to a U.S. federal income tax credit or tax refund equal to the non-U.S. stockholder's allocable share of the tax we pay on the capital gain deemed to have been distributed. In order to obtain the refund, the non-U.S. stockholder must obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number (if one has not been previously obtained) and file a U.S. federal income tax return even if the non-U.S. stockholder would not otherwise be required to obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number or file a U.S. federal income tax return.

We have the ability to declare a large portion of a dividend in shares of our common stock. As long as a portion of such dividend is paid in cash (which portion could be as low as 20%) and certain requirements are met, the entire distribution will be treated as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, our non-U.S. stockholders will be taxed on 100% of the fair market value of the dividend on the date the dividend is received in the same manner as a cash dividend (including the application of withholding tax rules described above), even though most of the dividend was paid in shares of our common stock. In such a circumstance, we may be required to withhold all or substantially all of the cash we would otherwise distribute to a non-U.S. stockholder. In general, any dividend on shares of our preferred stock will be taxable as a dividend, regardless of whether any portion is paid in stock.

A non-U.S. stockholder who is otherwise subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax may be subject to information reporting and backup withholding of U.S. federal income tax on dividends unless the non-U.S. stockholder provides us or the dividend paying agent with an IRS Form W-8BEN (or an acceptable substitute form) or otherwise meets documentary evidence requirements for establishing that it is a non-U.S. stockholder or otherwise establishes an exemption from backup withholding.

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Pursuant to Sections 1471 to 1474 of the Code and the U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder, the relevant withholding agent generally will be required to withhold 30% of any dividends paid on our preferred stock and common stock paid after June 30, 2014 and the gross proceeds from a sale of our preferred stock and common stock paid after December 31, 2016 to (i) a foreign financial institution unless such foreign financial institution agrees to verify, report and disclose its U.S. accountholders and meets certain other specified requirements or (ii) a non-financial foreign entity that is the beneficial owner of the payment unless such entity certifies that it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or provides the name, address and taxpayer identification number of each substantial U.S. owner and such entity meets certain other specified requirements. If payment of this withholding tax is made, non-U.S. stockholders that are otherwise eligible for an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding taxes with respect to such dividends or proceeds will be required to seek a credit or refund from the IRS to obtain the benefit of such exemption or reduction. Non-U.S. stockholders should consult their own tax advisers regarding the particular consequences to them of this legislation and guidance. We will not pay any additional amounts in respect to any amounts withheld.

FAILURE TO QUALIFY AS A RIC

If we were unable to qualify for treatment as a RIC, and relief were not available as discussed above, we would be subject to tax on all of our taxable income at regular corporate rates. We would not be able to deduct distributions to stockholders and would not be required to make distributions for tax purposes. Distributions generally would be taxable to our stockholders as ordinary dividend income to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits. Subject to certain limitations under the Code, corporate U.S. stockholders would be eligible for the dividends-received deduction. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits would be treated first as a return of capital to the extent of the stockholder's tax basis, and any remaining distributions would be treated as a capital gain. If we were to fail to meet the RIC requirements for more than two consecutive years and then sought to requalify as a RIC, we would be required to recognize gain to the extent of any unrealized appreciation in our assets unless we made a special election to pay corporate-level tax on any such unrealized appreciation recognized during the succeeding 10-year period.

POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE OR OTHER ACTIONS AFFECTING TAX CONSIDERATIONS

Prospective investors should recognize that the present U.S. federal income tax treatment of an investment in shares of our preferred stock or common stock may be modified by legislative, judicial or administrative action at any time, and that any such action may affect investments and commitments previously made. The rules dealing with U.S. federal income taxation are constantly under review by persons involved in the legislative process and by the IRS and the U.S. Treasury Department, resulting in revisions of regulations and revised interpretations of established concepts as well as statutory changes. Revisions in U.S. federal tax laws and interpretations thereof could adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in us.

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DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

This prospectus contains a summary of the common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights, debt securities, warrants and units. These summaries are not meant to be a complete description of each security. However, this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement will contain the material terms and conditions for each security.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK

The following description is based on relevant portions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and on our charter and bylaws. This summary is not necessarily complete, and we refer you to the Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws for a more detailed description of the provisions summarized below.

STOCK

Our authorized stock consists of 500,000,000 shares of stock, par value $0.001 per share, all of which are currently designated as common stock. Our common stock trades on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "ARCC." On June 24, 2014, the last reported sales price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Select Market was $17.10 per share. There are no outstanding options or warrants to purchase our stock. No stock has been authorized for issuance under any equity compensation plans. Under Maryland law, our stockholders generally are not personally liable for our indebtedness or obligations.

Under our charter, our board of directors is authorized to classify any unissued shares of stock and reclassify any previously classified but unissued shares of stock into one or more classes or series of stock and authorize the issuance of shares of stock without obtaining stockholder approval. As permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law, our charter provides that a majority of the entire board of directors, without any action by our stockholders, may amend the charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue.

Common Stock

All shares of our common stock have equal rights as to earnings, assets, dividends and voting and, when they are issued, will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Distributions may be paid to the holders of our common stock if, as and when authorized by our board of directors and declared by us out of funds legally available therefor. Shares of our common stock have no preemptive, exchange, conversion or redemption rights and are freely transferable, except where their transfer is restricted by federal and state securities laws or by contract.

In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, each share of our common stock would be entitled to share ratably in all of our assets that are legally available for distribution after we pay off all indebtedness and other liabilities and subject to any preferential rights of holders of our preferred stock, if any preferred stock is outstanding at such time.

Each share of our common stock is entitled to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors. Except as provided with respect to any other class or series of stock, the holders of our common stock will possess exclusive voting power. There is no cumulative voting in the election of directors, which means that holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock can elect all of our directors, and holders of less than a majority of such shares will be unable to elect any director.

The following are our outstanding classes of capital stock as of June 24, 2014:

(1) Title of Class	(2) Amount Authorized	(3) Amount Held by Registrant or for its Account	(4) Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Amount Shown Under Column (3)
Common Stock	500,000,000		298,269,678

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Preferred Stock

Our charter authorizes our board of directors to classify any unissued shares of stock and reclassify any previously classified but unissued shares of stock into other classes or series of stock, including preferred stock. Prior to issuance of shares of each class or series, the board of directors is required by Maryland law and by our charter to set the terms, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption for each class or series. Thus, our board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of our preferred stock with terms and conditions that could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in their best interest.

You should note, however, that any issuance of preferred stock must comply with the requirements of the Investment Company Act. The Investment Company Act requires, among other things, that (a) immediately after issuance and before any dividend or other distribution is made with respect to our common stock and before any purchase of common stock is made, such preferred stock together with all other indebtedness and senior securities must not exceed an amount equal to 50% of our total assets after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution or purchase price, as the case may be and (b) the holders of shares of preferred stock, if any are issued, must be entitled as a class to elect two directors at all times and to elect a majority of the directors if dividends on such preferred stock are in arrears by two years or more. Certain matters under the Investment Company Act require the separate vote of the holders of any issued and outstanding preferred stock. For example, holders of preferred stock would vote separately from the holders of common stock on a proposal to cease operations as a BDC. We believe that the availability for issuance of preferred stock may provide us with increased flexibility in structuring future financings and acquisitions.

LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS; INDEMNIFICATION AND ADVANCE OF EXPENSES

Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final adjudication as being material to the cause of action. Our charter contains such a provision, which eliminates directors' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, subject to the requirements of the Investment Company Act.

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

In addition to the indemnification provided for in our bylaws, we have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our current directors and certain of our officers and with

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members of our investment adviser's investment committee and we intend to enter into indemnification agreements with each of our future directors, members of our investment committee and certain of our officers. The indemnification agreements attempt to provide these directors, officers and other persons the maximum indemnification permitted under Maryland law and the Investment Company Act. The agreements provide, among other things, for the advancement of expenses and indemnification for liabilities that such person may incur by reason of his or her status as a present or former director or officer or member of our investment adviser's investment committee in any action or proceeding arising out of the performance of such person's services as a present or former director or officer or member of our investment adviser's investment committee.

Maryland law requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which our charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made or threatened to be made a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Maryland law permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made or are threatened to be made a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (i) was committed in bad faith or (ii) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received, unless in either case a court orders indemnification, and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of (x) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (y) a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

PROVISIONS OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW AND OUR CHARTER AND BYLAWS

The Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws contain provisions that could make it more difficult for a potential acquiror to acquire us by means of a tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise. These provisions are expected to discourage certain coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids and to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to negotiate first with our board of directors. We believe that the benefits of these provisions outweigh the potential disadvantages of discouraging any such acquisition proposals because, among other things, the negotiation of such proposals may improve their terms.

Classified Board of Directors

Our board of directors is divided into three classes of directors serving staggered three-year terms, with the term of office of only one of the three classes expiring each year. A classified board may render a change in control of us or removal of our incumbent management more difficult. We believe, however, that the longer time required to elect a majority of a classified board of directors helps to ensure the continuity and stability of our management and policies.

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Election of Directors

Our charter and bylaws provide that the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote in the election of directors will be required to elect a director. Pursuant to the charter, our board of directors may amend the bylaws to alter the vote required to elect directors.

Number of Directors; Vacancies; Removal

Our charter provides that the number of directors will be set only by the board of directors in accordance with our bylaws. Our bylaws provide that a majority of our entire board of directors may at any time increase or decrease the number of directors. However, unless our bylaws are amended, the number of directors may never be less than four or more than eleven. Our charter sets forth our election, subject to certain requirements, to be subject to the provision of Subtitle 8 of Title 3 of the Maryland General Corporation Law regarding the filling of vacancies on the board of directors. Accordingly, except as may be provided by the board of directors in setting the terms of any class or series of preferred stock, any and all vacancies on the board of directors may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors in office, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum, and any director elected to fill a vacancy will serve for the remainder of the full term of the directorship in which the vacancy occurred and until a successor is elected and qualifies, subject to any applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act.

Our charter provides that a director may be removed only for cause, as defined in our charter, and then only by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast generally in the election of directors.

Action by Stockholders

Under the Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter, stockholder action can be taken only at an annual or special meeting of stockholders or by unanimous written or electronically transmitted consent instead of a meeting. These provisions, combined with the requirements of our bylaws regarding the calling of a stockholder-requested special meeting of stockholders discussed below, may have the effect of delaying consideration of a stockholder proposal until the next annual meeting.

Advance Notice Provisions for Stockholder Nominations and Stockholder Proposals

Our bylaws provide that with respect to an annual meeting of stockholders, nominations of individuals for election to the board of directors and the proposal of business to be considered by stockholders may be made only (a) pursuant to our notice of the meeting, (b) by or at the direction of the board of directors or (c) by a stockholder who is a stockholder of record both at the time of giving the advance notice required by the bylaws and at the time of the meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting in the election of each individual so nominated or on any such other business and who has complied with the advance notice procedures of the bylaws. With respect to special meetings of stockholders, only the business specified in our notice of the meeting may be brought before the meeting. Nominations of individuals for election to the board of directors at a special meeting may be made only (a) by or at the direction of the board of directors or (b) provided that the special meeting has been called in accordance with the bylaws for the purpose of electing directors, by a stockholder who is a stockholder of record both at the time of giving the advance notice required by the bylaws and at the time of the meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting in the election of each individual so nominated and who has complied with the advance notice provisions of the bylaws.

The purpose of requiring stockholders to give us advance notice of nominations and other business is to afford our board of directors a meaningful opportunity to consider the qualifications of the proposed nominees and the advisability of any other proposed business and, to the extent deemed

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necessary or desirable by our board of directors, to inform stockholders and make recommendations about such qualifications or business, as well as to provide a more orderly procedure for conducting meetings of stockholders. Although our bylaws do not give our board of directors any power to disapprove stockholder nominations for the election of directors or proposals recommending certain action, they may have the effect of precluding a contest for the election of directors or the consideration of stockholder proposals if proper procedures are not followed and of discouraging or deterring a third party from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect its own slate of directors or to approve its own proposal without regard to whether consideration of such nominees or proposals might be harmful or beneficial to us and our stockholders.

Calling of Special Meetings of Stockholders

Our bylaws provide that special meetings of stockholders may be called by our board of directors and certain of our officers. Additionally, our bylaws provide that, subject to the satisfaction of certain procedural and informational requirements by the stockholders requesting the meeting, a special meeting of stockholders will be called by the secretary of the corporation to act on any matter that may properly be considered at a meeting of stockholders upon the written request of stockholders entitled to cast not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

Approval of Extraordinary Corporate Action; Amendment of Charter and Bylaws

Under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, merge, sell all or substantially all of its assets, engage in a share exchange or engage in similar transactions outside the ordinary course of business, unless approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Offerings Pursuant to this Prospectus Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and of our charter and bylaws could deter takeover attempts and have an adverse effect on the price of our common stock." However, a Maryland corporation may provide in its charter for approval of these matters by a lesser percentage, but not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Our charter generally provides for approval of charter amendments and extraordinary transactions by the stockholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Our charter also provides that certain charter amendments and any proposal for our conversion, whether by merger or otherwise, from a closed-end company to an open-end company or any proposal for our liquidation or dissolution requires the approval of the stockholders entitled to cast at least 80 percent of the votes entitled to be cast on such matter. However, if such amendment or proposal is approved by at least two-thirds of our continuing directors (as defined below) (in addition to approval by our board of directors), such amendment or proposal may be approved by a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on such a matter. The "continuing directors" are defined in our charter as our current directors as well as those directors whose nomination for election by the stockholders or whose election by the directors to fill vacancies is approved by a majority of the continuing directors then on the board of directors.

Our charter and bylaws provide that the board of directors will have the exclusive power to adopt, alter or repeal any provision of our bylaws and to make new bylaws.

No Appraisal Rights

Except with respect to appraisal rights arising in connection with the Control Share Acquisition Act discussed below, as permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law, our charter provides that stockholders will not be entitled to exercise appraisal rights unless a majority of our board of directors determines that such rights will apply, with respect to all or any classes or series of stock, to one or more transactions occurring after the date of such determination in connection with which stockholders would otherwise be entitled to exercise appraisal rights.

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Control Share Acquisitions

The Control Share Acquisition Act provides that control shares of a Maryland corporation acquired in a control share acquisition have no voting rights except to the extent approved by a vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Shares owned by the acquiror, by officers or by employees who are directors of the corporation are excluded from shares entitled to vote on the matter. Control shares are voting shares of stock that, if aggregated with all other shares of stock owned by the acquiror or in respect of which the acquiror is able to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power (except solely by virtue of a revocable proxy), would entitle the acquiror to exercise voting power in electing directors within one of the following ranges of voting power:

one-tenth or more but less than one-third;

one-third or more but less than a majority; or

a majority or more of all voting power.

The requisite stockholder approval must be obtained each time an acquiror crosses one of the thresholds of voting power set forth above. Control shares do not include shares the acquiring person is then entitled to vote as a result of having previously obtained stockholder approval. A control share acquisition means the acquisition of issued and outstanding control shares, subject to certain exceptions.

A person who has made or proposes to make a control share acquisition may compel the board of directors of the corporation to call a special meeting of stockholders to be held within 50 days of demand to consider the voting rights of the shares. The right to compel the calling of a special meeting is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including an undertaking to pay the expenses of the meeting. If no request for a meeting is made, the corporation may itself present the question at any stockholders meeting.

If voting rights are not approved at the meeting or if the acquiring person does not deliver an acquiring person statement as required by the statute, then the corporation may repurchase for fair value any or all of the control shares, except those for which voting rights have previously been approved. The right of the corporation to repurchase control shares is subject to certain conditions and limitations, including, as provided in our bylaws, compliance with the Investment Company Act, which will prohibit any such repurchase other than in limited circumstances. Fair value is determined, without regard to the absence of voting rights for the control shares, as of the date of the last control share acquisition by the acquiror or of any meeting of stockholders at which the voting rights of the shares are considered and not approved. If voting rights for control shares are approved at a stockholders meeting and the acquiror becomes entitled to vote a majority of the shares entitled to vote, all other stockholders may exercise appraisal rights. The fair value of the shares as determined for purposes of appraisal rights may not be less than the highest price per share paid by the acquiror in the control share acquisition.

The Control Share Acquisition Act does not apply (a) to shares acquired in a merger, consolidation or share exchange if the corporation is a party to the transaction or (b) to acquisitions approved or exempted by the charter or bylaws of the corporation.

Our bylaws contain a provision exempting from the Control Share Acquisition Act any and all acquisitions by any person of our shares of stock and, as a result, any control shares of the Company will have the same voting rights as all of the other shares of the Company common stock. Such provision could be amended or eliminated at any time in the future. However, we will amend our bylaws to be subject to the Control Share Acquisition Act only if the board of directors determines that it would be in our best interests and we determine (after consultation with the SEC staff) that our being subject to the Control Share Acquisition Act does not conflict with the Investment Company Act.

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Business Combinations

Under Maryland law, "business combinations" between a Maryland corporation and an interested stockholder or an affiliate of an interested stockholder are prohibited for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. These business combinations include a merger, consolidation, share exchange or, in circumstances specified in the statute, an asset transfer or issuance or reclassification of equity securities. An interested stockholder is defined as:

- any person who, directly or indirectly, beneficially owns 10% or more of the voting power of the corporation's outstanding voting stock; or
- an affiliate or associate of the corporation who, at any time within the two-year period prior to the date in question, was the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting power of the then outstanding stock of the corporation.

A person is not an interested stockholder under this statute if the board of directors approved in advance the transaction by which such person otherwise would have become an interested stockholder. However, in approving a transaction, the board of directors may provide that its approval is subject to compliance, at or after the time of approval, with any terms and conditions determined by the board.

After the five-year prohibition, any business combination between the corporation and an interested stockholder generally must be recommended by the board of directors of the corporation and approved by the affirmative vote of at least:

- 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding shares of voting stock of the corporation; and
- two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of voting stock of the corporation other than shares held by the interested stockholder with whom or with whose affiliate the business combination is to be effected or held by an affiliate or associate of the interested stockholder.

These super-majority vote requirements do not apply if the corporation's common stockholders receive a minimum price, as defined under Maryland law, for their shares in the form of cash or other consideration in the same form as previously paid by the interested stockholder for its shares.

The statute permits various exemptions from its provisions, including business combinations that are exempted by the board of directors before the time that the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. Our board of directors has adopted a resolution that any business combination between us and any other person is exempted from the provisions of the Business Combination Act, provided that the business combination is first approved by the board of directors, including a majority of the independent directors. This resolution, however, may be altered or repealed in whole or in part at any time. If this resolution is repealed, or the board of directors does not otherwise approve a business combination, the statute may discourage others from trying to acquire control of us and increase the difficulty of consummating any offer.

Conflict with the Investment Company Act

Our bylaws provide that, if and to the extent that any provision of the Maryland General Corporation Law, including the Control Share Acquisition Act (if we amend our bylaws to be subject to such act) and the Business Combination Act, or any provision of our charter or bylaws conflicts with any provision of the Investment Company Act, the applicable provision of the Investment Company Act will control.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR PREFERRED STOCK

In addition to shares of common stock, our charter authorizes the issuance of preferred stock. If we offer preferred stock under this prospectus, we will issue an appropriate prospectus supplement. We may issue preferred stock from time to time in one or more classes or series, without stockholder approval. Prior to issuance of shares of each class or series, our board of directors is required by Maryland law and by our charter to set, subject to the express terms of any of our then outstanding classes or series of stock, the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption for each class or series. Any such an issuance must adhere to the requirements of the Investment Company Act, Maryland law and any other limitations imposed by law.

The Investment Company Act currently requires, among other things, that (a) immediately after issuance and before any distribution is made with respect to common stock, the liquidation preference of the preferred stock, together with all other senior securities, must not exceed an amount equal to 50% of our total assets (taking into account such distribution), (b) the holders of shares of preferred stock, if any are issued, must be entitled as a class to elect two directors at all times and to elect a majority of the directors if dividends on the preferred stock are in arrears by two years or more and (c) such class of stock have complete priority over any other class of stock as to distribution of assets and payment of dividends, which dividends shall be cumulative.

For any class or series of preferred stock that we may issue, our board of directors will determine and the articles supplementary and the prospectus supplement relating to such class or series will describe:

the designation and number of shares of such class or series;

the rate and time at which, and the preferences and conditions under which, any dividends will be paid on shares of such class or series, as well as whether such dividends are participating or non-participating;

any provisions relating to convertibility or exchangeability of the shares of such class or series, including adjustments to the conversion price of such class or series;

the rights and preferences, if any, of holders of shares of such class or series upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;

the voting powers, if any, of the holders of shares of such class or series;

any provisions relating to the redemption of the shares of such class or series;

any limitations on our ability to pay dividends or make distributions on, or acquire or redeem, other securities while shares of such class or series are outstanding;

any conditions or restrictions on our ability to issue additional shares of such class or series or other securities;

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

any other relative powers, preferences and participating, optional or special rights of shares of such class or series, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof.

All shares of preferred stock that we may issue will be identical and of equal rank except as to the particular terms thereof that may be fixed by our board of directors, and all shares of each class or series of preferred stock will be identical and of equal rank except as to the dates from which dividends, if any, thereon will be cumulative.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS

GENERAL

We may issue subscription rights to our stockholders to purchase common stock. Subscription rights may be issued independently or together with any other offered security and may or may not be transferable by the person purchasing or receiving the subscription rights. In connection with a subscription rights offering to our stockholders, we would distribute certificates evidencing the subscription rights and a prospectus supplement to our stockholders on the record date that we set for receiving subscription rights in such subscription rights offering.

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

- the period of time the offering would remain open (which shall be open a minimum number of days such that all record holders would be eligible to participate in the offering and shall not be open longer than 120 days);
- the title of such subscription rights;
- the exercise price for such subscription rights (or method of calculation thereof);
- the ratio of the offering (which, in the case of transferable rights, will require a minimum of three shares to be held of record before a person is entitled to purchase an additional share);
- the number of such subscription rights issued to each stockholder;
- the extent to which such subscription rights are transferable and the market on which they may be traded if they are transferable;
- if applicable, a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the issuance or exercise of such subscription rights;
- the date on which the right to exercise such subscription rights shall commence, and the date on which such right shall expire (subject to any extension);
- the extent to which such subscription rights include an over-subscription privilege with respect to unsubscribed securities and the terms of such over-subscription privilege;
- any termination right we may have in connection with such subscription rights offering; and
- any other terms of such subscription rights, including exercise, settlement and other procedures and limitations relating to the transfer and exercise of such subscription rights.

We will not offer any subscription rights to purchase shares of our common stock under this prospectus or an accompanying prospectus supplement without first filing a new post-effective amendment to the registration statement.

EXERCISE OF SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS

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

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

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

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR WARRANTS

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

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

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

- the title of such warrants;
- the aggregate number of such warrants;
- the price or prices at which such warrants will be issued;
- the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which the price of such warrants may be payable;
- if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security or each principal amount of such security;
- in the case of warrants to purchase debt securities, the principal amount of debt securities purchasable upon exercise of one warrant and the price at which and the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which this principal amount of debt securities may be purchased upon such exercise;
- in the case of warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock, the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, purchasable upon exercise of one warrant and the price at which and the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which these shares may be purchased upon such exercise;
- the date on which the right to exercise such warrants shall commence and the date on which such right will expire;
- whether such warrants will be issued in registered form or bearer form;
- if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of such warrants that may be exercised at any one time;
- if applicable, the date on and after which such warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;
- information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;

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

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

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

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

Prior to exercising their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including, in the case of warrants to purchase debt securities, the right to receive principal, premium, if any, or interest payments, on the debt securities purchasable upon exercise or to enforce covenants in the applicable indenture or, in the case of warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock, the right to receive dividends, if any, or payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up or to exercise any voting rights.

Under the Investment Company Act, we may generally only offer warrants provided that (a) the warrants expire by their terms within ten years, (b) the exercise or conversion price is not less than the current market value at the date of issuance, (c) our stockholders authorize the proposal to issue such warrants, and our board of directors approves such issuance on the basis that the issuance is in the best interests of Ares Capital and its stockholders and (d) if the warrants are accompanied by other securities, the warrants are not separately transferable unless no class of such warrants and the securities accompanying them has been publicly distributed. The Investment Company Act also provides that the amount of our voting securities that would result from the exercise of all outstanding warrants, as well as options and rights, at the time of issuance may not exceed 25% of our outstanding voting securities.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR DEBT SECURITIES

We may issue debt securities in one or more series. The specific terms of each series of debt securities will be described in the particular prospectus supplement relating to that series. The prospectus supplement may or may not modify the general terms found in this prospectus and will be filed with the SEC. For a complete description of the terms of a particular series of debt securities, you should read both this prospectus and the prospectus supplement relating to that particular series.

As required by federal law for all bonds and notes of companies that are publicly offered, the debt securities are governed by a document called an "indenture." An indenture is a contract between us and U.S. Bank National Association, a financial institution acting as trustee on your behalf, and is subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. The trustee has two main roles. First, the trustee can enforce your rights against us if we default. There are some limitations on the extent to which the trustee acts on your behalf, described in the second paragraph under "Events of Default Remedies if an Event of Default Occurs." Second, the trustee performs certain administrative duties for us.

Because this section is a summary, it does not describe every aspect of the debt securities and the indenture. We urge you to read the indenture because it, and not this description, defines your rights as a holder of debt securities. For example, in this section, we use capitalized words to signify terms that are specifically defined in the indenture. Some of the definitions are repeated in this prospectus, but for the rest you will need to read the indenture. We have filed the form of the indenture with the SEC. See "Available Information" for information on how to obtain a copy of the indenture.

The prospectus supplement, which will accompany this prospectus, will describe the particular series of debt securities being offered, including, among other things:

- the designation or title of the series of debt securities;
- the total principal amount of the series of debt securities;
- the percentage of the principal amount at which the series of debt securities will be offered;
- the date or dates on which principal will be payable;
- the rate or rates (which may be either fixed or variable) and/or the method of determining such rate or rates of interest, if any;
- the date or dates from which any interest will accrue, or the method of determining such date or dates, and the date or dates on which any interest will be payable;
- the terms for redemption, extension or early repayment, if any;
- the currencies in which the series of debt securities are issued and payable;
- whether the amount of payments of principal, premium or interest, if any, on a series of debt securities will be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method (which could be based on one or more currencies, commodities, equity indices or other indices) and how these amounts will be determined;

the place or places, if any, other than or in addition to the City of New York, of payment, transfer, conversion and/or exchange of the debt securities;

the denominations in which the offered debt securities will be issued;

the provision for any sinking fund;

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any restrictive covenants;

any Events of Default;

whether the series of debt securities is issuable in certificated form;

any provisions for defeasance or covenant defeasance;

if applicable, U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to original issue discount;

whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the debt securities rather than pay the additional amounts (and the terms of this option);

any provisions for convertibility or exchangeability of the debt securities into or for any other securities;

whether the debt securities are subject to subordination and the terms of such subordination;

the listing, if any, on a securities exchange; and

any other terms.

The debt securities may be secured or unsecured obligations. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, will be paid by us in immediately available funds.

We are permitted, under specified conditions, to issue multiple classes of indebtedness if our asset coverage, calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act, is at least equal to 200% immediately after each such issuance. In addition, while any indebtedness and senior securities remain outstanding, we must make provisions to prohibit the distribution to our stockholders or the repurchase of such securities or shares unless we meet the applicable asset coverage ratios at the time of the distribution or repurchase. Specifically, we may be precluded from declaring dividends or repurchasing shares of our common stock unless our asset coverage is at least 200%. We may also borrow amounts up to 5% of the value of our total assets for temporary or emergency purposes without regard to asset coverage. For a discussion of the risks associated with leverage, see "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business Regulations governing our operation as a BDC affect our ability to, and the way in which we, raise additional capital."

GENERAL

The indenture provides that any debt securities proposed to be sold under this prospectus and the attached prospectus supplement ("offered debt securities") and any debt securities issuable upon the exercise of warrants or upon conversion or exchange of other offered securities ("underlying debt securities") may be issued under the indenture in one or more series.

For purposes of this prospectus, any reference to the payment of principal of or premium or interest, if any, on debt securities will include additional amounts if required by the terms of the debt securities.

The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that may be issued thereunder from time to time. Debt securities issued under the indenture, when a single trustee is acting for all debt securities issued under the indenture, are called the "indenture securities." The indenture also provides that there may be more than one trustee thereunder, each with respect to one or more different series of indenture securities. See "Resignation of Trustee" below. At a time when two or more trustees are acting under the indenture, each with respect to only certain series, the

term "indenture securities"

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means the one or more series of debt securities with respect to which each respective trustee is acting. In the event that there is more than one trustee under the indenture, the powers and trust obligations of each trustee described in this prospectus will extend only to the one or more series of indenture securities for which it is trustee. If two or more trustees are acting under the indenture, then the indenture securities for which each trustee is acting would be treated as if issued under separate indentures.

The indenture does not contain any provisions that give you protection in the event we issue a large amount of debt or we are acquired by another entity.

We refer you to the prospectus supplement for information with respect to any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the Events of Default or our covenants that are described below, including any addition of a covenant or other provision providing event risk or similar protection.

We have the ability to issue indenture securities with terms different from those of indenture securities previously issued and, without the consent of the holders thereof, to reopen a previous issue of a series of indenture securities and issue additional indenture securities of that series unless the reopening was restricted when that series was created.

We expect that we will usually issue debt securities in book entry only form represented by global securities.

CONVERSION AND EXCHANGE

If any debt securities are convertible into or exchangeable for other securities, the prospectus supplement will explain the terms and conditions of the conversion or exchange, including the conversion price or exchange ratio (or the calculation method), the conversion or exchange period (or how the period will be determined), if conversion or exchange will be mandatory or at the option of the holder or us, provisions for adjusting the conversion price or the exchange ratio and provisions affecting conversion or exchange in the event of the redemption of the underlying debt securities. These terms may also include provisions under which the number or amount of other securities to be received by the holders of the debt securities upon conversion or exchange would be calculated according to the market price of the other securities as of a time stated in the prospectus supplement.

PAYMENT AND PAYING AGENTS

We will pay interest to the person listed in the applicable trustee's records as the owner of the debt security at the close of business on a particular day in advance of each due date for interest, even if that person no longer owns the debt security on the interest due date. That day, usually about two weeks in advance of the interest due date, is called the "record date." Because we will pay all the interest for an interest period to the holders on the record date, holders buying and selling debt securities must work out between themselves the appropriate purchase price. The most common manner is to adjust the sales price of the debt securities to prorate interest fairly between buyer and seller based on their respective ownership periods within the particular interest period. This prorated interest amount is called "accrued interest."

Payments on Global Securities

We will make payments on a global security in accordance with the applicable policies of the depositary as in effect from time to time. Under those policies, we will make payments directly to the depositary, or its nominee, and not to any indirect holders who own beneficial interests in the global security. An indirect holder's right to those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depositary and its participants.

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Payments on Certificated Securities

We will make payments on a certificated debt security as follows. We will pay interest that is due on an interest payment date by check mailed on the interest payment date to the holder at his or her address shown on the trustee's records as of the close of business on the regular record date. We will make all payments of principal and premium, if any, by check at the office of the applicable trustee in New York, NY and/or at other offices that may be specified in the prospectus supplement or in a notice to holders against surrender of the debt security.

Alternatively, if the holder asks us to do so, we will pay any amount that becomes due on the debt security by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account at a bank in New York City, on the due date. To request payment by wire, the holder must give the applicable trustee or other paying agent appropriate transfer instructions at least 15 business days before the requested wire payment is due. In the case of any interest payment due on an interest payment date, the instructions must be given by the person who is the holder on the relevant regular record date. Any wire instructions, once properly given, will remain in effect unless and until new instructions are given in the manner described above.

Payment When Offices Are Closed

If any payment is due on a debt security on a day that is not a business day, we will make the payment on the next day that is a business day. Payments made on the next business day in this situation will be treated under the indenture as if they were made on the original due date, except as otherwise indicated in the attached prospectus supplement. Such payment will not result in a default under any debt security or the indenture, and no interest will accrue on the payment amount from the original due date to the next day that is a business day.

Book-entry and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how they will receive payments on their debt securities.

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

You will have rights if an Event of Default occurs in respect of the debt securities of your series and is not cured, as described later in this subsection.

The term "Event of Default" in respect of the debt securities of your series means any of the following (unless the prospectus supplement relating to such debt securities states otherwise):

We do not pay the principal of, or any premium on, a debt security of the series on its due date, and do not cure this default within 5 days.

We do not pay interest on a debt security of the series when due, and such default is not cured within 30 days.

We do not deposit any sinking fund payment in respect of debt securities of the series on its due date, and do not cure this default within 5 days.

We remain in breach of a covenant in respect of debt securities of the series for 60 days after we receive a written notice of default stating we are in breach. The notice must be sent by either the trustee or holders of at least 25% of the principal amount of debt securities of the series.

We file for bankruptcy or certain other events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occur and remain undischarged or unstayed for a period of 60 days.

On the last business day of each of twenty-four consecutive calendar months, we have an asset coverage of less than 100%.

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Any other Event of Default in respect of debt securities of the series described in the applicable prospectus supplement occurs.

An Event of Default for a particular series of debt securities does not necessarily constitute an Event of Default for any other series of debt securities issued under the same or any other indenture. The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of debt securities of any default, except in the payment of principal, premium or interest, if it considers the withholding of notice to be in the best interests of the holders.

Remedies if an Event of Default Occurs

If an Event of Default has occurred and has not been cured, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series may declare the entire principal amount of all the debt securities of that series to be due and immediately payable. This is called a declaration of acceleration of maturity. In certain circumstances, a declaration of acceleration of maturity may be canceled by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series.

The trustee is not required to take any action under the indenture at the request of any holders unless the holders offer the trustee reasonable protection from expenses and liability (called an "indemnity") (Section 315 of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939). If reasonable indemnity is provided, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the relevant series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any lawsuit or other formal legal action seeking any remedy available to the trustee. The trustee may refuse to follow those directions in certain circumstances. No delay or omission in exercising any right or remedy will be treated as a waiver of that right, remedy or Event of Default.

Before you are allowed to bypass your trustee and bring your own lawsuit or other formal legal action or take other steps to enforce your rights or protect your interests relating to the debt securities, the following must occur:

You must give your trustee written notice that an Event of Default has occurred and remains uncured.

The holders of at least 25% in principal amount of all outstanding debt securities of the relevant series must make a written request that the trustee take action because of the default and must offer reasonable indemnity to the trustee against the cost and other liabilities of taking that action.

The trustee must not have taken action for 60 days after receipt of the above notice and offer of indemnity.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities must not have given the trustee a direction inconsistent with the above notice during that 60 day period.

However, you are entitled at any time to bring a lawsuit for the payment of money due on your debt securities on or after the due date.

Holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series may waive any past defaults other than:

the payment of principal, any premium or interest; or

in respect of a covenant that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of each holder.

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Book-entry and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how to give notice or direction to or make a request of the trustee and how to declare or cancel an acceleration of maturity.

Each year, we will furnish to each trustee a written statement of certain of our officers certifying that to their knowledge we are in compliance with the indenture and the debt securities, or else specifying any default.

MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION

Under the terms of the indenture, we are generally permitted to consolidate or merge with another entity. We are also permitted to sell all or substantially all of our assets to another entity. However, unless the prospectus supplement relating to certain debt securities states otherwise, we may not take any of these actions unless all the following conditions are met:

Where we merge out of existence or sell our assets, the resulting entity must agree to be legally responsible for our obligations under the debt securities.

Immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have happened and be continuing.

Under the indenture, no merger or sale of assets may be made if as a result any of our property or assets or any property or assets of one of our subsidiaries, if any, would become subject to any mortgage, lien or other encumbrance unless either (a) the mortgage, lien or other encumbrance could be created pursuant to the limitation on liens covenant in the indenture without equally and ratably securing the indenture securities or (b) the indenture securities are secured equally and ratably with or prior to the debt secured by the mortgage, lien or other encumbrance.

We must deliver certain certificates and documents to the trustee.

We must satisfy any other requirements specified in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of debt securities.

MODIFICATION OR WAIVER

There are three types of changes we can make to the indenture and the debt securities issued thereunder.

Changes Requiring Your Approval

First, there are changes that we cannot make to your debt securities without your specific approval. The following is a list of those types of changes:

change the stated maturity of the principal of or interest on a debt security;

reduce any amounts due on a debt security;

reduce the amount of principal payable upon acceleration of the maturity of a security following a default;

adversely affect any right of repayment at the holder's option;

change the place (except as otherwise described in the prospectus or prospectus supplement) or currency of payment on a debt security;

impair your right to sue for payment;

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adversely affect any right to convert or exchange a debt security in accordance with its terms;

modify the subordination provisions in the indenture in a manner that is adverse to holders of the debt securities;

reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities whose consent is needed to modify or amend the indenture;

reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities whose consent is needed to waive compliance with certain provisions of the indenture or to waive certain defaults;

modify any other aspect of the provisions of the indenture dealing with supplemental indentures, modification and waiver of past defaults, changes to the quorum or voting requirements or the waiver of certain covenants; and

change any obligation we have to pay additional amounts.

Changes Not Requiring Approval

The second type of change does not require any vote by the holders of the debt securities. This type is limited to clarifications and certain other changes that would not adversely affect holders of the outstanding debt securities in any material respect. We also do not need any approval to make any change that affects only debt securities to be issued under the indenture after the change takes effect.

Changes Requiring Majority Approval

Any other change to the indenture and the debt securities would require the following approval:

If the change affects only one series of debt securities, it must be approved by the holders of a majority in principal amount of that series.

If the change affects more than one series of debt securities issued under the same indenture, it must be approved by the holders of a majority in principal amount of all of the series affected by the change, with all affected series voting together as one class for this purpose.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of all of the series of debt securities issued under an indenture, voting together as one class for this purpose, may waive our compliance with some of our covenants in that indenture. However, we cannot obtain a waiver of a payment default or of any of the matters covered by the bullet points included above under " Changes Requiring Your Approval."

Further Details Concerning Voting

When taking a vote, we will use the following rules to decide how much principal to attribute to a debt security:

For original issue discount securities, we will use the principal amount that would be due and payable on the voting date if the maturity of these debt securities were accelerated to that date because of a default.

For debt securities whose principal amount is not known (for example, because it is based on an index), we will use a special rule for that debt security described in the prospectus supplement.

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For debt securities denominated in one or more foreign currencies, we will use the U.S. dollar equivalent.

Debt securities will not be considered outstanding, and therefore not eligible to vote, if we have deposited or set aside in trust money for their payment or redemption. Debt securities will also not be eligible to vote if they have been fully defeased as described later under "Defeasance Full Defeasance."

We will generally be entitled to set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the holders of outstanding indenture securities that are entitled to vote or take other action under the indenture. If we set a record date for a vote or other action to be taken by holders of one or more series, that vote or action may be taken only by persons who are holders of outstanding indenture securities of those series on the record date and must be taken within eleven months following the record date.

Book-entry and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how approval may be granted or denied if we seek to change the indenture or the debt securities or request a waiver.

DEFEASANCE

The following provisions will be applicable to each series of debt securities unless we state in the applicable prospectus supplement that the provisions of covenant defeasance and full defeasance will not be applicable to that series.

Covenant Defeasance

If certain conditions are satisfied, we can make the deposit described below and be released from some of the restrictive covenants in the indenture under which the particular series was issued. This is called "covenant defeasance." In that event, you would lose the protection of those restrictive covenants but would gain the protection of having money and government securities set aside in trust to repay your debt securities. If applicable, you also would be released from the subordination provisions described under "Indenture Provisions Subordination" below. In order to achieve covenant defeasance, we must do the following:

If the debt securities of the particular series are denominated in U.S. dollars, we must deposit in trust for the benefit of all holders of such debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities on their various due dates.

We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel confirming that, under current U.S. federal income tax law, we may make the above deposit without causing you to be taxed on the debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and just repaid the debt securities ourselves at maturity.

We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel stating that the above deposit does not require registration by us under the Investment Company Act and a legal opinion and officers' certificate stating that all conditions precedent to covenant defeasance have been complied with.

If we accomplish covenant defeasance, you can still look to us for repayment of the debt securities if there were a shortfall in the trust deposit or the trustee is prevented from making payment. For example, if one of the remaining Events of Default occurred (such as our bankruptcy) and the debt securities became immediately due and payable, there might be a shortfall. Depending on the event causing the default, you may not be able to obtain payment of the shortfall.

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Full Defeasance

If there is a change in U.S. federal tax law, as described below, we can legally release ourselves from all payment and other obligations on the debt securities of a particular series (called "full defeasance") if we put in place the following other arrangements for you to be repaid:

If the debt securities of the particular series are denominated in U.S. dollars, we must deposit in trust for the benefit of all holders of such debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities on their various due dates.

We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion confirming that there has been a change in current U.S. federal tax law or an IRS ruling that allows us to make the above deposit without causing you to be taxed on the debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and just repaid the debt securities ourselves at maturity. Under current U.S. federal tax law, the deposit and our legal release from the debt securities would be treated as though we paid you your share of the cash and notes or bonds at the time the cash and notes or bonds were deposited in trust in exchange for your debt securities and you would recognize gain or loss on the debt securities at the time of the deposit.

We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel stating that the above deposit does not require registration by us under the Investment Company Act and a legal opinion and officers' certificate stating that all conditions precedent to defeasance have been complied with.

If we ever did accomplish full defeasance, as described above, you would have to rely solely on the trust deposit for repayment of the debt securities. You could not look to us for repayment in the unlikely event of any shortfall. Conversely, the trust deposit would most likely be protected from claims of our lenders and other creditors if we ever became bankrupt or insolvent. If applicable, you would also be released from the subordination provisions described later under "Indenture Provisions Subordination."

FORM, EXCHANGE AND TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATED REGISTERED SECURITIES

Holders may exchange their certificated securities, if any, for debt securities of smaller denominations or combined into fewer debt securities of larger denominations, as long as the total principal amount is not changed.

Holders may exchange or transfer their certificated securities, if any, at the office of their trustee. We have appointed the trustee to act as our agent for registering debt securities in the names of holders transferring debt securities. We may appoint another entity to perform these functions or perform them ourselves.

Holders will not be required to pay a service charge to transfer or exchange their certificated securities, if any, but they may be required to pay any tax or other governmental charge associated with the transfer or exchange. The transfer or exchange will be made only if our transfer agent is satisfied with the holder's proof of legal ownership.

If we have designated additional transfer agents for your debt security, they will be named in your prospectus supplement. We may appoint additional transfer agents or cancel the appointment of any particular transfer agent. We may also approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts.

If any certificated securities of a particular series are redeemable and we redeem less than all the debt securities of that series, we may block the transfer or exchange of those debt securities during the period beginning 15 days before the day we mail the notice of redemption and ending on the day

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of that mailing, in order to freeze the list of holders to prepare the mailing. We may also refuse to register transfers or exchanges of any certificated securities selected for redemption, except that we will continue to permit transfers and exchanges of the unredeemed portion of any debt security that will be partially redeemed.

RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE

Each trustee may resign or be removed with respect to one or more series of indenture securities provided that a successor trustee is appointed to act with respect to these series. In the event that two or more persons are acting as trustee with respect to different series of indenture securities under the indenture, each of the trustees will be a trustee of a trust separate and apart from the trust administered by any other trustee.

INDENTURE PROVISIONS SUBORDINATION

Upon any distribution of our assets upon our dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization, the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on any indenture securities denominated as subordinated debt securities is to be subordinated to the extent provided in the indenture in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness (as defined below), but our obligation to you to make payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on such subordinated debt securities will not otherwise be affected. In addition, no payment on account of principal (or premium, if any), sinking fund or interest, if any, may be made on such subordinated debt securities at any time unless full payment of all amounts due in respect of the principal (and premium, if any), sinking fund and interest on Senior Indebtedness has been made or duly provided for in money or money's worth.

In the event that, notwithstanding the foregoing, any payment by us is received by the trustee in respect of subordinated debt securities or by the holders of any of such subordinated debt securities before all Senior Indebtedness is paid in full, the payment or distribution must be paid over to the holders of the Senior Indebtedness or on their behalf for application to the payment of all the Senior Indebtedness remaining unpaid until all the Senior Indebtedness has been paid in full, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to the holders of the Senior Indebtedness. Subject to the payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness upon this distribution by us, the holders of such subordinated debt securities will be subrogated to the rights of the holders of the Senior Indebtedness to the extent of payments made to the holders of the Senior Indebtedness out of the distributive share of such subordinated debt securities.

By reason of this subordination, in the event of a distribution of our assets upon our insolvency, certain of our senior creditors may recover more, ratably, than holders of any subordinated debt securities. The indenture provides that these subordination provisions will not apply to money and securities held in trust under the defeasance provisions of the indenture.

"Senior Indebtedness" is defined in the indenture as the principal of (and premium, if any) and unpaid interest on:

- our indebtedness (including indebtedness of others guaranteed by us), whenever created, incurred, assumed or guaranteed, for money borrowed (other than indenture securities issued under the indenture and denominated as subordinated debt securities), unless in the instrument creating or evidencing the same or under which the same is outstanding it is provided that this indebtedness is not senior or prior in right of payment to the subordinated debt securities, and

- renewals, extensions, modifications and refinancings of any of this indebtedness.

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If this prospectus is being delivered in connection with the offering of a series of indenture securities denominated as subordinated debt securities, the accompanying prospectus supplement will set forth the approximate amount of our Senior Indebtedness outstanding as of a recent date.

THE TRUSTEE UNDER THE INDENTURE

U.S. Bank National Association will serve as the trustee under the indenture.

CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Debt securities denominated or payable in foreign currencies may entail significant risks. These risks include the possibility of significant fluctuations in the foreign currency markets, the imposition or modification of foreign exchange controls and potential illiquidity in the secondary market. These risks will vary depending upon the currency or currencies involved and will be more fully described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

BOOK-ENTRY DEBT SECURITIES

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the debt securities. The debt securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered certificate will be issued for the debt securities, in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any issue exceeds $500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each $500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such issue.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 100 countries that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC").

DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at *www.dtcc.com*.

Purchases of debt securities under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the debt securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each security ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or

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Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the debt securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in debt securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the debt securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all debt securities deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of debt securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the debt securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such debt securities are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the debt securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the debt securities unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the debt securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the debt securities will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from us or the trustee on the payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC or its nominee, the trustee, or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of us or the trustee, but disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the debt securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to us or the trustee. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, certificates are required to be printed and delivered. We may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR UNITS

The following is a general description of the terms of the units we may issue from time to time. Particular terms of any units we offer will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such units. For a complete description of the terms of particular units, you should read both this prospectus and the prospectus supplement relating to those particular units.

We may issue units comprised of one or more of the other securities described in this prospectus in any combination. Each unit may also include debt obligations of third parties, such as U.S. Treasury securities. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security.

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

- the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances the securities comprising the units may be held or transferred separately;
- a description of the terms of any unit agreement governing the units;
- a description of the provisions for the payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units; and
- whether the units will be issued in fully registered or global form.

We will not offer any units under this prospectus or an accompanying prospectus supplement without first filing a new post-effective amendment to the registration statement.

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SALES OF COMMON STOCK BELOW NET ASSET VALUE

Pursuant to approval granted at our 2014 annual stockholders meeting, we currently are permitted to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value, subject to certain limitations and determinations that must be made by our board of directors. Such stockholder approval expires the earlier of June 2, 2015 and the date of our 2015 annual stockholders meeting.

In order to sell shares of common stock pursuant to this authorization, no further authorization from our stockholders has to be solicited, but a majority of our directors who have no financial interest in the sale and a majority of our independent directors must (a) find that the sale is in our best interests and in the best interests of our stockholders and (b) 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 that closely approximates the market value of those shares of common stock, less any distributing commission or discount.

Any offering of common stock below its net asset value 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 net asset value 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 net asset value per share would have on our stockholders, including the potential dilution to the net asset value per share of our common stock our stockholders 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 net asset value per share;
- the relationship of recent market prices of par common stock to net asset value 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 investment adviser as our investment 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 premium to net asset value per share.

We will not sell shares of our common stock pursuant to stockholder approval (or any rights, warrants or units to purchase shares of our common stock) under this prospectus or an accompanying prospectus supplement without first filing a new post-effective amendment to the registration statement if the cumulative dilution to our net asset value per share from offerings under the registration

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statement, as amended by such post-effective amendment, exceeds 15%. This would be measured separately for each offering pursuant to the registration statement, as amended by this post-effective amendment, by calculating the percentage dilution or accretion to aggregate net asset value from that offering and then summing the percentage from each offering. For example, if our most recently determined net asset value per share at the time of the first offering is $15.00 and we have 30 million shares of common stock outstanding, the sale of 6 million shares of common stock at net proceeds to us of $7.50 per share (a 50% discount) would produce dilution of 8.33%. If we subsequently determined that our net asset value per share increased to $15.75 on the then 36 million shares of common stock outstanding and then made an additional offering, we could, for example, sell approximately an additional 7.2 million shares of common stock at net proceeds to us of $9.45 per share, which would produce dilution of 6.67%, before we would reach the aggregate 15% limit.

Sales by us of our common stock at a discount from net asset value 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 net asset value 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 Relating to Offerings Pursuant to this Prospectus The net asset value per share of our common stock may be diluted 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 or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of 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 net asset value 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 the Offering

Our existing stockholders who do not participate in an offering below net asset value per share or who do not buy additional shares in the secondary market at the same or lower price as we obtain in the offering (after expenses and commissions) face the greatest potential risks. These stockholders will experience an immediate dilution in the net asset value of the shares of common stock they hold and their net asset value 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 such offering. These stockholders may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential increases and decreases in net asset value per share. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increases. Further, if current stockholders do not purchase any shares to maintain their percentage interest, regardless of whether such offering is above or below the then current net asset value, their voting power will be diluted.

The following chart illustrates the level of net asset value dilution that would be experienced by a nonparticipating stockholder in three different hypothetical offerings of different sizes and levels of discount from net asset value per share. It is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur.

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The examples assume that the issuer has 30 million shares outstanding, $600 million in total assets and $150 million in total liabilities. The current net asset value and net asset value per share are thus $450 million and $15.00. The chart illustrates the dilutive effect on Stockholder A of (a) an offering of 1.5 million shares of common stock (5% of the outstanding shares) at $14.25 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 5% discount from net asset value), (b) an offering of 3 million shares of common stock (10% of the outstanding shares) at $13.50 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 10% discount from net asset value), (c) an offering of 6 million shares of common stock (20% of the outstanding shares) at $12.00 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 20% discount from net asset value) and (d) an offering of 7.5 million shares of common stock (25% of the outstanding shares) at $11.25 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 25% discount from net asset value). 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 net asset value. 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		Example 4 25% Offering at 25% Discount	
	Prior to Sale Below NAV	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change
Offering Price									
Price per Share to Public		$ 15.00		$ 14.21		$ 12.63		$ 11.84	
Net Proceeds per Share to Issuer		$ 14.25		$ 13.50		$ 12.00		$ 11.25	
Decrease to Net Asset Value									
Total Shares Outstanding	30,000,000	31,500,000	5.00%	33,000,000	10.00%	36,000,000	20.00%	37,500,000	25.00%
Net Asset Value per Share	$ 15.00	$ 14.96	(0.24)%	$ 14.86	(0.91)%	$ 14.50	(3.33)%	$ 14.25	(5.00)%
Dilution to Nonparticipating Stockholder									
Shares Held by Stockholder A	30,000	30,000	0.00%	30,000	0.00%	30,000	0.00%	30,000	0.00%
Percentage Held by Stockholder A	0.10%	0.10%	(4.76)%	0.09%	(9.09)%	0.08%	(16.67)%	0.08%	(20.00)%
Total Net Asset Value Held by Stockholder A	$ 450,000	$ 448,929	(0.24)%	$ 445,909	(0.91)%	$ 435,000	(3.33)%	$ 427,500	(5.00)%
Total Investment by Stockholder A (Assumed to Be $15.00 per Share)	$ 450,000	$ 450,000		$ 450,000		$ 450,000		$ 450,000	
Total Dilution to Stockholder A (Total Net Asset Value Less Total Investment)		$ (1,071)		$ (4,091)		$ (15,000)		$ (22,500)	
Investment per Share Held by Stockholder A (Assumed to be $15.00 per Share on Shares Held Prior to Sale)	$ 15.00	$ 15.00	0.00%	$ 15.00	0.00%	$ 15.00	0.00%	$ 15.00	0.00%
Net Asset Value per Share Held by Stockholder A		$ 14.96		$ 14.86		$ 14.50		$ 14.50	
Dilution per Share Held by Stockholder A (Net Asset Value per Share Less Investment per Share)		$ (0.04)		$ (0.14)		$ (0.50)		$ (0.75)	
Percentage Dilution to Stockholder A (Dilution per Share Divided by Investment per Share)			(0.24)%		(0.91)%		(3.33)%		(5.00)%

Impact on Existing Stockholders Who Do Participate in the Offering

Our existing stockholders who participate in an offering below net asset value 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 net asset value dilution as the nonparticipating stockholders, although at a lower level, to the extent they purchase less than the same percentage of the discounted offering as their interest in shares of our common stock immediately prior

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to the offering. The level of net asset value dilution will decrease as the number of shares such stockholders purchase increases. Existing stockholders who buy more than such percentage will experience net asset value dilution but will, in contrast to existing stockholders who purchase less than their proportionate share of the offering, experience accretion in net asset value 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 such 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 net asset value dilution as described above in such subsequent offerings. These stockholders may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential increases and decreases in net asset value 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 and accretion in the hypothetical 20% discount offering from the prior chart (Example 3) for a stockholder that acquires shares equal to (a) 50% of its proportionate share of the offering (i.e., 3,000 shares, which is 0.05% of an offering of 6 million shares) rather than its 0.10% proportionate share and (b) 150% of such percentage (i.e., 9,000 shares, which is 0.15% of an offering of 6 million shares rather than its 0.10% proportionate share). The prospectus supplement pursuant to which any discounted offering is made will include a chart for these examples based on the actual number of shares in such offering and the actual discount from the most recently determined net asset value per share. It is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur.

	Prior to Sale Below NAV	50% Participation Following Sale	% Change	150% Participation Following Sale	% Change
Offering Price					
Price per Share to Public		$ 12.63		$ 12.63	
Net Proceeds per Share to Issuer		$ 12.00		$ 12.00	
Decrease/Increase to Net Asset Value					
Total Shares Outstanding	30,000,000	36,000,000	20%	36,000,000	20%
Net Asset Value per Share	$ 15.00	$ 14.50	(3.33)%	$ 14.50	(3.33)%
Dilution/Accretion to Participating Stockholder Shares Held by Stockholder A	30,000	33,000	10%	39,000	30%
Percentage Held by Stockholder A	0.10%	0.09%	(8.33)%	0.11%	8.33%
Total Net Asset Value Held by Stockholder A	$ 450,000	$ 478,500	6.33%	$ 565,500	25.67%
Total Investment by Stockholder A (Assumed to be $15.00 per Share on Shares Held Prior to Sale)		$ 487,895		$ 563,684	
Total Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder A (Total Net Asset Value Less Total Investment)		$ (9,395)		$ 1,816	
Investment per Share Held by Stockholder A (Assumed to Be $15.00 on Shares Held Prior to Sale)	$ 15.00	$ 14.78	(1.44)%	$ 14.45	(3.64)%
Net Asset Value per Share Held by Stockholder A		$ 14.50		$ 14.50	
Dilution/Accretion per Share Held by Stockholder A (Net Asset Value per Share Less Investment per Share)		$ (0.28)		$ 0.05	0.40%
Percentage Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder A (Dilution per Share Divided by Investment per Share)			(1.96)%		0.32%

Impact on New Investors

Investors who are not currently stockholders and who participate in an offering of shares of our common stock below net asset value, but whose investment per share is greater than the resulting net asset value per share due to selling compensation and expenses paid by the Company, will experience an immediate decrease, although small, in the net asset value of their shares and their net

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asset value per share compared to the price they pay for their shares. Investors who are not currently stockholders and who participate in an offering of shares of our common stock below net asset value per share and whose investment per share is also less than the resulting net asset value per share due to selling compensation and expenses paid by the Company being significantly less than the discount per share, will experience an immediate increase in the net asset value of their shares and their net asset value 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 due to such offering. 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 increases and decreases in net asset value 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 hypothetical 5%, 10%, 20% and 25% discounted offerings as described in the first chart above. The illustration is for a new investor who purchases the same percentage (0.10%) of the shares in the offering as Stockholder A 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 these examples based on the actual number of shares in such offering and the actual discount from the most recently determined net asset value 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		Example 4 25% Offering at 25% Discount	
	Prior to Sale Below NAV	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change
Offering Price									
Price per Share to Public		$ 15.00		$ 14.21		$ 12.63		$ 11.84	
Net Proceeds per Share to Issuer		$ 14.25		$ 13.50		$ 12.00		$ 11.25	
Decrease/Increase to Net Asset Value									
Total Shares Outstanding	30,000,000	31,500,000	5%	33,000,000	10%	36,000,000	20%	37,500,000	25.00%
Net Asset Value per Share	$ 15.00	$ 14.96	(0.24)%	$ 14.86	(0.91)%	$ 14.50	(3.33)%	$ 14.25	(5.00)%
Dilution/Accretion to New Investor A									
Shares Held by Investor A	0	1,500		3,000		6,000		7,500	
Percentage Held by Investor A	0.00%	0.00%		0.01%		0.02%		0.02%	
Total Net Asset Value Held by Investor A	$ 0	$ 22,446		$ 44,591		$ 87,000		$ 106,875	
Total Investment by Investor A (At Price to Public)		$ 22,500		$ 42,632		$ 75,789		$ 88,816	
Total Dilution/Accretion to Investor A (Total Net Asset Value Less Total Investment)		$ (54)		$ 1,959		$ 11,211		$ 18,059	
Investment per Share Held by Investor A	$ 0	$ 15.00		$ 14.21		$ 12.63		$ 11.84	
Net Asset Value per Share Held by Investor A		$ 14.96		$ 14.86		$ 14.50		$ 14.25	
Dilution/Accretion per Share Held by Investor A (Net Asset Value per Share Less Investment per Share)		$ (0.04)		$ 0.65		$ 1.87		$ 2.41	
Percentage Dilution/Accretion to Investor A (Dilution per Share Divided by Investment per Share)			(0.24)%		4.60%		14.79%		20.33%

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ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS OR SECURITIES TO SUBSCRIBE FOR OR CONVERTIBLE INTO SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK

At our 2008 annual stockholders meeting, our stockholders approved our ability to sell or otherwise issue warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock, not exceeding 25% of our then outstanding common stock, at an exercise or conversion price that, at the date of issuance, will not be less than the greater of the market value per share of our common stock and the net asset value per share of our common stock. The authorization granted to sell or authorize issue warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock has no expiration. Any exercise of warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock at an exercise or conversion price that is below net asset value at the time of such exercise or conversion would result in an immediate dilution to existing common stockholders. This dilution would include reduction in net asset value as a result of the proportionately greater decrease in the stockholders' interest in our earnings and assets and their voting interest than the increase in our assets resulting from such offering.

As a result of obtaining this authorization, in order to sell or otherwise issue such securities, (a) the exercise, conversion or subscription rights in such securities must expire by their terms within 10 years, (b) with respect to any warrants, options or rights to subscribe or convert to our common stock that are issued along with other securities, such warrants, options or rights must not be separately transferable, (c) the exercise or conversion price of such securities must not be less than the greater of the market value per share of our common stock and the net asset value per share of our common stock at the date of issuance of such securities, (d) the issuance of such securities must be approved by a majority of the board of directors who have no financial interest in the transaction and a majority of the independent directors on the basis that such issuance is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders and (e) the number of shares of our common stock that would result from the exercise or conversion of such securities and all other securities convertible, exercisable or exchangeable into shares of our common stock outstanding at the time of issuance of such securities must not exceed 25% of our outstanding common stock at such time.

We could also sell shares of common stock below net asset value per share in certain other circumstances, including through subscription rights issued in rights offerings. See "Description of Our Subscription Rights" and "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Offerings Pursuant to this Prospectus Your interest in us may be diluted if you do not fully exercise your subscription rights in any rights offering. In addition, if the subscription price is less than our net asset value per share, then you will experience an immediate dilution of the aggregate net asset value of your shares."

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REGULATION

We have elected to be regulated as a BDC under the Investment Company Act and have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code. As with other companies regulated by the Investment Company Act, a BDC must adhere to certain substantive regulatory requirements. The Investment Company Act contains prohibitions and restrictions relating to certain transactions between BDCs and certain affiliates (including any investment advisers or sub-advisers), principal underwriters and certain affiliates of those affiliates or underwriters. Among other things, we generally cannot invest in any portfolio company in which a fund managed by Ares or any of its downstream affiliates (other than us and our downstream affiliates) currently has an investment (although we may co-invest on a concurrent basis with funds managed by Ares or any of its downstream affiliates, subject to compliance with existing regulatory guidance, applicable regulations and our allocation procedures). Certain types of co-investment transactions would only be permitted pursuant to an exemptive order from the SEC, for which we have applied. Any such order will be subject to certain terms and conditions. Further, there is no assurance that the application for exemptive relief will be granted by the SEC.

The Investment Company Act contains certain restrictions on certain types of investments we may make. Specifically, we may only invest up to 30% of our portfolio in entities that are not considered "eligible portfolio companies" (as defined in the Investment Company Act), including companies located outside of the United States, entities that are operating pursuant to certain exceptions under the Investment Company Act, and publicly traded entities whose public equity market capitalization exceeds the levels provided for under the Investment Company Act.

The Investment Company Act also requires that a majority of our directors be persons other than "interested persons," as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act, referred to herein as "independent directors." In addition, the Investment Company Act provides that we may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or to withdraw our election as, a BDC unless that change is approved by holders of at least a majority of our outstanding voting securities. Under the Investment Company Act, the vote of holders of at least a "majority of outstanding voting securities" means the vote of the holders of the lesser of: (a) 67% or more of the outstanding shares of our common stock present at a meeting or represented by proxy if holders of more than 50% of the shares of our common stock are present or represented by proxy or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of our common stock.

We may invest up to 100% of our assets in securities acquired directly from issuers in privately negotiated transactions. With respect to such securities, we may, for the purpose of public resale, be deemed an "underwriter" as that term is defined in the Securities Act. Our intention is to not write (sell) or buy put or call options to manage risks associated with the publicly traded securities of our portfolio companies. We may enter into hedging transactions to manage the risks associated with interest rate and currency fluctuations. We may purchase or otherwise receive warrants or options to purchase the common stock of our portfolio companies in connection with acquisition financings or other investments. In connection with such an acquisition, we may acquire rights to require the issuers of acquired securities or their affiliates to repurchase them under certain circumstances. We also do not intend to acquire securities issued by any investment company that exceed the limits imposed by the Investment Company Act. Under these limits, we generally cannot acquire more than 3% of the voting stock of any investment company (as defined in the Investment Company Act), invest more than 5% of the value of our total assets in the securities of one investment company or invest more than 10% of the value of our total assets in the securities of investment companies in the aggregate. With regard to that portion of our portfolio invested in securities issued by investment companies, it should be noted that such investments might subject our stockholders to additional expenses.

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QUALIFYING ASSETS

A BDC must have been organized and have its principal place of business in the United States and must be operated for the purpose of making investments in the types of securities described in (1), (2) or (3) below. Thus, under the Investment Company Act, a BDC may not acquire any asset other than assets of the type listed in Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act, which are referred to as qualifying assets, unless, at the time the acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the company's total assets. The principal categories of qualifying assets relevant to our business are the following:

(1)

Securities purchased in transactions not involving any public offering from the issuer of such securities, which issuer (subject to certain limited exceptions):

(a)

is an eligible portfolio company, or from any person who is, or has been during the preceding 13 months, an affiliated person of an eligible portfolio company, or from any other person, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the SEC. An eligible portfolio company is defined in the Investment Company Act as any issuer that:

(i)

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

(ii)

is not an investment company (other than a small business investment company wholly owned by the BDC) or a company that would be an investment company but for certain exclusions under the Investment Company Act; and

(iii)

does not have any class of securities listed on a national securities exchange;

(b)

is a company that meets the requirements of (a)(i) and (ii) above, but is not an eligible portfolio company because it has issued a class of securities on a national securities exchange, if:

(i)

at the time of the purchase, we own at least 50% of the (x) greatest number of equity securities of such issuer and securities convertible into or exchangeable for such securities; and (y) the greatest amount of debt securities of such issuer, held by us at any point in time during the period when such issuer was an eligible portfolio company; and

(ii)

we are one of the 20 largest holders of record of such issuer's outstanding voting securities; or

(c)

is a company that meets the requirements of (a)(i) and (ii) above, but is not an eligible portfolio company because it has issued a class of securities on a national securities exchange, if the aggregate market value of such company's outstanding voting and non-voting common equity is less than $250.0 million.

(2)

Securities of any eligible portfolio company that we control.

(3)

Securities purchased in a private transaction from a U.S. issuer that is not an investment company or from an affiliated person of the issuer, or in transactions incident thereto, if the issuer is in bankruptcy and subject to reorganization or if the issuer, immediately prior to the purchase of its securities, was unable to meet its obligations as they came due without material assistance other than conventional lending or financing arrangements.

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(4) Securities of an eligible portfolio company purchased from any person in a private transaction if there is no ready market for such securities and we already own 60% of the outstanding equity of the eligible portfolio company.

(5) Securities received in exchange for or distributed on or with respect to securities described in (1) through (4) above, or pursuant to the exercise of warrants or rights relating to such securities.

(6) Cash, cash items, U.S. Government securities or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment.

MANAGERIAL ASSISTANCE TO PORTFOLIO COMPANIES

In order to count portfolio securities as qualifying assets for the purpose of the 70% test discussed above under "Qualifying Assets," the BDC must either control the issuer of the securities or must offer to make available to the issuer of the securities (other than small and solvent companies described above) significant managerial assistance; except that, where the BDC purchases such securities in conjunction with one or more other persons acting together, one of the other persons in the group may make available such managerial assistance (as long as the BDC itself does not make available significant managerial assistance solely in this fashion). Making available managerial assistance means, among other things, exercising control over the management or policies of the portfolio company or any arrangement whereby the BDC, through its directors, officers or employees, offers to provide, and, if the offer is accepted, does so provide, significant guidance and counsel concerning the management, operations or business objectives and policies of a portfolio company.

TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

Pending investment in other types of "qualifying assets," as described above, our investments may consist of cash, cash items, U.S. Government securities or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment, which we refer to, collectively, as "temporary investments," so that 70% of our assets are qualifying assets. Typically, we will invest in U.S. Treasury bills or in repurchase agreements, provided that such agreements are fully collateralized by cash or securities issued by the U.S. Government or its agencies. A repurchase agreement involves the purchase by an investor, such as us, of a specified security and the simultaneous agreement by the seller to repurchase it at an agreed-upon future date and at a price that is greater than the purchase price by an amount that reflects an agreed-upon interest rate. There is no percentage restriction on the proportion of our assets that may be invested in such repurchase agreements. However, if more than 25% of our total assets constitute repurchase agreements from a single counterparty, we may not meet the Diversification Tests in order to qualify as a RIC. Thus, we do not intend to enter into repurchase agreements with a single counterparty in excess of this limit. Our investment adviser will monitor the creditworthiness of the counterparties with which we enter into repurchase agreement transactions.

INDEBTEDNESS AND SENIOR SECURITIES

We are permitted, under specified conditions, to issue multiple classes of indebtedness and one class of stock senior to our common stock if our asset coverage, calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act, is at least equal to 200% immediately after each such issuance. In addition, while any indebtedness and senior securities remain outstanding, we must make provisions to prohibit any distribution to our stockholders or the repurchase of such securities or shares unless we meet the applicable asset coverage ratios at the time of the distribution or repurchase. Specifically, we may be precluded from declaring dividends or repurchasing shares of our common stock unless our asset coverage is at least 200%. We may also borrow amounts up to 5% of the value of our total assets for temporary or emergency purposes without regard to asset coverage. For a discussion of the risks

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associated with leverage, see "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business Regulations governing our operation as a BDC affect our ability to, and the way in which we, raise additional capital."

CODE OF ETHICS

We and Ares Capital Management have each adopted a code of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the Investment Company Act that establishes procedures for personal investments and restricts certain personal securities transactions. Personnel subject to each code may invest in securities for their personal investment accounts, including securities that may be purchased or held by us, so long as such investments are made in accordance with the code's requirements. Our code of ethics is filed as an exhibit to our registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. For information on how to obtain a copy of the code of ethics, see "Available Information."

PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SEC-registered advisers that have the authority to vote (client) proxies (which authority may be implied from a general grant of investment discretion) are required to adopt policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the adviser votes proxies in the best interests of its clients. Registered advisers also must maintain certain records on proxy voting. In most cases, we invest in securities that do not generally entitle us to voting rights in our portfolio companies. When we do have voting rights, we delegate the exercise of such rights to Ares Capital Management. Ares Capital Management's proxy voting policies and procedures are summarized below:

In determining how to vote, officers of our investment adviser consult with each other and other investment professionals of Ares, taking into account our and our investors' interests as well as any potential conflicts of interest. Our investment adviser consults with legal counsel to identify potential conflicts of interest. Where a potential conflict of interest exists, our investment adviser may, if it so elects, resolve it by following the recommendation of a disinterested third party, by seeking the direction of the independent directors of the Company or, in extreme cases, by abstaining from voting. While our investment adviser may retain an outside service to provide voting recommendations and to assist in analyzing votes, our investment adviser will not delegate its voting authority to any third party.

An officer of Ares Capital Management keeps a written record of how all such proxies are voted. Our investment adviser retains records of (a) proxy voting policies and procedures, (b) all proxy statements received (or it may rely on proxy statements filed on the SEC's EDGAR system in lieu thereof), (c) all votes cast, (d) investor requests for voting information and (e) any specific documents prepared or received in connection with a decision on a proxy vote. If it uses an outside service, our investment adviser may rely on such service to maintain copies of proxy statements and records, so long as such service will provide a copy of such documents promptly upon request.

Our investment adviser's proxy voting policies are not exhaustive and are designed to be responsive to the wide range of issues that may be subject to a proxy vote. In general, our investment adviser votes our proxies in accordance with these guidelines unless: (a) it has determined otherwise due to the specific and unusual facts and circumstances with respect to a particular vote, (b) the subject matter of the vote is not covered by these guidelines, (c) a material conflict of interest is present or (d) we find it necessary to vote contrary to our general guidelines to maximize stockholder value or the best interests of Ares Capital. In reviewing proxy issues, our investment adviser generally uses the following guidelines:

Elections of Directors: In general, our investment adviser will vote proxies in favor of the management-proposed slate of directors. If there is a proxy fight for seats on a portfolio company's board of directors, or our investment adviser determines that there are other compelling reasons for withholding our vote, it will determine the appropriate vote on the matter. Our investment adviser may withhold votes for directors when it (a) believes a direct conflict of interest exists between the interests

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of the director and the stockholders, (b) concludes that the actions of the director are unlawful, unethical or negligent or (c) believes the board is entrenched in or dealing inadequately with performance problems, and/or acting with insufficient independence between the board and management. Finally, our investment adviser may withhold votes for directors of non- U.S. issuers where there is insufficient information about the nominees disclosed in the proxy statement.

Appointment of Auditors: We believe that a portfolio company remains in the best position to choose its independent auditors and our investment adviser will generally support management's recommendation in this regard.

Changes in Capital Structure: Changes in a portfolio company's charter or bylaws may be required by state or federal regulation. In general, our investment adviser will cast our votes in accordance with the management on such proposals. However, our investment adviser will consider carefully any proposal regarding a change in corporate structure that is not required by state or federal regulation.

Corporate Restructurings, Mergers and Acquisitions: We believe proxy votes dealing with corporate reorganizations are an extension of the investment decision. Accordingly, our investment adviser will analyze such proposals on a case-by-case basis and vote in accordance with its perception of our interests.

Proposals Affecting Stockholder Rights: We will generally vote in favor of proposals that give stockholders a greater voice in the affairs of a portfolio company and oppose any measure that seeks to limit such rights. However, when analyzing such proposals, our investment adviser will balance the financial impact of the proposal against any impairment of stockholder rights as well as of our investment in the portfolio company.

Corporate Governance: We recognize the importance of good corporate governance. Accordingly, our investment adviser will generally favor proposals that promote transparency and accountability within a portfolio company.

Anti-Takeover Measures: Our investment adviser will evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, any proposals regarding anti-takeover measures to determine the measure's likely effect on stockholder value dilution.

Stock Splits: Our investment adviser will generally vote with management on stock split matters.

Limited Liability of Directors: Our investment adviser will generally vote with management on matters that could adversely affect the limited liability of directors.

Social and Corporate Responsibility: Our investment adviser will review proposals related to social, political and environmental issues to determine whether they may adversely affect stockholder value. Our investment adviser may abstain from voting on such proposals where they do not have a readily determinable financial impact on stockholder value.

Stockholders may obtain information regarding how we voted proxies with respect to our portfolio securities during the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2013 free of charge by making a written request for proxy voting information to Ares Capital Corporation, 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067, by calling us collect at (310) 401-4200 or on the SEC's website at *www.sec.gov*.

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PRIVACY PRINCIPLES

We are committed to maintaining the privacy of our stockholders and to safeguarding their non-public personal information. The following information is provided to help you understand what personal information we collect, how we protect that information and why, in certain cases, we may share information with select other parties.

Generally, we do not receive any non-public personal information relating to our stockholders, although certain non- public personal information of our stockholders may become available to us. The non-public personal information that we may receive falls into the following categories:

- information we receive from stockholders, whether we receive it orally, in writing or electronically. This includes stockholders' communications to us concerning their investment;
- information about stockholders' transactions and history with us; or
- other general information that we may obtain about stockholders, such as demographic and contact information such as a person's address.

We do not disclose any non-public personal information about our stockholders or former stockholders to anyone, except:

- to our affiliates (such as our investment adviser and administrator) and their employees that have a legitimate business need for the information;
- to our service providers (such as our accountants, attorneys, custodians, transfer agent, underwriters and proxy solicitors) and their employees, as is necessary to service recordholder accounts or otherwise provide the applicable services;
- to comply with court orders, subpoenas, lawful discovery requests or other legal or regulatory requirements; or
- as allowed or required by applicable law or regulation.

When the Company shares non-public stockholder personal information referred to above, the information is made available for limited business purposes and under controlled circumstances designed to protect our stockholders' privacy. The Company does not permit use of stockholder information for any non-business or marketing purpose, nor does the Company permit third parties to rent, sell, trade or otherwise release or disclose information to any other party.

The Company's service providers, such as its investment adviser, administrator and transfer agent, are required to maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to protect stockholder non-public personal information to prevent unauthorized access or use and to dispose of such information when it is no longer required.

Personnel of our affiliates may access stockholder information only for business purposes. The degree of access is based on the sensitivity of the information and on personnel need for the information to service a stockholder's account or comply with legal requirements.

If a stockholder ceases to be a stockholder, we will adhere to the privacy policies and practices as described above. We may choose to modify our privacy policies at any time. Before we do so, we will notify stockholders and provide a description of our privacy policy.

In the event of a corporate change in control resulting from, for example, a sale to, or merger with, another entity, or in the event of a sale of assets, we reserve the right to transfer stockholders' non-public personal information to the new party in control or the party acquiring

assets.

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OTHER

We have designated a chief compliance officer and established a compliance program pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act. We are periodically examined by the SEC for compliance with the Investment Company Act.

We are required to provide and maintain a bond issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company to protect us against larceny and embezzlement. Furthermore, as a BDC, we are prohibited from protecting any director or officer against any liability to the Company or our stockholders arising from willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of such person's office.

Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and The NASDAQ Global Select Market Corporate Governance Regulations

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act") imposes a wide variety of regulatory requirements on publicly-held companies and their insiders. Many of these requirements affect us. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act has required us to review our policies and procedures to determine whether we comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. We will continue to monitor our compliance with all future regulations that are adopted under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and will take actions necessary to ensure that we are in compliance therewith.

In addition, The NASDAQ Global Select Market has adopted various corporate governance requirements as part of its listing standards. We believe we are in compliance with such corporate governance listing standards. We will continue to monitor our compliance with all future listing standards and will take actions necessary to ensure that we are in compliance therewith.

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CUSTODIAN, TRANSFER AND DIVIDEND PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Our securities are held under a custody agreement by U.S. Bank National Association. The address of the custodian is Corporate Trust Services, One Federal Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02110. Computershare acts as the transfer agent, dividend paying agent and registrar for our common stock. The principal business address of Computershare is 250 Royall Street, Canton, MA 02021.

BROKERAGE ALLOCATION AND OTHER PRACTICES

Since we generally acquire and dispose of our investments in privately negotiated transactions, we infrequently use brokers in the normal course of business.

Subject to policies established by our board of directors, our investment adviser, Ares Capital Management, is primarily responsible for the execution of the publicly traded securities portion of our portfolio transactions and the allocation of brokerage commissions. Our investment adviser does not expect to execute transactions through any particular broker or dealer, but seeks to obtain the best net results for the Company, taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), size of order, difficulty of execution, and operational facilities of the firm and the firm's risk and skill in positioning blocks of securities.

While our investment adviser generally seeks reasonably competitive trade execution costs, we will not necessarily pay the lowest spread or commission available. Subject to applicable legal requirements, our investment adviser may select a broker based partly upon brokerage or research services provided to our investment adviser and us and any other clients. In return for such services, we may pay a higher commission than other brokers would charge if our investment adviser determines in good faith that such commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided.

We have not paid any brokerage commissions during the three most recent fiscal years.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, up to $3,000,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, subscription rights to purchase shares of our common stock or warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, or units comprised of any combination of the foregoing, in one or more underwritten public offerings, at-the-market offerings, negotiated transactions, block trades, best efforts or a combination of these methods. We may sell the securities through underwriters or dealers, directly to one or more purchasers, including existing stockholders in a rights offering, through agents or through a combination of any such methods of sale. In the case of a rights offering, the applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the number of shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of each right and the other terms of such rights offering. Any underwriter or agent involved in the offer and sale of the securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. A prospectus supplement or supplements will also describe the terms of the offering of the securities, including: the purchase price of the securities and the proceeds we will receive from the sale; any over-allotment options under which underwriters may purchase additional securities from us; any agency fees or underwriting discounts and other items constituting agents' or underwriters' compensation; the public offering price; any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers; and any securities exchange or market on which the securities may be listed. Only underwriters named in the prospectus supplement will be underwriters of the securities offered by the prospectus supplement.

The distribution of the securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices, provided, however, that the offering price per share of our common stock, less any underwriting commissions or discounts, must equal or exceed the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time of the offering except (a) in connection with a rights offering to our existing stockholders, (b) with the consent of the majority of our common stockholders or (c) under such circumstances as the SEC may permit. The price at which securities may be distributed may represent a discount from prevailing market prices.

In connection with the sale of the securities, underwriters or agents may receive compensation from us or from purchasers of the securities, for whom they may act as agents, in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters may sell the securities to or through dealers and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act, and any discounts and commissions they receive from us and any profit realized by them on the resale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Any such underwriter or agent will be identified and any such compensation received from us will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. The maximum aggregate commission or discount to be received by any member of FINRA or independent broker-dealer will not be greater than 8% of the gross proceeds of the sale of securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement. We may also reimburse the underwriter or agent for certain fees and legal expenses incurred by it.

Any underwriter may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, short-covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which create a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum price. Syndicate-covering or other short-covering transactions involve purchases of the securities, either through exercise of the over-allotment option or in the open market after the distribution is completed, to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the securities originally sold by the dealer are

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purchased in a stabilizing or covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would otherwise be. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time.

Any underwriters that are qualified market makers on the NASDAQ Global Market may engage in passive market making transactions in our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act, during the business day prior to the pricing of the offering, before the commencement of offers or sales of our common stock. Passive market makers must comply with applicable volume and price limitations and must be identified as passive market makers. In general, a passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid for such security; if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, however, the passive market maker's bid must then be lowered when certain purchase limits are exceeded. Passive market making may stabilize the market price of the securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

We may sell securities directly or through agents we designate from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offering and sale of securities and we will describe any commissions we will pay the agent in the prospectus supplement. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, our agent will act on a best-efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, each class or series of securities will be a new issue with no trading market, other than our common stock, which is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market. We may elect to list any other class or series of securities on any exchanges, but we are not obligated to do so. We cannot guarantee the liquidity of the trading markets for any securities.

Under agreements that we may enter, underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of shares of our securities may be entitled to indemnification by us against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribution with respect to payments that the agents or underwriters may make with respect to these liabilities. Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business.

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

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

In order to comply with the securities laws of certain states, if applicable, our securities offered hereby will be sold in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers.

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LEGAL MATTERS

The legality of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for the Company by Proskauer Rose LLP, Los Angeles, California and Venable LLP, Baltimore, Maryland. Certain legal matters in connection with the offering will be passed upon for the underwriters, if any, by the counsel named in the prospectus supplement.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

KPMG LLP, located at 355 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90071, is the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form N-2, together with all amendments and related exhibits, under the Securities Act, with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus. The registration statement contains additional information about us and the securities being offered by this prospectus.

We file with or submit to the SEC annual, quarterly and current periodic reports, proxy statements and other information meeting the informational requirements of the Exchange Act. This information is available free of charge by calling us collect at (310) 201-4200 or on our website at *www.arescapitalcorp.com.* Information contained on our website is not incorporated into this document and you should not consider such information to be part of this document. You also may inspect and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information, as well as the registration statement and related exhibits and schedules, at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, the SEC's Northeast Regional Office at 3 World Financial Center, Suite 400, New York, NY 10281 and the SEC's Midwest Regional Office at 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60604. Such information is also available from the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at *www.sec.gov*. You also can obtain copies of such information, after paying a duplicating fee, by sending a request by e-mail to publicinfo@sec.gov or by writing the SEC's Public Reference Branch, Office of Consumer Affairs and Information Services, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090 or (800) SEC-0330.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders
Ares Capital Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Ares Capital Corporation (and subsidiaries) (the Company) as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, including the consolidated schedules of investments as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows, and the financial highlights (included in Note 13), for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2013. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, by correspondence with custodians, or by other appropriate auditing procedures. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ares Capital Corporation (and subsidiaries) as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2013, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Ares Capital Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework (1992)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated February 26, 2014 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of Ares Capital Corporation's internal control over financial reporting.

As explained in Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements, the accompanying consolidated financial statements include investments valued at $7.6 billion (156% of net assets), whose fair values have been estimated by the Board of Directors and management in the absence of readily determinable fair values. Such estimates are based on financial and other information provided by management of its portfolio companies, pertinent market and industry data, as well as input from independent valuation firms. These investments are valued in accordance with FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, which requires the Company to assume that the portfolio investments are sold in a principal market to market participants. The Company has considered its principal market as the market in which the Company exits its portfolio investments with the greatest volume and level of activity. ASC 820 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to these valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. $7.6 billion of investments at December 31, 2013 are valued based on unobservable inputs. Because such valuations, and particularly valuations of private investments and private companies, are inherently uncertain, they may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. These determinations of fair value could differ materially from the values that would have been utilized had a ready market for these investments existed.

Los Angeles, California
February 26, 2014

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(in thousands, except per share data)

	As of December 31,	
	2013	**2012**
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value		
Non-controlled/non-affiliate investments	$ 5,136,612	$ 3,822,715
Non-controlled affiliate company investments	260,484	323,059
Controlled affiliate company investments	2,235,801	1,778,781
Total investments at fair value (amortized cost of $7,537,403 and $5,823,451, respectively)	7,632,897	5,924,555
Cash and cash equivalents	149,629	269,043
Receivable for open trades	128,566	131
Interest receivable	123,981	108,998
Other assets	106,431	98,497
Total assets	$ 8,141,504	$ 6,401,224
LIABILITIES		
Debt	$ 2,986,275	$ 2,195,872
Management and incentive fees payable	139,208	131,585
Accounts payable and other liabilities	68,649	53,178
Interest and facility fees payable	42,828	30,603
Payable for open trades	100	1,640
Total liabilities	3,237,060	2,412,878
Commitments and contingencies (Note 6)		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock, par value $0.001 per share, 500,000 common shares authorized; 297,971 and 248,653 common shares issued and outstanding, respectively	298	249
Capital in excess of par value	4,982,477	4,117,517
Accumulated overdistributed net investment income	(8,785)	(27,910)
Accumulated net realized loss on investments, foreign currency transactions, extinguishment of debt and other assets	(165,040)	(202,614)
Net unrealized gain on investments	95,494	101,104
Total stockholders' equity	4,904,444	3,988,346
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 8,141,504	$ 6,401,224
NET ASSETS PER SHARE	$ 16.46	$ 16.04

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share data)

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2013	**2012**	**2011**
INVESTMENT INCOME:			
From non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments:			
Interest income from investments	$ 388,034	$ 328,342	$ 267,159
Capital structuring service fees	48,167	58,106	55,013
Dividend income	17,969	17,219	12,430
Management and other fees	949	1,342	1,315
Other income	17,054	13,170	6,137
Total investment income from non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments	472,173	418,179	342,054
From non-controlled affiliate company investments:			
Interest income from investments	19,531	21,767	30,560
Capital structuring service fees	395	3,682	730
Dividend income	7,994	1,324	4,294
Management and other fees		200	502
Other income	213	529	881
Total investment income from non-controlled affiliate company investments	28,133	27,502	36,967
From controlled affiliate company investments:			
Interest income from investments	240,368	221,363	175,534
Capital structuring service fees	43,119	40,348	41,592
Dividend income	73,681	21,195	21,643
Management and other fees	19,254	17,382	14,925
Other income	4,993	2,056	1,771
Total investment income from controlled affiliate company investments	381,415	302,344	255,465
Total investment income	881,721	748,025	634,486
EXPENSES:			
Interest and credit facility fees	171,495	142,976	122,512
Base management fees	104,857	86,228	71,603
Incentive fees	122,151	127,045	112,377
Professional fees	13,626	12,040	16,529
Administrative fees	12,317	9,322	9,563
Other general and administrative	12,764	10,381	12,025
Total expenses	437,210	387,992	344,609
NET INVESTMENT INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	444,511	360,033	289,877
Income tax expense, including excise tax	14,105	11,172	7,474
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	430,406	348,861	282,403
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED NET GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS:			
Net realized gains (losses):			
Non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments	49,763	61,857	24,618
Non-controlled affiliate company investments	(1,245)	(36,766)	13,647
Controlled affiliate company investments	15,207	21,643	58,295
Net realized gains	63,725	46,734	96,560
Net unrealized gains (losses):			

Non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments	22,115	54,522	(29,430)
Non-controlled affiliate company investments	(1,123)	49,383	(19,395)
Controlled affiliate company investments	(26,602)	11,356	8,633
Net unrealized gains (losses)	(5,610)	115,261	(40,192)
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	58,115	161,995	56,368
REALIZED LOSS ON EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBT		(2,678)	(19,318)
NET INCREASE IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	$ 488,521	$ 508,178	$ 319,453
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE (see Note 9)	$ 1.83	$ 2.21	$ 1.56
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING BASIC AND DILUTED (see Note 9)	266,939	230,151	204,860

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
As of December 31, 2013
(dollar amounts in thousands)

Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Investment Funds and Vehicles							
CIC Flex, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership units (0.94 units)		9/7/2007	$ 867	$ 2,851(2)	
Covestia Capital Partners, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (47.00% interest)		6/17/2008	826	1,177(2)	
Dynamic India Fund IV, LLC(9)	Investment company	Member interest (5.44% interest)		4/1/2010	4,822	3,285	
HCI Equity, LLC(7)(8)(9)	Investment company	Member interest (100.00% interest)		4/1/2010	112	334	
Imperial Capital Private Opportunities, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (80.00% interest)		5/10/2007	3,315	10,231(2)	
Partnership Capital Growth Fund I, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (25.00% interest)		6/16/2006	1,411	3,939(2)	
Partnership Capital Growth Investors III, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (2.50% interest)		10/5/2011	2,804	2,588(2)	
Piper Jaffray Merchant Banking Fund I, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (2.00% interest)		8/16/2012	632	563(2)	
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC(7)(10)	Co-investment vehicle	Subordinated certificates ($1,745,192 par due 12/2024)	8.24% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)(26)	10/30/2009	1,745,192	1,771,369	
		Membership interest (87.50% interest)		10/30/2009			
					1,745,192	1,771,369	
VSC Investors LLC(9)	Investment company	Membership interest (1.95% interest)		1/24/2008	745	1,211(2)	
					1,760,726	1,797,548	36.65%
Healthcare Services							
Alegeus Technologies Holdings Corp.	Benefits administration and transaction processing provider	Preferred stock (2,997 shares)		12/13/2013	3,087	3,087	
		Common stock (3 shares)		12/13/2013	3	3	
					3,090	3,090	

ATI Phyiscal Therapy Holdings, LLC	Outpatient rehabilitation services provider	Class C common stock (51,005 shares)		12/13/2013	53	53
AxelaCare Holdings, Inc. and AxelaCare Investment Holdings, L.P.	Provider of home infusion services	First lien senior secured loan ($4,458 par due 4/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	4/12/2013	4,458	4,458(2)(25)
		Preferred units (8,218,160 units)		4/12/2013	822	855(2)
		Common units (83,010 units)		4/12/2013	8	9(2)
					5,288	5,322

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
California Forensic Medical Group, Incorporated	Correctional facility healthcare operator	First lien senior secured loan ($53,640 par due 11/2018)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	11/16/2012	53,640	53,640(3)(25)	
CCS Group Holdings, LLC	Correctional facility healthcare operator	Class A units (601,937 units)		8/19/2010	602	1,546(2)	
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings LLC(6)	Healthcare analysis services provider	Class A common stock (9,679 shares)		6/15/2007	2,543	4,014(2)	
		Class C common stock (1,546 shares)		6/15/2007		641(2)	
					2,543	4,655	
Dialysis Newco, Inc.	Dialysis provider	First lien senior secured loan ($15,509 par due 8/2020)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	8/16/2013	15,509	15,509(2)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($56,500 par due 2/2021)	9.75% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/16/2013	56,500	56,500(2)(25)	
					72,009	72,009	
Genocea Biosciences, Inc.	Vaccine discovery technology company	First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 4/2017)	8.00%	9/30/2013	9,805	10,000(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 689,655 shares of Series C convertible preferred stock		9/30/2013		(2)	
					9,805	10,000	
GI Advo Opco, LLC	Residential behavioral treatment services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($15,005 par due 6/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	15,448	15,455(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($13 par due 6/2017)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	13	13(25)	
					15,461	15,468	
INC Research, Inc.	Pharmaceutical and biotechnology consulting services	Common stock (1,410,000 shares)		9/27/2010	1,512	1,758(2)	
Intermedix Corporation	Revenue cycle management provider to the emergency healthcare industry	Second lien senior secured loan ($112,000 par due 6/2019)	10.25% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	12/27/2012	112,000	112,000(2)(25)	
JHP Group Holdings, Inc.	Manufacturer of speciality pharmaceutical products	Series A preferred stock (1,000,000 shares)	6.00% PIK	2/19/2013	272	2,673(2)	
LM Acquisition Holdings, LLC(8)	Developer and manufacturer of medical equipment	Class A units (426 units)		9/27/2013	1,000	1,195(2)	

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Magnacare Holdings, Inc., Magnacare Administrative Services, LLC, and Magnacare, LLC	Healthcare professional provider	First lien senior secured loan ($134,115 par due 3/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	9/15/2010	134,721	135,457(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($56,134 par due 3/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	9/15/2010	56,134	56,695(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,668 par due 3/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	3/16/2012	4,668	4,715(4)(25)	
					195,523	196,867	
Monte Nido Holdings, LLC	Outpatient eating disorder treatment provider	First lien senior secured loan ($44,750 par due 12/2019)	7.75% (Libor + 6.75%/Q)	12/20/2013	44,750	44,750(2)(19)(25)	
MW Dental Holding Corp.	Dental services provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($4,500 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	4,500	4,500(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($12,582 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	12,582	12,582(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($12,460 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	12,460	12,460(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($48,757 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	48,757	48,757(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,800 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	9,800	9,800(4)(25)	
					88,099	88,099	
Napa Management Services Corporation	Anesthesia management services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($23,496 par due 4/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	4/15/2011	23,496	23,496(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($33,266 par due 4/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	4/15/2011	33,203	33,266(3)(25)	
		Common units (5,000 units)		4/15/2011	5,000	8,896(2)	
					61,699	65,658	
National Healing Corporation and National Healing Holding Corp.	Wound care service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 2/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/S)	12/13/2013	10,297	10,301(25)	
		Preferred stock (869,565 shares)		12/13/2013	1,296	1,296	
					11,593	11,597	
Netsmart Technologies, Inc. and NS Holdings, Inc.	Healthcare technology provider	First lien senior secured loan ($2,833 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/18/2012	2,833	2,833(2)(17)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($36,259 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/18/2012	36,259	36,259(2)(17)(25)	
				6/21/2010	2,500	2,710(2)	

Common stock (2,500,000 shares)		
	41,592	41,802

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New Trident Holdcorp, Inc.	Outsourced mobile diagnostic healthcare service provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($80,000 par due 7/2020)	10.25% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	8/6/2013	78,465	80,000(2)(25)	
OmniSYS Acquisition Corporation, OmniSYS, LLC, and OSYS Holdings, LLC	Provider of technology-enabled solutions to pharmacies	First lien senior secured loan ($21,000 par due 11/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	11/21/2013	21,000	21,000(2)(25)	
		Limited liability company membership interest (1.57% interest)		11/21/2013	1,000	1,000(2)	
					22,000	22,000	
PerfectServe, Inc.	Communications software platform provider for hospitals and physician practices	First lien senior secured loan ($3,500 par due 4/2017)	10.00%	12/26/2013	3,465	3,500	
		Warrants to purchase up to 34,113 units of Series C preferred stock		12/26/2013		50	
					3,465	3,550	
PG Mergersub, Inc. and PGA Holdings, Inc.	Provider of patient surveys, management reports and national databases for the integrated healthcare delivery system	Second lien senior secured loan ($2,368 par due 10/2018)	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/19/2012	2,439	2,376(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($21,316 par due 10/2018)	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/19/2012	21,316	21,380(2)(25)	
		Preferred stock (333 shares)		3/12/2008	125	16(2)	
		Common stock (16,667 shares)		3/12/2008	167	825(2)	
					24,047	24,597	
Physiotherapy Associates Holdings, Inc.	Outpatient rehabilitation physical therapy provider	Class A common stock (100,000 shares)		12/13/2013	3,090	3,090	
POS I Corp. (fka Vantage Oncology, Inc.)	Radiation oncology care provider	Common stock (62,157 shares)		2/3/2011	4,670	1,375(2)	
RCHP, Inc.	Operator of general acute care hospitals	First lien senior secured loan ($14,887 par due 11/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	11/4/2011	14,888	14,664(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($60,518 par due 11/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	11/4/2011	60,496	59,611(3)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($85,000 par due 5/2019)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	11/4/2011	85,000	85,000(2)(25)	
					160,384	159,275	

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Reed Group, Ltd.	Medical disability management services provider	Equity interests		4/1/2010		(2)	
Respicardia, Inc.	Developer of implantable therapies to improve cardiovascular health	First lien senior secured loan ($3,800 par due 7/2015)	11.00%	6/28/2012	3,787	3,800(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 99,094 shares of Series C preferred stock		6/26/2012	38	29(2)	
					3,825	3,829	
Sage Products Holdings III, LLC	Patient infection control and preventive care solutions provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($75,000 par due 6/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	12/13/2012	75,000	75,000(2)(25)	
Sorbent Therapeutics, Inc.	Orally-administered drug developer	First lien senior secured loan ($6,500 par due 9/2016)	10.25%	4/23/2013	6,500	6,500(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 727,272 shares of Series C preferred stock		4/23/2013		25(2)	
					6,500	6,525	
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC(6)	Outpatient medical imaging provider	Preferred member units (1,823,179 units)		4/1/2010			
SurgiQuest, Inc.	Medical device company	First lien senior secured loan ($6,281 par due 10/2017)	10.00%	9/28/2012	6,133	6,281(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($2,000 par due 10/2017)	10.69%	9/28/2012	1,953	2,000(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 54,672 shares of Series D-4 convertible preferred stock		9/28/2012		(2)	
					8,086	8,281	
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc.	Anesthesiology service provider	First lien senior secured loan ($30,000 par due 12/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	12/31/2013	30,000	30,000(2)(25)	
Young Innovations, Inc.	Dental supplies and equipment manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($9,697 par due 1/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	9,697	9,697(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($32 par due 1/2019)	6.75% (Base Rate + 3.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	32	32(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($13,304 par due 1/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	13,304	13,304(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($44 par due 1/2019)	6.75% (Base Rate + 3.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	44	44(4)(25)	

	23,077	23,077	
	1,163,140	1,172,781	23.91%

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Business Services							
2329497 Ontario Inc.(8)	Provider of outsourced data center infrastructure and related services	Second lien senior secured loan ($42,333 par due 6/2019)	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/M)	12/13/2013	43,551	43,603(25)	
Access CIG, LLC	Records and information management services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($992 par due 10/2017)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/M)	10/5/2012	992	992(2)(25)	
BluePay Processing, Inc.	Technology-enabled payment processing solutions provider	First lien senior secured loan ($6,000 par due 8/2019)	5.00% (Libor + 4.00%/Q)	8/30/2013	6,000	6,000(2)(25)	
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage Co-Investors, L.L.C.(6)	Payroll and accounting services provider to the entertainment industry	First lien senior secured loan ($18,107 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	12/24/2012	18,107	18,107(2)(18)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($45,267 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	12/24/2012	45,267	45,267(3)(18)(25)	
		Class A membership units (2,500,000 units)		12/24/2012	2,500	4,021(2)	
		Class B membership units (2,500,000 units)		12/24/2012	2,500	4,021(2)	
					68,374	71,416	
CIBT Investment Holdings, LLC	Expedited travel document processing services	Class A shares (2,500 shares)		12/15/2011	2,500	3,658(2)	
CitiPostal Inc.(7)	Document storage and management services	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($3,500 par due 12/2014)	6.50% (Libor + 4.50%/M)	4/1/2010	3,500	3,500(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($53,731 par due 12/2014)		4/1/2010	53,731	41,501(2)(24)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($20,193 par due 12/2015)		4/1/2010	13,038	(2)(24)	
		Common stock (37,024 shares)		4/1/2010			
					70,269	45,001	
Command Alkon, Inc.	Software solutions provider to the ready-mix concrete industry	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 3/2018)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/M)	9/28/2012	10,000	10,000(2)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($34,000 par due 5/2019)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/28/2012	34,000	34,000(2)(25)	
					44,000	44,000	

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Coverall North America, Inc.	Commercial janitorial services provider	Letter of credit facility		1/17/2013		(2)(29)	
eCommerce Industries, Inc.	Business critical enterprise resource planning software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($19,936 par due 10/2016)	8.00% (Libor + 6.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	19,936	20,217(22)(25)	
GHS Interactive Security, LLC and LG Security Holdings, LLC	Originates residential security alarm contracts	First lien senior secured loan ($2,091 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/13/2013	2,153	2,153(25)	
		Class A membership units (1,560,000 units)		12/13/2013	1,607	1,607	
					3,760	3,760	
HCPro, Inc. and HCP Acquisition Holdings, LLC(7)	Healthcare compliance advisory services	Senior subordinated loan ($9,004 par due 8/2014)		3/5/2013	2,692	(2)(24)	
		Class A units (14,293,110 units)		6/26/2008	12,793	(2)	
					15,485		
IfByPhone Inc.	Voice-based marketing automation software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($1,533 par due 11/2015)	11.00%	10/15/2012	1,490	1,533(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($833 par due 1/2016)	11.00%	10/15/2012	833	833(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 124,300 shares of Series C preferred stock		10/15/2012	88	64(2)	
					2,411	2,430	
Investor Group Services, LLC(6)	Business consulting for private equity and corporate clients	Limited liability company membership interest (8.5% interest)		6/22/2006		633	
IronPlanet, Inc.	Online auction platform provider for used heavy equipment	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($5,000 par due 9/2015)	8.00%	9/24/2013	5,000	5,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,500 par due 7/2017)	9.25%	9/24/2013	7,155	7,275(2)	
		Warrant to purchase to up to 133,333 shares of Series C preferred stock		9/24/2013	214	246(2)	
					12,369	12,521	
Itel Laboratories, Inc.	Data services provider for building materials to property insurance industry	Preferred units (1,798,391 units)		6/29/2012	1,000	995(2)	
				8/22/2013	164,587	164,587(2)(25)	

Keynote Systems, Inc. and Hawaii Ultimate Parent Corp., Inc.	Web and mobile cloud performance testing and monitoring services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($164,587 par due 2/2020)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)			
		Class A common stock (2,970 shares)		8/22/2013	2,970	3,429(2)
		Class B common stock (1,956,522 shares)		8/22/2013	30	35(2)
					167,587	168,051

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Market Track Holdings, LLC	Business media consulting services company	Preferred stock (1,500 shares)		12/13/2013	1,982	1,982	
		Common stock (15,000 shares)		12/13/2013	1,982	1,982	
					3,964	3,964	
MSC.Software Corporation and Maximus Holdings, LLC	Provider of software simulation tools and related services	First lien senior secured loan ($42,750 par due 11/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/13/2013	44,015	44,033	(21)(25)
		Warrants to purchase up to 1,050,013 shares of common stock		12/13/2013	424	424	
					44,439	44,457	
Multi-Ad Services, Inc.(6)	Marketing services and software provider	Preferred units (1,725,280 units)		4/1/2010	788	1,754	
		Common units (1,725,280 units)		4/1/2010			
					788	1,754	
MVL Group, Inc.(7)	Marketing research provider	Junior subordinated loan ($185 par due 7/2012)		4/1/2010			(2)(24)
		Senior subordinated loan ($33,337 par due 7/2012)		4/1/2010	30,265	2,485	(2)(24)
		Common stock (560,716 shares)		4/1/2010			(2)
					30,265	2,485	
NComputing, Inc.	Desktop virtualization hardware and software technology service provider	First lien senior secured loan ($6,500 par due 7/2016)	10.50%	3/20/2013	6,500	6,695	(2)
		Warrant to purchase up to 462,726 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/20/2013		56	(2)
					6,500	6,751	
Pillar Processing LLC, PHL Investors, Inc., and PHL Holding Co.(6)	Mortgage services	First lien senior secured loan ($4,658 par due 11/2018)		7/31/2008	3,982	3,321	(2)(24)
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,375 par due 5/2019)		11/20/2007	5,862		(2)(24)
		Class A common stock (576 shares)		7/31/2012	3,768		(2)
					13,612	3,321	
Platform Acquisition, Inc.	Data center and managed cloud services provider	Common stock (48,604 shares)		12/13/2013	7,536	7,536	
				3/2/2012	1,000	879	(2)

Powersport Auctioneer Holdings, LLC	Powersport vehicle auction operator	Common units (1,972 units)				
PSSI Holdings, LLC	Provider of mission-critical outsourced cleaning and sanitation services to the food processing industry	First lien senior secured loan ($1,000 par due 6/2018)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/7/2013	1,000	1,000(2)(25)

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R2 Acquisition Corp.	Marketing services	Common stock (250,000 shares)		5/29/2007	250	154(2)	
Rainstor, Inc.	Database solutions provider	First lien senior secured loan ($2,800 par due 4/2016)	11.25%	3/28/2013	2,735	2,800(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 142,210 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/28/2013	88	70(2)	
					2,823	2,870	
Summit Business Media Parent Holding Company LLC	Business media consulting services	Limited liability company membership interest (45.98% interest)		5/20/2011		1,458(2)	
TOA Technologies, Inc.	Cloud based, mobile workforce management applications provider	First lien senior secured loan ($12,567 par due 11/2016)	10.25%	10/31/2012	12,124	12,567(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 2,509,770 shares of Series D preferred stock		10/31/2012	605	1,201(2)	
					12,729	13,768	
Tripwire, Inc.	IT security software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($74,684 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	5/23/2011	74,684	74,684(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,266 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	5/23/2011	10,266	10,266(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($49,875 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	5/23/2011	49,875	49,875(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,975 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	5/23/2011	9,975	9,975(4)(25)	
		Class B common stock (2,655,638 shares)		5/23/2011	30	84(2)	
		Class A common stock (2,970 shares)		5/23/2011	2,970	8,315(2)	
					147,800	153,199	
Venturehouse-Cibernet Investors, LLC	Financial settlement services for intercarrier wireless roaming	Equity interest		4/1/2010		(2)	
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC(6)	Management consulting services	Common membership interest (5.98% interest)		10/26/2007	10,204	5,236	
VTE Holdings Corp.	Hosted enterprise resource planning application management services provider	Common units (1,500,000 units)		12/13/2013	3,862	3,862	
Worldpay (UK) Limited, Worldpay ECommerce	Payment processing company	First lien senior secured loan ($5,341 par due	6.00% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	5,432	5,394(25)	

Limited, Ship US Bidco, Inc., Ship Investor & Cy S.C.A.(8)	10/2017)			
	Common stock (936,693 shares)	12/13/2013	2,698	2,732
			8,129	8,126

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X Plus Two Solutions, Inc. and X Plus One Solutions, Inc.	Provider of open and integrated software for digital marketing optimization	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($8,600 par due 9/2014)	8.50%	4/1/2013	8,600	8,600(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,000 par due 3/2017)	10.00%	4/1/2013	6,645	6,860(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 999,167 shares of Series C preferred stock		4/1/2013	284	299(2)	
					15,529	15,759	
					768,665	699,856	14.27%
Education							
American Academy Holdings, LLC	Provider of education, training, certification, networking, and consulting services to medical coders and other healthcare professionals	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,250 par due 3/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	3/18/2011	2,250	2,250(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($56,236 par due 3/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	3/18/2011	56,236	56,236(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,651 par due 3/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	3/18/2011	4,651	4,651(4)(25)	
					63,137	63,137	
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp.(6)	Education software developer	Preferred stock (485,159 shares)		2/8/2008	10,520	3,337(2)	
Community Education Centers, Inc.	Offender re-entry and in-prison treatment services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($14,286 par due 12/2014)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	12/10/2010	14,286	14,286(2)(15)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($35,283 par due 12/2015)	15.24% (Libor + 10.00% Cash, 5.00% PIK/Q)	12/10/2010	35,283	34,225(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($10,649 par due 12/2015)	15.26% (Libor + 10.00% Cash, 5.00% PIK/Q)	12/10/2010	10,649	10,330(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 654,618 shares		12/10/2010		979(2)	
					60,218	59,820	
ELC Acquisition Corp., ELC Holdings Corporation, and Excelligence Learning Corporation(6)	Developer, manufacturer and retailer of educational products	Preferred stock (99,492 shares)	12.00% PIK	8/1/2011	10,286	10,286(2)	
				8/1/2011		1,345(2)	

Common stock (50,800 shares)		
	10,286	11,631

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Infilaw Holding, LLC	Operator of for-profit law schools	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/25/2011		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($1 par due 8/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	1	1(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,362 par due 8/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	14,362	14,362(3)(25)	
		Series A preferred units (124,890 units)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	124,890	124,890(2)(25)	
		Series B preferred units (3.91 units)		10/19/2012	9,245	11,060(2)	
					148,498	150,313	
Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Inc. & Leeds IV Advisors, Inc.	Private school operator	First lien senior secured loan ($39,459 par due 6/2015)		4/24/2013	39,385	35,514(3)(24)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,774 par due 6/2015)		4/24/2013	14,746	13,297(4)(24)	
		Series B preferred stock (1,750,000 shares)		8/5/2010	5,000	(2)	
		Series C preferred stock (2,512,586 shares)		6/7/2010	689	(2)	
		Common stock (20 shares)		6/7/2010		(2)	
					59,820	48,811	
Lakeland Tours, LLC	Educational travel provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan		10/4/2011		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($83,140 par due 12/2016)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	10/4/2011	83,067	83,131(2)(14)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($1,585 par due 12/2016)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	1,585	1,585(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,362 par due 12/2016)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	10/4/2011	40,277	40,362(3)(14)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,297 par due 12/2016)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	8,280	8,297(3)(25)	
		Common stock (5,000 shares)		10/4/2011	5,000	5,117(2)	
					138,209	138,492	
PIH Corporation	Franchisor of education-based early childhood centers	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($621 par due 6/2016)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	12/13/2013	621	621(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($39,062 par due 6/2016)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	12/13/2013	39,570	39,594(25)	
					40,191	40,215	
				7/30/2008	2,200	1,936(2)	

R3 Education, Inc. and EIC Acquisitions Corp.	Medical school operator	Preferred stock (8,800 shares)				
		Common membership interest (26.27% interest)	9/21/2007	15,800	29,584	(2)
		Warrants to purchase up to 27,890 shares	12/8/2009			(2)
				18,000	31,520	

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RuffaloCODY, LLC	Provider of student fundraising and enrollment management services	First lien senior secured loan ($634 par due 5/2019)	6.50% (Base Rate + 3.25%/Q)	5/29/2013	634	634(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($24,996 par due 5/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	5/29/2013	24,996	24,996(2)(25)	
					25,630	25,630	
					574,509	572,906	11.68%
Services Other							
Capital Investments and Ventures Corp.	SCUBA diver training and certification provider	First lien senior secured loan ($24,512 par due 8/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	8/9/2012	24,512	24,512(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,719 par due 8/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	8/9/2012	8,719	8,719(4)(25)	
					33,231	33,231	
Competitor Group, Inc. and Calera XVI, LLC	Endurance sports media and event operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,850 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	2,850	2,508(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($900 par due 11/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	900	792(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($24,380 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 7.75% Cash, 1.00% PIK /Q)	11/30/2012	24,380	21,454(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($29,853 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 7.75% Cash, 1.00% PIK /Q)	11/30/2012	29,853	26,271(3)(25)	
		Membership units (2,500,000 units)		11/30/2012	2,513	17(2)(9)	
					60,496	51,042	
Fox Hill Holdings, Inc.	Third party claims administrator on behalf of insurance carriers	First lien senior secured loan ($7,442 par due 6/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	10/31/2013	7,442	7,442(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($39 par due 6/2018)	8.00% (Base Rate + 4.75%/Q)	10/31/2013	39	39(2)(25)	
					7,481	7,481	
ISS #2, LLC	Provider of repairs, refurbishments and services to the broader industrial end user markets	First lien senior secured loan ($14,950 par due 6/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	6/5/2013	14,950	14,950(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($44,775	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	6/5/2013	44,775	44,775(3)(25)	

		par due 6/2018)				
					59,725	59,725
Massage Envy, LLC	Franchisor in the massage industry	First lien senior secured loan ($29,177 par due 9/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	9/27/2012	29,177	29,177(2)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($49,291 par due 9/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	9/27/2012	49,291	49,291(3)(25)
		Common stock (3,000,000 shares)		9/27/2012	3,000	3,532(2)
					81,468	82,000

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McKenzie Sports Products, LLC	Designer, manufacturer and distributor of taxidermy forms and supplies	First lien senior secured loan ($8,140 par due 3/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	3/30/2012	8,140	8,140(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,302 par due 3/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	3/30/2012	9,302	9,302(4)(25)	
					17,442	17,442	
Spin HoldCo Inc.	Laundry service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($140,000 par due 5/2020)	9.00% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	5/14/2013	140,000	140,000(2)(25)	
The Dwyer Group(6)	Operator of multiple franchise concepts primarily related to home maintenance or repairs	Senior subordinated loan ($25,686 par due 6/2018)	12.00% Cash, 1.50% PIK	12/22/2010	25,686	25,686(2)	
		Series A preferred units (13,292,377 units)	8.00% PIK	12/22/2010	6,859	18,650(2)	
					32,545	44,336	
Wash Multifamily Laundry Systems, LLC	Laundry service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($78,000 par due 2/2020)	9.75% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	6/26/2012	78,000	78,000(2)(25)	
					510,388	513,257	10.47%
Energy							
Alphabet Energy, Inc.	Technology developer to convert waste-heat into electricity	First lien senior secured loan ($3,000 par due 7/2017)	9.62%	12/16/2013	2,721	2,850(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 59,524 units of Series B preferred stock		12/16/2013	146	146(2)	
					2,867	2,996	
Brush Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($89,892 par due 8/2020)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	8/1/2013	89,892	89,892(2)(25)	
Centinela Funding, LLC	Solar power generation facility developer and operator	First lien senior secured loan ($56,000 par due 11/2020)	10.00% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	11/14/2012	56,000	56,000(2)(25)	
Joule Unlimited Technologies, Inc. and Stichting Joule Global Foundation	Renewable fuel and chemical production developer	First lien senior secured loan ($7,500 par due 2/2017)	10.00%	7/25/2013	7,433	7,500(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 32,051 shares of Series C-2 preferred stock		7/25/2013		34(2)(8)	
					7,433	7,534	

La Paloma Generating Company, LLC	Natural gas fired, combined cycle plant operator	Second lien senior secured loan ($68,000 par due 8/2018)	10.25% (Libor + 8.75%/M)	8/9/2011	67,060	67,320(2)(25)
Panda Sherman Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($32,500 par due 9/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/14/2012	32,500	32,500(2)(25)

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Panda Temple Power II, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($20,000 par due 4/2019)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	4/3/2013	19,820	20,000(2)(25)	
Panda Temple Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($60,000 par due 7/2018)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	7/17/2012	58,402	60,000(2)(25)	
Sunrun Solar Owner Holdco X, LLC	Residential solar energy provider	First lien senior secured loan ($59,749 par due 6/2019)	9.50% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	6/7/2013	59,749	59,749(2)(25)	
Sunrun Solar Owner Holdco XIII, LLC	Residential solar energy provider	First lien senior secured loan ($19,300 par due 12/2019)	9.50% (Libor + 7.25% Cash, 1.00% PIK /Q)	11/27/2013	19,079	19,300(2)(25)	
					412,802	415,291	8.47%
Restaurants and Food Services							
ADF Capital, Inc., ADF Restaurant Group, LLC, and ARG Restaurant Holdings, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured loan ($33,581 par due 12/2018)	10.50% (Base Rate + 7.25%/Q)	11/27/2006	33,581	33,581(2)(20)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,919 par due 12/2018)	10.50% (Base Rate + 7.25%/Q)	11/27/2006	10,922	10,919(3)(20)(25)	
		Promissory note ($16,558 par due 12/2018)	13.00% PIK	11/27/2006	13,273	15,997(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 23,750 units of Series D common stock		12/18/2013	24	(2)	
					57,800	60,497	
Benihana, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured loan ($4,925 par due 2/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	8/21/2012	4,925	4,925(4)(25)	
Garden Fresh Restaurant Corp.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan		10/3/2013		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($43,750 par due 7/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/M)	10/3/2013	43,750	43,750(2)(25)	
					43,750	43,750	
Hojeij Branded Foods, Inc.	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($450 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	450	450(2)(25)(28)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($12,500 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	12,500	12,500(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($15,000 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	14,543	15,000(2)(25)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 7.5% of membership interest		2/15/2012		299(2)	

	Warrants to purchase up to 324 shares of Class A common stock	2/15/2012	669	4,307(2)
			28,162	32,556

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Orion Foods, LLC (fka Hot Stuff Foods, LLC)(7)	Convenience food service retailer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($9,500 par due 9/2014)	10.75% (Base Rate + 7.50%/M)	4/1/2010	9,500	9,500(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($33,037 par due 9/2014)	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	33,037	33,037(3)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($37,552 par due 9/2014)		4/1/2010	18,423	20,205(2)(24)	
		Preferred units (10,000 units)		10/28/2010		(2)	
		Class A common units (25,001 units)		4/1/2010		(2)	
		Class B common units (1,122,452 units)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					60,960	62,742	
OTG Management, LLC	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($25,000 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/11/2012	25,000	25,000(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,075 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/11/2012	7,075	7,075(2)(25)	
		Common units (3,000,000 units)		1/5/2011	3,000	3,638(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 7.73% of common units		6/19/2008	100	7,257(2)	
					35,175	42,970	
Performance Food Group, Inc. and Wellspring Distribution Corp	Food service distributor	Second lien senior secured loan ($74,625 par due 11/2019)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	5/14/2013	74,282	74,850(2)(25)	
		Class A non-voting common stock (1,366,120 shares)		5/3/2008	6,303	6,529(2)	
					80,585	81,379	
PMI Holdings, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	Preferred stock (46,025 shares)		12/13/2013	687	687	
		Common stock (22,401 shares)		12/13/2013	379	379	
					1,066	1,066	
Restaurant Holding Company, LLC	Fast food restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($60,125 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/M)	2/17/2012	59,303	58,922(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,250 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/M)	2/17/2012	9,122	9,065(4)(25)	
					68,425	67,987	
S.B. Restaurant Company	Restaurant owner and operator	Preferred stock (46,690 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 257,429 shares of common stock		4/1/2010		(2)	

					380,848	397,872	8.11%
Financial Services							
AllBridge Financial, LLC(7)	Asset management services	Equity interests		4/1/2010	5,077	9,718	

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Callidus Capital Corporation(7)	Asset management services	Common stock (100 shares)		4/1/2010	3,000	1,713	
Ciena Capital LLC(7)	Real estate and small business loan servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($14,000 par due 12/2014)	6.00%	11/29/2010	14,000	14,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($26,000 par due 12/2016)	12.00%	11/29/2010	26,000	26,000(2)	
		Equity interests		11/29/2010	53,374	10,926(2)	
					93,374	50,926	
Commercial Credit Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment finance and leasing company	Senior subordinated loan ($28,000 par due 5/2018)	12.75%	5/10/2012	28,000	28,000(2)	
Cook Inlet Alternative Risk, LLC	Risk management services	Senior subordinated loan ($1,750 par due 9/2015)	9.00%	9/30/2011	1,750	1,750(2)	
Gordian Acquisition Corp.	Financial services firm	Common stock (526 shares)		11/30/2012		(2)	
Imperial Capital Group LLC	Investment services	2006 Class B common units (2,526 units)		5/10/2007	3	5(2)	
		2007 Class B common units (315 units)		5/10/2007		1(2)	
		Class A common units (7,710 units)		5/10/2007	14,997	19,672(2)	
					15,000	19,678	
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.(7)(9)	Asset management services	Member interest (100.00% interest)		6/15/2009	170,961	280,353	
					317,162	392,138	8.00%
Consumer Products Non-durable							
Gilchrist & Soames, Inc.	Personal care manufacturer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($8,700 par due 12/2014)	6.25% (Libor + 5.00%/M)	4/1/2010	8,700	8,700(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($22,508 par due 12/2014)	13.44% Cash, 2.00% PIK	4/1/2010	22,504	21,833(2)	
					31,204	30,533	
Implus Footcare, LLC	Provider of footwear and other accessories	Preferred stock (455 shares)	6.00% PIK	10/31/2011	5,172	5,172(2)	
		Common stock (455 shares)		10/31/2011	455	170(2)	
					5,627	5,342	
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation (6)	OTC drug products manufactuer	Second lien senior secured loan ($19,310 par due 8/2017)	13.25% (Libor + 11.75%/Q)	8/26/2011	19,165	19,310(2)(25)	

Class A common stock (155,000 shares)	8/26/2011	6,035	7,234(2)
Class B common stock (155,000 shares)	8/26/2011	6,035	7,234(2)
		31,235	33,778

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Matrixx Initiatives, Inc. and Wonder Holdings Acquisition Corp.	Developer and marketer of over-the-counter healthcare products	Warrants to purchase up to 1,654,678 shares of common stock		7/27/2011		1,219(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 1,489 shares of preferred stock		7/27/2011		1,144(2)	
						2,363	
Oak Parent, Inc.	Manufacturer of athletic apparel	First lien senior secured loan ($31,295 par due 4/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	31,184	31,294(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($86 par due 4/2018)	9.25% (Base Rate + 6.00%/S)	4/2/2012	85	86(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,844 par due 4/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	8,813	8,844(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($24 par due 4/2018)	9.25% (Base Rate + 6.00%/S)	4/2/2012	24	24(4)(25)	
					40,106	40,248	
PG-ACP Co-Invest, LLC	Supplier of medical uniforms, specialized medical footwear and accessories	Class A membership units (1,000,0000 units)		8/29/2012	1,000	1,526(2)	
The Step2 Company, LLC	Toy manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($25,600 par due 4/2015)	10.00%	4/1/2010	25,089	25,088(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($32,865 par due 4/2015)	10.00%	4/1/2010	30,802	26,292(2)	
		Common units (1,116,879 units)		4/1/2010	24		
		Warrants to purchase up to 3,157,895 units		4/1/2010			
					55,915	51,380	
The Thymes, LLC (7)	Cosmetic products manufacturer	Preferred units (6,283 units)	8.00% PIK	6/21/2007	4,696	4,221	
		Common units (5,400 units)		6/21/2007		6,687	
					4,696	10,908	
Woodstream Corporation	Pet products manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($8,465 par due 8/2016)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	4/18/2012	8,465	8,465(4)(25)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($80,000 par due 2/2017)	11.50%	4/18/2012	77,412	80,000(2)	
		Common stock (4,254 shares)		1/22/2010	1,222	2,685(2)	
					87,099	91,150	
					256,882	267,228	5.45%

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Containers Packaging							
ICSH, Inc.	Industrial container manufacturer, reconditioner and servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/31/2011		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($27,740 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	27,777	27,740(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($61,518 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	61,518	61,518(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,718 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	14,718	14,718(4)(25)	
					104,013	103,976	
Microstar Logistics LLC, Microstar Global Asset Management LLC, and MStar Holding Corporation	Keg management solutions provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($142,500 par due 12/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/14/2012	142,500	142,500(2)(25)	
		Common stock (50,000 shares)		12/14/2012	5,000	7,223(2)	
					147,500	149,723	
Pregis Corporation, Pregis Intellipack Corp., and Pregis Innovative Packaging Inc.	Provider of highly-customized, tailored protective packaging solutions	First lien senior secured loan ($975 par due 3/2017)	7.75% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	4/25/2012	975	975(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5 par due 3/2017)	8.50% (Base Rate + 5.25%/Q)	4/25/2012	5	5(2)(25)	
					980	980	
					252,493	254,679	5.19%
Manufacturing							
Cambrios Technologies Corporation	Nanotechnology-based solutions for electronic devices and computers	First lien senior secured loan ($3,030 par due 8/2015)	12.00%	8/7/2012	3,030	3,030(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 400,000 shares of Series D-4 convertible preferred stock		8/7/2012		6(2)	
					3,030	3,036	
Component Hardware Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment	First lien senior secured loan ($23,701 par due 7/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.50%/M)	7/1/2013	23,701	23,701(2)(25)	
Lighting Science Group Corporation	Advanced lighting products	Letter of credit facility		9/20/2011		(2)(29)	
Mac Lean-Fogg Company	Provider of intelligent transportation systems products in the traffic	Senior subordinated loan ($100,251 par due 10/2023)	9.50% Cash, 1.50% PIK	10/31/2013	100,251	100,251(2)	

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MWI Holdings, Inc.	Provider of engineered springs, fasteners, and other precision components	First lien senior secured loan ($38,274 par due 3/2019)	9.38% (Libor + 8.13%/Q)	6/15/2011	38,274	38,274(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 3/2019)	9.38% (Libor + 8.13%/Q)	6/15/2011	10,000	10,000(4)(25)	
					48,274	48,274	
NetShape Technologies, Inc.	Metal precision engineered components	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($538 par due 12/2014)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	538	538(2)(25)	
Pelican Products, Inc.	Flashlights	First lien senior secured loan ($2,317 par due 7/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	7/13/2012	2,317	2,317(4)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($32,000 par due 6/2019)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	7/13/2012	32,000	32,000(2)(25)	
					34,317	34,317	
Protective Industries, Inc. dba Caplugs	Plastic protection products	First lien senior secured loan ($997 par due 10/2019)	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	997	997(2)(25)	
		Preferred stock (2,379,361 shares)		5/23/2011	1,298	4,837(2)	
					2,295	5,834	
Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC	Metal precision engineered components	Common units (1,000 units)		1/30/2007	1,000	(2)	
SSH Environmental Industries, Inc. and SSH Non-Destructive Testing, Inc.	Magnetic sensors and supporting sensor products	First lien senior secured loan ($11,140 par due 12/2016)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	3/23/2012	10,990	11,140(2)(25)	
TPTM Merger Corp.	Time temperature indicator products	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($950 par due 9/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	9/12/2013	950	950(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($540 par due 9/2018)	7.50% (Base Rate + 4.25%/Q)	9/12/2013	540	540(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($25,935 par due 9/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	9/12/2013	25,935	25,935(2)(25)	
					27,425	27,425	
					251,821	254,516	5.19%
Automotive Services							
Driven Holdings, LLC	Automotive aftermarket car care franchisor	Preferred stock (247,500 units)		12/16/2011	2,475	2,852(2)	
		Common stock (25,000 units)		12/16/2011	25	808(2)	

	2,500	3,660

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Eckler Industries, Inc.	Restoration parts and accessories provider for classic automobiles	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,000 par due 7/2017)	8.25% (Base Rate + 5.00%/Q)	7/12/2012	2,000	2,000(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,172 par due 7/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	7/12/2012	8,172	8,172(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($30,609 par due 7/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	7/12/2012	30,609	30,609(3)(25)	
		Series A preferred stock (1,800 shares)		7/12/2012	1,800	2,031(2)	
		Common stock (20,000 shares)		7/12/2012	200	116(2)	
					42,781	42,928	
EcoMotors, Inc.	Engine developer	First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 10/2016)	10.83%	12/28/2012	4,869	5,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 6/2017)	10.83%	12/28/2012	4,853	5,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,833 par due 7/2016)	10.13%	12/28/2012	4,724	4,833(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 321,888 shares of Series C preferred stock		12/28/2012		43(2)	
					14,446	14,876	
Service King Paint & Body, LLC	Collision repair site operators	First lien senior secured loan ($7,617 par due 8/2017)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	7,617	7,617(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($46,898 par due 8/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	46,898	46,898(2)(16)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($6,398 par due 8/2017)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	6,398	6,398(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($72,135 par due 8/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	72,135	72,135(2)(16)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,646 par due 8/2017)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	9,646	9,646(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($72,135 par due 8/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	10,000	10,000(3)(16)(25)	
		Membership interest		8/20/2012	5,000	6,948(2)	
					157,694	159,642	
					217,421	221,106	4.51%
Retail							
Fulton Holdings Corp. (12)	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($43,000 par due 5/2018)	8.50%	5/10/2013	43,000	43,000(2)(12)	

	First lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 5/2018)	8.50%	5/28/2010	40,000	40,000(3)(12)
	Common stock (19,672 shares)		5/28/2010	1,461	2,086(2)
				84,461	85,086

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Paper Source, Inc. and Pine Holdings, Inc.	Retailer of fine and artisanal papers, gifts, gift wrap, greeting cards and envelopes	First lien senior secured loan ($18,952 par due 9/2018)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	9/23/2013	18,952	18,952(2)(25)	
		Class A common stock (36,364 shares)		9/23/2013	6,000	6,660(2)	
					24,952	25,612	
Things Remembered Inc. and TRM Holdings Corporation	Personalized gifts retailer	First lien senior secured loan ($14,813 par due 5/2018)	8.00% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	5/24/2012	14,813	14,813(4)(25)	
					124,226	125,511	2.56%
Aerospace and Defense							
Cadence Aerospace, LLC (fka PRV Aerospace, LLC)	Aerospace precision components manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($4,459 par due 5/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	5/15/2012	4,425	4,459(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($65 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Base Rate + 4.25%/Q)	5/15/2012	65	65(4)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($79,657 par due 5/2019)	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/Q)	5/10/2012	79,657	77,267(2)(25)	
					84,147	81,791	
ILC Industries, LLC	Designer and manufacturer of protective cases and technically advanced lighting systems	First lien senior secured loan ($19,192 par due 7/2018)	8.00% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	7/13/2012	18,885	19,192(4)(25)	
Wyle Laboratories, Inc. and Wyle Holdings, Inc.	Provider of specialized engineering, scientific and technical services	Senior preferred stock (775 shares)	8.00% PIK	1/17/2008	111	111(2)	
		Common stock (1,885,195 shares)		1/17/2008	2,291	1,722(2)	
					2,402	1,833	
					105,434	102,816	2.10%
Chemicals							
Argotec, LLC	Thermoplastic polyurethane films	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($625 par due 5/2018)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/M)	5/31/2013	625	625(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5,788 par due 5/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	5/31/2013	5,788	5,788(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($74 par due 5/2019)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	5/31/2013	74	74(2)(25)	

					6,487	6,487
Emerald Performance Materials, LLC	Polymers and performance materials manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($17,730 par due 5/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	12/13/2013	18,256	18,262(25)

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
K2 Pure Solutions Nocal, L.P.	Chemical producer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,256 par due 8/2019)	8.13% (Libor + 7.13%/M)	8/19/2013	2,256	2,211(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($41,500 par due 8/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2013	41,500	40,670(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 8/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2013	40,000	39,200(3)(25)	
					83,756	82,081	
					108,499	106,830	2.18%
Transportation							
Eberle Design, Inc.	Provider of intelligent transportation systems products in the traffic and rail industries	First lien senior secured loan ($30,500 par due 8/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	8/26/2013	30,359	30,500(2)(25)	
PODS Funding Corp. II	Storage and warehousing	First lien senior secured loan ($35,897 par due 12/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/19/2013	35,897	35,897(25)	
United Road Towing, Inc.	Towing company	Warrants to purchase up to 607 shares		4/1/2010			
					66,256	66,397	1.35%
Printing, Publishing and Media							
Batanga, Inc.	Independent digital media company	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($3,000 par due 4/2014)	8.50%	10/31/2012	3,000	3,000(2)(23)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,936 par due 11/2016)	9.60%	10/31/2012	4,936	5,030(2)(23)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,500 par due 9/2017)	9.60%	10/31/2012	4,500	4,500(2)(23)	
					12,436	12,530	
Earthcolor Group, LLC	Printing management services	Limited liability company interests (9.30%)		5/18/2012			
Encompass Digital Media, Inc.	Provider of outsourced network origination and transmission services for media companies	First lien senior secured loan ($19,651 par due 8/2017)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	12/13/2013	20,233	20,241(25)	
The Teaching Company, LLC and The Teaching Company Holdings, Inc.	Education publications provider	First lien senior secured loan ($20,886 par due 3/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/29/2006	20,886	20,469(2)(25)	

First lien senior secured loan ($9,701 par due 3/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/29/2006	9,701	9,507(4)(25)	
Preferred stock (10,663 shares)		9/29/2006	1,066	2,282(2)	
Common stock (15,393 shares)		9/29/2006	3	5(2)	
			31,656	32,263	
			64,325	65,034	1.33%

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Commercial Real Estate Finance							
10th Street, LLC(6)	Real estate holding company	Senior subordinated loan ($26,250 par due 11/2014)	8.93% Cash, 4.07% PIK	4/1/2010	26,250	26,250(2)	
		Member interest (10.00% interest)		4/1/2010	594	7,257	
		Option (25,000 units)		4/1/2010	25	25	
					26,869	33,532	
American Commercial Coatings, Inc.	Real estate property	Commercial mortgage loan ($2,275 par due 12/2025)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	664	1,500(25)	
Cleveland East Equity, LLC	Hotel operator	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010	1,026	5,305	
Commons R-3, LLC	Real estate developer	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010			
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates(7)	Hotel operator	Senior subordinated loan ($2,236 par due 9/2011)		4/1/2010		(2)(24)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($2,092 par due 6/2017)		4/1/2010		(2)(24)	
		Common equity interest		4/1/2010			
Hot Light Brands, Inc.(7)	Real estate holding company	First lien senior secured loan ($31,384 par due 2/2011)		4/1/2010	90	253(2)(24)	
		Common stock (93,500 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					90	253	
NPH, Inc.	Hotel property	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010	5,291	5,532	
					33,940	46,122	0.94%
Oil and Gas							
Geotrace Technologies, Inc.	Reservoir processing and development	Warrants to purchase up to 69,978 shares of common stock		4/1/2010	88	(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 210,453 shares of preferred stock		4/1/2010	2,805	638(2)	
					2,893	638	

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
UL Holding Co., LLC and Universal Lubricants, LLC(6)	Petroleum product manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,093 par due 12/2014)		4/30/2012	9,519	7,260(2)(24)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($42,812 par due 12/2014)		4/30/2012	40,097	30,795(2)(24)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($4,994 par due 12/2014)		4/30/2012	4,668	3,592(2)(24)	
		Class A common units (151,236 units)		6/17/2011	1,512	(2)	
		Class B-5 common units (599,200 units)		4/25/2008	5,472	(2)	
		Class B-4 common units (50,000 units)		6/17/2011	500	(2)	
		Class C common units (758,546 units)		4/25/2008		(2)	
					61,768	41,647	
					64,661	42,285	0.86%
Health Clubs							
Athletic Club Holdings, Inc.	Premier health club operator	First lien senior secured loan ($34,000 par due 3/2019)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	10/11/2007	34,000	34,000(2)(13)(25)	
CFW Co-Invest, L.P. and NCP Curves, L.P.	Health club franchisor	Limited partnership interest (4,152,165 shares)		7/31/2012	4,152	2,913(2)	
		Limited partnership interest (2,218,235 shares)		7/31/2012	2,218	1,556(2)	
					6,370	4,469	
					40,370	38,469	0.78%
Telecommunications							
American Broadband Communications, LLC, American Broadband Holding Company, and Cameron Holdings of NC, Inc.	Broadband communication services	Warrants to purchase up to 378 shares		11/7/2007		6,833	
		Warrants to purchase up to 200 shares		9/1/2010		3,615	
					0	10,448	
EUNetworks Group Limited(8)	Broadband bandwidth infrastructure provider	First lien senior secured loan ($20,567 par due 5/2019)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	12/13/2013	21,192	21,185(25)	
Quantance, Inc.	Designer of semiconductor products to the mobile wireless market	First lien senior secured loan ($3,500 par due 9/2016)	10.25%	8/23/2013	3,402	3,465(2)	

		Warrant to purchase up to 130,432 shares of Series D preferred stock	8/23/2013	74	74(2)	
				3,476	3,539	
Startec Equity, LLC(7)	Communication services	Member interest	4/1/2010			
Wilcon Holdings LLC	Communications infrastructure provider	Class A common stock (2,000,000 shares)	12/13/2013	1,829	1,829	
				26,497	37,001	0.75%

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Environmental Services							
Genomatica, Inc.	Developer of a biotechnology platform for the production of chemical products	First lien senior secured loan ($1,500 par due 10/2016)	9.26%	3/28/2013	1,439	1,500(2)	
		Warrant to purchase 322,422 shares of Series D preferred stock		3/28/2013		6(2)	
					1,439	1,506	
RE Community Holdings II, Inc.and Pegasus Community Energy, LLC.	Operator of municipal recycling facilities	Preferred stock (1,000 shares)		3/1/2011	8,839	532(2)	
Waste Pro USA, Inc	Waste management services	Preferred Class A common equity (611,615 shares)		11/9/2006	12,263	27,898(2)	
					22,541	29,936	0.61%
Food and Beverage							
Apple & Eve, LLC and US Juice Partners, LLC(6)	Juice manufacturer	Senior units (50,000 units)		10/5/2007	5,000	5,205	
Charter Baking Company, Inc.	Baked goods manufacturer	Senior subordinated loan ($2,750 par due 6/2015)	17.50% PIK	2/6/2008	2,750	2,750(2)	
		Preferred stock (6,258 shares)		9/1/2006	2,567	2,260(2)	
					5,317	5,010	
Distant Lands Trading Co.	Coffee manufacturer	Class A common stock (1,294 shares)		4/1/2010	980	(2)	
		Class A-1 common stock (2,157 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					980		
					11,297	10,215	0.21%
Wholesale Distribution							
BECO Holding Company, Inc.	Wholesale distributor of first response fire protection equipment and related parts	Common stock (25,000 shares)		7/30/2010	2,500	3,103(2)	
					2,500	3,103	0.06%
					$ 7,537,403	$ 7,632,897	155.63%

(1) Other than the Company's investments listed in footnote 7 below (subject to the limitations set forth therein), the Company does not "Control" any of its portfolio companies, for the purposes of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Investment Company Act"). In general, under the Investment Company Act, the Company would "Control" a portfolio company if the Company owned more than 25% of its outstanding voting securities (i.e., securities with the right to elect directors) and/or had the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company. All of the Company's portfolio company investments, which as of December 31, 2013 represented 156% of the Company's net assets or 94% of the Company's total assets, are subject to legal restrictions on sales.

(2) These assets are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Credit Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than the Company's obligations under the Revolving Credit Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(3) These assets are owned by the Company's consolidated subsidiary Ares Capital CP Funding LLC ("Ares Capital CP"), are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Funding Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than Ares Capital CP's obligations under the Revolving Funding Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(4) These assets are owned by the Company's consolidated subsidiary Ares Capital JB Funding LLC ("ACJB"), are pledged as collateral for the SMBC Funding Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than ACJB's obligations under the SMBC Funding Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(5) Investments without an interest rate are non-income producing.

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(6)

As defined in the Investment Company Act, the Company is deemed to be an "Affiliated Person" of a portfolio company because it owns 5% or more of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company (including through a management agreement). Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2013 in which the issuer was an Affiliated company (but not a portfolio company that the Company ("Controls") are as follows:

Company	Purchases (cost)	Redemptions (cost)	Sales (cost)	Interest income	Capital structuring service fees	Dividend income	Other income	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)
10th Street, LLC	$	$	$	$ 3,361	$	$	$	$	$ 6,781
Apple & Eve, LLC and US Juice Partners, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3,807
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (3,252)
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage Co-Investors, L.L.C.	$	$ 6,626	$ 30,000	$ 6,177	$	$ 128	$ 154	$	$ 3,042
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings, LLC	$	$ 16,195	$	$ 875	$ 395	$ 1,047	$ 10	$	$ 615
The Dwyer Group	$	$	$	$ 3,458	$	$ 522	$	$	$ 4,166
ELC Acquisition Corp. and ELC Holdings Corporation	$	$ 1,682	$	$	$	$ 6,121	$	$	$ (2,667)
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	$	$	$	$ 2,623	$	$	$	$	$ (2,114)
Investor Group Services, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$ 176	$	$ 142	$ (78)
Multi-Ad Services, Inc.	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (283)
Pillar Processing LLC and PHL Holding Co.	$	$ 3,527	$	$	$	$	$	$ 46	$ (707)
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC	$	$ 2,049	$	$	$	$	$	$ (1,448)	$ 1,208
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 1,584
UL Holding Co., LLC	$	$ 295	$	$ 3,037	$	$	$ 49	$ 15	$ (13,225)

(7)

As defined in the Investment Company Act, the Company is deemed to be both an "Affiliated Person" and "Control" this portfolio company because it owns more than 25% of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company (including through a management agreement). Transactions during the period for the year ended December 31, 2013 in which the issuer was both an Affiliated company and a portfolio company that the Company is deemed to Control are as follows:

Company	Purchases	Redemptions (cost)	Sales (cost)	Interest income	Capital structuring service fees	Dividend income	Other income	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)
AllBridge Financial, LLC	$	$ 598	$	$	$	$ 864	$	$	$ 2,503
AWTP, LLC	$	$	$ 10,333	$ 1,237	$	$	$ 269	$ 8,740	$ (4,580)
Callidus Capital Corporation	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (6)
Ciena Capital LLC	$	$ 6,000	$	$ 4,495	$	$	$	$	$ (7,691)
Citipostal, Inc.	$ 4,000	$ 4,738	$	$ 5,473	$	$	$ (321)	$	$ (13,787)
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 194	$
HCI Equity, LLC	$	$ 340	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 227
HCP Acquisition Holdings, LLC	$ 6,696	$	$ 3,559	$	$	$	$	$ (809)	$ (3,137)
Hot Light Brands, Inc.	$	$ 1,573	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 698
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	$	$	$	$	$	$ 72,407	$	$	$ (13,904)
MVL Group, Inc.	$	$ 5,176	$	$ 11	$	$	$	$	$ 1,525
Orion Foods, LLC	$ 2,700	$ 6,712	$	$ 4,285	$	$	$ 808	$	$ 7,669
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC*	$ 652,458	$ 145,153	$	$ 224,867	$ 43,119	$	$ 23,491	$ 7,082	$ 421
The Thymes, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$ 410	$	$	$ 3,460

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Together with GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation (together, "GE"), the Company co-invests through the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC d/b/a the "Senior Secured Loan Program" (the "SSLP"). The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with approval from a representative of each required); therefore, although the Company owns more than 25% of the voting securities of the SSLP, the Company does not believe that it has control over the SSLP (for purposes of the Investment Company Act or

otherwise) because, among other things, these "voting securities" do not afford the Company the right to elect directors of the SSLP or any other special rights (see Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements).

(8)

Non-U.S. company or principal place of business outside the U.S. and as a result is not a qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act. Under the Investment Company Act, the Company may not acquire any non-qualifying asset unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets.

(9)

Excepted from the definition of investment company under Section 3(c) of the Investment Company Act and as a result is not a qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act. Under the Investment Company Act, the Company may not acquire any non-qualifying asset unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets.

(10)

In the first quarter of 2011, the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Staff") informally communicated to certain business development companies the Staff's belief that certain entities, which would be classified as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act but for the exception from the definition of "investment company" set forth in Rule 3a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act, could not be treated as eligible portfolio companies (as defined in Section 2(a)(46) of the Investment Company Act). Subsequently, in August 2011 the Securities and Exchange Commission issued a concept release (the "Concept Release") which states that "[a]s a general matter, the Commission presently does not believe that Rule 3a-7 issuers are the type of small, developing and financially troubled businesses in which Congress intended BDCs primarily to invest" and requested comment on whether or not a 3a-7 issuer should be considered an "eligible portfolio company". Ares Capital provided a comment letter in respect of the Concept Release and continues to believe that the language of Section 2(a)(46) of the Investment Company Act permits a business development company to treat as "eligible portfolio companies" entities that rely on the 3a-7 exception. However, given the current uncertainty in this area (including the language in

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the Concept Release) and subsequent discussions with the Staff, Ares Capital has, solely for purposes of calculating the composition of its portfolio pursuant to Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act, identified these entities in the Company's schedule of investments as "non-qualifying assets" should the Staff ultimately disagree with Ares Capital's position.

(11)

Variable rate loans to the Company's portfolio companies bear interest at a rate that may be determined by reference to either LIBOR or an alternate base rate (commonly based on the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate), at the borrower's option, which reset annually (A), semi-annually (S), quarterly (Q), bi-monthly (B), monthly (M) or daily (D). For each such loan, the Company has provided the interest rate in effect on the date presented.

(12)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 6.00% on $12 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(13)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.00% on $17 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(14)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.25% on $60 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(15)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 1.13% on $18 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(16)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 2.00% on $97 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(17)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.13% on $55 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(18)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.00% on $27 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(19)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.75% on $25 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(20)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 5.00% on $23 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(21)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 0.75% on $45 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(22)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.75% on $36 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(23)

The Company is entitled to receive a fixed fee upon the occurrence of certain events as defined in the credit agreement governing the Company's debt investment in the portfolio company. The fair value of such fee is included in the fair value of the debt investment.

(24)

Loan was on non-accrual status as of December 31, 2013.

(25)

Loan includes interest rate floor feature.

(26)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated contractual interest rate of this security, the certificates entitle the holders thereof to receive a portion of the excess cash flow from the SSLP's loan portfolio, which may result in a return to the Company greater than the contractual stated interest rate.

(27)

As of December 31, 2013, no amounts were funded by the Company under this first lien senior secured revolving loan; however, there were letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the loan. See Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

(28)

As of December 31, 2013, in addition to the amounts funded by the Company under this first lien senior secured revolving loan, there were also letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the loan. See Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

(29)

As of December 31, 2013, no amounts were funded by the Company under this letter of credit facility; however, there were letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the letter of credit facility. See Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Investment Funds and Vehicles							
AGILE Fund I, LLC(9)	Investment partnership	Member interest (0.50% interest)		4/1/2010	$ 124	$ 29(2)	
CIC Flex, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership units (0.94 unit)		9/7/2007	2,302	3,570(2)	
Covestia Capital Partners, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (47.00% interest)		6/17/2008	1,059	1,135(2)	
Dynamic India Fund IV, LLC(9)	Investment company	Member interest (5.44% interest)		4/1/2010	4,822	3,104	
HCI Equity, LLC(7)(8)(9)	Investment company	Member interest (100.00% interest)		4/1/2010	452	447	
Imperial Capital Private Opportunities, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (80.00% interest)		5/10/2007	6,051	8,341(2)	
Partnership Capital Growth Fund I, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (25.00% interest)		6/16/2006	1,596	4,197(2)	
Partnership Capital Growth Fund III, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (2.50% interest)		10/5/2011	1,964	1,819(2)	
Piper Jaffray Merchant Banking Fund I, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (2.00% interest)		8/16/2012	286	259(2)	
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC(7)(10)	Co-investment vehicle	Subordinated certificates ($1,244,969 par due 12/2022)	8.31% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)(21)	10/30/2009	1,237,887	1,263,644	
		Membership interest (87.50% interest)		10/30/2009			
					1,237,887	1,263,644	
VSC Investors LLC(9)	Investment company	Membership interest (1.95% interest)		1/24/2008	387	854(2)	
					1,256,930	1,287,399	32.28%
Healthcare Services							
California Forensic Medical Group, Incorporated	Correctional facility healthcare operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,000 par due 11/2018)	10.25% (Base Rate + 7.00%/Q)	11/16/2012	2,000	2,000(2)(20)(23)	

		First lien senior secured loan ($54,182 par due 11/2018)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	11/16/2012	54,182	54,182(2)(20)
					56,182	56,182
CCS Group Holdings, LLC	Correctional facility healthcare operator	Class A units (601,937 units)		8/19/2010	602	1,205(2)
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings LLC(6)	Healthcare analysis services	First lien senior secured loan ($7,565 par due 3/2017)	7.75% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	3/15/2011	7,565	7,263(2)(20)
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,172 par due 3/2017)	7.75% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	3/15/2011	7,172	6,885(3)(20)
		Class A common stock (9,679 shares)		6/15/2007	4,000	4,772(2)
		Class C common stock (1,546 shares)		6/15/2007		1,316(2)
					18,737	20,236
INC Research, Inc.	Pharmaceutical and biotechnology consulting services	Common stock (1,410,000 shares)		9/27/2010	1,512	929(2)

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Intermedix Corporation	Revenue cycle management provider to the emergency healthcare industry	Second lien senior secured loan ($112,000 par due 6/2019)	10.25% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	12/27/2012	112,000	112,000(2)(20)	
Magnacare Holdings, Inc., Magnacare Administrative Services, LLC, and Magnacare, LLC	Healthcare professional provider	First lien senior secured loan ($15,298 par due 3/2018)	9.75% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	9/15/2010	15,298	15,298(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($42,846 par due 3/2018)	9.75% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	9/15/2010	42,846	42,846(3)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,869 par due 3/2018)	9.75% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	9/15/2010	4,869	4,869(4)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($55,307 par due 3/2018)	9.75% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	3/16/2012	55,307	55,307(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($15,579 par due 3/2018)	9.75% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	3/16/2012	15,579	15,579(3)(20)	
					133,899	133,899	
MW Dental Holding Corp.	Dental services	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($3,000 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	3,000	3,000(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($55,034 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	55,034	55,034(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($49,253 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	49,253	49,253(3)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,900 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	9,900	9,900(4)(20)	
					117,187	117,187	
Napa Management Services Corporation	Anesthesia management services provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($5,250 par due 4/2016)	7.50% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	4/15/2011	5,250	5,250(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,062 par due 4/2016)	7.50% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	4/15/2011	8,984	9,062(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($28,125 par due 4/2016)	7.50% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	4/15/2011	28,125	28,125(3)(20)	
		Common units (5,000 units)		4/15/2011	5,000	6,169(2)	
					47,359	48,606	
Netsmart Technologies, Inc. and NS Holdings, Inc.	Healthcare technology provider	First lien senior secured loan ($40,095 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/18/2012	40,095	40,095(2)(17)(20)	
		Common stock (2,500,000 shares)		6/21/2010	2,500	2,611(2)	
					42,595	42,706	

OnCURE Medical Corp.	Radiation oncology care provider	Common stock (857,143 shares)		8/18/2006	3,000	(2)
Passport Health Communications, Inc., Passport Holding Corp. and Prism Holding Corp.	Healthcare technology provider	Series A preferred stock (1,594,457 shares)		7/30/2008	11,156	11,448(2)
		Common stock (16,106 shares)		7/30/2008	100	(2)
					11,256	11,448
PG Mergersub, Inc. and PGA Holdings, Inc.	Provider of patient surveys, management reports and national databases for the integrated healthcare delivery system	Second lien senior secured loan ($45,000 par due 10/2018)	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/19/2012	45,000	45,000(2)(20)
		Preferred stock (333 shares)		3/12/2008	125	14(2)
		Common stock (16,667 shares)		3/12/2008	167	697(2)
					45,292	45,711

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RCHP, Inc.	Operator of general acute care hospitals	Second lien senior secured loan ($15,000 par due 5/2019)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/S)	11/4/2011	15,000	15,000(2)(20)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($50,000 par due 5/2019)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/S)	11/4/2011	50,000	50,000(3)(20)	
					65,000	65,000	
Reed Group, Ltd.	Medical disability management services provider	Equity interests		4/1/2010		435(2)	
Respicardia, Inc.	Developer of implantable therapies to improve cardiovascular health	First lien senior secured loan ($6,000 par due 7/2015)	11.00%	6/28/2012	5,968	6,000(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 99,094 shares of Series C preferred stock		6/28/2012	38	29(2)	
					6,006	6,029	
Sage Products Holdings III, LLC	Patient infection control and preventive care solutions provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($75,000 par due 6/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	12/13/2012	75,000	75,000(2)(20)	
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC(6)	Outpatient medical imaging provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($2,521 par due 11/2010)		4/1/2010	2,050	843(2)(19)	
		Preferred member units (1,823,179 units)		4/1/2010			
					2,050	843	
SurgiQuest, Inc.	Medical device manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($7,000 par due 10/2016)	10.00%	9/28/2012	6,801	7,000(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 54,672 shares of Series D-4 convertible preferred stock		9/28/2012		(2)	
					6,801	7,000	
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc.	Anesthesiology service provider	First lien senior secured loan ($15,000 par due 12/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	12/27/2012	15,000	15,000(2)(20)	
Vantage Oncology, Inc.	Radiation oncology care provider	Common stock (62,157 shares)		2/3/2011	4,670	2,616(2)	
					764,148	762,032	19.11%
Education							
American Academy Holdings, LLC	Provider of education, training, certification, networking, and	First lien senior secured loan ($541 par due 3/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	3/18/2011	541	541(2)(20)	

	consulting services to medical coders and other healthcare professionals					
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,357 par due 3/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	3/18/2011	10,357	10,357(2)(20)
		First lien senior secured loan ($60,904 par due 3/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	3/18/2011	60,904	60,904(3)(20)
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,782 par due 3/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	3/18/2011	4,782	4,782(4)(20)
					76,584	76,584
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp.(6)	Education software developer	Preferred stock (485,159 shares)		2/8/2008	10,520	6,589(2)

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Community Education Centers, Inc.	Offender re-entry and in-prison treatment services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($15,000 par due 12/2014)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	12/10/2010	15,000	15,000(2)(15)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($714 par due 12/2014)	7.50% (Base Rate + 4.25%/Q)	12/10/2010	714	714(2)(15)(20)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($33,150 par due 12/2015)	15.33% (Libor + 8.50% Cash, 6.50% PIK/Q)	12/10/2010	33,150	29,837(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($9,978 par due 12/2015)	15.31% (Libor + 8.50% Cash, 6.50% PIK/Q)	12/10/2010	9,978	8,980(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 654,618 shares		12/13/2010		(2)	
					58,842	54,531	
eInstruction Corporation	Developer, manufacturer and retailer of educational products	Second lien senior secured loan ($17,000 par due 7/2014)		4/1/2010	15,257	(2)(19)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($31,997 par due 1/2015)		4/1/2010	24,151	(2)(19)	
		Common stock (2,406 shares)		4/1/2010	926	(2)	
					40,334		
ELC Acquisition Corp., ELC Holdings Corporation, and Excelligence Learning Corporation(6)	Developer, manufacturer and retailer of educational products	Preferred stock (99,492 shares)	12.00% PIK	8/1/2011	10,492	11,766(2)	
		Common stock (50,800 shares)		8/1/2011	51	2,789(2)	
					10,543	14,555	
Infilaw Holding, LLC	Operator of three for-profit law schools	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/25/2011		(22)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($1 par due 8/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	1	1(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($19,157 par due 8/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	19,157	19,157(3)(20)	
		Series A preferred units (124,890 units)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	124,890	124,890(2)(20)	
		Series B preferred stock (3.91 units)		10/19/2012	9,245	9,524(2)	
					153,293	153,572	
Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Inc. & Leeds IV Advisors, Inc.	Private school operator	Series B preferred stock (1,750,000 shares)		8/5/2010	5,000	7,143(2)	
		Series C preferred stock (2,512,586 shares)		6/7/2010	689	159(2)	
				6/7/2010		(2)	

		Common stock (20 shares)				
					5,689	7,302
Lakeland Tours, LLC	Educational travel provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan		10/4/2011		(22)
		First lien senior secured loan ($58,826 par due 12/2016)	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	58,670	58,826(14)(20)
		First lien senior secured loan ($1,793 par due 12/2016)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	1,789	1,793(2)(20)
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,362 par due 12/2016)	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	40,255	40,362(3)(14)(20)
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,967 par due 12/2016)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	8,943	8,967(3)(20)
		Common stock (5,000 shares)		10/4/2011	5,000	4,555(2)
					114,657	114,503

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R3 Education, Inc. and EIC Acquisitions Corp.	Medical school operator	Preferred stock (8,800 shares)		7/30/2008	2,200	1,936(2)	
		Common membership interest (26.27% interest)		9/21/2007	15,800	29,829(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 27,890 shares		12/8/2009		(2)	
					18,000	31,765	
					488,462	459,401	11.52%
Financial Services							
AllBridge Financial, LLC(7)	Asset management services	Equity interests		4/1/2010	5,675	7,814	
Callidus Capital Corporation(7)	Asset management services	Common stock (100 shares)		4/1/2010	3,000	1,718	
Ciena Capital LLC(7)	Real estate and small business loan servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($14,000 par due 12/2014)	6.00%	11/29/2010	14,000	14,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($32,000 par due 12/2016)	12.00%	11/29/2010	32,000	32,000(2)	
		Equity interests		11/29/2010	53,374	18,616(2)	
					99,374	64,616	
Commercial Credit Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment finance and leasing company	Senior subordinated loan ($28,000 par due 5/2018)	12.75%	5/10/2012	28,000	28,000(2)	
Cook Inlet Alternative Risk, LLC	Risk management services	Senior subordinated loan ($2,750 par due 9/2015)	9.00%	9/30/2011	2,750	2,750(2)	
Financial Pacific Company	Commercial finance leasing	Preferred stock (6,500 shares)	8.00% PIK	10/13/2010	3,733	13,687	
		Common stock (650,000 shares)		10/13/2010			
					3,733	13,687	
Gordian Acquisition Corporation	Financial services firm	Common stock (526 shares)		11/30/2012			
Imperial Capital Group LLC	Investment services	Class A common units (7,710 units)		5/10/2007	14,997	18,954(2)	
		2006 Class B common units (2,526 units)		5/10/2007	3	4(2)	
		2007 Class B common units (315 units)		5/10/2007		1(2)	
					15,000	18,959	
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.(7)(9)	Asset management services	Member interest (100.00% interest)		6/15/2009	170,961	294,258	
					328,493	431,802	10.83%

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Restaurants and Food Services							
ADF Capital, Inc. & ADF Restaurant Group, LLC	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($1,468 par due 11/2013)	6.50% (Libor + 3.50%/Q)	11/27/2006	1,468	1,468(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($200 par due 11/2013)	6.50% (Base Rate + 2.50%/Q)	11/27/2006	200	200(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,200 par due 11/2014)	12.50% (Libor + 9.50%/Q)	11/27/2006	9,200	9,200(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($11,034 par due 11/2014)	12.50% (Libor + 9.50%/Q)	11/27/2006	11,037	11,034(3)(20)	
		Promissory note ($14,897,360 par due 11/2016)	12.00% PIK	11/27/2006	16,001	18,719(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 0.61 shares		6/1/2006		5,496(2)	
					37,906	46,117	
Benihana, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($431 par due 8/2017)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/M)	8/21/2012	431	431(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($21,769 par due 2/2018)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	8/21/2012	21,769	21,769(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 2/2018)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	8/21/2012	10,000	10,000(4)(20)	
					32,200	32,200	
Hojeij Branded Foods, Inc.	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($1,900 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	1,900	1,900(2)(20)(23)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($22,600 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	22,025	22,600(2)(20)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 7.5% of membership interest		2/15/2012		132(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 324 shares of Class A common stock		2/15/2012	669	1,899(2)	
					24,594	26,531	
Orion Foods, LLC (fka Hot Stuff Foods, LLC)(7)	Convenience food service retailer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($7,800 par due 9/2014)	10.75% (Base Rate + 7.50%/M)	4/1/2010	7,800	7,800(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($33,477 par due 9/2014)	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	33,477	33,477(3)(20)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($37,552 par due 9/2014)		4/1/2010	23,695	17,807(2)(19)	
		Preferred units (10,000 units)		10/28/2010		(2)	

		Class A common units (25,001 units)		4/1/2010		(2)
		Class B common units (1,122,452 units)		4/1/2010		(2)
					64,972	59,084
OTG Management, LLC	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($25,000 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/11/2012	25,000	25,000(2)(20)
		Common units (3,000,000 units)		1/5/2011	3,000	2,042(2)
		Warrants to purchase up to 7.73% of common units		6/19/2008	100	4,334(2)
					28,100	31,376

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Performance Food Group, Inc. and Wellspring Distribution Corp.	Food service distributor	Second lien senior secured loan ($50,000 par due 5/2015)	11.00%	5/30/2012	50,000	50,000(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($50,250 par due 5/2015)	11.00%	5/23/2008	49,529	50,250(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($50,000 par due 5/2015)	11.00%	5/23/2008	49,705	50,000(3)	
		Class A non-voting common stock (1,366,120 shares)		5/3/2008	7,500	6,732(2)	
					156,734	156,982	
Restaurant Holding Company, LLC	Fast food restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($61,333 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/M)	2/17/2012	60,280	61,333(3)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,436 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/M)	2/17/2012	9,272	9,436(4)(20)	
					69,552	70,769	
S.B. Restaurant Company	Restaurant owner and operator	Preferred stock (46,690 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 257,429 shares of common stock		4/1/2010		(2)	
					414,058	423,059	10.61%
Services Other							
Capital Investments and Ventures Corp.	SCUBA diver training and certification provider	First lien senior secured loan ($64,837 par due 8/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	8/9/2012	64,837	64,837(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,975 par due 8/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	8/9/2012	9,975	9,975(4)(20)	
					74,812	74,812	
Competitor Group, Inc. and Calera XVI, LLC	Endurance sports media and event operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,850 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	2,850	2,850(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($900 par due 11/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	900	900(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($54,500 par due 11/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	54,500	54,500(2)(20)	
		Membership units (2,500,000 units)		11/30/2012	2,500	2,500(2)(9)	
					60,750	60,750	

Massage Envy, LLC	Franchiser in the massage industry	First lien senior secured loan ($80,494 par due 9/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	9/27/2012	80,494	80,494(2)(20)
		Common stock (3,000,000 shares)		9/27/2012	3,000	3,000(2)
					83,494	83,494

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McKenzie Sports Products, LLC	Designer, manufacturer and distributor of taxidermy forms and supplies	First lien senior secured loan ($11,833 par due 3/2017)	7.00% (Libor + 5.50%/M)	3/30/2012	11,833	11,833(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($28 par due 3/2017)	7.75% (Base Rate + 4.50%/M)	3/30/2012	28	28(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,902 par due 3/2017)	7.00% (Libor + 5.50%/M)	3/30/2012	9,902	9,902(4)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($23 par due 3/2017)	7.75% (Base Rate + 4.50%/M)	3/30/2012	23	23(4)(20)	
					21,786	21,786	
The Dwyer Group(6)	Operator of multiple franchise concepts primarily related to home maintenance or repairs	Senior subordinated loan ($25,400 par due 6/2018)	12.00% Cash, 1.50% PIK	12/22/2010	25,400	25,400(2)	
		Series A preferred units (13,292,377 units)	8.00% PIK	12/22/2010	6,337	13,962(2)	
					31,737	39,362	
Wash Multifamily Laundry Systems, LLC (fka Web Services Company, LLC)	Laundry service and equipment provider	First lien senior secured loan ($27,172 par due 8/2014)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	6/26/2012	27,091	27,172(2)(20)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 8/2015)	10.88% (Libor + 9.38%/Q)	1/25/2011	40,000	40,000(2)(20)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($50,000 par due 8/2015)	10.88% (Libor + 9.38%/Q)	1/25/2011	50,000	50,000(3)(20)	
					117,091	117,172	
					389,670	397,376	9.96%
Business Services							
Access CIG, LLC	Records and information management services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($1,000 par due 10/2017)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	10/5/2012	1,000	1,000(2)(20)	
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage Co-Investors, L.L.C.(6)	Payroll and accounting services provider to the entertainment industry	First lien senior secured loan ($100,000 par due 12/2017)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	12/24/2012	100,000	100,000(2)(20)	
		Class A membership units (2,500,000 units)		12/24/2012	2,500	2,500(2)	
		Class B membership units (2,500,000 units)		12/24/2012	2,500	2,500(2)	
					105,000	105,000	
				12/15/2011	2,500	3,543(2)	

CIBT Investment Holdings, LLC	Expedited travel document processing services	Class A shares (2,500 shares)

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CitiPostal Inc.(7)	Document storage and management services	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($1,000 par due 12/2013)	6.75% (Base Rate + 3.25%/Q)	4/1/2010	1,000	1,000(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($523 par due 12/2013)	8.50% Cash, 5.50% PIK	4/1/2010	523	523(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($53,561 par due 12/2013)	8.50% Cash, 5.50% PIK	4/1/2010	53,561	53,561(3)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($17,224 par due 12/2015)		4/1/2010	13,038	1,556(2)(19)	
		Common stock (37,024 shares)		4/1/2010			
					68,122	56,640	
Command Alkon, Inc.	Software solutions provider to the ready-mix concrete industry	Second lien senior secured loan ($39,130 par due 3/2018)	9.75% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	9/28/2012	39,130	39,130(2)(20)	
Cornerstone Records Management, LLC	Physical records storage and management service provider	First lien senior secured loan ($18,460 par due 8/2016)	10.50% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	8/12/2011	18,460	17,722(2)(20)	
HCP Acquisition Holdings, LLC(7)	Healthcare compliance advisory services	Class A units (12,287,082 units)		6/26/2008	12,347	(2)	
IfByPhone Inc.	Voice-based marketing automation software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($2,000 par due 11/2015)	11.00%	10/15/2012	1,917	2,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($1,000 par due 1/2016)	11.00%	10/15/2012	1,000	1,000(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 124,300 shares of Series C preferred stock		10/15/2012	88	88(2)	
					3,005	3,088	
Impact Innovations Group, LLC	IT consulting and outsourcing services	Member interest (50.00% interest)		4/1/2010		200	
Investor Group Services, LLC(6)	Business consulting for private equity and corporate clients	Limited liability company membership interest (10.00% interest)		6/22/2006		711	
Itel Laboratories, Inc.	Data services provider for building materials to property insurance industry	First lien senior secured loan ($12,263 par due 6/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	6/29/2012	12,263	12,263(2)(20)	
		Preferred units (1,798,391 units)		6/29/2012	1,000	1,093(2)	
					13,263	13,356	
Multi-Ad Services, Inc.(6)				4/1/2010	788	2,037	

Marketing services and software provider	Preferred units (1,725,280 units)				
	Common units (1,725,280 units)		4/1/2010		
				788	2,037

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MVL Group, Inc.(7)	Marketing research provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($806 par due 6/2012)	4.94% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	6/28/2012	806	806(2)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($36,766 par due 7/2012)		4/1/2010	34,636	5,330(2)(19)	
		Junior subordinated loan ($185 par due 7/2012)		4/1/2010		(2)(19)	
		Common stock (560,716 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					35,442	6,136	
Performant Financial Corporation	Collections services	Common stock (772,130 shares)		4/1/2010	1,191	7,799(2)	
		Common stock (207,912 shares)		2/5/2005	241	2,100(2)	
					1,432	9,899	
Pillar Processing LLC and PHL Holding Co.(6)	Mortgage services	First lien senior secured loan ($7,033 par due 11/2018)		7/31/2008	6,709	7,033(2)(19)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,375 par due 5/2019)		11/20/2007	6,661	522(2)(19)	
		Class A common stock (576 shares)		7/31/2012	3,768	(2)	
					17,138	7,555	
Powersport Auctioneer Holdings, LLC	Powersport vehicle auction operator	Common units (1,972 units)		3/2/2012	1,000	736(2)	
Prommis Holdings, LLC	Bankruptcy and foreclosure processing services	Class B common units (1,727 units)		6/12/2012		(2)	
Promo Works, LLC	Marketing services	First lien senior secured loan ($8,655 par due 12/2013)		4/1/2010	3,249	2,042(2)(19)	
R2 Acquisition Corp.	Marketing services	Common stock (250,000 shares)		5/29/2007	250	137(2)	
Strident Holding, Inc.	Recovery audit services provider to commercial and governmental healthcare payors	First lien senior secured loan ($7,935 par due 7/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	7/26/2012	7,935	7,935(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,975 par due 7/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	7/26/2012	9,975	9,975(4)(20)	
					17,910	17,910	
Summit Business Media Parent Holding Company LLC	Business media consulting services	Limited liability company membership interest (45.98% interest)		5/20/2011		873(2)	
TOA Technologies, Inc.	Cloud based, mobile workforce	First lien senior secured loan ($13,000 par due	10.25%	10/31/2012	12,415	12,480(2)	

management applications provider	10/2016)			
	Warrant to purchase up to 2,509,770 shares of Series D preferred stock	10/31/2012	605	617(2)
			13,020	13,097

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Tradesmen International, Inc.	Construction labor support	Warrants to purchase up to 771,036 shares		4/1/2010		10,150	
Tripwire, Inc.	IT security software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($50,000 par due 5/2018)	6.00% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	5/23/2011	50,000	50,000(3)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 5/2018)	6.00% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	5/23/2011	10,000	10,000(4)(20)	
		Class A common stock (2,970 shares)		5/23/2011	2,970	6,941(2)	
		Class B common stock (2,655,638 shares)		5/23/2011	30	70(2)	
					63,000	67,011	
Venturehouse-Cibernet Investors, LLC	Financial settlement services for intercarrier wireless roaming	Equity interest		4/1/2010		(2)	
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC(6)	Management consulting services	Common membership interest (5.98% interest)		10/26/2007	10,204	3,652	
					426,260	381,625	9.57%
Containers Packaging							
ICSH, Inc.	Industrial container manufacturer, reconditioner and servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/31/2011		(22)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($22,569 par due 8/2016)	8.00% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	22,569	22,569(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($3,750 par due 8/2016)	9.25% (Base Rate + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	3,750	3,750(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($24,217 par due 8/2016)	8.04% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	24,217	24,217(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($67,961 par due 8/2016)	8.04% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	67,961	67,961(3)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($353 par due 8/2016)	8.00% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	353	353(3)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,795 par due 8/2016)	8.04% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	14,795	14,795(4)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($77 par due 8/2016)	8.00% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	77	77(4)(20)	
					133,722	133,722	
Microstar Logistics LLC, Microstar Global Asset Management LLC and MStar Holding Corporation	Keg management solutions provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($165,000 par due 12/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/14/2012	165,000	165,000(2)(20)	
		Common Stock (50,000 shares)		12/14/2012	5,000	5,000(2)	

	170,000	170,000

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Pregis Corporation, Pregis Intellipack Corp. and Pregis Innovative Packaging Inc.	Provider of highly-customized, tailored protective packaging solutions	First lien senior secured loan ($3 par due 3/2017)	8.50% (Base Rate + 5.25%/Q)	4/25/2012	3	3(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($992 par due 3/2017)	7.75% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	4/25/2012	992	992(2)(20)	
					995	995	
					304,717	304,717	7.64%
Consumer Products Non-durable							
Gilchrist & Soames, Inc.	Personal care manufacturer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($9,200 par due 10/2013)	6.25% (Libor + 5.00%/M)	4/1/2010	9,200	9,200(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($21,941 par due 10/2013)	13.44%	4/1/2010	21,710	20,847(2)	
					30,910	30,047	
Implus Footcare, LLC	Provider of footwear and other accessories	Preferred stock (455 shares)	6.00% PIK	10/31/2011	4,873	4,873(2)	
		Common stock (455 shares)		10/31/2011	455	196(2)	
					5,328	5,069	
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation(6)	OTC drug products manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($19,310 par due 8/2017)	13.25% (Libor + 11.75%/Q)	8/26/2011	19,136	19,310(3)(20)	
		Class A common stock (155,000 shares)		8/26/2011	6,035	8,277(2)	
		Class B common stock (155,000 shares)		8/26/2011	6,035	8,277(2)	
					31,206	35,864	
Matrixx Initiatives, Inc. and Wonder Holdings Acquisition Corp.	Developer and marketer of over-the-counter healthcare products	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($9,500 par due 6/2016)	13.00% (Libor + 12.00%/M)	6/30/2011	9,500	8,550(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($38,781 par due 6/2016)	13.00% (Libor + 12.00%/Q)	6/30/2011	38,581	34,903(3)(20)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 1,654,678 shares of common stock		7/27/2011		(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 1,489 shares of preferred stock		7/27/2011		(2)	
					48,081	43,453	
Oak Parent, Inc.	Manufacturer of athletic apparel	First lien senior secured loan ($41,299 par due 4/2018)	8.00% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	41,125	41,299(2)(20)	

		First lien senior secured loan ($9,428 par due 4/2018)	8.00% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	9,388	9,428(4)(20)
					50,513	50,727
PG-ACP Co-Invest, LLC	Supplier of medical uniforms, specialized medical footwear and accessories	Class A membership units (1,000,0000 units)		8/29/2012	1,000	1,293(2)

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The Step2 Company, LLC	Toy manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($27,000 par due 4/2015)	10.00%	4/1/2010	26,092	27,000(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($32,814 par due 4/2015)	10.00% Cash, 6.00% PIK	4/1/2010	31,859	28,876(2)	
		Common units (1,116,879 units)		4/1/2010	24	94	
		Warrants to purchase up to 3,157,895 units		4/1/2010		269	
					57,975	56,239	
The Thymes, LLC(7)	Cosmetic products manufacturer	Preferred units (6,283 units)	8.00% PIK	6/21/2007	5,631	5,244	
		Common units (5,400 units)		6/21/2007		3,138	
					5,631	8,382	
Woodstream Corporation	Pet products manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($3,000 par due 8/2014)	6.50% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	4/18/2012	3,000	3,000(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($15,000 par due 8/2014)	6.50% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	4/18/2012	15,000	15,000(4)(20)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($45,000 par due 2/2015)	12.00%	1/22/2010	41,637	45,000(2)	
		Common stock (4,254 shares)		1/22/2010	1,222	2,999(2)	
					60,859	65,999	
					291,503	297,073	7.45%
Energy							
Centinela Funding, LLC	Solar power generation facility developer and operator	First lien senior secured loan ($45,000 par due 11/2020)	10.00% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	11/14/2012	45,000	45,000(2)(20)	
EquiPower Resources Holdings, LLC	Gas-fired power generation facilities operator	Second lien senior secured loan ($22,500 par due 6/2019)	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	6/27/2012	22,073	22,500(2)(20)	
La Paloma Generating Company, LLC	Natural gas fired, combined cycle plant operator	Second lien senior secured loan ($59,000 par due 8/2018)	10.25% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	8/9/2011	57,908	56,640(2)(20)	
Panda Sherman Power, LLC	Developer and operator of a gas turbine power plant	First lien senior secured loan ($32,500 par due 9/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/14/2012	32,500	32,500(2)(20)	
Panda Temple Power, LLC	Developer and operator of a gas turbine power plant	First lien senior secured loan ($60,000 par due 7/2018)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	7/17/2012	58,157	60,000(2)(20)	
					215,638	216,640	5.43%

Automotive Services					
Driven Holdings, LLC	Automotive aftermarket car care franchisor	Preferred stock (247,500 units)	12/16/2011	2,475	2,688(2)
		Common stock (25,000 units)	12/16/2011	25	137(2)
				2,500	2,825

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Eckler Industries, Inc.	Restoration parts and accessories provider for classic automobiles	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($1,300 par due 7/2017)	8.25% (Base Rate + 5.00%/M)	7/12/2012	1,300	1,300(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($52,071 par due 7/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	7/12/2012	52,071	52,071(2)(20)	
		Series A preferred stock (1,800 shares)		7/12/2012	1,800	1,871(2)	
		Common stock (20,000 shares)		7/12/2012	200	200(2)	
					55,371	55,442	
EcoMotors, Inc.	Engine developer	First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 7/2016)	10.13%	12/28/2012	4,850	5,000(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 321,888 shares of Series C Preferred Stock		12/28/2012		84(2)	
					4,850	5,084	
Service King Paint & Body, LLC	Collision repair site operators	First lien senior secured loan ($122,850 par due 8/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	8/20/2012	122,850	122,850(2)(16)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,925 par due 8/2017)	5.50% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	8/20/2012	9,925	9,925(2)(20)	
		Membership interest		8/20/2012	5,000	6,684(2)	
					137,775	139,459	
					200,496	202,810	5.09%
Manufacturing							
Cambrios Technologies Corporation	Nanotechnology-based solutions for electronic devices and computers	First lien senior secured loan ($4,848 par due 8/2015)	12.00%	8/7/2012	4,848	4,848(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 400,000 shares of Series D-4 convertible preferred stock		8/2/2012		8(2)	
					4,848	4,856	
Component Hardware Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment	Second lien senior secured loan ($3,202 par due 12/2014)	7.00% Cash, 3.00% PIK	8/4/2010	3,202	3,202(2)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($11,142 par due 12/2014)	7.50% Cash, 5.00% PIK	4/1/2010	8,343	11,142(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 1,462,500 shares of common stock		8/4/2010		7,322(2)	

					11,545	21,666
MWI Holdings, Inc.	Provider of engineered springs, fasteners, and other precision components	First lien senior secured loan ($38,274 par due 6/2017)	10.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	6/15/2011	38,274	38,274(2)(20)
Lighting Science Group Corporation	Advanced lighting products	Letter of credit facility		9/20/2011		(24)
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 6/2017)	10.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	6/15/2011	10,000	10,000(4)(20)
					48,274	48,274
NetShape Technologies, Inc.	Metal precision engineered components	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($415 par due 2/2013)	3.96% (Libor + 3.75%/M)	4/1/2010	415	373(2)
Pelican Products, Inc.	Flashlights	First lien senior secured loan ($7,960 par due 7/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	7/13/2012	7,960	7,960(4)(20)
		Second lien senior secured loan ($32,000 par due 6/2019)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	7/13/2012	32,000	32,000(2)(20)
					39,960	39,960

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Protective Industries, Inc. dba Caplugs	Plastic protection products	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($1,633 par due 5/2016)	5.75% (Libor + 4.25%/M)	5/23/2011	1,633	1,633(2)(20)(23)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($1,500 par due 5/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.25%/M)	11/30/2012	1,500	1,500(2)(20)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($695 par due 5/2018)	8.00% Cash, 7.25% PIK	5/23/2011	695	695(2)	
		Preferred stock (2,379,361 shares)		5/23/2011	2,307	4,644(2)	
					6,135	8,472	
Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC	Metal precision engineered components	Common units (1,000 units)		1/30/2007	1,000	(2)	
Sigma International Group, Inc.	Water treatment parts	Second lien senior secured loan ($4,195 par due 4/2014)	10.00% (Libor + 5.00% Cash, 5.00% PIK/Q)	7/8/2011	4,195	4,195(2)(20)	
SSH Environmental Industries, Inc. and SSH Non-Destructive Testing, Inc.	Magnetic sensors and supporting sensor products	First lien senior secured loan ($11,625 par due 12/2016)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	3/23/2012	11,424	11,625(2)(20)	
					127,796	139,421	3.50%
Aerospace and Defense							
ILC Industries, LLC	Designer and manufacturer of protective cases and technically advanced lighting systems	First lien senior secured loan ($4,925 par due 7/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	7/13/2012	4,838	4,925(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($19,950 par due 7/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	7/13/2012	19,574	19,950(4)(20)	
					24,412	24,875	
PRV Aerospace, LLC	Aerospace precision components manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($1,136 par due 5/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	5/15/2012	1,130	1,136(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,460 par due 5/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	5/15/2012	8,383	8,460(4)(20)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($80,000 par due 5/2019)	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/Q)	5/10/2012	80,000	80,000(2)(20)	
					89,513	89,596	
Wyle Laboratories, Inc. and Wyle Holdings, Inc.	Provider of specialized engineering, scientific and technical services	Senior preferred stock (775 shares)	8.00% PIK	1/17/2008	103	103(2)	
				1/17/2008	2,291	2,346(2)	

Common stock (1,885,195 shares)			
	2,394	2,449	
	116,319	116,920	2.93%

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Telecommunications							
American Broadband Communications, LLC, American Broadband Holding Company, Cameron Holdings of NC, Inc., and Dialog Telecom LLC	Broadband communication services	First lien senior secured loan ($7,666 par due 9/2013)	7.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	9/1/2010	7,666	7,666(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($16,476 par due 12/2013)	12.00% (Libor + 11.50%/Q)	6/20/2011	16,476	16,476(2)(20)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($10,741 par due 11/2014)	12.00% Cash, 2.00% PIK	9/1/2010	10,741	10,312(2)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($34,104 par due 11/2014)	12.00% Cash, 2.00% PIK	11/7/2007	34,104	32,740(3)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($23,513 par due 11/2014)	10.00% Cash, 4.00% PIK	11/7/2007	23,513	22,574(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 378 shares		11/7/2007		2,533	
		Warrants to purchase up to 200 shares		9/1/2010		1,340(2)	
					92,500	93,641	
Startec Equity, LLC(7)	Communication services	Member interest		4/1/2010			
					92,500	93,641	2.35%
Consumer Products Durable							
Bushnell Inc.	Sports optics manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($48,825 par due 2/2016)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	44,000	48,338(2)(20)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($43,675 par due 2/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	4/30/2012	43,675	43,675(2)(20)	
					87,675	92,013	2.31%
Oil and Gas							
Geotrace Technologies, Inc.	Reservoir processing and development	Warrants to purchase up to 69,978 shares of common stock		4/1/2010	88	(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 210,453 shares of preferred stock		4/1/2010	2,805	1,757(2)	
					2,893	1,757	

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
UL Holding Co., LLC and Universal Lubricants, LLC(6)	Petroleum product manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($4,935 par due 12/2014)	9.19% (Libor + 7.19% Cash, 2.00% PIK/Q)	4/30/2012	4,935	4,935(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($25,413 par due 12/2014)	9.19% (Libor + 7.19% Cash, 2.00% PIK/Q)	4/30/2012	25,413	25,413(3)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($4,920 par due 12/2014)	12.00% Cash, 2.00% PIK	4/30/2012	4,920	4,920(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($5,078 par due 12/2014)	12.00% Cash, 3.00% PIK	4/30/2012	5,078	5,078(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($18,614 par due 12/2014)	12.00% Cash, 2.00% PIK	4/30/2012	18,614	18,614(3)	
		Class A common units (151,236 units)		6/17/2011	1,512	57(2)	
		Class B-5 common units (599,200 units)		4/25/2008	5,472	226(2)	
		Class B-4 common units (50,000 units)		6/17/2011	500	19(2)	
		Class C common units (758,546 units)		4/25/2008		287(2)	
					66,444	59,549	
					69,337	61,306	1.54%
Retail							
Fulton Holdings Corp.	Airport retail operator	First lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 5/2016)	12.50%	5/28/2010	40,000	40,000(3)(12)	
		Common stock (19,672 shares)		5/28/2010	1,967	1,873	
					41,967	41,873	
Things Remembered Inc. and TRM Holdings Corporation	Personalized gifts retailer	First lien senior secured loan ($14,962 par due 5/2018)	8.00% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	5/24/2012	14,962	14,962(4)(20)	
					56,929	56,835	1.43%
Printing, Publishing and Media							
Batanga, Inc.	Independent digital media company	First lien senior secured loan ($5,500 par due 10/2016)	9.60%	10/31/2012	5,500	5,594(2)(18)	
Earthcolor Group, LLC	Printing management services	Limited liability company interests (9.30%)		5/18/2012			
National Print Group, Inc.	Printing management services	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($913 par due 10/2013)	9.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	3/2/2006	913	895(2)(20)(23)	

First lien senior secured revolving loan ($1,038 par due 10/2013)	9.00% (Base Rate + 5.00%/M)	3/2/2006	1,038	1,017(2)(20)
First lien senior secured loan ($6,903 par due 10/2013)	10.00% (Libor + 9.00% Cash, 1.00% PIK/Q)	3/2/2006	6,631	6,834(2)(20)
First lien senior secured loan ($331 par due 10/2013)	10.00% (Base Rate + 9.00% Cash, 1.00% PIK/Q)	3/2/2006	318	327(2)(20)
Preferred stock (9,344 shares)		3/2/2006	2,000	(2)(20)
			10,900	9,073

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
The Teaching Company, LLC and The Teaching Company Holdings, Inc.	Education publications provider	First lien senior secured loan ($21,319 par due 3/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/29/2006	21,319	21,319(2)(20)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,902 par due 3/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/29/2006	9,902	9,902(4)(20)	
		Preferred stock (10,663 shares)		9/29/2006	1,066	3,225(2)	
		Common stock (15,393 shares)		9/29/2006	3	8(2)	
					32,290	34,454	
					48,690	49,121	1.23%
Environmental Services							
AWTP, LLC(7)	Water treatment services	Second lien senior secured loan ($4,212 par due 6/2015)	10.00%	4/18/2011	4,212	4,212(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($6,121 par due 6/2015)	15.00% PIK	4/18/2011	6,121	6,121(2)	
		Membership interests (90% interest)		4/18/2011		4,580(2)	
					10,333	14,913	
RE Community Holdings II, Inc. and Pegasus Community Energy, LLC.	Operator of municipal recycling facilities	Preferred stock (1,000 shares)		3/1/2011	8,839	1,487(2)	
Waste Pro USA, Inc	Waste management services	Preferred Class A common equity (611,615 shares)		11/9/2006	12,263	24,219(2)	
					31,435	40,619	1.02%
Transportation							
PODS Funding Corp.	Storage and warehousing	Junior subordinated loan ($40,228 par due 5/2017)	12.75% Cash, 2.75% PIK	11/29/2011	40,228	40,228(2)	
United Road Towing, Inc.	Towing company	Warrants to purchase up to 607 shares		4/1/2010			
					40,228	40,228	1.01%
Commercial Real Estate Finance							
10th Street, LLC(6)	Real estate holding company	Senior subordinated loan ($25,208 par due 11/2014)	8.93% Cash, 4.07% PIK	4/1/2010	25,208	25,208(2)	
		Member interest (10.00% interest)		4/1/2010	594		
		Option (25,000 units)		4/1/2010	25	501	

				25,827	25,709	
American Commercial Coatings, Inc.	Real estate property	Commercial mortgage loan ($2,505 par due 12/2025)	4/1/2010	926	2,061	(19)
Cleveland East Equity, LLC	Hotel operator	Real estate equity interests	4/1/2010	1,026	3,639	
Commons R-3, LLC	Real estate developer	Real estate equity interests	4/1/2010			
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates(7)	Hotel operator	Senior subordinated loan ($2,236 par due 9/2011)	4/1/2010			(2)(19)
		Senior subordinated loan ($2,092 par due 6/2017)	4/1/2010			(2)(19)
		Common equity interest	4/1/2010			
		Limited liability company membership interest (100% interest)	6/19/2012			(2)

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Hot Light Brands, Inc.(7)	Real estate holding company	First lien senior secured loan ($32,957 par due 2/2011)		4/1/2010	1,664	1,128(2)(19)	
		Common stock (93,500 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					1,664	1,128	
NPH, Inc.	Hotel property	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010	5,291	6,123	
					34,734	38,660	0.97%
Health Clubs							
Athletic Club Holdings, Inc.	Premier health club operator	First lien senior secured loan ($11,500 par due 10/2013)	4.71% (Libor + 4.50%/M)	10/11/2007	11,500	11,500(2)(13)	
CFW Co-Invest, L.P. and NCP Curves, L.P.	Health club franchisor	Limited partnership interest (4,152,165 shares)		7/31/2012	4,152	4,152(2)	
		Limited partnership interest (1,847,835 shares)		7/31/2012	1,848	1,848(2)	
					6,000	6,000	
					17,500	17,500	0.43%
Food and Beverage							
Apple & Eve, LLC and US Juice Partners, LLC(6)	Juice manufacturer	Senior units (50,000 units)		10/5/2007	5,000	1,398	
Charter Baking Company, Inc.	Baked goods manufacturer	Senior subordinated loan ($8,885 par due 2/2013)	16.00% PIK	2/6/2008	8,885	8,885(2)	
		Preferred stock (6,258 shares)		9/1/2006	2,568	1,617(2)	
					11,453	10,502	
Distant Lands Trading Co.	Coffee manufacturer	Class A common stock (1,294 shares)		4/1/2010	980	(2)	
		Class A-1 common stock (2,157 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					980		
					17,433	11,900	0.29%
Wholesale Distribution							
BECO Holding Company, Inc.	Wholesale distributor of first response fire protection equipment and	Common stock (25,000 shares)		7/30/2010	2,500	2,457(2)	

related parts				
		2,500	2,457	0.05%
		$ 5,823,451	$ 5,924,555	148.55%

(1) Other than the Company's investments listed in footnote 7 below (subject to the limitations set forth therein), the Company does not "Control" any of its portfolio companies, for the purposes of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Investment Company Act"). In general, under the Investment Company Act, the Company would "Control" a portfolio company if the Company owned more than 25% of its outstanding voting securities (i.e., securities with the right to elect directors) and/or had the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company. All of the Company's portfolio company investments, which as of December 31, 2012 represented 149% of the Company's net assets or 93% of the Company's total assets, are subject to legal restrictions on sales.

(2) These assets are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Credit Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than the Company's obligations under the Revolving Credit Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(3) These assets are owned by the Company's consolidated subsidiary Ares Capital CP Funding LLC ("Ares Capital CP"), are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Funding Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than Ares Capital CP's obligations under the Revolving Funding Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(4) These assets are owned by the Company's consolidated subsidiary Ares Capital JB Funding LLC ("ACJB"), are pledged as collateral for the SMBC Funding Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than ACJB's obligations under the SMBC Funding Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

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(5)

Investments without an interest rate are non-income producing.

(6)

As defined in the Investment Company Act, the Company is deemed to be an "Affiliated Person" of a portfolio company because it owns 5% or more of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company (including through a management agreement). Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2012 in which the issuer was an Affiliated company (but not a portfolio company that the Company "Controls") are as follows:

Company	Purchases (cost)	Redemptions (cost)	Sales (cost)	Interest income	Capital structuring service fees	Dividend income	Other income	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)
10th Street, LLC	$	$	$	$ 3,227	$	$	$	$	$ (54)
Apple & Eve, LLC and US Juice Partners, LLC	$ 500	$ 32,344	$	$ 3,393	$	$	$ 44	$	$ (1,928)
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (4,508)
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage Co-Investors, L.L.C.	$ 105,000	$	$	$ 167	$ 2,788	$ 36	$ 2	$	$
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings, LLC	$	$ 188	$	$ 1,169	$	$	$	$	$ (3,898)
Direct Buy Holdings, Inc. and Direct Buy Investors, LP	$	$	$ 10,927	$	$	$	$	$ (10,927)	$ 10,927
The Dwyer Group	$	$	$	$ 2,959	$ 162	$ 785	$ 85	$	$ 5,027
ELC Acquisition Corp. and ELC Holdings Corporation	$	$	$	$	$	$ 343	$ 6	$	$ 5,058
Firstlight Financial Corporation	$	$ 28,890	$ 84,153	$ 1,773	$	$	$ 200	$ (25,959)	$ 43,321
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	$	$ 5,636	$	$ 3,242	$	$	$ 171	$ 54	$ (1,649)
Investor Group Services, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$ 160	$ 15	$	$ (148)
Multi-Ad Services, Inc.	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 209
Pillar Processing LLC and PHL Holding Co.	$	$ 5,479	$	$	$	$	$ 9	$ 2	$ 1,110
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC	$	$ 441	$	$	$	$	$	$ 64	$ (584)
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC	$	$	$ 867	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3,453
UL Holding Co., LLC	$ 44,532	$ 13,766	$	$ 5,837	$ 732	$	$ 197	$	$ (6,953)

(7)

As defined in the Investment Company Act, the Company is deemed to be both an "Affiliated Person" and "Control" this portfolio company because it owns more than 25% of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company (including through a management agreement). Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2012 in which the issuer was both an Affiliated company and a portfolio company that the Company is deemed to Control are as follows:

Company	Purchases	Redemptions (cost)	Sales (cost)	Interest income	Capital structuring service fees	Dividend income	Other income	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)
AGILE Fund I, LLC	$	$ 9	$	$	$	$ 1	$	$	$ (19)
Allied Capital REIT, Inc.	$	$	$ 375	$	$	$ 41	$	$ 147	$ (314)
AllBridge Financial, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 1,801
Aviation Properties Corporation	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 291	$
AWTP, LLC	$	$	$	$ 1,296	$	$	$ 50	$	$ 6,229
BenefitMall Holdings, Inc.	$	$ 40,326	$ 53,510	$ 2,440	$	$	$ 167	$ 12,546	$ (6,479)
Callidus Capital Corporation	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 942
Ciena Capital LLC	$	$	$	$ 4,758	$	$	$	$	$ (1,436)
Citipostal, Inc.	$	$ 2,710	$	$ 7,715	$	$	$ 112	$	$ (18)
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates	$	$	$ 2,843	$ 20	$	$	$	$ (5,473)	$ 5,595
HCI Equity, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (108)
HCP Acquisition Holdings, LLC	$ 1,254	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (6,177)

Hot Light Brands, Inc.	$	$ 2,282	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (282)
Huddle House Inc.	$	$ 20,801	$	$ 678	$	$	$ 187	$ (2,291)	$ 1,701		
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	$ 58,085	$	$	$	$	$ 19,939	$	$	$ 41,576		
Ivy Hill Middle Market Credit Fund, Ltd.	$	$ 25,000	$ 30,515	$ 3,943	$	$	$	$ 1,655	$ 1,515		
LVCG Holdings, LLC	$	$	$ 6,600	$	$	$	$	$ (6,590)	$ 6,600		
Making Memories Wholesale, Inc.	$	$ 2,229	$	$	$	$	$	$ (12,281)	$ 12,476		
MVL Group, Inc.	$ 2,540	$ 25,607	$	$ 4,394	$	$	$	$	$ (27,867)		
Orion Foods, LLC	$ 6,500	$ 5,142	$	$ 7,200	$	$	$ 806	$	$ (10,260)		
Senior Secured loan Fund LLC*	$ 269,967	$ 66,334	$	$ 184,701	$ 40,348	$	$ 17,865	$ 3,641	$ 833		
Stag-Parkway, Inc.	$	$ 34,500	$ 3,090	$ 4,218	$	$ 733	$ 251	$ 29,998	$ (16,639)		
The Thymes, LLC	$	$ 560	$	$	$	$ 481	$	$	$ 1,687		

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Together with GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation (together, "GE"), the Company co-invests through the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC d/b/a the "Senior Secured Loan Program" (the "SSLP"). The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with approval from a representative of each required); therefore, although the Company owns more than 25% of the voting securities of the SSLP, the Company does not believe that it has control over the SSLP (for purposes of the Investment Company Act or otherwise) because, among other things, these "voting securities" do not afford the Company the right to elect directors of the SSLP or any other special rights (see Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements).

(8)

Non-U.S. company or principal place of business outside the U.S. and as a result is not a qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act. Under the Investment Company Act, the Company may not acquire any non-qualifying asset unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets.

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(9)

Excepted from the definition of investment company under Section 3(c) of the Investment Company Act and as a result is not a qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act. Under the Investment Company Act, the Company may not acquire any non-qualifying asset unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets.

(10)

In the first quarter of 2011, the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Staff") informally communicated to certain business development companies the Staff's belief that certain entities, which would be classified as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act but for the exception from the definition of "investment company" set forth in Rule 3a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act, could not be treated as eligible portfolio companies (as defined in Section 2(a)(46) of the Investment Company Act). Subsequently, in August 2011 the Securities and Exchange Commission issued a concept release (the "Concept Release") which states that "[a]s a general matter, the Commission presently does not believe that Rule 3a-7 issuers are the type of small, developing and financially troubled businesses in which Congress intended BDCs primarily to invest" and requested comment on whether or not a 3a-7 issuer should be considered an "eligible portfolio company". The Company provided a comment letter in respect of the Concept Release and continues to believe that the language of Section 2(a)(46) of the Investment Company Act permits a business development company to treat as "eligible portfolio companies" entities that rely on the 3a-7 exception. However, given the current uncertainty in this area (including the language in the Concept Release) and subsequent discussions with the Staff, the Company has, solely for purposes of calculating the composition of its portfolio pursuant to Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act, identified these entities in the Company's schedule of investments as "non-qualifying assets" should the Staff ultimately disagree with the Company's position.

(11)

Variable rate loans to the Company's portfolio companies bear interest at a rate that may be determined by reference to either LIBOR or an alternate base rate (commonly based on the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate), at the borrower's option, which reset annually (A), semi-annually (S), quarterly (Q), bi-monthly (B), monthly (M) or daily (D). For each such loan, the Company has provided the interest rate in effect on the date presented.

(12)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 5.00% on $16 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(13)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 2.50% on $12 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(14)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 4.00% on $65 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(15)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 1.13% on $19 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(16)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.00% on $73 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(17)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.13% on $56 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(18)

The Company is entitled to receive a fixed fee upon the occurrence of certain events as defined in the credit agreement governing the Company's debt investment in the portfolio company. The fair value of such fee is included in the fair value of the debt investment.

(19)

Loan was on non-accrual status as of December 31, 2012.

(20)

Loan includes interest rate floor feature.

(21)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated contractual interest rate of this security, the certificates entitle the holders thereof to receive a portion of the excess cash flow from the SSLP's loan portfolio, which may result in a return to the Company greater than the contractual stated interest

rate.

(22)

As of December 31, 2012, no amounts were funded by the Company under this first lien senior secured revolving loan; however, there were standby letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the loan. See Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on standby letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

(23)

As of December 31, 2012, in addition to the amounts funded by the Company under this first lien senior secured revolving loan, there were also standby letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the loan. See Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on standby letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

(24)

As of December 31, 2012, no amounts were funded by the Company under this letter of credit facility; however, there were standby letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the letter of credit facility. See Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on standby letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Common Stock						
	Shares	Amount	Capital in Excess of Par Value	Accumulated Overdistributed Net Investment Income	Accumulated Net Realized Loss on Investments, Foreign Currency Transactions, Extinguishment of Debt and Other Assets	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance at December 31, 2010	204,419	$ 204	$ 3,205,326	$ (11,336)	$ (169,696)	$ 26,035	$ 3,050,533
Shares issued in connection with dividend reinvestment plan	711	1	11,552				11,553
Issuances of the Convertible Unsecured Notes (See Note 5)			54,716				54,716
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations				282,403	77,242	(40,192)	319,453
Dividends declared and payable ($1.41 per share)				(288,990)			(288,990)
Tax reclassification of stockholders' equity in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles			118,760	7,474	(126,234)		
Balance at December 31, 2011	205,130	$ 205	$ 3,390,354	$ (10,449)	$ (218,688)	$ (14,157)	$ 3,147,265
Issuances of common stock in add-on offerings (net of offering and underwriting costs)	42,297	43	679,938				679,981
Shares issued in connection with dividend reinvestment plan	1,226	1	20,448				20,449
Issuances of the Convertible Unsecured Notes (See Note 5)			9,967				9,967
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations				348,861	44,056	115,261	508,178
Dividends declared and payable ($1.60 per share)				(377,494)			(377,494)
Tax reclassification of stockholders' equity in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles			16,810	11,172	(27,982)		
Balance at December 31, 2012	248,653	$ 249	$ 4,117,517	$ (27,910)	$ (202,614)	$ 101,104	$ 3,988,346
Issuances of common stock in add-on offerings (net of offering and underwriting costs)	48,242	48	833,428				833,476
Shares issued in connection with dividend reinvestment plan	1,076	1	18,905				18,906
Issuance of the Convertible Unsecured Notes (See Note 5)			582				582
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations				430,406	63,725	(5,610)	488,521
Dividends declared and payable ($1.57 per share)				(425,387)			(425,387)
Tax reclassification of stockholders' equity in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles			12,045	14,106	(26,151)		

Balance at December 31, 2013	297,971	$ 298	$ 4,982,477	$ (8,785)	$ (165,040)	$ 95,494	$ 4,904,444

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2013	**2012**	**2011**
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 488,521	$ 508,178	$ 319,453
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations:			
Realized loss on extinguishment of debt		2,678	19,318
Net realized gains on investments	(63,725)	(46,734)	(96,560)
Net unrealized (gains) losses on investments	5,610	(115,261)	40,192
Net accretion of discount on investments	(4,692)	(13,747)	(15,894)
Increase in payment-in-kind interest and dividends	(18,894)	(25,036)	(30,070)
Collections of payment-in-kind interest and dividends	29,531	21,465	55,814
Amortization of debt issuance costs	13,230	13,140	13,145
Accretion of discount on notes payable	13,806	11,310	11,057
Depreciation	802	829	876
Proceeds from sales and repayments of investments	1,722,672	2,494,062	2,516,090
Purchases of investments	(3,494,767)	(3,160,021)	(3,263,626)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Interest receivable	(14,983)	(9,920)	(26,530)
Other assets	(8,333)	19,042	2,440
Management and incentive fees payable	7,623	39,089	40,099
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	13,771	5,774	12,662
Interest and facility fees payable	12,225	4,220	4,620
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,297,603)	(250,932)	(396,914)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Net proceeds from issuances of common stock	833,476	679,981	
Borrowings on debt	6,431,179	3,212,458	2,458,067
Repayments and repurchases of debt	(5,654,000)	(3,091,531)	(1,738,632)
Debt issuance costs	(21,013)	(44,383)	(25,341)
Dividends paid	(411,453)	(357,332)	(277,150)
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,178,189	399,193	416,944
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(119,414)	148,261	20,030
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	269,043	120,782	100,752
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	$ 149,629	$ 269,043	$ 120,782
Supplemental Information:			
Interest paid during the period	$ 124,406	$ 108,761	$ 87,421
Taxes, including excise tax, paid during the period	$ 13,907	$ 10,149	$ 9,112
Dividends declared and payable during the period	$ 425,387	$ 377,494	$ 288,990

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
As of December 31, 2013
(in thousands, except per share data, percentages and as otherwise indicated;
for example, with the words "million," "billion" or otherwise)

1. ORGANIZATION

Ares Capital Corporation (the "Company" or "ARCC") is a specialty finance company that is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company incorporated in Maryland. The Company has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Investment Company Act"). The Company has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company, or a "RIC", under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and operates in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs.

The Company's investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. The Company invests primarily in first lien senior secured loans (including "unitranche" loans, which are loans that combine both senior and mezzanine debt, generally in a first lien position), second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component. To a lesser extent, the Company also makes equity investments.

The Company is externally managed by Ares Capital Management LLC ("Ares Capital Management" or the Company's "investment adviser"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Ares Management LLC ("Ares Management"), a global alternative asset manager and a Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") registered investment adviser. Ares Operations LLC ("Ares Operations" or the Company's "administrator"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Ares Management, provides the administrative services necessary for the Company to operate.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles or ("GAAP"), and include the accounts of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications that, in the opinion of management, are necessary for the fair presentation of the results of the operations and financial condition as of and for the periods presented. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include funds from time to time deposited with financial institutions and short-term, liquid investments in a money market fund. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost which approximates fair value.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company places its cash and cash equivalents with financial institutions and, at times, cash held in money market accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit.

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Investments

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the amortized cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized gains or losses previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the period, net of recoveries. Unrealized gains or losses primarily reflect the change in investment values, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized gains or losses when gains or losses are realized.

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are typically valued at such market quotations. In order to validate market quotations, the Company looks at a number of factors to determine if the quotations are representative of fair value, including the source and nature of the quotations. Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or whose market prices are not readily available (i.e., substantially all of the Company's investments) are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Company's board of directors, based on, among other things, the input of the Company's investment adviser, audit committee and independent third-party valuation firms that have been engaged at the direction of the Company's board of directors to assist in the valuation of each portfolio investment without a readily available market quotation at least once during a trailing 12-month period (with certain de minimis exceptions) and under a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. The valuation process is conducted at the end of each fiscal quarter, and a minimum of 50% of the Company's portfolio at fair value is subject to review by an independent valuation firm each quarter. In addition, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm obtains an understanding of, and performs select procedures relating to, the Company's investment valuation process within the context of performing the integrated audit.

As part of the valuation process, the Company may take into account the following types of factors, if relevant, in determining the fair value of the Company's investments: the enterprise value of a portfolio company (the entire value of the portfolio company to a market participant, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time), the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flow, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, a comparison of the portfolio company's securities to any similar publicly traded securities, changes in the interest rate environment and the credit markets generally that may affect the price at which similar investments would trade in their principal markets and other relevant factors. When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, the Company considers the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate its valuation.

Because there is not a readily available market value for most of the investments in its portfolio, the Company values substantially all of its portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by its board of directors, as described herein. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of the Company's investments may fluctuate from period to period. Additionally, the fair value of the Company's investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that the Company may ultimately realize. Further, such investments are generally subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or otherwise are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If the Company was required to liquidate a portfolio investment in a forced or liquidation sale, the Company could realize significantly less than the value at which the Company has recorded it.

In addition, 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 unrealized gains or losses reflected in the valuations currently assigned.

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The Company's board of directors undertakes a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

The Company's quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment in conjunction with the Company's portfolio management team.

Preliminary valuations are reviewed and discussed with the Company's investment adviser's management and investment professionals, and then valuation recommendations are presented to the Company's board of directors.

The audit committee of the Company's board of directors reviews these valuations, as well as the input of third parties, including independent third-party valuation firms, with respect to the valuations of a minimum of 50% of the Company's portfolio at fair value.

The Company's board of directors discusses valuations and ultimately determines the fair value of each investment in the Company's portfolio without a readily available market quotation in good faith based on, among other things, the input of the Company's investment adviser, audit committee and, where applicable, independent third-party valuation firms.

See Note 7 for more information on the Company's valuation process.

Interest and Dividend Income Recognition

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis and includes the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. Discounts from and premiums to par value on securities purchased are accreted/amortized into interest income over the life of the respective security using the effective yield method. The amortized cost of investments represents the original cost adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, if any.

Loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest payments are past due 30 days or more or when there is reasonable doubt that principal or interest will be collected in full. Accrued and unpaid interest is generally reversed when a loan is placed on non-accrual status. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment regarding collectability. 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. The Company may make exceptions to this if the loan has sufficient collateral value and is in the process of collection.

Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded as dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are payable by the portfolio company and are expected to be collected. Dividend income on common equity securities is recorded on the record date for private portfolio companies or on the ex-dividend date for publicly traded portfolio companies.

Payment-in-Kind Interest

The Company has loans in its portfolio that contain payment-in-kind ("PIK") provisions. 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 interest income. To maintain the Company's status as a RIC, this non-cash source of income must be paid out to stockholders in the form of dividends, even though the Company has not yet collected the cash.

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Capital Structuring Service Fees and Other Income

The Company's investment adviser seeks to provide assistance to its portfolio companies and in return the Company may receive fees for capital structuring services. These fees are generally only available to the Company as a result of the Company's underlying investments, are normally paid at the closing of the investments, are generally non-recurring and are recognized as revenue when earned upon closing of the investment. The services that the Company's investment adviser provides vary by investment, but generally include reviewing existing credit facilities, arranging bank financing, arranging equity financing, structuring financing from multiple lenders, structuring financing from multiple equity investors, restructuring existing loans, raising equity and debt capital, and providing general financial advice, which concludes upon closing of the investment. Any services of the above nature subsequent to the closing would generally generate a separate fee payable to the Company. In certain instances where the Company is invited to participate as a co-lender in a transaction and does not provide significant services in connection with the investment, a portion of loan fees paid to the Company in such situations will be deferred and amortized over the estimated life of the loan. The Company's investment adviser may also take a seat on the board of directors of a portfolio company, or observe the meetings of the board of directors without taking a formal seat.

Other income includes fees for management and consulting services, loan guarantees, commitments, amendments and other services rendered by the Company to portfolio companies. Such fees are recognized as income when earned or the services are rendered.

Foreign Currency Translation

The Company's books and records are maintained in U.S. dollars. Any foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis:

(1) Fair value of investment securities, other assets and liabilities at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the period.

(2) Purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses at the exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions, income or expenses.

Results of operations based on changes in foreign exchange rates are separately disclosed in the statement of operations, if any. Foreign security and currency translations may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies and U.S. government securities. These risks include, but are not limited to, currency fluctuations and revaluations and future adverse political, social and economic developments, which could cause investments in foreign markets to be less liquid and prices more volatile than those of comparable U.S. companies or U.S. government securities.

Equity Offering Expenses

The Company's offering costs, excluding underwriters' fees, are charged against the proceeds from equity offerings when received.

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs are amortized over the life of the related debt instrument using the straight line method, which closely approximates the effective yield method.

Income Taxes

The Company has elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code and operates in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. To qualify as a RIC, the Company must, among other things, meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and timely distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of its investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. The Company, among other things, has made and intends to continue to make the requisite distributions to its stockholders, which will generally relieve the Company from U.S. federal corporate-level income taxes.

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Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, the Company may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year dividend distributions from such current year taxable income into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. To the extent that the Company determines that its estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions, the Company accrues excise tax, if any, on estimated excess taxable income as such taxable income is earned.

Certain of the Company's consolidated subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal and state corporate-level income taxes.

Dividends to Common Stockholders

Dividends and distributions to common stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount to be paid out as a dividend is determined by the Company's board of directors each quarter and is generally based upon the earnings estimated by management. Net realized capital gains, if any, are generally distributed, although the Company may decide to retain such capital gains for investment.

The Company has adopted a dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of any distributions the Company declares in cash on behalf of its stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash. As a result, if the Company's board of directors authorizes, and the Company declares, a cash dividend, then the Company's stockholders who have not "opted out" of the Company's dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of the Company's common stock, rather than receiving the cash dividend. The Company intends to use primarily newly issued shares to implement the dividend reinvestment plan (so long as the Company is trading at a premium to net asset value). If the Company's shares are trading at a significant enough discount to net asset value and the Company is otherwise permitted under applicable law to purchase such shares, the Company intends to purchase shares in the open market in connection with the Company's obligations under the dividend reinvestment plan. However, the Company reserves the right to issue new shares of the Company's common stock in connection with the Company's obligations under the dividend reinvestment plan even if the Company's shares are trading below net asset value.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of actual and contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income or loss and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates include the valuation of investments.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2013-08, Financial Services Investment Companies (Topic 946): Amendments to the Scope, Measurement, and Disclosure Requirements ("ASU 2013-08"). ASU 2013-08 amends the criteria that define an investment company, clarifies the measurement guidance and requires certain additional disclosures. Public companies are required to apply ASU 2013-08 prospectively for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2013. The Company has evaluated the impact of the adoption of ASU 2013-08 on its financial statements and disclosures and determined the adoption of ASU 2013-08 did not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

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3. AGREEMENTS

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement

The Company is party to an investment advisory and management agreement (the "investment advisory and management agreement") with Ares Capital Management. Subject to the overall supervision of the Company's board of directors, Ares Capital Management provides investment advisory and management services to the Company. For providing these services, Ares Capital Management receives a fee from the Company consisting of two components a base management fee and an incentive fee.

The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 1.5% based on the average value of the Company's total assets (other than cash or cash equivalents but including assets purchased with borrowed funds) at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters. The base management fee is payable quarterly in arrears.

The incentive fee has two parts. The first part is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based on the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income for the quarter. Pre-incentive fee net investment income means interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence and consulting fees or other fees that the Company receives from portfolio companies but excluding fees for providing managerial assistance) accrued during the calendar quarter, minus operating expenses for the quarter (including the base management fee, any expenses payable under the administration agreement, and any interest expense and dividends paid on any outstanding preferred stock, but excluding the incentive fee). Pre-incentive fee net investment income includes, in the case of investments with a deferred interest feature such as market discount, debt instruments with PIK interest, preferred stock with PIK dividends and zero coupon securities, accrued income that the Company has not yet received in cash. The Company's investment adviser is not under any obligation to reimburse the Company for any part of the incentive fees it received that was based on accrued interest that the Company never actually received.

Pre-incentive fee net investment income does not include any realized capital gains, realized capital losses, unrealized capital appreciation, unrealized capital depreciation or income tax expense related to realized gains. Because of the structure of the incentive fee, it is possible that the Company may pay an incentive fee in a quarter where the Company incurs a loss. For example, if the Company receives pre-incentive fee net investment income in excess of the hurdle rate (as defined below) for a quarter, the Company will pay the applicable incentive fee even if the Company has incurred a loss in that quarter due to realized and/or unrealized capital losses.

Pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a rate of return on the value of the Company's net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any incentive fees payable during the period) at the end of the immediately preceding calendar quarter, is compared to a fixed "hurdle rate" of 1.75% per quarter. If market credit spreads rise, the Company may be able to invest its funds in debt instruments that provide for a higher return, which may increase the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income and make it easier for the Company's investment adviser to surpass the fixed hurdle rate and receive an incentive fee based on such net investment income. To the extent the Company has retained pre-incentive fee net investment income that has been used to calculate this part of the incentive fee, it is also included in the amount of the Company's total assets (other than cash and cash equivalents but including assets purchased with borrowed funds) used to calculate the 1.5% base management fee.

The Company pays its investment adviser an incentive fee with respect to the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows:

- no incentive fee in any calendar quarter in which the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate;

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100% of the Company's 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. The Company refers to this portion of its pre-incentive fee net investment income (which exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 2.1875%) as the "catch-up" provision. The "catch-up" is meant to provide the Company's investment adviser with 20% of the pre-incentive fee net investment income as if a hurdle rate did not apply if this net investment income exceeded 2.1875% in any calendar quarter; and

20% of the amount of the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter.

These calculations are adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the quarter.

The second part of the incentive fee (the "Capital Gains Fee"), is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or, upon termination of the investment advisory and management agreement, as of the termination date) and is calculated at the end of each applicable year by subtracting (a) the sum of the Company's cumulative aggregate realized capital losses and aggregate unrealized capital depreciation from (b) the Company's cumulative aggregate realized capital gains, in each case calculated from October 8, 2004 (the date the Company completed its initial public offering). Realized capital gains and losses include gains and losses on investments and foreign currencies, as well as gains and losses on extinguishment of debt and other assets. If such amount is positive at the end of such year, then the Capital Gains Fee for such year is equal to 20% of such amount, less the aggregate amount of Capital Gains Fees paid in all prior years. If such amount is negative, then there is no Capital Gains Fee for such year.

The cumulative aggregate realized capital gains are calculated as the sum of the differences, if positive, between (a) the net sales price of each investment in the Company's portfolio when sold and (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

The cumulative aggregate realized capital losses are calculated as the sum of the amounts by which (a) the net sales price of each investment in the Company's portfolio when sold is less than (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

The aggregate unrealized capital depreciation is calculated as the sum of the differences, if negative, between (a) the valuation of each investment in the Company's portfolio as of the applicable Capital Gains Fee calculation date and (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, as a result of an amendment to the capital gains portion of the incentive fee under the investment advisory and management agreement that was adopted on June 6, 2011, if the Company is required by GAAP to record an investment at its fair value as of the time of acquisition instead of at the actual amount paid for such investment by the Company (including, for example, as a result of the application of the acquisition method of accounting), then solely for the purposes of calculating the Capital Gains Fee, the "accreted or amortized cost basis" of an investment shall be an amount (the "Contractual Cost Basis") equal to (1) (x) the actual amount paid by the Company for such investment plus (y) any amounts recorded in the Company's financial statements as required by GAAP that are attributable to the accretion of such investment plus (z) any other adjustments made to the cost basis included in the Company's financial statements, including PIK interest or additional amounts funded (net of repayments) minus (2) any amounts recorded in the Company's financial statements as required by GAAP that are attributable to the amortization of such investment, whether such calculated Contractual Cost Basis is higher or lower than the fair value of such investment (as determined in accordance with GAAP) at the time of acquisition.

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The Company defers cash payment of any incentive fee otherwise earned by the Company's investment adviser if during the most recent four full calendar quarter period ending on or prior to the date such payment is to be made the sum of (a) the aggregate distributions to the Company's stockholders and (b) the change in net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any incentive fees payable during the period) is less than 7.0% of the Company's net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness) at the beginning of such period. Any deferred incentive fees are carried over for payment in subsequent calculation periods to the extent such payment is payable under the investment advisory and management agreement.

The Capital Gains Fee payable to the Company's investment adviser as calculated under the investment advisory and management agreement (as described above) for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was $17,425 and $11,523, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2011, there was no Capital Gains Fees payable under the investment advisory and management agreement. In accordance with GAAP, the Company had cumulatively accrued a capital gains incentive fee of $80,937 as of December 31, 2013, of which $63,512 is not currently due under the investment advisory and management agreement. GAAP requires that the capital gains incentive fee accrual consider the cumulative aggregate unrealized capital appreciation in the calculation, as a capital gains incentive fee would be payable if such unrealized capital appreciation were realized, even though such unrealized capital appreciation is not permitted to be considered in calculating the fee actually payable under the investment advisory and management agreement. This GAAP accrual is calculated using the aggregate cumulative realized capital gains and losses and aggregate cumulative unrealized capital depreciation included in the calculation of the Capital Gains Fee plus the aggregate cumulative unrealized capital appreciation. If such amount is positive at the end of a period, then GAAP requires the Company to record a capital gains fee equal to 20% of such cumulative amount, less the aggregate amount of actual Capital Gains Fees paid or capital gains incentive fees accrued under GAAP in all prior periods. As of December 31, 2013, the Company has paid Capital Gains Fees since inception totaling $15,986, of which $11,523 was paid in the first quarter of 2013. The resulting accrual for any capital gains incentive fee under GAAP in a given period may result in an additional expense if such cumulative amount is greater than in the prior period or a reversal of previously recorded expense if such cumulative amount is less than in the prior period. If such cumulative amount is negative, then there is no accrual. There can be no assurance that such unrealized capital appreciation will be realized in the future.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, base management fees were $104,857, incentive fees related to pre-incentive fee net investment income were $110,511 and incentive fees related to capital gains calculated in accordance with GAAP were $11,640. As of December 31, 2013, $139,208 was included in "management and incentive fees payable" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet, of which $75,696 is currently payable to the Company's investment adviser under the investment advisory and management agreement.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, base management fees were $86,228, incentive fees related to pre-incentive fee net investment income were $95,182 and incentive fees related to capital gains accrued in accordance with GAAP were $31,863. For the year ended December 31, 2011, base management fees were $71,603, incentive fees related to pre-incentive fee net investment income were $79,029 and incentive fees related to capital gains accrual in accordance with GAAP were $33,348.

Administration Agreement

The Company is party to an administration agreement, referred to herein as the "administration agreement", with its administrator, Ares Operations. Pursuant to the administration agreement, Ares Operations furnishes the Company with office equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at the Company's office facilities. Under the administration agreement, Ares Operations also performs, or oversees the performance of, the Company's required administrative services, which include, among other things, providing assistance in accounting, legal, compliance, operations, investor relations and technology being responsible for the financial records that the Company is required to

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maintain and preparing reports to its stockholders and reports filed with the SEC. In addition, Ares Operations assists the Company in determining and publishing its net asset value, assists the Company in providing managerial assistance to its portfolio companies, oversees the preparation and filing of the Company's tax returns and the printing and dissemination of reports to its stockholders, and generally oversees the payment of its expenses and the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to the Company by others. Payments under the Company's administration agreement are equal to an amount based upon its allocable portion of Ares Operations' overhead and other expenses (including travel expenses) incurred by Ares Operations in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including the Company's allocable portion of the compensation of certain of its officers (including the Company's chief compliance officer, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, general counsel, treasurer and assistant treasurer) and their respective staffs. The administration agreement may be terminated by either party without penalty upon 60 days' written notice to the other party.

For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, the Company incurred $12,317, $9,322 and $9,563, respectively, in administrative fees. As of December 31, 2013, $3,773 of these fees were unpaid and included in "accounts payable and other liabilities" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

4. INVESTMENTS

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company's investments consisted of the following:

	As of December 31,			
	2013		2012	
	Amortized Cost(1)	Fair Value	Amortized Cost(1)	Fair Value
First lien senior secured loans	$ 3,461,597	$ 3,433,608	$ 2,329,844	$ 2,321,272
Second lien senior secured loans	1,335,761	1,319,191	1,257,926	1,233,872
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP(2)	1,745,192	1,771,369	1,237,887	1,263,644
Senior subordinated debt	308,094	267,171	321,331	259,820
Preferred equity securities	226,044	229,006	238,837	250,118
Other equity securities	453,732	600,214	430,380	584,005
Commercial real estate	6,983	12,338	7,246	11,824
Total	$ 7,537,403	$ 7,632,897	$ 5,823,451	$ 5,924,555

(1) The amortized cost represents the original cost adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, if any.

(2) The proceeds from these certificates were applied to co-investments with GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation to fund first lien senior secured loans to 47 and 36 different borrowers as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

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The industrial and geographic compositions of the Company's portfolio at fair value at December 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2013	2012
Industry		
Investment Funds and Vehicles(1)	23.6%	21.7%
Healthcare Services	15.4	12.9
Business Services	9.2	6.4
Education	7.5	7.8
Other Services	6.7	6.7
Energy	5.4	3.7
Restaurants and Food Services	5.2	7.1
Financial Services	5.1	7.3
Consumer Products	3.5	6.6
Containers and Packaging	3.3	5.1
Manufacturing	3.3	2.4
Automotive Services	2.9	3.4
Retail	1.6	0.1
Chemicals	1.4	
Aerospace and Defense	1.4	2.0
Other	4.5	6.8
Total	100.0%	100.0%

(1) Includes the Company's investment in the SSLP, which had made first lien senior secured loans to 47 and 36 different borrowers as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The portfolio companies in the SSLP are in industries similar to the companies in the Company's portfolio.

	As of December 31,	
	2013	2012
Geographic Region		
West(1)	50.0%	49.1%
Mid Atlantic	15.9	12.8
Midwest	15.8	19.2
Southeast	13.6	14.7
International	3.7	1.9
Northeast	1.0	2.3
Total	100.0%	100.0%

(1) Includes the Company's investment in the SSLP, which represented 23.2% and 21.3% of the total investment portfolio at fair value as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

As of December 31, 2013, 3.1% of total investments at amortized cost (or 2.1% of total investments at fair value) were on non-accrual status. As of December 31, 2012, 2.3% of total investments at amortized cost (or 0.6% of total investments at fair value) were on non-accrual status.

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Senior Secured Loan Program

The Company co-invests in first lien senior secured loans of middle market companies with GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation (together, "GE") through an unconsolidated Delaware limited liability company, the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC (d/b/a the "Senior Secured Loan Program") or the "SSLP". The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with approval from a representative of each required). The Company provides capital to the SSLP in the form of subordinated certificates (the "SSLP Certificates").

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the SSLP had available capital of $11.0 billion and $9.0 billion, respectively, of which approximately $8.7 billion and $6.3 billion in aggregate principal amount, respectively, was funded. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company had agreed to make available to the SSLP approximately $2.3 billion and $1.8 billion, respectively, of which approximately $1.7 billion and $1.2 billion in aggregate principal amount, respectively, was funded. Investment of any unfunded amount must be approved by the investment committee of the SSLP described above.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the SSLP had total assets of $8.7 billion and $6.3 billion, respectively. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, GE's investment in the SSLP consisted of senior notes of $6.7 billion and $4.8 billion, respectively, and SSLP Certificates of $249.3 million and $177.9 million, respectively. The SSLP Certificates are junior in right of payment to the senior notes held by GE. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company and GE owned 87.5% and 12.5%, respectively, of the outstanding SSLP Certificates.

The SSLP's portfolio consisted of first lien senior secured loans to 47 and 36 different borrowers as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the portfolio was comprised of all first lien senior secured loans to U.S. middle-market companies. As of December 31, 2013, one loan was on non-accrual status, representing 1.0% of the total loans at principal amount in the SSLP. As of December 31, 2012, no loans were on non-accrual status. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the largest loan to a single borrower in the SSLP's portfolio in aggregate principal amount was $321.7 million and $330.0 million, respectively, and the five largest loans to borrowers in the SSLP totaled $1.5 billion and $1.4 billion, respectively. The portfolio companies in the SSLP are in industries similar to the companies in the Company's portfolio. Additionally, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the SSLP had commitments to fund various delayed draw investments to certain of its portfolio companies of $510.4 million and $157.4 million, respectively, which had been approved by the SSLP investment committee. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company had commitments to co-invest in the SSLP for its portion of the SSLP's commitments to fund such delayed draw investments of up to $85.1 million and $26.4 million, respectively.

The amortized cost and fair value of the SSLP Certificates held by the Company was $1.7 billion and $1.8 billion, respectively, as of December 31, 2013, and $1.2 billion and $1.3 billion, respectively, as of December 31, 2012. The SSLP Certificates pay a weighted average coupon of approximately LIBOR plus 8.0% and also entitle the holders thereof to receive a portion of the excess cash flow from the loan portfolio, which may result in a return to the holders of the SSLP Certificates that is greater than the contractual coupon. The Company's yield on its investment in the SSLP at fair value was 14.8% and 15.4% as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, the Company earned interest income of $224.9 million, $184.7 million and $118.4 million, respectively, from its investment in the SSLP Certificates. The Company is also entitled to certain fees in connection with the SSLP.

Effective March 30, 2012, Ares Capital Management assumed from the Company the role of co-manager of the SSLP. However, this change did not impact the Company's economics in respect of its participation in the SSLP and Ares Capital Management does not receive any remuneration in respect of its co-manager role.

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Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.

Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P. ("IHAM") is an asset management services company, which became an SEC-registered investment adviser effective March 30, 2012. The Company has made investments in IHAM, its wholly owned portfolio company and previously made investments in certain vehicles managed by IHAM. As of December 31, 2013 IHAM had assets under management ("IHAM AUM")[(1)] of approximately $2.8 billion and managed 13 vehicles and served as the sub-manager/sub-servicer for three other vehicles (these vehicles managed or sub-managed/sub-serviced by IHAM are collectively referred to as the "IHAM Vehicles"). IHAM earns fee income from managing the IHAM Vehicles and has also invested in certain of these vehicles as part of its business strategy. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, IHAM had total investments of $170 million and $200 million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, IHAM had management fee income of $21 million, $22 million and $22 million, respectively, and other investment-related income of $91 million, $40 million and $37 million, respectively.

The amortized cost and fair value of the Company's investment in IHAM was $171.0 million and $280.4 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2013, and $171.0 million and $294.3 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2012. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, the Company received distributions consisting entirely of dividend income from IHAM of $72.4 million, $19.9 million and $19.0 million, respectively. The dividend income for the year ended December 31, 2013 included additional dividends of $32.4 million in addition to the quarterly dividends generally paid by IHAM. IHAM paid the additional dividends out of accumulated earnings that had previously been retained by IHAM.

From time to time, IHAM or certain IHAM Vehicles may purchase investments from, or sell investments to, the Company. For any such sales or purchases by the IHAM Vehicles to or from the Company, the IHAM Vehicles must obtain approval from third parties unaffiliated with the Company or IHAM, as applicable. IHAM or certain of the IHAM Vehicles purchased investments from the Company totaling $442.3 million and $256.9 million, during the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Company purchased investments from certain of the IHAM Vehicles totaling $156.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2013. The Company did not purchase any investments from IHAM Vehicles during the year ended December 31, 2012. A net realized loss of $0.1 million was recorded by the Company on these transactions for the year ended December 31, 2013. A net realized gain of $2.3 million was recorded by the Company on these transactions for the year ended December 31, 2012.

In October 2012, the Company contributed to IHAM its entire investment in FLFC, LLC (f/k/a FirstLight Financial Corporation) ("FLFC") at a price equal to the fair value at the time of the contribution of $58.1 million ($51.8 million for its senior subordinated loan position and $6.3 million for its equity position). As a result of the contribution, the Company fully exited its investment in FLFC, which reduced its investment commitments by $84.2 million, and recognized a net loss of $26.1 million. Prior to such contribution, IHAM served as a sub-adviser to FirstLight Funding I, Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of FLFC ("FirstLight Funding"). Following such contribution, FirstLight Funding distributed to FLFC substantially all of its assets (in the form of cash and investments). In turn, FLFC repaid in full the total outstanding amount of its senior subordinated loans (including the portion held by IHAM following the contribution transaction) and made a distribution to its stockholders (including IHAM following the contribution transaction). In connection with the foregoing, IHAM ceased to be a sub-adviser to FirstLight Funding and IHAM became the collateral manager to FLFC.

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(1) IHAM AUM refers to the assets of the vehicles managed, sub-managed and sub-serviced by IHAM. It includes drawn and undrawn amounts, including amounts that are subject to certain restrictions. IHAM AUM amounts are as of December 31, 2013 and are unaudited. Certain amounts are preliminary and remain subject to change, and differences may arise due to rounding.

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IHAM is party to an administration agreement, referred to herein as the "IHAM administration agreement," with Ares Operations. Pursuant to the IHAM administration agreement, Ares Operations provides IHAM with, among other things, office facilities, equipment, clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services, services relating to the marketing and sale of interests in vehicles managed by IHAM, services of, and oversight of, custodians, depositories, accountants, attorneys, underwriters and such other persons in any other capacity deemed to be necessary. Under the IHAM administration agreement, IHAM reimburses Ares Operations for all of the actual costs associated with such services, including Ares Operations' allocable portion of overhead and the cost of its officers, employees and respective staff in performing its obligations under the IHAM administration agreement.

5. DEBT

In accordance with the Investment Company Act, with certain limited exceptions, the Company is only allowed to borrow amounts such that its asset coverage, calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act, is at least 200% after such borrowing. As of December 31, 2013 the Company's asset coverage was 264%.

The Company's outstanding debt obligations as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

	As of December 31,					
	2013			2012		
(in millions)	Total Aggregate Principal Amount Committed/ Outstanding(1)	Principal Amount Outstanding	Carrying Value	Total Aggregate Principal Amount Committed/ Outstanding(1)	Principal Amount Outstanding	Carrying Value
Revolving Credit Facility	$ 1,060,000(2)	$	$	$ 900,000	$	$
Revolving Funding Facility	620,000(3)	185,000	185,000	620,000	300,000	300,000
SMBC Funding Facility	400,000			400,000		
February 2016 Convertible Notes	575,000	575,000	556,456(4)	575,000	575,000	548,521(4)
June 2016 Convertible Notes	230,000	230,000	221,788(4)	230,000	230,000	218,761(4)
2017 Convertible Notes	162,500	162,500	159,220(4)	162,500	162,500	158,312(4)
2018 Convertible Notes	270,000	270,000	264,097(4)	270,000	270,000	262,829(4)
2019 Convertible Notes	300,000	300,000	295,279(4)			
2018 Notes	600,000	600,000	596,756(5)			
February 2022 Notes	143,750	143,750	143,750	143,750	143,750	143,750
October 2022 Notes	182,500	182,500	182,500	182,500	182,500	182,500
2040 Notes	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
2047 Notes	230,000	230,000	181,429(6)	230,000	230,000	181,199(6)
Total	$ 4,973,750	$ 3,078,750	$ 2,986,275	$ 3,913,750	$ 2,293,750	$ 2,195,872

(1) Subject to borrowing base and leverage restrictions. Represents the total aggregate amount committed or outstanding, as applicable, under such instrument.

(2)

Provides for a feature that allows the Company, under certain circumstances, to increase the size of the Revolving Credit Facility to a maximum of $1,400,000.

(3)

Provides for a feature that allows the Company and Ares Capital CP, under certain circumstances, to increase the size of the Revolving Funding Facility to a maximum of $865,000.

(4)

Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Convertible Unsecured Notes (as defined below) less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the Convertible Unsecured Notes. The total unaccreted discount for the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017

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Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes was $18,544, $8,212, $3,280, $5,903 and $4,721 respectively, as of December 31, 2013. The total unaccreted discount for the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes and the 2018 Convertible Notes was $26,479, $11,239, $4,188 and $7,171 respectively, as of December 31, 2012.

(5) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon the issuance of the 2018 Notes. The total unaccreted discount for the 2018 Notes was $3,244 as of December 31, 2013.

(6) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding less the unaccreted purchased discount discount initially recorded as a part of the Allied Acquisition (as defined below). The total unaccreted purchased discount for the 2047 Notes was $48,571 and $48,801 as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

The weighted average stated interest rate and weighted average maturity, both on aggregate principal amount, of all the Company's outstanding debt as of December 31, 2013 were 5.3% and 7.9 years, respectively, and as of December 31, 2012 were 5.5% and 9.8 years, respectively.

Revolving Credit Facility

The Company is party to a senior secured revolving credit facility (as amended and restated, the "Revolving Credit Facility"), which allows the Company to borrow up to $1,060,000 at any one time outstanding. The end of the revolving period and the stated maturity date for the Revolving Credit Facility are May 4, 2017 and May 4, 2018, respectively. The Revolving Credit Facility also includes a feature that allows, under certain circumstances, for an increase in the size of the facility to a maximum of $1,400,000. The Revolving Credit Facility generally requires payments of interest at the end of each LIBOR interest period, but no less frequently than quarterly, on LIBOR based loans, and monthly payments of interest on other loans. From the end of the revolving period to the stated maturity date, the Company is required to repay outstanding principal amounts under the Revolving Credit Facility on a monthly basis in an amount equal to $1/12^{th}$ of the outstanding principal amount at the end of the revolving period.

Under the Revolving Credit Facility, the Company is required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar revolving credit facilities, including, without limitation, covenants related to: (a) limitations on the incurrence of additional indebtedness and liens, (b) limitations on certain investments, (c) limitations on certain restricted payments, (d) maintaining a certain minimum stockholders' equity, (e) maintaining a ratio of total assets (less total liabilities other than indebtedness) to total indebtedness of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries of not less than 2.0:1.0, (f) limitations on pledging certain unencumbered assets, and (g) limitations on the creation or existence of agreements that prohibit liens on certain properties of the Company and certain of its subsidiaries. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the documents governing the Revolving Credit Facility. Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility (and the incurrence of certain other permitted debt) are also subject to compliance with a borrowing base that applies different advance rates to different types of assets in the Company's portfolio that are pledged as collateral. As of December 31, 2013, the Company was in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Revolving Credit Facility.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, there were no amounts outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility. The Revolving Credit Facility also provides for a sub-limit for the issuance of letters of credit for up to an aggregate amount of $125,000. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company had $47,898 and $43,667, respectively, in letters of credit issued through the Revolving Credit Facility. The amount available for borrowing under the Revolving Credit Facility is reduced by any letters of credit issued. As of December 31, 2013, there was $1,012,102 available for borrowing (net of letters of credit issued) under the Revolving Credit Facility.

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Since May 2, 2013, subject to certain exceptions, the interest rate charged on the Revolving Credit Facility is based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Credit Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. From May 5, 2012 through May 1, 2013, the interest rate charged on the Revolving Credit Facility was based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.25% or a "base rate" plus an applicable spread of 1.25%. Prior to and including May 4, 2012, the interest rate charged on the Revolving Credit Facility was based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of between 2.50% and 4.00% or on a "base rate" plus an applicable spread of between 1.50% and 3.00%, in each case, based on a pricing grid depending upon the Company's credit ratings. As of December 31, 2013, the one, two, three and six month LIBOR was 0.17%, 0.21%, 0.25% and 0.35%, respectively. As of December 31, 2012, the one, two, three and six month LIBOR was 0.21%, 0.25%, 0.31% and 0.51%, respectively. In addition to the stated interest expense on the Revolving Credit Facility, since May 4, 2012, the Company is required to pay a commitment fee of 0.375% per annum on any unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility. Prior to and including May 4, 2012, the commitment fee was 0.50%. Since May 2, 2013, the Company is also required to pay a letter of credit fee of 2.25% per annum on letters of credit issued. From May 5, 2012 through May 1, 2013, the letter of credit fee was 2.50% and prior to and including May 4, 2012, the letter of credit fee was 3.25%.

The Revolving Credit Facility is secured by certain assets in the Company's portfolio and excludes investments held by Ares Capital CP under the Revolving Funding Facility and those held by ACJB under the SMBC Funding Facility, each as discussed below, and certain other investments.

For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, the components of interest and credit facility fees expense, cash paid for interest expense, average interest rates (i.e., rate in effect plus the spread) and average outstanding balances for the Revolving Credit Facility were as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	**2012**	**2011**
Stated interest expense	$ 3,250	$ 3,523	$ 5,541
Facility fees	4,044	4,260	3,864
Amortization of debt issuance costs	2,746	4,207	6,510
Total interest and credit facility fees expense	$ 10,040	$ 11,990	$ 15,915
Cash paid for interest expense	$ 3,250	$ 4,128	$ 5,278
Average stated interest rate	2.24%	2.82%	3.40%
Average outstanding balance	$ 144,995	$ 124,855	$ 163,216

Revolving Funding Facility

The Company's consolidated subsidiary, Ares Capital CP Funding LLC ("Ares Capital CP"), is party to a revolving funding facility (as amended, the "Revolving Funding Facility"), which allows Ares Capital CP to borrow up to $620,000 at any one time outstanding. The Revolving Funding Facility is secured by all of the assets held by, and the membership interest in, Ares Capital CP. The end of the reinvestment period and the stated maturity date for the Revolving Funding Facility are April 18, 2015 and April 18, 2017, respectively. The Revolving Funding Facility also includes a feature that allows, under certain circumstances, for an increase in the Revolving Funding Facility to a maximum of $865,000.

Amounts available to borrow under the Revolving Funding Facility are subject to a borrowing base that applies different advance rates to different types of assets held by Ares Capital CP. Ares Capital CP is also subject to limitations with respect to the loans securing the Revolving Funding Facility, including restrictions on sector concentrations, loan size, payment frequency and status, collateral interests, loans with fixed rates and loans with certain investment ratings, as well as restrictions on

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portfolio company leverage, which may also affect the borrowing base and therefore amounts available to borrow. The Company and Ares Capital CP are also required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar facilities. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the agreements governing the Revolving Funding Facility. As of December 31, 2013, the Company and Ares Capital CP were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Revolving Funding Facility.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, there was $185,000 and $300,000 outstanding, respectively, under the Revolving Funding Facility. Since January 25, 2013, the interest charged on the Revolving Funding Facility is based on applicable spreads ranging from 2.25% to 2.50% over LIBOR and ranging from 1.25% to 1.50% over "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Funding Facility) in each case, determined monthly based on the composition of the borrowing base relative to outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Funding Facility. From January 18, 2012 through January 24, 2013, the interest rate charged on the Revolving Funding Facility was based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.50% or on a "base rate" plus an applicable spread of 1.50%. Prior to January 18, 2012, the interest rate charged on the Revolving Funding Facility was based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of between 2.25% and 3.75% or on a "base rate" plus an applicable spread of between 1.25% to 2.75%, in each case, based on a pricing grid depending upon the Company's credit ratings. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the interest rate in effect was based on one month LIBOR, which was 0.17% and 0.21%, respectively. Ares Capital CP is also required to pay a commitment fee of between 0.50% and 1.75% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the Revolving Funding Facility.

For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, the components of interest and credit facility fees expense, cash paid for interest expense, average stated interest rates (i.e., rate in effect plus the spread) and average outstanding balances for the Revolving Funding Facility were as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	**2012**	**2011**
Stated interest expense	$ 5,968	$ 10,557	$ 7,380
Facility fees	3,702	1,209	2,226
Amortization of debt issuance costs	2,015	1,772	2,225
Total interest and credit facility fees expense	$ 11,685	$ 13,538	$ 11,831
Cash paid for interest expense	$ 6,475	$ 11,979	$ 6,281
Average stated interest rate	2.47%	2.80%	3.03%
Average outstanding balance	$ 241,247	$ 377,098	$ 243,639

SMBC Funding Facility

The Company's consolidated subsidiary, Ares Capital JB Funding LLC ("ACJB"), is party to a revolving funding facility (as amended, the "SMBC Funding Facility") with ACJB, as the borrower, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation ("SMBC"), as the administrative agent, collateral agent, and lender, which allows ACJB to borrow up to $400,000 at any one time outstanding. The SMBC Funding Facility is secured by all of the assets held by ACJB. The end of the reinvestment period and the stated maturity date for the SMBC Funding Facility are September 14, 2016 and September 14, 2021, respectively. The reinvestment period and the stated maturity date are both subject to two one-year extensions by mutual agreement.

Amounts available to borrow under the SMBC Funding Facility are subject to a borrowing base that applies an advance rate to assets held by ACJB. The Company and ACJB are also required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar facilities. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the documents governing the SMBC Funding Facility. As of December 31, 2013, the Company and ACJB were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the SMBC Funding Facility.

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As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, there were no amounts outstanding under the SMBC Funding Facility. Since December 19, 2013, subject to certain exceptions, the interest rate charged on the SMBC Funding Facility is based on one month LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the SMBC Funding Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. Prior to and including December 19, 2013, subject to certain exceptions, the interest rate charged on the SMBC Funding Facility was based on one month LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.125% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the SMBC Funding Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.125%. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, one-month LIBOR was 0.17% and 0.21%, respectively. ACJB was not required to pay a commitment fee until September 15, 2013, at which time ACJB was required to pay a commitment fee of up to 0.50% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the SMBC Funding Facility. Since December 20, 2013 and through March 14, 2014, ACJB is required to pay a commitment fee of up to 0.75% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the SMBC Funding Facility. After March 14, 2014, ACJB is required to pay a commitment fee of between 0.35% and 0.875% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the SMBC Funding Facility.

For the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the components of interest and credit facility fees expense, cash paid for interest expense, average interest rates (i.e., rate in effect plus the spread) and average outstanding balances for the SMBC Funding Facility were as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31,	
	2013	**2012**
Stated interest expense	$	$ 1,419
Facility fees	446	3
Amortization of debt issuance costs	1,047	629
Total interest and credit facility fees expense	$ 1,493	$ 2,051
Cash paid for interest expense	$ 16	$ 1,404
Average stated interest rate		% 2.41%
Average outstanding balance	$	$ 58,987

Debt Securitization

In July 2006, through ARCC Commercial Loan Trust 2006, a vehicle serviced by the Company's consolidated subsidiary, ARCC CLO 2006 LLC ("ARCC CLO"), the Company completed a $400,000 debt securitization (the "Debt Securitization") and issued approximately $314,000 aggregate principal amount of asset backed notes to third parties (the "CLO Notes") that were secured by a pool of middle market loans that were purchased or originated by the Company. In June 2012, the Company repaid in full the $60,049 aggregate principal amount outstanding of the CLO Notes and terminated or discharged the agreements governing the Debt Securitization. In connection with the repayment in full of the CLO Notes ahead of their scheduled maturities, the remaining unamortized debt issuance costs related to the CLO Notes of $2,678 were expensed for the year ended December 31, 2012 and recorded as a "realized loss on extinguishment of debt" in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

The interest charged under the Debt Securitization was based on three month LIBOR and spreads ranged from 0.25% to 0.70% per annum depending on the class of the note. The Company was also required to pay a commitment fee of 0.175% for any unused portion of the Class A-1A VFN Notes through June 17, 2011, the end of the reinvestment period, which is included in facility fees below.

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For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the components of interest and credit facility fees expense, cash paid for interest expense, average interest rates (i.e., rate in effect plus the spread) and average outstanding balances for the Debt Securitization were as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Stated interest expense	$ 321	$ 897
Facility fees		25
Amortization of debt issuance costs	179	356
Total interest and credit facility fees expense	$ 500	$ 1,278
Cash paid for interest expense	$ 347	$ 903
Average stated interest rate	1.01%	0.70%
Average outstanding balance	$ 31,829	$ 128,468

Convertible Unsecured Notes

In January 2011, the Company issued $575,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on February 1, 2016 (the "February 2016 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In March 2011, the Company issued $230,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on June 1, 2016 (the "June 2016 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In March 2012, the Company issued $162,500 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on March 15, 2017 (the "2017 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company issued $270,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on January 15, 2018 (the "2018 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In July 2013, the Company issued $300,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on January 15, 2019 (the "2019 Convertible Notes" and together with the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes and the 2018 Convertible Notes, the "Convertible Unsecured Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. The Company does not have the right to redeem the Convertible Unsecured Notes prior to maturity. The February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.750%, 5.125%, 4.875%, 4.750% and 4.375%, respectively, per year, payable semi-annually.

In certain circumstances, the Convertible Unsecured Notes will be convertible into cash, shares of the Company's common stock or a combination of cash and shares of its common stock, at the Company's election, at their respective conversion rates (listed below as of December 31, 2013) subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments and the requirements of their respective indenture (the "Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures"). Prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding their respective conversion date (listed below), holders may convert their Convertible Unsecured Notes only under certain circumstances set forth in the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures. On or after their respective conversion dates until the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately preceding their respective maturity date, holders may convert their Convertible Unsecured Notes at any time. In addition, if the Company engages in certain corporate events as described in their respective Convertible Unsecured Notes Indenture, holders of the Convertible Unsecured Notes may require the Company to repurchase for cash all or part of the Convertible Unsecured Notes at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Unsecured Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest through, but excluding, the required repurchase date.

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Certain key terms related to the convertible features for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes as of December 31, 2013 are listed below.

	February 2016 Convertible Notes	June 2016 Convertible Notes	2017 Convertible Notes	2018 Convertible Notes	2019 Convertible Notes
Conversion premium	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%	15.0%
Closing stock price at issuance	$16.28	$16.20	$16.46	$16.91	$17.53
Closing stock price date	January 19, 2011	March 22, 2011	March 8, 2012	October 3, 2012	July 15, 2013
Conversion price(1)	$18.71	$18.62	$19.11	$19.76	$20.10
Conversion rate (shares per one thousand dollar principal amount)(1)	53.4477	53.7116	52.3287	50.6160	49.7448
Conversion dates	August 15, 2015	December 15, 2015	September 15, 2016	July 15, 2017	July 15, 2018

(1) Represents conversion price and conversion rate, as applicable, as of December 31, 2013, taking into account certain de minimis adjustments that will be made on the conversion date.

As of December 31, 2013, the principal amounts of each series of the Convertible Unsecured Notes exceeded the value of the underlying shares multiplied by the per share closing price of the Company's common stock.

The Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures contain certain covenants, including covenants requiring the Company to comply with Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act and to provide financial information to the holders of the Convertible Unsecured Notes under certain circumstances. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures. As of December 31, 2013, the Company was in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures.

The Convertible Unsecured Notes are accounted for in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 470-20. Upon conversion of any of the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the Company intends to pay the outstanding principal amount in cash and to the extent that the conversion value exceeds the principal amount, the Company has the option to pay in cash or shares of the Company's common stock (or a combination of cash and shares) in respect of the excess amount, subject to the requirements of the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures. The Company has determined that the embedded conversion options in the Convertible Unsecured Notes are not required to be separately accounted for as a derivative under GAAP. In accounting for the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the Company estimated at the time of issuance separate debt and equity components for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes. An original issue discount equal to the equity components of the Convertible Unsecured Notes was recorded in "capital in excess of par value" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. Additionally, the issuance costs associated with the Convertible Unsecured Notes were allocated to the debt and equity components in proportion to the allocation of the proceeds and accounted for as debt issuance costs and equity issuance costs, respectively.

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The debt and equity component percentages, the issuance costs and the equity component amounts for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes are listed below.

	February 2016 Convertible Notes	June 2016 Convertible Notes	2017 Convertible Notes	2018 Convertible Notes	2019 Convertible Notes
Debt and equity component percentages, respectively(1)	93.0% and 7.0%	93.0% and 7.0%	97.0% and 3.0%	98.0% and 2.0%	99.8% and 0.2%
Debt issuance costs(1)	$15,778	$5,913	$4,813	$5,712	$4,475
Equity issuance costs(1)	$1,188	$445	$149	$116	$9
Equity component, net of issuance costs(2)	$39,062	$15,654	$4,724	$5,243	$582

(1) At time of issuance.

(2) At time of issuance and as of December 31, 2013.

In addition to the original issue discount equal to the equity components of the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes were each issued at a discount. The Company records interest expense comprised of both stated interest expense as well as accretion of any original issue discount.

As of December 31, 2013, the components of the carrying value of the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the stated interest rate and the effective interest rate were as follows:

	February 2016 Convertible Notes	June 2016 Convertible Notes	2017 Convertible Notes	2018 Convertible Notes	2019 Convertible Notes
Principal amount of debt	$ 575,000	$ 230,000	$ 162,500	$ 270,000	$ 300,000
Original issue discount, net of accretion	(18,544)	(8,212)	(3,280)	(5,903)	(4,721)
Carrying value of debt	$ 556,456	$ 221,788	$ 159,220	$ 264,097	$ 295,279
Stated interest rate	5.75%	5.125%	4.875%	4.750%	4.375%
Effective interest rate(1)	7.1%	6.4%	5.4%	5.2%	4.6%

(1) The effective interest rate of the debt component of the Convertible Unsecured Notes is equal to the stated interest rate plus the accretion of original issue discount.

For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, the components of interest expense and cash paid for interest expense for the Convertible Unsecured Notes were as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Stated interest expense	$ 71,540	$ 53,877	$ 39,799
Accretion of original issue discount	13,508	11,099	8,433
Amortization of debt issuance costs	6,293	5,436	3,812
Total interest expense	$ 91,341	$ 70,412	$ 52,044

Cash paid for interest expense	$ 62,568	$ 48,833	$ 25,039

Unsecured Notes

2018 Notes

In November 2013, the Company issued $600,000 aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes that mature on November 30, 2018 (the "2018 Notes"). The 2018 Notes bear interest at a rate of 4.875% per year, payable semi-annually and all principal is due upon maturity. The 2018 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time at the Company's option at a redemption price equal to par

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plus a "make whole" premium, as determined in the indenture governing the 2018 Notes, and any accrued and unpaid interest. The 2018 Notes were issued at a discount at the time of issuance totaling $3,312. The Company records interest expense comprised of both stated interest expense as well as any accretion of any original issue discount. Total proceeds from the issuance of the 2018 Notes, net of the original issue discount, underwriting discounts and offering costs, were $586,014. See Note 16 for a subsequent event related to the 2018 Notes.

February 2022 Notes

In February 2012, the Company issued $143,750 aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes that mature on February 15, 2022 (the "February 2022 Notes"). The February 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 7.00% per year, payable quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. The February 2022 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after February 15, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. Total proceeds from the issuance of the February 2022 Notes, net of underwriting discounts and offering costs, were $138,338.

October 2022 Notes

In September 2012 and October 2012, the Company issued $182,500 aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes that mature on October 1, 2022 (the "October 2022 Notes"). The October 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.875% per year, payable quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. The October 2022 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after October 1, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. Total proceeds from the issuance of the October 2022 Notes, net of underwriting discounts and offering costs, were $176,054.

2040 Notes

In October 2010, the Company issued $200,000 aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes that mature on October 15, 2040 (the "2040 Notes"). The 2040 Notes bear interest at a rate of 7.75% per year, payable quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. The 2040 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after October 15, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. Total proceeds from the issuance of the 2040 Notes, net of underwriting discounts and offering costs, were $192,664.

2047 Notes

As part of the acquisition of Allied Capital Corporation ("Allied Capital") in April 2010 (the "Allied Acquisition"), the Company assumed $230,000 aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due on April 15, 2047 (the "2047 Notes" and together with the 2018 Notes, the February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes and the 2040 Notes, the "Unsecured Notes"). The 2047 Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.875%, payable quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. The 2047 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. As of December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 the outstanding principal was $230,000 and the carrying value was $ 181,429 and $181,199, respectively. The carrying value represents the principal amount of the 2047 Notes less the unaccreted purchased discount initially recorded as a part of the Allied Acquisition.

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For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, the components of interest expense and cash paid for interest expense for the Unsecured Notes were as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Stated interest expense	$ 55,509	$ 43,357	$ 38,578
Accretion of original issue discount	298	211	2,624
Amortization of debt issuance costs	1,129	917	242
Total interest expense	$ 56,936	$ 44,485	$ 15,742
Cash paid for interest expense	$ 52,097	$ 42,070	$ 49,920

The Unsecured Notes contain certain covenants, including covenants requiring the Company to comply with Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act and to provide financial information to the holders of such notes under certain circumstances. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions set forth in the indentures governing such notes. As of December 31, 2013, the Company was in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the respective indentures governing each of the Unsecured Notes.

The Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes are the Company's senior unsecured obligations and rank senior in right of payment to its existing and future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes; equal in right of payment to the Company's existing and future unsecured indebtedness that is not expressly subordinated; effectively junior in right of payment to any of its secured indebtedness (including existing unsecured indebtedness that the Company later secures) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness; and structurally junior to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) incurred by the Company's subsidiaries, financing vehicles or similar facilities.

6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company has various commitments to fund investments in its portfolio as described below.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company had the following commitments to fund various revolving and delayed draw senior secured and subordinated loans, including commitments to fund which are at (or substantially at) the Company's discretion:

	As of December 31,	
	2013	2012
Total revolving and delayed draw commitments	$ 834,444	$ 441,630
Less: funded commitments	(87,073)	(82,121)
Total unfunded commitments	747,371	359,509
Less: commitments substantially at discretion of the Company	(16,000)	(6,000)
Less: unavailable commitments due to borrowing base or other covenant restrictions	(1,660)	(571)
Total net adjusted unfunded revolving and delayed draw commitments	$ 729,711	$ 352,938

Included within the total revolving and delayed draw commitments as of December 31, 2013 were commitments to issue up to $39,875 in letters of credit through a financial intermediary on behalf of certain portfolio companies. As of December 31, 2013, the Company had $16,293 in letters of credit issued and outstanding under these commitments on behalf of portfolio companies. In addition to these

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letters of credit included as a part of the total revolving and delayed draw commitments to portfolio companies, as of December 31, 2013 the Company also had $27,000 of letters of credit issued and outstanding on behalf of other portfolio companies. For all these letters of credit issued and outstanding, the Company would be required to make payments to third parties if the portfolio companies were to default on their related payment obligations. None of these letters of credit issued and outstanding are recorded as a liability on the Company's balance sheet as such letters of credit are considered in the valuation of the investments in the portfolio company. Of these letters of credit $42,502 expire in 2014 and $791 expire in 2015.

The Company also has commitments to co-invest in the SSLP for the Company's portion of the SSLP's commitments to fund delayed draw investments to certain portfolio companies of the SSLP. See Note 4 for more information.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company was party to subscription agreements to fund equity investments in private equity investment partnerships as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2013	2012
Total private equity commitments	$ 59,500	$ 131,042
Less: funded private equity commitments	(11,891)	(66,533)
Total unfunded private equity commitments	47,609	64,509
Less: private equity commitments substantially at discretion of the Company	(43,206)	(53,088)
Total net adjusted unfunded private equity commitments	$ 4,403	$ 11,421

In the ordinary course of business, the Company may sell certain of its investments to third party purchasers. In particular, in connection with the sale of certain controlled portfolio company equity investments (as well as certain other sales) the Company has, and may continue to do so in the future, agreed to indemnify such purchasers for future liabilities arising from the investments and the related sale transaction. Such indemnification provisions may give rise to future liabilities.

As of December 31, 2013, one of the Company's portfolio companies, Ciena Capital LLC ("Ciena"), had one non-recourse securitization Small Business Administration ("SBA") loan warehouse facility, which has reached its maturity date but remains outstanding. Ciena is working with the providers of the SBA loan warehouse facility with regard to the repayment of that facility. Allied Capital had previously issued a performance guaranty (which the Company succeeded to as a result of the Allied Acquisition) whereby the Company must indemnify the warehouse providers for any damages, losses, liabilities and related costs and expenses that they may incur as a result of Ciena's failure to perform any of its obligations as loan originator, loan seller or loan servicer under the warehouse facility. As of December 31, 2013, there are no known issues or claims with respect to this performance guaranty.

Lease Commitments

The Company is obligated under a number of operating leases and subleases for office spaces with terms ranging from less than one year to more than 15 years. Total rent expense incurred by the Company for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 was $3,687, $3,958 and $3,343, respectively.

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The following table shows future minimum payments under the Company's operating leases and subleases as of December 31, 2013:

For the Year Ending December 31,	Amount
2014	$ 7,157
2015	5,903
2016	6,108
2017	6,279
2018	6,214
Thereafter	40,333
Total	$ 71,994

For certain of its operating leases, the Company has entered into subleases including ones with Ares Management and IHAM, a wholly owned portfolio company of the Company. See Note 12 for further description of these subleases.

The following table shows future expected rental payments to be received under the Company's subleases as of December 31, 2013. The current allocations reflected below are as of December 31, 2013. The allocations in connection with the Company's subleases are subject to change and future review. Further, such allocations are subject to change depending on the composition of, and functions performed by, the staff in each office.

For the Year Ending December 31,	Amount
2014	$ 3,545
2015	2,859
2016	2,963
2017	3,045
2018	2,955
Thereafter	20,011
Total	$ 35,378

7. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company follows ASC 825-10, which provides companies the option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. ASC 825-10 also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities and to more easily understand the effect of the company's choice to use fair value on its earnings. ASC 825-10 also requires entities to display the fair value of the selected assets and liabilities on the face of the balance sheet. The Company has not elected the ASC 825-10 option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. With the exception of the line items entitled "other assets" and "debt," which are reported at amortized cost, all assets and liabilities approximate fair value on the balance sheet. The carrying value of the lines titled "interest receivable," "receivable for open trades," "payable for open trades," "accounts payable and other liabilities," "management and incentive fees payable" and "interest and facility fees payable" approximate fair value due to their short maturity.

The Company also follows ASC 820-10, which expands the application of fair value accounting. ASC 820-10 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with GAAP and expands disclosure of fair value measurements. ASC 820-10 determines fair value to be the price that would be received for an investment in a current sale, which assumes an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. ASC 820-10 requires the Company to assume

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that the portfolio investment is sold in its principal market to market participants or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market, which may be a hypothetical market. Market participants are defined as buyers and sellers in the principal or most advantageous market that are independent, knowledgeable, and willing and able to transact. In accordance with ASC 820-10, the Company has considered its principal market as the market in which the Company exits its portfolio investments with the greatest volume and level of activity. ASC 820-10 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. In accordance with ASC 820-10, these inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2 Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

In addition to using the above inputs in investment valuations, the Company continues to employ the net asset valuation policy approved by the Company's board of directors that is consistent with ASC 820-10 (see Note 2). Consistent with the Company's valuation policy, it evaluates the source of inputs, including any markets in which the Company's investments are trading (or any markets in which securities with similar attributes are trading), in determining fair value. The Company's valuation policy considers the fact that because there is not a readily available market value for most of the investments in the Company's portfolio, the fair value of the investments must typically be determined using unobservable inputs.

The Company's portfolio investments (other than as discussed below in the following paragraph) are typically valued using two different valuation techniques. The first valuation technique is an analysis of the enterprise value ("EV") of the portfolio company. Enterprise value means the entire value of the portfolio company to a market participant, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. The primary method for determining EV uses a multiple analysis whereby appropriate multiples are applied to the portfolio company's EBITDA (net income before net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization). EBITDA multiples are typically determined based upon review of market comparable transactions and publicly traded comparable companies, if any. The second method for determining EV uses a discounted cash flow analysis whereby future expected cash flows of the portfolio company are discounted to determine a present value using estimated discount rates (typically a weighted average cost of capital based on costs of debt and equity consistent with current market conditions). The EV analysis is performed to determine the value of equity investments, the value of debt investments in portfolio companies where the Company has control or could gain control through an option or warrant security, and to determine if there is credit impairment for debt investments. If debt investments are credit impaired, an EV analysis may be used to value such debt investments; however, in addition to the methods outlined above, other methods such as a liquidation or wind-down analysis may be utilized to estimate enterprise value. The second valuation technique is a yield analysis, which is typically performed for non-credit impaired debt investments in portfolio companies where the Company does not own a controlling equity position. To determine fair value using a yield analysis, a current price is imputed for the investment based upon an assessment of the expected market yield for a similarly structured investment with a similar level of risk. In the yield analysis, the Company considers the current contractual interest rate, the maturity and other terms of the investment relative to risk of the company and the specific investment. A key determinant of risk, among other things, is the leverage through the investment relative to the enterprise value of the portfolio company. As debt investments held by the Company are substantially illiquid with no active transaction market, the Company depends on primary market data,

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including newly funded transactions, as well as secondary market data with respect to high yield debt instruments and syndicated loans, as inputs in determining the appropriate market yield, as applicable.

For other portfolio investments such as investments in collateralized loan obligations and the SSLP Certificates, discounted cash flow analysis is the primary technique utilized to determine fair value. Expected future cash flows associated with the investment are discounted to determine a present value using a discount rate that reflects estimated market return requirements.

The following tables summarize the significant unobservable inputs the Company used to value the majority of its investments categorized within Level 3 as of December 31, 2013 and 2012. The tables are not intended to be all-inclusive, but instead capture the significant unobservable inputs relevant to the Company's determination of fair values.

	As of December 31, 2013				
			Unobservable Input		
Asset Category	Fair Value	Primary Valuation Technique	Input	Range	Weighted Average
First lien senior secured loans	$ 3,433,608	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	4.0% - 19.0%	8.4%
Second lien senior secured loans	1,319,191	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	6.1% - 25.3%	10.3%
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP	1,771,369	Discounted Cash Flow	Discount Rate	10.5% - 13.5%	12.3%
Senior subordinated debt	267,171	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	9.0% - 17.5%	11.7%
Preferred equity securities	229,006	EV Market Multiple Analysis	EBITDA Multiple	4.5x - 11.6x	8.3x
Other equity securities and other	612,552	EV Market Multiple Analysis	EBITDA Multiple	4.5x - 14.8x	8.6x
Total	$ 7,632,897				

	As of December 31, 2012				
			Unobservable Input		
Asset Category	Fair Value	Primary Valuation Technique	Input	Range	Weighted Average
First lien senior secured loans	$ 2,321,272	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	5.3% - 21.5%	9.2%
Second lien senior secured loans	1,233,872	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	8.3% - 21.9%	10.9%
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP	1,263,644	Discounted Cash Flow	Discount Rate	11.5% - 14.5%	13.5%
Senior subordinated debt	259,820	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	10.0% - 18.6%	14.9%
Preferred equity securities	250,118	EV Market Multiple Analysis	EBITDA Multiple	4.5x - 10.5x	8.1x
Other equity securities and other	585,931	EV Market Multiple Analysis	EBITDA Multiple	4.5x - 12.8x	7.4x
Total	$ 5,914,657				

Changes in market yields, discount rates or EBITDA multiples, each in isolation, may change the fair value of certain of the Company's investments. Generally, an increase in market yields or discount rates or decrease in EBITDA multiples may result in a decrease in the fair value

of certain of the Company's investments.

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Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of the Company's investments may fluctuate from period to period. Additionally, the fair value of the Company's investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that the Company may ultimately realize. Further, such investments are generally subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or otherwise are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If the Company was required to liquidate a portfolio investment in a forced or liquidation sale, it could realize significantly less than the value at which the Company has recorded it.

In addition, 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 unrealized gains or losses reflected in the valuations currently assigned.

The following table presents fair value measurements of cash and cash equivalents and investments as of December 31, 2013:

	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Total	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 149,629	$ 149,629	$	$
Investments	$ 7,632,897	$	$	$ 7,632,897

The following table presents fair value measurements of cash and cash equivalents and investments as of December 31, 2012:

	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Total	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 269,043	$ 269,043	$	$
Investments	$ 5,924,555	$ 9,898	$	$ 5,914,657

The following table presents changes in investments that use Level 3 inputs as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013:

	As of and for the year ended December 31, 2013
Balance as of December 31, 2012	$ 5,914,657
Net realized gains	63,629
Net unrealized losses	(5,612)
Purchases	3,493,227
Sales	(866,052)
Redemptions	(990,538)
Payment-in-kind interest and dividends	18,894
Accretion of discount on securities	4,692
Net transfers in and/or out of Level 3	
Balance as of December 31, 2013	$ 7,632,897

As of December 31, 2013, the net unrealized appreciation on the investments that use Level 3 inputs was $95,494.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, the total amount of gains (losses) for the period included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to the Company's Level 3 assets still held as of December 31, 2013, and reported within the net unrealized gains (losses) from investments in the Company's consolidated statement of operations was $(6,948).

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The following table presents changes in investments that use Level 3 inputs as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012:

	As of and for the year ended December 31, 2012
Balance as of December 31, 2011	$ 5,094,506
Net realized gains	45,093
Net unrealized gains	110,494
Purchases	3,161,661
Sales	(667,550)
Redemptions	(1,862,848)
Payment-in-kind interest and dividends	25,036
Accretion of discount on securities	13,747
Net transfers in and/or out of Level 3	(5,482)
Balance as of December 31, 2012	$ 5,914,657

As of December 31, 2012, the net unrealized appreciation on the investments that use Level 3 inputs was $92,638.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, the total amount of gains (losses) for the period included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to the Company's Level 3 assets still held as of December 31, 2012, and reported within the net unrealized gains (losses) from investments in the Company's consolidated statement of operations was $11,221.

Transfers between levels, if any, are recognized at the beginning of the quarter in which the transfers occur.

Following are the carrying and fair values of the Company's debt obligations as of December 31, 2013 and 2012. Fair value is estimated by discounting remaining payments using applicable current market rates, which take into account changes in the Company's marketplace credit ratings, or market quotes, if available.

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	As of December 31,			
	2013		2012	
	Carrying value(1)	Fair value	Carrying value(1)	Fair value
Revolving Credit Facility	$	$	$	$
Revolving Funding Facility	185,000	185,000	300,000	303,209
SMBC Funding Facility				
February 2016 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $575,000)	556,456(2)	620,960	548,521(2)	617,550
June 2016 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $230,000)	221,788(2)	246,810	218,761(2)	243,797
2017 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $162,500)	159,220(2)	172,289	158,312(2)	168,495
2018 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $270,000)	264,096(2)	284,702	262,829(2)	272,813
2019 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $300,000)	295,279(2)	311,169		
2018 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $600,000)	596,757(3)	619,782		
February 2022 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $143,750)	143,750	149,364	143,750	151,549
October 2022 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $182,500)	182,500	181,770	182,500	179,361
2040 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $200,000)	200,000	199,208	200,000	208,968
2047 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $230,000)	181,429(4)	206,606	181,199(4)	225,558
	$ 2,986,275(5)	$ 3,177,660	$ 2,195,872(5)	$ 2,371,300

(1) Except for the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the 2018 Notes and the 2047 Notes, all carrying values are the same as the principal amounts outstanding.

(2) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Convertible Unsecured Notes less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of each respective series of the Convertible Unsecured Notes.

(3) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the 2018 Notes less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the 2018 Notes.

(4) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the 2047 Notes less the unaccreted purchased discount.

(5) Total principal amount of debt outstanding totaled $3,078,750 and $2,293,750 as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

The following table presents fair value measurements of the Company's debt obligations as of December 31, 2013 and 2012:

	As of December 31,	
Fair Value Measurements Using	2013	2012
Level 1	$ 736,948	$ 765,436
Level 2	2,440,712	1,605,864
Total	$ 3,177,660	$ 2,371,300

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8. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

The following table summarizes the total shares issued and proceeds received in public offerings of the Company's common stock net of underwriting discounts and offering costs for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

	Shares issued	Offering price per share(1)	Proceeds net of underwriting discounts and offering costs
2013			
December 2013 public offering	16,445	$ 17.47	$ 285,993
October 2013 public offering	12,650	$ 16.98	$ 214,339
April 2013 public offering	19,148	$ 17.43	$ 333,144
Total for the year ended December 31, 2013	48,243		$ 833,476
2012			
August 2012 public offering	25,875	$ 16.55	$ 427,566
January 2012 public offering	16,422	$ 15.41	$ 252,415
Total for the year ended December 31, 2012	42,297		$ 679,981

(1) The shares were sold to the underwriters for a price equal to the offering price per share, which the underwriters were then permitted to sell at variable prices to the public.

The Company used the net proceeds from the 2013 and 2012 public equity offerings to repay outstanding indebtedness and for general corporate purposes, which included funding investments in accordance with its investment objective.

There were no sales of the Company's equity securities for the year ended December 31, 2011.

9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following information sets forth the computations of basic and diluted net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations per share for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations available to common stockholders	$ 488,521	$ 508,178	$ 319,453
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding basic and diluted	266,939	230,151	204,860
Basic and diluted net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations per share	$ 1.83	$ 2.21	$ 1.56

For the purpose of calculating diluted net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations per share, the average closing price of the Company's common stock for the year ended December 31, 2013 as well as from the date of issuance of the 2019 Convertible Notes through December 31, 2013 was each less than the conversion price for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes outstanding as of December 31, 2013. For the year ended December 31, 2012, the date of issuance of the 2018 Convertible Notes through December 31, 2012 and the date of issuance of the 2017 Convertible Notes through December 31, 2012, the average closing price of the Company's common stock for such period was each less than the conversion price for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes outstanding as of December 31, 2012. Therefore, for all periods presented in the financial statements, the underlying shares for the intrinsic value of the embedded options in the Convertible Unsecured Notes have no impact on the computation of diluted net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations per share.

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10. INCOME AND EXCISE TAXES

For income tax purposes, dividends paid and distributions made to stockholders are reported as ordinary income, capital gains, non-taxable return of capital, or a combination thereof. Dividends paid per common share for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 were taxable as follows (unaudited):

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Ordinary income(1)	$ 1.57	$ 1.56	$ 1.16
Capital gains		0.04	0.25
Total	$ 1.57	$ 1.60	$ 1.41

(1) For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, ordinary income included dividend income of approximately $0.1082, $0.0918 and $0.0619, per share, respectively, that qualified to be taxed at the maximum capital gains rate. For certain eligible corporate shareholders, these dividends were eligible for the dividends received deduction.

The following reconciles net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations to taxable income for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2013 (Estimated)(1)	2012	2011
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 488,521	$ 508,178	$ 319,453
Adjustments:			
Net unrealized (gain) loss on investments	5,610	(115,261)	40,192
Other income not currently taxable	(78,309)	(26,270)	(55,936)
Other income for tax but not book	51,868	55,723	73,657
Expenses not currently deductible	25,549	46,333	59,019
Other deductible expenses	(4,628)	(6,211)	(1,210)
Other realized gain/loss differences	(65,724)	(15,689)	(33,720)
Taxable income	$ 422,887	$ 446,803	$ 401,455

(1) The calculation of estimated 2013 taxable income includes a number of estimated inputs, including information received from third parties and, as a result, actual 2013 taxable income will not be finally determined until the Company's 2013 tax return is filed in 2014 (and, therefore, such estimate is subject to change).

Taxable income generally differs from net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized gains or losses, as unrealized gains or losses are generally not included in taxable income until they are realized. In addition, on April 1, 2010, the Company acquired Allied Capital in a tax-free merger, which has caused certain merger-related items to vary in their deductibility for GAAP and tax purposes.

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Capital losses in excess of capital gains earned in a tax year may generally be carried forward and used to offset capital gains, subject to certain limitations. As of December 31, 2013, the Company estimates that it will have a capital loss carryforward of approximately $129 million available for use in later tax years. Because of the loss limitation rules of the Code, some of the tax basis capital losses may be limited in their use. The unused balance will be carried forward and utilized as gains are realized, subject to such limitations. In addition to the capital loss carryforwards, the Company realized net losses totaling approximately $0.3 billion from the Allied Capital portfolio since the Allied Acquisition through December 31, 2013, that have not yet been deducted for tax purposes as their deductibility in years since the Allied Acquisition was limited by the Code. While the Company's ability to utilize losses in the future depends upon a variety of factors that cannot be known in advance, substantially all of the Company's capital loss carryforwards and the net realized losses from the Allied Capital portfolio may become permanently unavailable due to limitations by the Code.

For 2013, the Company had estimated taxable income in excess of the distributions made from such taxable income during the year, and therefore, the Company has elected to carry forward the excess for distribution to shareholders in 2014. The amount carried forward to 2014 is estimated to be approximately $244 million, although this amount will not be finalized until the 2013 tax returns are filed in 2014. For 2012, the Company had taxable income in excess of the distributions made from such taxable income during the year, and therefore, the Company elected to carry forward the excess for distribution to shareholders in 2013. The amount carried forward to 2013 was approximately $246 million. For 2011, the Company had taxable income in excess of distributions made from such taxable income during the year, and therefore, the Company carried forward the excess for distribution to shareholders in 2012. The amount carried forward to 2012 was approximately $177 million. To the extent that the Company determines that its estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions from such income, the Company accrues excise tax on estimated excess taxable income. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, a net expense of $10,277, $7,937 and $6,605, respectively, was recorded for U.S. federal excise tax.

As of December 31, 2013, the cost basis of investments for tax purposes was $8.5 billion resulting in estimated gross unrealized gains and losses of $0.3 billion and $1.2 billion, respectively. As of December 31, 2012, the cost basis of investments for tax purposes was $6.8 billion resulting in estimated gross unrealized gains and losses of $0.3 billion and $1.2 billion, respectively. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the cost of investments for tax purposes was greater than the amortized cost of investments for book purposes of $7.5 billion and $5.8 billion, respectively, primarily as a result of the Allied Acquisition. The Allied Acquisition qualified as a tax free merger, which resulted in the acquired assets retaining Allied Capital's cost basis at the merger date.

In general, the Company may make certain adjustments to the classification of stockholders' equity as a result of permanent book-to-tax differences, which may include merger-related items, differences in the book and tax basis of certain assets and liabilities, and nondeductible federal taxes, among other items. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company decreased accumulated overdistributed net investment income by $14,106, increased accumulated net realized loss on investments, foreign currency transactions, extinguishment of debt and other assets by $26,151 and increased capital in excess of par value by $12,045. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company decreased accumulated overdistributed net investment income by $11,172, increased accumulated net realized loss on investments, foreign currency transactions, extinguishment of debt and other assets by $27,982 and increased capital in excess of par value by $16,810. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company decreased accumulated overdistributed net investment income by $7,474, increased accumulated net realized loss on investments, foreign currency transactions, extinguishment of debt and other assets by $126,234 and increased capital in excess of par value by $118,760.

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Certain of the Company's consolidated subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2013, the Company recorded a tax expense of approximately $3,828, $3,235 and $869, respectively, for these subsidiaries.

11. DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The following table summarizes the Company's dividends declared and payable during the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011:

Date declared	Record date	Payment date	Per share amount	Total amount
November 5, 2013	December 16, 2013	December 31, 2013	$ 0.38	$ 112,307
November 5, 2013	December 16, 2013	December 31, 2013	$ 0.05(1)	14,777
August 6, 2013	September 16, 2013	September 30, 2013	$ 0.38	101,959
May 7, 2013	June 14, 2013	June 28, 2013	$ 0.38	101,856
February 27, 2013	March 15, 2013	March 29, 2013	$ 0.38	94,488
Total declared for 2013			$ 1.57	$ 425,387
November 5, 2012	December 14, 2012	December 28, 2012	$ 0.38	$ 94,360
November 5, 2012	December 14, 2012	December 28, 2012	$ 0.05(1)	12,415
August 7, 2012	September 14, 2012	September 28, 2012	$ 0.38	94,250
August 7, 2012	September 14, 2012	September 28, 2012	$ 0.05(1)	12,401
May 8, 2012	June 15, 2012	June 29, 2012	$ 0.37	82,094
February 28, 2012	March 15, 2012	March 30, 2012	$ 0.37	81,974
Total declared for 2012			$ 1.60	$ 377,494
November 8, 2011	December 15, 2011	December 30, 2011	$ 0.36	$ 74,137
August 4, 2011	September 15, 2011	September 30, 2011	$ 0.35	71,643
May 3, 2011	June 15, 2011	June 30, 2011	$ 0.35	71,663
March 1, 2011	March 15, 2011	March 31, 2011	$ 0.35	71,547
Total declared for 2011			$ 1.41	$ 288,990

(1) Represents an additional dividend.

The table above does not include an additional dividend of $0.05 per share, payable, subject to the satisfaction of certain Maryland law requirements, on March 28, 2014 to stockholders of record as of March 14, 2014, which was previously declared on November 5, 2013.

The Company has a dividend reinvestment plan that was amended effective March 28, 2012, whereby the Company may buy shares of its common stock in the open market or issue new shares in order to satisfy dividend reinvestment requests. Prior to the amendment, if the Company issued new shares to implement the dividend reinvestment plan, the issue price was equal to the closing price of its common stock on the dividend record date. As a result of the amendment, when the Company issues new shares in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan, the issue price is equal to the closing price of its common stock on the dividend payment date. Dividend reinvestment plan activity for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, was as follows:

	2013	2012	2011

Shares issued	1,076	1,226	711
Average price per share	$ 17.58	$ 16.68	$ 16.24
Shares purchased by plan agent for shareholders			785
Average price per share	$	$	$ 14.71

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12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In accordance with the investment advisory and management agreement, the Company bears all costs and expenses of the operation of the Company and reimburses its investment adviser or its affiliates for certain of such costs and expenses incurred in the operation of the Company. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, the Company's investment adviser or its affiliates incurred such expenses totaling $5,250, $3,528 and $4,646, respectively. As of December 31, 2013, $1,572 was unpaid and such payable is included in "accounts payable and other liabilities" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

The Company is party to an office lease pursuant to which it is leasing New York office facilities from a third party (the "43rd/44th Floor Space"). The Company has previously entered into separate subleases with Ares Management and IHAM, pursuant to which Ares Management and IHAM subleased 15% and 20%, respectively, of the Company's 43rd/44th Floor Space for a rent equal to 15% and 20%, respectively, of the base annual rent payable by the Company under the Company's lease for the 43rd/44th Floor Space, plus certain additional costs and expenses. In September 2013, these subleases were amended to provide that Ares Management and IHAM sublease approximately 35% and 18%, respectively, of the 43rd/44th Floor Space for a rent equal to 35% and 18%, respectively, of the base annual rent payable by the Company under the Company's lease for the 43rd/44th Floor Space, plus certain additional costs and expenses.

The Company is also party to an office lease pursuant to which it began leasing additional New York office space in early 2013 (the "42nd Floor Space"). The Company has entered into a sublease with Ares Management to sublease 100% of the 42nd Floor Space to Ares Management for a rent equal to 100% of the base annual rent payable by us under our lease for the 42nd Floor Space, plus certain additional costs and expenses.

The Company also is party to an office lease with a third party for office space in Washington D.C. The Company entered into an office sublease with Ares Management in September 2013, pursuant to which Ares Management subleases approximately 54% of the Washington, D.C. office space leased by the Company for a rent equal to 54% of the base annual rent payable by us under our office lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses.

For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, amounts payable to the Company under these subleases described above totaled $2,183, $1,587 and $812, respectively.

In September 2013, the Company also entered into two office subleases with Ares Management, pursuant to which (i) the Company subleases approximately 42% of Ares Management's Chicago office space for a rent equal to 42% of the base annual rent payable by Ares Management under its office lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses and (ii) the Company subleases approximately 7% of certain of Ares Management's Los Angeles office space for a rent equal to 7% of the base annual rent payable by Ares Management under such office lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses. For the year ended December 31, 2013, amounts payable under these subleases by the Company to Ares Management totaled $185.

The current above allocations are as of December 31, 2013. The allocations in connection with the Company's subleases described above are subject to change and future review. These percentages are subject to change depending on the composition of, and functions performed by, the staff in each of these offices.

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In April 2012, the Company entered into an office sublease with Ares Commercial Real Estate Management LLC ("ACREM"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Ares Management and manager of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation, pursuant to which the Company was subleasing approximately 12% of ACREM's Chicago office space for a fixed rent equal to 12% of the base annual rent payable by ACREM under its office lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses. The Company's office sublease with ACREM was terminated on June 30, 2013. For the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, amounts payable under this sublease by the Company to ACREM totaled $26 and $55, respectively.

See Notes 3 and 4 for descriptions of other related party transactions.

13. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a schedule of financial highlights as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011:

	As of and for the Year Ended		
Per Share Data:	**December 31, 2013**	**December 31, 2012**	**December 31, 2011**
Net asset value, beginning of period(1)	$ 16.04	$ 15.34	$ 14.92
Issuances of common stock	0.16	0.05	
Issuances of the Convertible Unsecured Notes		0.04	0.27
Net investment income for period(2)	1.61	1.52	1.38
Net realized and unrealized gains for period(2)	0.22	0.69	0.18
Net increase in stockholders' equity	1.99	2.30	1.83
Total distributions to stockholders	(1.57)	(1.60)	(1.41)
Net asset value at end of period(1)	$ 16.46	$ 16.04	$ 15.34
Per share market value at end of period	$ 17.77	$ 17.50	$ 15.45
Total return based on market value(3)	10.51%	23.62%	2.31%
Total return based on net asset value(4)	11.41%	14.34%	10.45%
Shares outstanding at end of period	297,971	248,653	205,130
Ratio/Supplemental Data:			
Net assets at end of period	$ 4,904,444	$ 3,988,346	$ 3,147,265
Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets(5)(6)	10.03%	10.70%	10.94%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets(5)(7)	9.86%	9.62%	8.97%
Portfolio turnover rate(5)	27%	45%	53%

(1) The net assets used equals the total stockholders' equity on the consolidated balance sheet.

(2) Weighted average basic per share data.

(3) For the year ended December 31, 2013, the total return based on market value equaled the increase of the ending market value at December 31, 2013 of $17.77 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2012 of $17.50 per share plus the declared and payable dividends of $1.57 per share for the year ended December 31, 2013, divided by the market value at December 31, 2012. For the year ended December 31, 2012, the total return based on market value equaled the increase of the ending market value at December 31, 2012 of $17.50 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2011 of $15.45 per share plus the declared and payable dividends of $1.60 per share for the year ended December 31, 2012, divided by the market value at December 31, 2011.For the year ended December 31, 2011, the total return based on market value for the year ended December 31, 2011 equaled the decrease of the ending market value at December 30, 2011 of $15.45 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2010 of $16.48 per share plus the declared and payable dividends of $1.41 per share for the year ended December 31, 2011, divided by the market value at December 31, 2010. Total return based on market value is not annualized. The Company's shares fluctuate in value. The Company's performance changes over time and currently may be different than that shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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(4) For the year ended December 31, 2013, the total return based on net asset value equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared and payable dividends of $1.57 per share for the year ended December 31, 2013, divided by the beginning net asset value for the period. For the year ended December 31, 2012, the total return based on net asset value equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared and payable dividends of $1.60 per share for the year ended December 31, 2012 divided by the beginning net asset value for the period. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the total return based on net asset value equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared and payable dividends of $1.41 per share for the year ended December 31, 2011 divided by the beginning net asset value for the period. These calculations are adjusted for shares issued in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan, the issuance of common stock in connection with any equity offerings and the equity components of any convertible notes issued during the period. Total return based on net asset value is not annualized. The Company's performance changes over time and currently may be different than that shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

(5) The ratios reflect an annualized amount.

(6) For the year ended December 31, 2013, the ratio of operating expenses to average net assets consisted of 2.40% of base management fees, 2.80% of incentive fees, 3.94% of the cost of borrowing and 0.89% of other operating expenses. For the year ended December 31, 2012, the ratio of operating expenses to average net assets consisted of 2.38% of base management fees, 3.50% of incentive fees, 3.94% of the cost of borrowing and other operating expenses of 0.88%. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the ratio of operating expenses to average net assets consisted of 2.27% of base management fees, 3.57% of incentive fees, 3.89% of the cost of borrowing and other operating expenses of 1.21%. These ratios reflect annualized amounts.

(7) The ratio of net investment income to average net assets excludes income taxes related to realized gains.

14. SELECTED QUARTERLY DATA (Unaudited)

	2013			
	Q4	**Q3**	**Q2**	**Q1**
Total investment income	$ 233,742	$ 246,801	$ 206,123	$ 195,055
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains (losses) and incentive compensation	$ 145,003	$ 161,421	$ 126,951	$ 119,182
Incentive compensation	$ 33,493	$ 35,199	$ 33,374	$ 20,085
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	$ 111,510	$ 126,222	$ 93,577	$ 99,097
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	$ 22,374	$ 14,575	$ 39,921	$ (18,755)
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 133,884	$ 140,797	$ 133,498	$ 80,342
Basic and diluted earnings per common share	$ 0.47	$ 0.52	$ 0.50	$ 0.32
Net asset value per share as of the end of the quarter	$ 16.46	$ 16.35	$ 16.21	$ 15.98

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	2012			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Total investment income	$ 212,160	$ 190,572	$ 177,555	$ 167,738
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains and incentive compensation	$ 138,249	$ 123,599	$ 110,634	$ 103,424
Incentive compensation	$ 43,787	$ 34,139	$ 22,733	$ 26,386
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains	$ 94,462	$ 89,460	$ 87,901	$ 77,038
Net realized and unrealized gains	$ 80,682	$ 47,095	$ 3,031	$ 28,509
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 175,144	$ 136,555	$ 90,932	$ 105,547
Basic and diluted earnings per common share	$ 0.71	$ 0.59	$ 0.41	$ 0.49
Net asset value per share as of the end of the quarter	$ 16.04	$ 15.74	$ 15.51	$ 15.47

	2011			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Total investment income	$ 187,123	$ 167,365	$ 144,307	$ 135,691
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains (losses) and incentive compensation	$ 121,990	$ 108,517	$ 85,509	$ 78,764
Incentive compensation	$ 29,531	$ 10,159	$ 41,746	$ 30,941
Net investment income before net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	$ 92,459	$ 98,358	$ 43,763	$ 47,823
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	$ 25,666	$ (57,719)	$ (6,840)	$ 75,943
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 118,125	$ 40,639	$ 36,923	$ 123,766
Basic and diluted earnings per common share	$ 0.58	$ 0.20	$ 0.18	$ 0.61
Net asset value per share as of the end of the quarter	$ 15.34	$ 15.13	$ 15.28	$ 15.45

15. LITIGATION

The Company is party to certain lawsuits in the normal course of business. In addition, Allied Capital was involved in various legal proceedings that the Company assumed in connection with the Allied Acquisition. Furthermore, third parties may try to seek to impose liability on the Company in connection with the activities of its portfolio companies. While the outcome of any such legal proceedings cannot at this time be predicted with certainty, the Company does not expect that these legal proceedings will materially affect its business, financial condition or results of operations.

On May 20, 2013, the Company was named as one of several defendants in an action filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania by the bankruptcy trustee of DSI Renal Holdings LLC and two related companies. The complaint in the action alleges, among other things, that each of the named defendants participated in a purported "fraudulent transfer" involving the restructuring of a subsidiary of DSI Renal Holdings LLC. Among other things, the complaint seeks, jointly and severally from all defendants, (1) damages of approximately $425 million, of which the complaint states the Company's individual share is approximately $117 million, and (2) punitive damages. The Company is currently unable to assess with any certainty whether it may have any exposure in this action. The Company believes the claims are without merit and intends to vigorously defend itself in this action.

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16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company's management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of issuance of the consolidated financial statements included herein. There have been no subsequent events that occurred during such period that would require disclosure in this Form 10-K or would be required to be recognized in the Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, except as disclosed below.

In January 2014, the Company issued an additional $150,000 aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Notes (the "Additional 2018 Notes") at a premium of 102.7% of their principal amount. Total proceeds from the issuance of the Additional 2018 Notes, net of underwriting discounts and offering costs, were approximately $151,900.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(in thousands, except per share data)

	As of	
	March 31, 2014	**December 31, 2013**
	(unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value		
Non-controlled/non-affiliate investments	$ 5,198,593	$ 5,136,612
Non-controlled affiliate company investments	275,016	260,484
Controlled affiliate company investments	2,325,987	2,235,801
Total investments at fair value (amortized cost of $7,711,474 and $7,537,403 respectively)	7,799,596	7,632,897
Cash and cash equivalents	146,639	149,629
Interest receivable	141,248	123,981
Receivable for open trades	6,920	128,566
Other assets	105,120	106,431
Total assets	$ 8,199,523	$ 8,141,504
LIABILITIES		
Debt	$ 3,058,693	$ 2,986,275
Management and incentive fees payable	122,849	139,208
Accounts payable and other liabilities	77,263	68,649
Interest and facility fees payable	41,383	42,828
Payable for open trades	769	100
Total liabilities	3,300,957	3,237,060
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock, par value $0.001 per share, 500,000 common shares authorized 298,270 and 297,971 common shares issued and outstanding, respectively	298	298
Capital in excess of par value	4,987,734	4,982,477
Accumulated overdistributed net investment income	(24,576)	(8,785)
Accumulated net realized loss on investments, foreign currency transactions, extinguishment of debt and other assets	(152,995)	(165,040)
Net unrealized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	88,105	95,494
Total stockholders' equity	4,898,566	4,904,444
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 8,199,523	$ 8,141,504
NET ASSETS PER SHARE	$ 16.42	$ 16.46

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share data)

	For the three months ended	
	March 31, 2014	**March 31, 2013**
	(unaudited)	**(unaudited)**
INVESTMENT INCOME:		
From non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments:		
Interest income from investments	$ 99,781	$ 85,122
Capital structuring service fees	14,323	4,104
Dividend income	7,976	4,024
Management and other fees		314
Other income	7,048	6,195
Total investment income from non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments	129,128	99,759
From non-controlled affiliate company investments:		
Interest income from investments	2,900	6,016
Capital structuring service fees	650	
Dividend income	2,672	603
Other income	327	91
Total investment income from non-controlled affiliate company investments	6,549	6,710
From controlled affiliate company investments:		
Interest income from investments	70,843	53,039
Capital structuring service fees	5,925	1,887
Dividend income	20,078	27,462
Management and other fees	5,952	4,184
Other income	1,244	2,014
Total investment income from controlled affiliate company investments	104,042	88,586
Total investment income	239,719	195,055
EXPENSES:		
Interest and credit facility fees	52,493	39,347
Base management fees	30,084	23,218
Incentive fees	29,253	20,085
Administrative fees	3,743	2,592
Other general and administrative	6,430	6,912
Total expenses	122,003	92,154
NET INVESTMENT INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	117,716	102,901
Income tax expense, including excise tax	5,380	3,804
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	112,336	99,097
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS:		
Net realized gains (losses):		
Non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments	10,148	10,651
Non-controlled affiliate company investments	38	17
Controlled affiliate company investments	1,768	1,010
Foreign currency transactions	163	
Net realized gains	12,117	11,678
Net unrealized gains (losses):		

Non-controlled/non-affiliate company investments		(14,879)		5,949
Non-controlled affiliate company investments		14,919		(1,353)
Controlled affiliate company investments		(7,414)		(35,029)
Foreign currency transactions		(15)		
Net unrealized losses		(7,389)		(30,433)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments and foreign currency transactions		4,728		(18,755)
REALIZED LOSSES ON EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBT		(72)		
NET INCREASE IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	$	116,992	$	80,342
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE (see Note 10)	$	0.39	$	0.32
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING BASIC AND DILUTED (see Note 10)		297,972		248,658

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CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Investment Funds and Vehicles							
CIC Flex, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership units (0.94 units)		9/7/2007	$ 811	$ 3,561(2)	
Covestia Capital Partners, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (47.00% interest)		6/17/2008	487	838(2)	
Dynamic India Fund IV, LLC(8)(9)	Investment company	Member interest (5.44% interest)		4/1/2010	4,822	2,903	
HCI Equity, LLC(7)(8)(9)	Investment company	Member interest (100.00% interest)		4/1/2010	112	411	
Imperial Capital Private Opportunities, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (80.00% interest)		5/10/2007	5,914	12,548(2)	
Partnership Capital Growth Fund I, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (25.00% interest)		6/16/2006	1,403	3,631(2)	
Partnership Capital Growth Investors III, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (2.50% interest)		10/5/2011	1,843	1,999(2)	
Piper Jaffray Merchant Banking Fund I, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (2.00% interest)		8/16/2012	828	767(2)	
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC(7)(10)	Co-investment vehicle	Subordinated certificates ($1,814,766 par due 12/2024)	8.23% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)(26)	10/30/2009	1,814,766	1,841,987	
		Membership interest (87.50% interest)		10/30/2009			
					1,814,766	1,841,987	
VSC Investors LLC(9)	Investment company	Membership interest (1.95% interest)		1/24/2008	695	1,267(2)	
					1,831,681	1,869,912	38.17%
Healthcare Services							
Alegeus Technologies Holdings Corp.	Benefits administration and transaction processing provider	Preferred stock (2,997 shares)		12/13/2013	3,087	2,702	
		Common stock (3 shares)		12/13/2013	3	27	

					3,090	2,729
ATI Phyiscal Therapy Holdings, LLC	Outpatient rehabilitation services provider	Class C common stock (51,005 shares)		12/13/2013	53	55
AxelaCare Holdings, Inc. and AxelaCare Investment Holdings, L.P.	Provider of home infusion services	First lien senior secured loan ($4,430 par due 4/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	4/12/2013	4,430	4,430(2)(25)
		Preferred units (8,218,160 units)		4/12/2013	822	820(2)
		Common units (83,010 units)		4/12/2013	8	7(2)
					5,260	5,257

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
California Forensic Medical Group, Incorporated	Correctional facility healthcare operator	First lien senior secured loan ($53,504 par due 11/2018)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	11/16/2012	53,504	53,504(3)(25)	
CCS Group Holdings, LLC	Correctional facility healthcare operator	Class A units (601,937 units)		8/19/2010	602	1,423(2)	
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings LLC(6)	Healthcare analysis services provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($144 par due 10/2018)	6.25% (Base Rate + 3.00%/Q)	10/4/2013	144	144(2)(25)	
		Class A common stock (9,679 shares)		6/15/2007	2,543	4,449(2)	
		Class C common stock (1,546 shares)		6/15/2007		711(2)	
					2,687	5,304	
Dialysis Newco, Inc.	Dialysis provider	First lien senior secured loan ($1,823 par due 8/2020)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	8/16/2013	1,823	1,823(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($13,676 par due 8/2020)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	8/16/2013	13,676	13,676(2)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($56,500 par due 2/2021)	9.75% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/16/2013	56,500	58,195(2)(25)	
					71,999	73,694	
DNAnexus, Inc.	Bioinformatics company	First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 10/2017)	9.25%	3/21/2014	4,752	5,000(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 454,546 units of Series C preferred stock		3/21/2014		(2)	
					4,752	5,000	
Genocea Biosciences, Inc.	Vaccine discovery technology company	First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 4/2017)	8.00%	9/30/2013	9,818	10,000(2)	
		Common stock (34,500 shares)		9/30/2013		654(2)	
					9,818	10,654	
GI Advo Opco, LLC	Residential behavioral treatment services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($14,523 par due 6/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	14,922	14,523(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($280 par due 6/2017)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	288	280(25)	
					15,210	14,803	
Global Healthcare Exchange, LLC and GHX Ultimate Parent Corp.	On-demand supply chain automation solutions provider	First lien senior secured loan ($125,000 par due 3/2020)	10.00% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	3/11/2014	123,835	125,000(2)(25)	
				3/11/2014	2,475	2,475(2)	

		Class A common stock (2,475 shares) Class B common stock (938 shares)	3/11/2014	25	25(2)
				126,335	127,500
INC Research, Inc.	Pharmaceutical and biotechnology consulting services	Common stock (1,410,000 shares)	9/27/2010	1,512	1,846(2)

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Intermedix Corporation	Revenue cycle management provider to the emergency healthcare industry	Second lien senior secured loan ($112,000 par due 6/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	12/27/2012	112,000	112,000(2)(25)	
LM Acquisition Holdings, LLC(8)	Developer and manufacturer of medical equipment	Class A units (426 units)		9/27/2013	1,000	1,024(2)	
MC Acquisition Holdings I, LLC	Healthcare professional provider	Class A units (1,000,000 units)		1/17/2014	1,000	1,000(2)	
Monte Nido Holdings, LLC	Outpatient eating disorder treatment provider	First lien senior secured loan ($44,750 par due 12/2019)	7.75% (Libor + 6.75%/Q)	12/20/2013	44,750	44,750(2)(19)(25)	
MW Dental Holding Corp.	Dental services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($1,000 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	1,000	1,000(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($35,004 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	35,004	35,004(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($48,609 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	48,609	48,609(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,771 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	9,771	9,771(4)(25)	
					94,384	94,384	
Napa Management Services Corporation	Anesthesia management services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($66,734 par due 2/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	4/15/2011	66,734	66,734(2)(22)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($33,266 par due 2/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	4/15/2011	33,206	33,266(3)(22)(25)	
		Common units (5,345 units)		4/15/2011	5,623	8,717(2)	
					105,563	108,717	
National Healing Corporation and National Healing Holding Corp.	Wound care service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 2/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	12/13/2013	10,285	10,200(25)	
		Preferred stock (869,565 shares)		12/13/2013	1,296	1,462	
					11,581	11,662	
Netsmart Technologies, Inc. and NS Holdings, Inc.	Healthcare technology provider	First lien senior secured loan ($2,817 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/18/2012	2,817	2,817(2)(17)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($36,027 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/18/2012	36,027	36,027(2)(17)(25)	
		Common stock (2,500,000 shares)		6/21/2010	2,500	3,715(2)	
					41,344	42,559	

New Trident Holdcorp, Inc.	Outsourced mobile diagnostic healthcare service provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($80,000 par due 7/2020)	10.25% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	8/6/2013	78,505	80,000(2)(25)

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
OmniSYS Acquisition Corporation, OmniSYS, LLC, and OSYS Holdings, LLC	Provider of technology-enabled solutions to pharmacies	First lien senior secured loan ($20,869 par due 11/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	11/21/2013	20,869	20,869(2)(25)	
		Limited liability company membership interest (1.57%)		11/21/2013	1,000	1,031(2)	
					21,869	21,900	
PerfectServe, Inc.	Communications software platform provider for hospitals and physician practices	First lien senior secured loan ($3,500 par due 4/2017)	10.00%	12/26/2013	3,467	3,500(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 34,113 units of Series C preferred stock		12/26/2013		70(2)	
					3,467	3,570	
PG Mergersub, Inc. and PGA Holdings, Inc.	Provider of patient surveys, management reports and national databases for the integrated healthcare delivery system	Second lien senior secured loan ($2,368 par due 10/2018)	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	12/13/2013	2,435	2,368(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($21,316 par due 10/2018)	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/19/2012	21,316	21,316(2)(25)	
		Preferred stock (333 shares)		3/12/2008	125	18(2)	
		Common stock (16,667 shares)		3/12/2008	167	892(2)	
					24,043	24,594	
Physiotherapy Associates Holdings, Inc.	Outpatient rehabilitation physical therapy provider	Class A common stock (100,000 shares)		12/13/2013	3,090	3,090	
POS I Corp. (fka Vantage Oncology, Inc.)	Radiation oncology care provider	Common stock (62,157 shares)		2/3/2011	4,670	1,043(2)	
RCHP, Inc.	Operator of general acute care hospitals	First lien senior secured loan ($4,875 par due 11/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	11/4/2011	4,875	4,875(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($60,365 par due 11/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	11/4/2011	60,344	60,365(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,975 par due 11/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	11/4/2011	9,975	9,975(4)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($85,000 par due 5/2019)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	11/4/2011	85,000	85,850(2)(25)	
					160,194	161,065	
Reed Group, Ltd.	Medical disability management services provider	Equity interests		4/1/2010		(2)	

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Respicardia, Inc.	Developer of implantable therapies to improve cardiovascular health	First lien senior secured loan ($3,200 par due 7/2015)	11.00%	6/28/2012	3,191	3,200(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 99,094 shares of Series C preferred stock		6/26/2012	38	29(2)	
					3,229	3,229	
Sage Products Holdings III, LLC	Patient infection control and preventive care solutions provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($75,000 par due 6/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	12/13/2012	75,000	75,000(2)(25)	
Sorbent Therapeutics, Inc.	Orally-administered drug developer	First lien senior secured loan ($6,370 par due 9/2016)	10.25%	4/23/2013	6,370	6,370(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 727,272 shares of Series C Preferred Stock		4/23/2013		25(2)	
					6,370	6,395	
SurgiQuest, Inc.	Medical device company	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,200 par due 9/2014)	8.50%	9/28/2012	2,200	2,200(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5,726 par due 10/2017)	10.00%	9/28/2012	5,603	5,726(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($2,000 par due 10/2017)	10.69%	9/28/2012	1,957	2,000(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 54,672 shares of Series D-4 convertible preferred stock		9/28/2012		(2)	
					9,760	9,926	
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc.	Anesthesiology service provider	First lien senior secured loan ($29,925 par due 12/2019)	7.25% (Base Rate + 4.00%/Q)	12/31/2013	29,925	29,925(2)(25)	
Young Innovations, Inc.	Dental supplies and equipment manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($9,445 par due 1/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	9,445	9,445(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8 par due 1/2019)	6.75% (Base Rate + 3.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	8	8(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($12,958 par due 1/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	12,958	12,958(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($12 par due 1/2019)	6.75% (Base Rate + 3.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	12	12(4)(25)	
					22,423	22,423	

					1,148,989	1,160,025	23.68%
Business Services							
2329497 Ontario Inc.(8)	Provider of outsourced data center infrastructure and related services	Second lien senior secured loan ($45,000 par due 6/2019)	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/M)	12/13/2013	43,496	41,557(25)	

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Access CIG, LLC	Records and information management services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($988 par due 10/2017)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/M)	10/5/2012	988	988(2)(25)	
BlackArrow, Inc.	Advertising and data solutions software platform provider for the television and video industry	First lien senior secured loan ($8,000 par due 9/2017)	9.25%	3/13/2014	7,723	7,920(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 517,386 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/13/2014		76(2)	
					7,723	7,996	
BluePay Processing, Inc.	Technology-enabled payment processing solutions provider	First lien senior secured loan ($5,970 par due 8/2019)	5.00% (Libor + 4.00%/Q)	8/30/2013	5,970	5,970(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($15 par due 8/2019)	6.25% (Base Rate + 3.00%/Q)	8/30/2013	15	15(2)(25)	
					5,985	5,985	
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage Co-Investors, L.L.C.(6)	Payroll and accounting services provider to the entertainment industry	First lien senior secured loan ($12,934 par due 12/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	12/24/2012	12,934	12,934(2)(18)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($44,671 par due 12/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	12/24/2012	44,671	44,671(3)(18)(25)	
		Class A membership units (2,500,000 units)		12/24/2012	2,500	4,634(2)	
		Class B membership units (2,500,000 units)		12/24/2012	2,500	4,634(2)	
					62,605	66,873	
CIBT Investment Holdings, LLC	Expedited travel document processing services	Class A shares (2,500 shares)		12/15/2011	2,500	3,758(2)	
CitiPostal Inc.(7)	Document storage and management services	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,500 par due 12/2014)	6.50% (Libor + 4.50%/M)	4/1/2010	2,500	2,500(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($53,846 par due 12/2014)		4/1/2010	52,041	41,500(2)(24)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($21,027 par due 12/2015)		4/1/2010	13,038	(2)(24)	
		Common stock (37,024 shares)		4/1/2010			
					67,579	44,000	
Command Alkon, Inc.	Software solutions provider to the ready-mix concrete industry	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 3/2018)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/28/2012	10,000	10,000(2)(25)	

		Second lien senior secured loan ($26,500 par due 5/2019)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/S)	9/28/2012	26,500	26,500(2)(25)
					36,500	36,500
Coverall North America, Inc.	Commercial janitorial services provider	Letter of credit facility		1/17/2013		(29)

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First Insight, Inc.	SaaS company providing merchandising and pricing solutions to companies worldwide	First lien senior secured loan ($3,500 par due 4/2017)	9.50%	3/20/2014	3,396	3,465(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 122,827 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/20/2014		7(2)	
					3,396	3,472	
GHS Interactive Security, LLC and LG Security Holdings, LLC	Originates residential security alarm contracts	First lien senior secured loan ($3,915 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.00%/S)	12/13/2013	3,973	3,954(25)	
		Class A membership units (1,560,000 units)		12/13/2013	1,607	432	
					5,580	4,386	
HCPro, Inc. and HCP Acquisition Holdings, LLC(7)	Healthcare compliance advisory services	Senior subordinated loan ($9,100 par due 8/2014)		3/5/2013	2,691	(2)(24)	
		Class A units (14,293,110 units)		6/26/2008	12,793	(2)	
					15,484		
IfByPhone Inc.	Voice-based marketing automation software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($1,333 par due 11/2015)	11.00%	10/15/2012	1,300	1,333(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($733 par due 1/2016)	11.00%	10/15/2012	733	733(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 124,300 shares of Series C preferred stock		10/15/2012	88	61(2)	
					2,121	2,127	
Investor Group Services, LLC(6)	Business consulting for private equity and corporate clients	Limited liability company membership interest (8.5% interest)		6/22/2006		630	
IronPlanet, Inc.	Online auction platform provider for used heavy equipment	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($5,000 par due 9/2015)	8.00%	9/24/2013	5,000	5,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,500 par due 7/2017)	9.25%	9/24/2013	7,172	7,350(2)	
		Warrant to purchase to up to 133,333 shares of Series C preferred stock		9/24/2013	214	242(2)	
					12,386	12,592	
Itel Laboratories, Inc.	Data services provider for building materials to property insurance industry	Preferred units (1,798,391 units)		6/29/2012	1,000	1,143(2)	

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Keynote Systems, Inc. and Hawaii Ultimate Parent Corp., Inc.	Web and mobile cloud performance testing and monitoring services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($183,175 par due 2/2020)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/S)	8/22/2013	183,175	183,175(2)(25)	
		Class A common stock (2,970 shares)		8/22/2013	2,970	3,924(2)	
		Class B common stock (1,956,522 shares)		8/22/2013	30	40(2)	
					186,175	187,139	
Market Track Holdings, LLC	Business media consulting services company	Preferred stock (1,500 shares)		12/13/2013	1,982	2,097	
		Common stock (15,000 shares)		12/13/2013	1,982	2,097	
					3,964	4,194	
MSC.Software Corporation and Maximus Holdings, LLC	Provider of software simulation tools and related services	First lien senior secured loan ($42,187 par due 11/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/13/2013	43,357	43,242(21)(25)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 1,050,013 shares of common stock		12/13/2013	424	1,506	
					43,781	44,748	
Multi-Ad Services, Inc.(6)	Marketing services and software provider	Preferred units (1,725,280 units)		4/1/2010	788	2,178	
		Common units (1,725,280 units)		4/1/2010			
					788	2,178	
MVL Group, Inc.(7)	Marketing research provider	Senior subordinated loan ($33,576 par due 7/2012)		4/1/2010	30,266	2,485(2)(24)	
		Junior subordinated loan ($185 par due 7/2012)		4/1/2010		(2)(24)	
		Common stock (560,716 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					30,266	2,485	
NComputing, Inc.	Desktop virtualization hardware and software technology service provider	Warrant to purchase up to 462,726 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/20/2013		45(2)	
Pillar Processing LLC, PHL Investors, Inc., and PHL Holding Co.(6)	Mortgage services	First lien senior secured loan ($3,993 par due 11/2018)		7/31/2008	3,248	2,145(2)(24)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,375 par due 5/2019)		11/20/2007	5,592	(2)(24)	
		Class A common stock (576 shares)		7/31/2012	3,768	(2)	

					12,608	2,145
Platform Acquisition, Inc.	Data center and managed cloud services provider	Common stock (48,604 shares)		12/13/2013	7,536	7,919
Powersport Auctioneer Holdings, LLC	Powersport vehicle auction operator	Common units (1,972 units)		3/2/2012	1,000	955(2)

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PSSI Holdings, LLC	Provider of mission-critical outsourced cleaning and sanitation services to the food processing industry	First lien senior secured loan ($956 par due 6/2018)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/S)	8/7/2013	956	956(2)(25)	
R2 Acquisition Corp.	Marketing services	Common stock (250,000 shares)		5/29/2007	250	177(2)	
Rainstor, Inc.	Database solution provider designed to manage Big Data for large enterprises at the lowest total cost	First lien senior secured loan ($2,500 par due 4/2016)	11.25%	3/28/2013	2,446	2,500(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 142,210 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/28/2013	88	70(2)	
					2,534	2,570	
Ship Investor & Cy S.C.A.(8)	Payment processing company	Common stock (936,693 shares)		12/13/2013	2,698	2,774	
Summit Business Media Parent Holding Company LLC	Business media consulting services	Limited liability company membership interest (45.98% interest)		5/20/2011		1,620(2)	
TOA Technologies, Inc.	Cloud based, mobile workforce management applications provider	First lien senior secured loan ($12,242 par due 11/2016)	10.25%	10/31/2012	11,843	12,242(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 2,509,770 shares of Series D preferred stock		10/31/2012	605	1,189(2)	
					12,448	13,431	
Tripwire, Inc.	IT security software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($84,950 par due 5/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	5/23/2011	84,950	84,950(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($49,875 par due 5/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	5/23/2011	49,875	49,875(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,975 par due 5/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	5/23/2011	9,975	9,975(4)(25)	
		Class B common stock (2,655,638 shares)		5/23/2011	30	84(2)	
		Class A common stock (2,970 shares)		5/23/2011	2,970	8,348(2)	
					147,800	153,232	
Velocity Holdings Corp.	Hosted enterprise resource planning application management services provider	Common units (1,713,546 units)		12/13/2013	4,503	4,597	
		Equity interest		4/1/2010		(2)	

Venturehouse-Cibernet Investors, LLC	Financial settlement services for intercarrier wireless roaming				
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC(6)	Management consulting services	Common membership interest (5.98% interest)	10/26/2007	10,204	8,677

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X Plus Two Solutions, Inc. and X Plus One Solutions, Inc.	Provider of open and integrated software for digital marketing optimization	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($8,600 par due 9/2014)	8.50%	4/1/2013	8,600	8,600(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($6,788 par due 3/2017)	10.00%	4/1/2013	6,470	6,788(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($2,000 par due 10/2017)	10.00%	3/28/2014	1,781	1,820(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 586,178 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/28/2014	180	180(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 999,167 shares of Series C preferred stock		4/1/2013	284	306(2)	
					17,315	17,694	
					752,169	689,543	14.07%
Services-Other							
Capital Investments and Ventures Corp.	SCUBA diver training and certification provider	First lien senior secured loan ($24,080 par due 8/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	8/9/2012	24,080	24,080(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,565 par due 8/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	8/9/2012	8,565	8,565(4)(25)	
					32,645	32,645	
Community Education Centers, Inc.	Offender re-entry and in-prison treatment services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($13,571 par due 12/2014)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	12/10/2010	13,571	13,571(2)(15)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($714 par due 12/2014)	7.50% (Base Rate + 4.25%/S)	12/10/2010	714	714(2)(15)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($35,798 par due 12/2015)	15.23% (Libor + 10.00% Cash, 5.00% PIK/Q)	12/10/2010	35,798	34,008(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($10,790 par due 12/2015)	15.23% (Libor + 10.00% Cash, 5.00% PIK/Q)	12/10/2010	10,790	10,250(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 654,618 shares		12/10/2010		(2)	
					60,873	58,543	
Competitor Group, Inc. and Calera XVI, LLC	Endurance sports media and event operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,850 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	2,850	2,565(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($900 par due 11/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	900	810(2)(25)	

First lien senior secured loan ($24,300 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 7.75% Cash, 1.00% PIK /Q)	11/30/2012	24,300	21,870(2)(25)
First lien senior secured loan ($29,755 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 7.75% Cash, 1.00% PIK /Q)	11/30/2012	29,756	26,780(3)(25)
Membership units (2,500,000 units)		11/30/2012	2,513	371(2)
			60,319	52,396

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Crown Health Care Laundry Services, LLC and Crown Laundry Holdings, LLC(6)	Provider of outsourced healthcare linen management solutions	First lien senior secured revolving loan		3/13/2014			(2)(27)
		First lien senior secured loan ($24,500 par due 3/2019)	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	3/13/2014	24,500	24,500	(2)(25)
		Class A preferred units (2,475,000 units)		3/13/2014	2,475	2,475	(2)
		Class B common units (275,000 units)		3/13/2014	275	275	(2)
					27,250	27,250	
Fox Hill Holdings, Inc.	Third party claims administrator on behalf of insurance carriers	First lien senior secured loan ($60,519 par due 6/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	1/31/2014	60,519	60,519	(2)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,135 par due 6/2018)	8.00% (Base Rate + 4.75%/Q)	10/31/2013	7,135	7,135	(2)(25)
					67,654	67,654	
ISS #2, LLC	Provider of repairs, refurbishments and services to the broader industrial end user markets	First lien senior secured loan ($14,913 par due 6/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	6/5/2013	14,913	14,913	(2)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($44,662 par due 6/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	6/5/2013	44,662	44,662	(3)(25)
					59,575	59,575	
Massage Envy, LLC	Franchisor in the massage industry	First lien senior secured loan ($28,989 par due 9/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	9/27/2012	28,989	28,989	(2)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($48,973 par due 9/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	9/27/2012	48,973	48,973	(3)(25)
		Common stock (3,000,000 shares)		9/27/2012	3,000	3,595	(2)
					80,962	81,557	
McKenzie Sports Products, LLC	Designer, manufacturer and distributor of taxidermy forms and supplies	First lien senior secured loan ($37 par due 3/2017)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/M)	3/30/2012	37	37	(2)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,698 par due 3/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	3/30/2012	7,698	7,698	(2)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($42 par due 3/2017)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/M)	3/30/2012	42	42	(4)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,797 par due 3/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	3/30/2012	8,797	8,797	(4)(25)

					16,574	16,574
Spin HoldCo Inc.	Laundry service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($140,000 par due 5/2020)	8.00% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	5/14/2013	140,000	140,000(2)(25)

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The Dwyer Group(6)	Operator of multiple franchise concepts primarily related to home maintenance or repairs	Senior subordinated loan ($39,900 par due 6/2018)	11.75%	12/22/2010	40,099	39,900(2)	
		Series A preferred units (13,292,377 units)	8.00% PIK	12/22/2010	4,614	14,576(2)	
					44,713	54,476	
Wash Multifamily Laundry Systems, LLC	Laundry service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($78,000 par due 2/2020)	7.75% (Libor + 6.75%/S)	6/26/2012	78,000	78,000(2)(25)	
					668,565	668,670	13.65%
Education							
American Academy Holdings, LLC	Provider of education, training, certification, networking, and consulting services to medical coders and other healthcare professionals	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($5,000 par due 3/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	3/18/2011	5,000	5,000(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($54,161 par due 3/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	3/18/2011	54,161	54,161(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,480 par due 3/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	3/18/2011	4,480	4,480(4)(25)	
					63,641	63,641	
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp.(6)	Education software developer	Preferred stock (485,159 shares)		2/8/2008	10,520	6,873(2)	
ELC Acquisition Corp., ELC Holdings Corporation, and Excelligence Learning Corporation(6)	Developer, manufacturer and retailer of educational products	Preferred stock (99,492 shares)	12.00% PIK	8/1/2011	10,633	10,633(2)	
		Common stock (50,800 shares)		8/1/2011		1,127(2)	
					10,633	11,760	
Infilaw Holding, LLC	Operator of for-profit law schools	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/25/2011		(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($1 par due 8/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	1	1(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,290 par due 8/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	14,290	14,290(3)(25)	
		Series A preferred units (124,890 units)		8/25/2011	124,890	124,890(2)	
				10/19/2012	9,245	11,476(2)	

Series B preferred units (3.91 units)		
	148,426	150,657

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Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Inc. & Leeds IV Advisors, Inc.	Private school operator	First lien senior secured loan ($14,990 par due 6/2015)		4/24/2013	14,531	12,741(2)(24)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,035 par due 6/2015)		4/24/2013	38,809	34,029(3)(24)	
		Series B preferred stock (1,750,000 shares)		8/5/2010	5,000	(2)	
		Series C preferred stock (2,512,586 shares)		6/7/2010	689	(2)	
		Common stock (20 shares)		6/7/2010		(2)	
					59,029	46,770	
Lakeland Tours, LLC	Educational travel provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan		10/4/2011		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($82,989 par due 12/2016)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	10/4/2011	82,930	82,989(2)(14)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($1,661 par due 12/2016)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	1,660	1,661(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,962 par due 12/2016)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	7,947	7,962(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,362 par due 12/2016)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	10/4/2011	40,283	40,362(3)(14)(25)	
		Common stock (5,000 shares)		10/4/2011	5,000	4,720(2)	
					137,820	137,694	
PIH Corporation	Franchisor of education-based early childhood centers	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($621 par due 6/2016)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	12/13/2013	621	621(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($38,075 par due 6/2016)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	12/13/2013	39,081	38,837(25)	
					39,702	39,458	
R3 Education, Inc. and EIC Acquisitions Corp.	Medical school operator	Preferred stock (8,800 shares)		7/30/2008	2,200	1,936(2)	
		Common membership interest (26.27% interest)		9/21/2007	15,800	29,307(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 27,890 shares		12/8/2009		(2)	
					18,000	31,243	
RuffaloCODY, LLC	Provider of student fundraising and enrollment management services	First lien senior secured loan ($24,933 par due 5/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	5/29/2013	24,933	24,933(2)(25)	
				5/29/2013	634	634(2)(25)	

	First lien senior secured loan ($634 par due 5/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)				
	First lien senior secured loan ($1,453 par due 5/2019)	6.50% (Base Rate + 3.25%/Q)	5/29/2013	1,453	1,453(2)(25)	
				27,020	27,020	
				514,791	515,116	10.51%

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Energy							
Alphabet Energy, Inc.	Technology developer to convert waste-heat into electricity	First lien senior secured loan ($2,000 par due 7/2017)	9.50%	2/26/2014	1,914	1,940(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($3,000 par due 7/2017)	9.62%	12/16/2013	2,737	2,910(2)	
		Series B preferred stock (74,449 shares)		2/26/2014	250	250(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 59,524 units of Series B preferred stock		12/16/2013	146	128(2)	
					5,047	5,228	
Bicent (California) Holdings LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	Senior subordinated loan ($50,000 par due 2/2021)	8.25% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	2/6/2014	50,000	50,000(2)(25)	
Brush Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($89,752 par due 8/2020)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	8/1/2013	89,752	89,752(2)(25)	
Centinela Funding, LLC	Solar power generation facility developer and operator	Senior subordinated loan ($56,000 par due 11/2020)	10.00% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	11/14/2012	56,000	56,000(2)(25)	
Joule Unlimited Technologies, Inc. and Stichting Joule Global Foundation	Renewable fuel and chemical production developer	First lien senior secured loan ($7,500 par due 2/2017)	10.00%	7/25/2013	7,438	7,500(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 32,051 shares of Series C-2 preferred stock		7/25/2013		39(2)(8)	
					7,438	7,539	
La Paloma Generating Company, LLC	Natural gas fired, combined cycle plant operator	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 2/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	2/20/2014	9,605	9,750(2)(25)	
Panda Sherman Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($32,500 par due 9/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/14/2012	32,500	32,500(2)(25)	
Panda Temple Power II, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($20,000 par due 4/2019)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	4/3/2013	19,827	20,000(2)(25)	
Panda Temple Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($60,000 par due 7/2018)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	7/17/2012	58,469	60,000(2)(25)	
Sunrun Solar Owner Holdco X, LLC	Residential solar energy provider	First lien senior secured loan ($59,423 par due 6/2019)	9.50% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	6/7/2013	59,423	59,423(2)(25)	
Sunrun Solar Owner Holdco XIII, LLC	Residential solar energy provider	First lien senior secured loan ($28,656 par due 12/2019)	9.50% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	11/27/2013	28,441	28,656(2)(25)	

					416,502	418,848	8.55%
Financial Services							
AllBridge Financial, LLC(7)	Asset management services	Equity interests		4/1/2010	5,077	10,115	

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Callidus Capital Corporation(7)	Asset management services	Common stock (100 shares)		4/1/2010	3,000	1,730	
Ciena Capital LLC(7)	Real estate and small business loan servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($14,000 par due 12/2014)	6.00%	11/29/2010	14,000	14,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($26,000 par due 12/2016)	12.00%	11/29/2010	26,000	26,000(2)	
		Equity interests		11/29/2010	53,374	12,969(2)	
					93,374	52,969	
Commercial Credit Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment finance and leasing company	Senior subordinated loan ($28,000 par due 5/2018)	12.75%	5/10/2012	28,000	28,000(2)	
Cook Inlet Alternative Risk, LLC	Risk management services	Senior subordinated loan ($1,500 par due 9/2015)	9.00%	9/30/2011	1,500	1,500(2)	
Gordian Acquisition Corp.	Financial services firm	Common stock (526 shares)		11/30/2012		(2)	
Imperial Capital Group LLC	Investment services	Class A common units (23,130 units)		5/10/2007	11,248	15,252(2)	
		2006 Class B common units (7,578 units)		5/10/2007	2	4(2)	
		2007 Class B common units (945 units)		5/10/2007		(2)	
					11,250	15,256	
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.(7)(9)	Asset management services	Member interest (100.00% interest)		6/15/2009	170,961	264,941	
					313,162	374,511	7.64%
Consumer Products Non-durable							
Gilchrist & Soames, Inc.	Personal care manufacturer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($3,650 par due 12/2014)	7.25% (Base Rate + 4.00%/M)	4/1/2010	3,650	3,650(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($5,050 par due 12/2014)	6.25% (Libor + 5.00%/M)	4/1/2010	5,050	5,050(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($22,624 par due 12/2014)	13.44% Cash, 2.00% PIK	4/1/2010	22,621	21,945(2)	
					31,321	30,645	
Implus Footcare, LLC	Provider of footwear and other accessories	Preferred stock (455 shares)	6.00% PIK	10/31/2011	5,248	5,248(2)	
		Common stock (455 shares)		10/31/2011	455	992(2)	
					5,703	6,240	

Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation(6)	OTC drug products manufactuer	Second lien senior secured loan ($19,310 par due 8/2017)	13.25% (Libor + 11.75%/Q)	8/26/2011	19,172	19,310(2)(25)
		Class A common stock (155,000 shares)		8/26/2011	6,035	10,713(2)
		Class B common stock (155,000 shares)		8/26/2011	6,035	10,713(2)
					31,242	40,736

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Matrixx Initiatives, Inc. and Wonder Holdings Acquisition Corp.	Developer and marketer of over-the-counter healthcare products	Warrants to purchase up to 1,654,678 shares of common stock		7/27/2011		334(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 1,489 shares of preferred stock		7/27/2011		1,167(2)	
						1,501	
Oak Parent, Inc.	Manufacturer of athletic apparel	First lien senior secured loan ($31,024 par due 4/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	30,921	31,024(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($81 par due 4/2018)	9.25% (Base Rate + 6.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	81	81(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,768 par due 4/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	8,738	8,768(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($23 par due 4/2018)	9.25% (Base Rate + 6.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	23	23(4)(25)	
					39,763	39,896	
PG-ACP Co-Invest, LLC	Supplier of medical uniforms, specialized medical footwear and accessories	Class A membership units (1,000,0000 units)		8/29/2012	1,000	1,570(2)	
Shock Doctor, Inc. and BRP Hold 14, LLC	Developer, marketer and distributor of sports protection equipment and accessories.	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,073 par due 3/2020)	10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q)	3/14/2014	2,073	2,073(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,871 par due 3/2020)	10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q)	3/14/2014	7,871	7,871(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($80,000 par due 3/2020)	10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q)	3/14/2014	80,000	80,000(2)(25)	
		Class A preferred units (50,000 units)		3/14/2014	5,000	5,000(2)	
					94,944	94,944	
The Step2 Company, LLC	Toy manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($25,600 par due 4/2015)	10.00%	4/1/2010	25,181	25,600(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($4,500 par due 4/2015)	10.00%	3/13/2014	4,500	4,500(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($33,290 par due 4/2015)		4/1/2010	30,802	14,238(2)(24)	
		Common units (1,116,879 units)		4/1/2010	24		
		Warrants to purchase up to 3,157,895 units		4/1/2010			
					60,507	44,338	
The Thymes, LLC(7)			8.00% PIK	6/21/2007	3,935	3,519	

	Cosmetic products manufacturer	Preferred units (6,283 units) Common units (5,400 units)	6/21/2007		7,855
				3,935	11,374

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Woodstream Corporation	Pet products manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($8,313 par due 8/2016)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	4/18/2012	8,313	8,313(4)(25)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($80,000 par due 2/2017)	11.50%	4/18/2012	77,576	80,000(2)	
		Common stock (4,254 shares)		1/22/2010	1,222	2,881(2)	
					87,111	91,194	
					355,526	362,438	7.40%
Restaurants and Food Services							
ADF Capital, Inc., ADF Restaurant Group, LLC, and ARG Restaurant Holdings, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured loan ($28,581 par due 12/2018)	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	11/27/2006	28,581	28,581(2)(20)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,919 par due 12/2018)	9.25% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	11/27/2006	10,922	10,919(3)(20)(25)	
		Promissory note ($17,055 par due 12/2018)	13.00% PIK	11/27/2006	13,770	16,925(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 23,750 units of Series D common stock		12/18/2013	24	(2)	
					53,297	56,425	
Benihana, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured loan ($4,900 par due 2/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	8/21/2012	4,900	4,900(4)(25)	
Garden Fresh Restaurant Corp.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan		10/3/2013		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($43,367 par due 7/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/M)	10/3/2013	43,367	43,367(2)(25)	
					43,367	43,367	
Hojeij Branded Foods, Inc.	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($450 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	450	450(2)(25)(28)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($27,500 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	27,074	27,500(2)(25)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 7.5% of membership interest		2/15/2012		344(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 324 shares of Class A common stock		2/15/2012	669	4,965(2)	
					28,193	33,259	

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Orion Foods, LLC (fka Hot Stuff Foods, LLC)(7)	Convenience food service retailer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($400 par due 9/2014)	10.75% (Base Rate + 7.50%/M)	4/1/2010	400	400(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($32,698 par due 9/2014)	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	32,698	32,698(2)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($19,129 par due 9/2014)	14.00%	4/1/2010	733	4,147(2)	
		Preferred units (10,000 units)		10/28/2010		(2)	
		Class A common units (25,001 units)		4/1/2010		(2)	
		Class B common units (1,122,452 units)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					33,831	37,245	
OTG Management, LLC	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($6,250 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	1/2/2014	6,250	6,250(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($25,000 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/11/2012	25,000	25,000(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($11,325 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/11/2012	11,325	11,325(2)(25)	
		Common units (3,000,000 units)		1/5/2011	3,000	2,120(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 7.73% of common units		6/19/2008	100	4,229(2)	
					45,675	48,924	
Performance Food Group, Inc. and Wellspring Distribution Corp	Food service distributor	Second lien senior secured loan ($39,525 par due 11/2019)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	5/14/2013	39,351	39,675(2)(25)	
		Class A non-voting common stock (1,366,120 shares)		5/3/2008	6,303	6,621(2)	
					45,654	46,296	
PMI Holdings, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	Preferred stock (46,025 shares)		12/13/2013	378	624	
		Common stock (22,401 shares)		12/13/2013	687	870	
					1,065	1,494	
Restaurant Holding Company, LLC	Fast food restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($37,500 par due 2/2019)	8.75% (Libor + 7.75%/M)	3/13/2014	37,130	37,500(2)(25)	
S.B. Restaurant Company	Restaurant owner and operator	Preferred stock (46,690 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 257,429 shares of common stock		4/1/2010		(2)	

	293,112	309,410	6.31%

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Manufacturing							
Cambrios Technologies Corporation	Nanotechnology-based solutions for electronic devices and computers	First lien senior secured loan ($2,576 par due 8/2015)	12.00%	8/7/2012	2,576	2,576(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 400,000 shares of Series D-4 convertible preferred stock		8/7/2012		6(2)	
					2,576	2,582	
Component Hardware Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($187 par due 7/2019)	6.75% (Base Rate + 3.50%/Q)	7/1/2013	187	187(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($23,583 par due 7/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.50%/M)	7/1/2013	23,583	23,583(2)(25)	
					23,770	23,770	
Harvey Tool Company, LLC and Harvey Tool Holding, LLC	Cutting tool provider to the metalworking industry	First lien senior secured revolving facility ($198 par due 3/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	3/28/2014	198	198(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($25,000 par due 3/2020)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	3/28/2014	25,000	25,000(2)(25)	
		Class A membership units (750 units)		3/28/2014	750	750(2)	
					25,948	25,948	
Mac Lean-Fogg Company	Provider of intelligent transportation systems products in the traffic and rail industries	Senior subordinated loan ($100,621 par due 10/2023)	9.50% Cash, 1.50% PIK	10/31/2013	100,621	100,621(2)	
MWI Holdings, Inc.	Engineered springs, fasteners, and other precision components	First lien senior secured loan ($38,274 par due 3/2019)	9.38% (Libor + 8.13%/Q)	6/15/2011	38,274	38,274(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 3/2019)	9.38% (Libor + 8.13%/Q)	6/15/2011	10,000	10,000(4)(25)	
					48,274	48,274	
NetShape Technologies, Inc.	Metal precision engineered components	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($784 par due 12/2014)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	784	784(2)(25)	
Pelican Products, Inc.	Flashlights	First lien senior secured loan ($2,311 par due 7/2018)	7.25% (Base Rate + 4.00%/Q)	7/13/2012	2,311	2,311(4)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($32,000 par due 6/2019)	12.25% (Base Rate + 9.00%/Q)	7/13/2012	32,000	32,640(2)(25)	
					34,311	34,951	
Protective Industries, Inc. dba Caplugs	Plastic protection products	First lien senior secured loan ($995 par due 10/2019)	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/M)	11/30/2012	995	995(2)(25)	

Preferred stock (2,379,361 shares)	5/23/2011	1,298	5,601(2)
		2,293	6,596

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Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC	Metal precision engineered components manufacturer	Common units (1,000 units)		1/30/2007	1,000	(2)	
SSH Environmental Industries, Inc. and SSH Non-Destructive Testing, Inc.	Magnetic sensors and supporting sensor products	First lien senior secured loan ($10,568 par due 12/2016)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	3/23/2012	10,436	10,568(2)(25)	
TPTM Merger Corp.	Time temperature indicator products	First lien senior secured loan ($25,870 par due 9/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	9/12/2013	25,870	25,870(2)(25)	
					275,883	279,964	5.72%
Containers Packaging							
ICSH, Inc.	Industrial container manufacturer, reconditioner and servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/31/2011		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($27,670 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	27,706	27,670(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($61,358 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	61,358	61,358(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,680 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	14,680	14,680(4)(25)	
					103,744	103,708	
Microstar Logistics LLC, Microstar Global Asset Management LLC, and MStar Holding Corporation	Keg management solutions provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($142,500 par due 12/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/14/2012	142,500	142,500(2)(25)	
		Common stock (50,000 shares)		12/14/2012	5,000	7,650(2)	
					147,500	150,150	
Pregis Corporation, Pregis Intellipack Corp., and Pregis Innovative Packaging Inc.	Provider of a broad range of highly-customized, tailored protective packaging solutions	First lien senior secured loan ($970 par due 3/2017)	7.75% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	4/25/2012	970	970(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5 par due 3/2017)	8.50% (Base Rate + 5.25%/Q)	4/25/2012	5	5(2)(25)	
					975	975	
					252,219	254,833	5.20%
Automotive Services							
Driven Brands, Inc. and Driven Holdings, LLC	Automotive aftermarket car care franchisor	First lien senior secured loan ($980 par due 3/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	12/16/2011	980	980(2)(25)	

	First lien senior secured loan ($20 par due 3/2017)	7.25% (Base Rate + 4.00%/Q)	12/16/2011	20	20(2)(25)
	Preferred stock (247,500 units)		12/16/2011	2,475	2,910(2)
	Common stock (25,000 units)		12/16/2011	25	1,376(2)
				3,500	5,286

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Eckler Industries, Inc.	Restoration parts and accessories provider for classic automobiles	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($4,200 par due 7/2017)	8.25% (Base Rate + 5.00%/Q)	7/12/2012	4,200	4,200(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($296 par due 7/2017)	8.25% (Base Rate + 5.00%/M)	7/12/2012	296	296(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,826 par due 7/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/S)	7/12/2012	7,826	7,826(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($30,448 par due 7/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	7/12/2012	30,448	30,448(3)(25)	
		Series A preferred stock (1,800 shares)		7/12/2012	1,800	1,870(2)	
		Common stock (20,000 shares)			200	(2)	
					44,770	44,640	
EcoMotors, Inc.	Engine developer	First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 10/2016)	10.83%	12/28/2012	4,878	5,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 6/2017)	10.83%	12/28/2012	4,862	5,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,458 par due 7/2016)	10.13%	12/28/2012	4,367	4,458(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 321,888 shares of Series C Preferred Stock		12/28/2012		43(2)	
					14,107	14,501	
Service King Paint & Body, LLC	Collision repair site operators	First lien senior secured loan ($13,968 par due 8/2017)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	13,968	13,968(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($119,033 par due 8/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	119,033	119,033(2)(16)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 8/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	10,000	10,000(3)(16)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,593 par due 8/2017)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	9,593	9,593(4)(25)	
		Membership interest		8/20/2012	5,000	7,140(2)	
					157,594	159,734	
					219,971	224,161	4.58%
Retail							
Fulton Holdings Corp.	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($43,000 par due 5/2018)	8.50%	5/10/2013	43,000	43,000(2)(12)	
			8.50%	5/28/2010	40,000	40,000(3)(12)	

	First lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 5/2018) Common stock (19,672 shares)		5/28/2010	1,461	2,020(2)
				84,461	85,020

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Paper Source, Inc. and Pine Holdings, Inc.	Retailer of fine and artisanal papers, gifts, gift wrap, greeting cards and envelopes	First lien senior secured loan ($8,930 par due 9/2018)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	9/23/2013	8,930	8,930(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,975 par due 9/2018)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	9/23/2013	9,975	9,975(4)(25)	
		Class A common stock (36,364 shares)		9/23/2013	6,000	7,205(2)	
					24,905	26,110	
Things Remembered Inc. and TRM Holdings Corporation	Personalized gifts retailer	First lien senior secured loan ($14,775 par due 5/2018)	8.00% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	5/24/2012	14,775	14,775(4)(25)	
					124,141	125,905	2.57%
Chemicals							
Argotec, LLC	Thermoplastic polyurethane films	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($1,000 par due 5/2018)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/M)	5/31/2013	1,000	1,000(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($74 par due 5/2019)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	5/31/2013	74	74(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5,714 par due 5/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	5/31/2013	5,714	5,714(2)(25)	
					6,788	6,788	
Emerald Performance Materials, LLC	Polymers and performance materials manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($17,685 par due 5/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	12/13/2013	18,180	17,773(25)	
K2 Pure Solutions Nocal, L.P.	Chemical Producer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,256 par due 8/2019)	8.13% (Libor + 7.13%/M)	8/19/2013	2,256	2,211(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($21,500 par due 8/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2013	21,500	21,070(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 8/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2013	40,000	39,200(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($20,000 par due 8/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2013	20,000	19,600(4)(25)	
					83,756	82,081	
					108,724	106,642	2.18%
Aerospace and Defense							
Cadence Aerospace, LLC (fka PRV Aerospace, LLC)	Aerospace precision components manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($4,447 par due 5/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	5/15/2012	4,415	4,447(4)(25)	
				5/10/2012	79,657	77,267(2)(25)	

		Second lien senior secured loan ($79,657 par due 5/2019)	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/Q)		84,072	81,714
ILC Industries, LLC	Designer and manufacturer of protective cases and technically advanced lighting systems	First lien senior secured loan ($18,582 par due 7/2018)	8.00% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	7/13/2012	18,298	18,582(4)(25)

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Wyle Laboratories, Inc. and Wyle Holdings, Inc.	Provider of specialized engineering, scientific and technical services	Senior preferred stock (775 shares)	8.00% PIK	1/17/2008	113	112(2)	
		Common stock (1,885,195 shares)		1/17/2008	2,291	1,961(2)	
					2,404	2,073	
					104,774	102,369	2.09%
Commercial Real Estate Finance							
10th Street, LLC and New 10th Street, LLC(7)	Real estate holding company	First lien senior secured loan ($24,895 par due 11/2019)	7.00% Cash, 1.00% PIK	3/31/2014	24,895	24,895(2)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($26,520 par due 11/2019)	7.00% Cash, 1.00% PIK	4/1/2010	26,520	26,520(2)	
		Member interest (10.00% interest)		4/1/2010	594	7,100	
		Option (25,000 units)		4/1/2010	25	25	
					52,034	58,540	
American Commercial Coatings, Inc.	Real estate property	Commercial mortgage loan ($2,178 par due 12/2025)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	4/1/2010	636	1,350(25)	
Cleveland East Equity, LLC	Hotel operator	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010	1,026	3,936	
Commons R-3, LLC	Real estate developer	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010			
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates(7)	Hotel operator	Senior subordinated loan ($2,236 par due 9/2011)		4/1/2010		(2)(24)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($2,092 par due 6/2017)		4/1/2010		(2)(24)	
		Common equity interest		4/1/2010			
NPH, Inc.	Hotel property	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010	5,291	5,577	
					58,987	69,403	1.42%
Printing, Publishing and Media							
Batanga, Inc.	Independent digital media company	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($3,750 par due 4/2014)	8.50%	10/31/2012	3,750	3,750(2)(23)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,513 par due 11/2016)	9.60%	10/31/2012	4,513	4,607(2)(23)	

		First lien senior secured loan ($4,500 par due 9/2017)	9.60%	10/31/2012	4,500	4,500(2)(23)
					12,763	12,857
Earthcolor Group, LLC	Printing management services	Limited liability company interests (9.30%)		5/18/2012		
Encompass Digital Media, Inc.	Provider of outsourced network origination and transmission services for media companies	First lien senior secured loan ($19,602 par due 8/2017)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	12/13/2013	20,142	19,798(25)

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The Teaching Company, LLC and The Teaching Company Holdings, Inc.	Education publications provider	First lien senior secured loan ($20,778 par due 3/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	3/16/2011	20,778	20,363(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,650 par due 3/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	3/16/2011	9,650	9,457(4)(25)	
		Preferred stock (10,663 shares)		9/29/2006	1,066	2,918(2)	
		Common stock (15,393 shares)		9/29/2006	3	7(2)	
					31,497	32,745	
					64,402	65,400	1.34%
Oil and Gas							
Geotrace Technologies, Inc.	Reservoir processing and development	Warrants to purchase up to 69,978 shares of common stock		4/1/2010	88	(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 210,453 shares of preferred stock		4/1/2010	2,805	638(2)	
					2,893	638	
UL Holding Co., LLC and Universal Lubricants, LLC(6)	Petroleum product manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($48,337 par due 12/2014)		4/30/2012	44,861	34,957(2)(24)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($5,092 par due 12/2014)		4/30/2012	4,755	3,683(2)(24)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($5,056 par due 12/2014)		4/30/2012	4,668	3,657(2)(24)	
		Class A common units (151,236 units)		6/17/2011	1,512	(2)	
		Class B-5 common units (599,200 units)		6/17/2011	5,472	(2)	
		Class B-4 common units (50,000 units)		4/25/2008	500	(2)	
		Class C common units (758,546 units)		4/25/2008		(2)	
					61,768	42,297	
					64,661	42,935	0.88%
Transportation							
PODS Funding Corp. II	Storage and warehousing	First lien senior secured loan ($4,103 par due 12/2018)	8.25% (Base Rate + 5.00%/Q)	3/12/2014	4,103	4,103(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($35,763 par due 12/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/19/2013	35,763	35,763(25)	
					39,866	39,866	
United Road Towing, Inc.	Towing company			4/1/2010			

		Warrants to purchase up to 607 shares					
					39,866	39,866	0.81%
Health Clubs							
Athletic Club Holdings, Inc.	Premier health club operator	First lien senior secured loan ($34,000 par due 3/2019)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	10/11/2007	34,000	34,000(2)(13)(25)	

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CFW Co-Invest, L.P. and NCP Curves, L.P.	Health club franchisor	Limited partnership interest (4,152,165 shares)		7/31/2012	4,152	2,964(2)	
		Limited partnership interest (2,218,235 shares)		7/31/2012	2,218	1,583(2)(8)	
					6,370	4,547	
					40,370	38,547	0.79%
Telecommunications							
American Broadband Communications, LLC, American Broadband Holding Company, and Cameron Holdings of NC, Inc.	Broadband communication services	Warrants to purchase up to 378 shares		11/7/2007		6,402	
		Warrants to purchase up to 200 shares		9/1/2010		3,388	
						9,790	
EUNetworks Group Limited(8)	Broadband bandwidth infrastructure provider	First lien senior secured loan ($14,925 par due 5/2019)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	12/13/2013	21,110	21,177(25)	
Quantance, Inc.	Designer of semiconductor products to the mobile wireless market	First lien senior secured loan ($3,500 par due 9/2016)	10.25%	8/23/2013	3,410	3,500(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 130,432 shares of Series D Preferred Stock		8/23/2013	74	74(2)	
					3,484	3,574	
Startec Equity, LLC(7)	Communication services	Member interest		4/1/2010		191	
Wilcon Holdings LLC	Communications infrastructure provider (data center/fiber market)	Class A common stock (2,000,000 shares)		12/13/2013	1,829	1,561	
					26,423	36,293	0.74%
Environmental Services							
Genomatica, Inc.	Developer of a biotechnology platform for the production of chemical products	First lien senior secured loan ($1,470 par due 10/2016)	9.26%	3/28/2013	1,415	1,470(2)	
		Warrant to purchase 322,422 shares of Series D preferred stock		3/28/2013		6(2)	

				1,415	1,476	
RE Community Holdings II, Inc.and Pegasus Community Energy, LLC.	Operator of municipal recycling facilities	Preferred stock (1,000 shares)	3/1/2011	8,839	(2)	
Waste Pro USA, Inc	Waste management services	Preferred Class A common equity (611,615 shares)	11/9/2006	12,263	28,818(2)	
				22,517	30,294	0.62%
Food and Beverage						
Apple & Eve, LLC and US Juice Partners, LLC(6)	Juice manufacturer	Senior units (50,000 units)	10/5/2007	5,000	5,817	

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Charter Baking Company, Inc.	Baked goods manufacturer	Senior subordinated loan ($2,992 par due 6/2015)	17.50% PIK	2/6/2008	2,992	2,992(2)	
		Preferred stock (6,258 shares)		9/1/2006	2,567	2,448(2)	
					5,559	5,440	
Distant Lands Trading Co.	Coffee manufacturer	Class A common stock (1,294 shares)		4/1/2010	980	(2)	
		Class A-1 common stock (2,157 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					980		
					11,539	11,257	0.23%
Wholesale Distribution							
BECO Holding Company, Inc.	Wholesale distributor of first response fire protection equipment and related parts	Common stock (25,000 shares)		7/30/2010	2,500	3,254(2)	
					2,500	3,254	0.07%
					$ 7,711,474	$ 7,799,596	159.22%

(1) Other than the Company's investments listed in footnote 7 below (subject to the limitations set forth therein), the Company does not "Control" any of its portfolio companies, for the purposes of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Investment Company Act"). In general, under the Investment Company Act, the Company would "Control" a portfolio company if the Company owned more than 25% of its outstanding voting securities (i.e., securities with the right to elect directors) and/or had the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company. All of the Company's portfolio company investments, which as of March 31, 2014 represented 159% of the Company's net assets or 95% of the Company's total assets, are subject to legal restrictions on sales.

(2) These assets are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Credit Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than the Company's obligations under the Revolving Credit Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(3) These assets are owned by the Company's consolidated subsidiary Ares Capital CP Funding LLC ("Ares Capital CP"), are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Funding Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than Ares Capital CP's obligations under the Revolving Funding Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(4) These assets are owned by the Company's consolidated subsidiary Ares Capital JB Funding LLC ("ACJB"), are pledged as collateral for the SMBC Funding Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than ACJB's obligations under the SMBC Funding Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(5) Investments without an interest rate are non-income producing.

(6)

As defined in the Investment Company Act, the Company is deemed to be an "Affiliated Person" of a portfolio company because it owns 5% or more of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company (including through a management agreement). Transactions during the three months ended March 31, 2014 in which the issuer was an Affiliated Person (but not a portfolio company that the Company is deemed to Control) are as follows:

Company	Purchases (cost)	Redemptions (cost)	Sales (cost)	Interest income	Capital structuring service fees	Dividend income	Other income	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)
Apple & Eve, LLC and US Juice Partners, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 613
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3,536
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage Co-Investors, L.L.C.	$	$ 768	$ 5,000	$ 1,108	$	$ 83	$ 131	$	$ 1,226
Crown Health Care Laundry Services, LLC and Crown Laundry Holdings, LLC	$ 27,250	$	$	$ 107	$ 590	$	$ 9	$	$
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings, LLC	$ 144	$	$	$	$	$	$ 8	$	$ 504
The Dwyer Group	$ 14,418	$ 1,583	$	$ 1,038	$ 60	$ 2,186	$ 179	$	$ (2,028)
ELC Acquisition Corp. and ELC Holdings Corporation	$	$	$	$	$	$ 347	$	$	$ (218)
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	$	$	$	$ 647	$	$	$	$	$ 6,948
Investor Group Services, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$ 56	$	$	$ (3)
Multi-Ad Services, Inc.	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 424
Pillar Processing LLC and PHL Holding Co.	$	$ 1,004	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (172)
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 38	$
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3,440
UL Holding Co., LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 649

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(7)

As defined in the Investment Company Act, the Company is deemed to be both an "Affiliated Person" and "Control" this portfolio company because it owns more than 25% of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company (including through a management agreement). Transactions during the three months ended March 31, 2014 in which the issuer was both an Affiliated Person and a portfolio company that the Company is deemed to Control are as follows:

Company	Purchases	Redemptions (cost)	Sales (cost)	Interest income	Capital structuring service fees	Dividend income	Other income	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)
10th Street, LLC and New 10th Street, LLC]	$ 24,895	$	$	$ 868	$ 455	$	$	$	$ (158)
AllBridge Financial, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 396
Callidus Capital Corporation	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 17
Ciena Capital LLC	$	$	$	$ 990	$	$	$	$	$ 2,043
Citipostal, Inc.	$	$ 2,691	$	$ 49	$	$	$ 6	$	$ 1,690
HCI Equity, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 78
Hot Light Brands, Inc.	$	$ 90	$	$	$	$	$	$ 144	$ (163)
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	$	$	$	$	$	$ 20,000	$	$	$ (15,412)
Orion Foods, LLC	$ 400	$ 27,530	$	$ 1,236	$	$	$ 205	$ 1,624	$ 1,633
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC*	$ 87,508	$ 17,933	$	$ 67,700	$ 5,470	$	$ 6,985	$	$ 1,044
Startec Equity, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 191
The Thymes, LLC	$	$ 840	$	$	$	$ 78	$	$	$ 1,227

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Together with GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation (together, "GE"), the Company co-invests through the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC d/b/a the "Senior Secured Loan Program" (the "SSLP"). The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with approval from a representative of each required); therefore, although the Company owns more than 25% of the voting securities of the SSLP, the Company does not believe that it has control over the SSLP (for purposes of the Investment Company Act or otherwise) because, among other things, these "voting securities" do not afford the Company the right to elect directors of the SSLP or any other special rights (see Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements).

(8)

Non-U.S. company or principal place of business outside the U.S. and as a result is not a qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act. Under the Investment Company Act, the Company may not acquire any non-qualifying asset unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets.

(9)

Excepted from the definition of investment company under Section 3(c) of the Investment Company Act and as a result is not a qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act. Under the Investment Company Act, the Company may not acquire any non-qualifying asset unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets.

(10)

In the first quarter of 2011, the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Staff") informally communicated to certain business development companies the Staff's belief that certain entities, which would be classified as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act but for the exception from the definition of "investment company" set forth in Rule 3a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act, could not be treated as eligible portfolio companies (as defined in Section 2(a)(46) under the Investment Company Act) (i.e., not eligible to be included in a BDC's 70% "qualifying assets" basket). Subsequently, in August 2011 the Securities and Exchange Commission issued a concept release (the "Concept Release") which stated that "[a]s a general matter, the Commission presently does not believe that Rule 3a-7 issuers are the type of small, developing and financially troubled businesses in which the U.S. Congress intended BDCs primarily to invest" and requested comment on whether or not a 3a-7 issuer should be considered an "eligible portfolio company". The Company provided a comment letter in respect of the Concept Release and continues to believe that the language of Section 2(a)(46) of the Investment Company Act permits a BDC to treat as "eligible portfolio companies" entities that rely on the 3a-7 exception. However, given the current uncertainty in this area (including the language in the Concept Release) and subsequent discussions with the Staff, the Company has, solely for purposes of calculating the composition of its portfolio pursuant to Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act, identified such entities, which include the SSLP, as "non-qualifying assets" should the Staff ultimately disagree with the Company's position.

(11)

Variable rate loans to the Company's portfolio companies bear interest at a rate that may be determined by reference to either LIBOR or an alternate base rate (commonly based on the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate), at the borrower's option, which reset annually (A), semi-annually (S), quarterly (Q), bi-monthly (B), monthly (M) or daily (D). For each such loan, the Company has provided the interest rate in effect on the date presented.

(12)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 6.00% on $12 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(13)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.00% on $15 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(14)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.25% on $58 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(15)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 1.13% on $17 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(16)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 2.75% on $115 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into

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"first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(17)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.13% on $55 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(18)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 2.00% on $27 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(19)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.75% on $25 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(20)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 5.00% on $22 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(21)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 0.75% on $45 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(22)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 2.00% on $72 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(23)

The Company is entitled to receive a fixed fee upon the occurrence of certain events as defined in the credit agreement governing the Company's debt investment in the portfolio company. The fair value of such fee is included in the fair value of the debt investment.

(24)

Loan was on non-accrual status as of March 31, 2014.

(25)

Loan includes interest rate floor feature.

(26)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated contractual interest rate of this security, the certificates entitle the holders thereof to receive a portion of the excess cash flow from the SSLP's loan portfolio, which may result in a return to the Company greater than the contractual stated interest rate.

(27)

As of March 31, 2014, no amounts were funded by the Company under this first lien senior secured revolving loan; however, there were letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the loan. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

(28)

As of March 31, 2014, in addition to the amounts funded by the Company under this first lien senior secured revolving loan, there were also letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the loan. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

(29)

As of March 31, 2014, no amounts were funded by the Company under this letter of credit facility; however, there were letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the letter of credit facility. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
As of December 31, 2013
(dollar amounts in thousands)

Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Investment Funds and Vehicles							
CIC Flex, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership units (0.94 units)		9/7/2007	$ 867	$ 2,851(2)	
Covestia Capital Partners, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (47.00% interest)		6/17/2008	826	1,177(2)	
Dynamic India Fund IV, LLC(9)	Investment company	Member interest (5.44% interest)		4/1/2010	4,822	3,285	
HCI Equity, LLC(7)(8)(9)	Investment company	Member interest (100.00% interest)		4/1/2010	112	334	
Imperial Capital Private Opportunities, LP(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (80.00% interest)		5/10/2007	3,315	10,231(2)	
Partnership Capital Growth Fund I, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (25.00% interest)		6/16/2006	1,411	3,939(2)	
Partnership Capital Growth Investors III, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (2.50% interest)		10/5/2011	2,804	2,588(2)	
Piper Jaffray Merchant Banking Fund I, L.P.(9)	Investment partnership	Limited partnership interest (2.00% interest)		8/16/2012	632	563(2)	
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC(7)(10)	Co-investment vehicle	Subordinated certificates ($1,745,192 par due 12/2024)	8.24% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)(26)	10/30/2009	1,745,192	1,771,369	
		Membership interest (87.50% interest)		10/30/2009			
					1,745,192	1,771,369	
VSC Investors LLC(9)	Investment company	Membership interest (1.95% interest)		1/24/2008	745	1,211(2)	
					1,760,726	1,797,548	36.65%
Healthcare Services							
Alegeus Technologies Holdings Corp.	Benefits administration and transaction processing provider	Preferred stock (2,997 shares)		12/13/2013	3,087	3,087	
		Common stock (3 shares)		12/13/2013	3	3	
					3,090	3,090	

ATI Phyiscal Therapy Holdings, LLC	Outpatient rehabilitation services provider	Class C common stock (51,005 shares)		12/13/2013	53	53
AxelaCare Holdings, Inc. and AxelaCare Investment Holdings, L.P.	Provider of home infusion services	First lien senior secured loan ($4,458 par due 4/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	4/12/2013	4,458	4,458(2)(25)
		Preferred units (8,218,160 units)		4/12/2013	822	855(2)
		Common units (83,010 units)		4/12/2013	8	9(2)
					5,288	5,322
California Forensic Medical Group, Incorporated	Correctional facility healthcare operator	First lien senior secured loan ($53,640 par due 11/2018)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	11/16/2012	53,640	53,640(3)(25)
CCS Group Holdings, LLC	Correctional facility healthcare operator	Class A units (601,937 units)		8/19/2010	602	1,546(2)

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings LLC(6)	Healthcare analysis services provider	Class A common stock (9,679 shares)		6/15/2007	2,543	4,014(2)	
		Class C common stock (1,546 shares)		6/15/2007		641(2)	
					2,543	4,655	
Dialysis Newco, Inc.	Dialysis provider	First lien senior secured loan ($15,509 par due 8/2020)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	8/16/2013	15,509	15,509(2)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($56,500 par due 2/2021)	9.75% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/16/2013	56,500	56,500(2)(25)	
					72,009	72,009	
Genocea Biosciences, Inc.	Vaccine discovery technology company	First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 4/2017)	8.00%	9/30/2013	9,805	10,000(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 689,655 shares of Series C convertible preferred stock		9/30/2013		(2)	
					9,805	10,000	
GI Advo Opco, LLC	Residential behavioral treatment services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($15,005 par due 6/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	15,448	15,455(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($13 par due 6/2017)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	13	13(25)	
					15,461	15,468	
INC Research, Inc.	Pharmaceutical and biotechnology consulting services	Common stock (1,410,000 shares)		9/27/2010	1,512	1,758(2)	
Intermedix Corporation	Revenue cycle management provider to the emergency healthcare industry	Second lien senior secured loan ($112,000 par due 6/2019)	10.25% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	12/27/2012	112,000	112,000(2)(25)	
JHP Group Holdings, Inc.	Manufacturer of speciality pharmaceutical products	Series A preferred stock (1,000,000 shares)	6.00% PIK	2/19/2013	272	2,673(2)	
LM Acquisition Holdings, LLC(8)	Developer and manufacturer of medical equipment	Class A units (426 units)		9/27/2013	1,000	1,195(2)	
Magnacare Holdings, Inc., Magnacare Administrative Services, LLC, and Magnacare, LLC	Healthcare professional provider	First lien senior secured loan ($134,115 par due 3/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	9/15/2010	134,721	135,457(2)(25)	

		First lien senior secured loan ($56,134 par due 3/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	9/15/2010	56,134	56,695(3)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,668 par due 3/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	3/6/2012	4,668	4,715(4)(25)
					195,523	196,867
Monte Nido Holdings, LLC	Outpatient eating disorder treatment provider	First lien senior secured loan ($44,750 par due 12/2019)	7.75% (Libor + 6.75%/Q)	12/20/2013	44,750	44,750(2)(19)(25)

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
MW Dental Holding Corp.	Dental services provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($4,500 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	4,500	4,500(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($12,582 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	12,582	12,582(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($12,460 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	12,460	12,460(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($48,757 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	48,757	48,757(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,800 par due 4/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.00%/M)	4/12/2011	9,800	9,800(4)(25)	
					88,099	88,099	
Napa Management Services Corporation	Anesthesia management services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($23,496 par due 4/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	4/15/2011	23,496	23,496(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($33,266 par due 4/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	4/15/2011	33,203	33,266(3)(25)	
		Common units (5,000 units)		4/15/2011	5,000	8,896(2)	
					61,699	65,658	
National Healing Corporation and National Healing Holding Corp.	Wound care service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 2/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/S)	12/13/2013	10,297	10,301(25)	
		Preferred stock (869,565 shares)		12/13/2013	1,296	1,296	
					11,593	11,597	
Netsmart Technologies, Inc. and NS Holdings, Inc.	Healthcare technology provider	First lien senior secured loan ($2,833 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/18/2012	2,833	2,833(2)(17)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($36,259 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/18/2012	36,259	36,259(2)(17)(25)	
		Common stock (2,500,000 shares)		6/21/2010	2,500	2,710(2)	
					41,592	41,802	
New Trident Holdcorp, Inc.	Outsourced mobile diagnostic healthcare service provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($80,000 par due 7/2020)	10.25% (Libor + 9.00%/Q)	8/6/2013	78,465	80,000(2)(25)	
OmniSYS Acquisition Corporation, OmniSYS, LLC, and OSYS Holdings, LLC	Provider of technology-enabled solutions to pharmacies	First lien senior secured loan ($21,000 par due 11/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	11/21/2013	21,000	21,000(2)(25)	
		Limited liability company membership interest (1.57% interest)		11/21/2013	1,000	1,000(2)	

					22,000	22,000
PerfectServe, Inc.	Communications software platform provider for hospitals and physician practices	First lien senior secured loan ($3,500 par due 4/2017)	10.00%	12/26/2013	3,465	3,500
		Warrants to purchase up to 34,113 units of Series C preferred stock		12/26/2013		50
					3,465	3,550

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
PG Mergersub, Inc. and PGA Holdings, Inc.	Provider of patient surveys, management reports and national databases for the integrated healthcare delivery system	Second lien senior secured loan ($2,368 par due 10/2018)	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/19/2012	2,439	2,376(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($21,316 par due 10/2018)	8.25% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/19/2012	21,316	21,380(2)(25)	
		Preferred stock (333 shares)		3/12/2008	125	16(2)	
		Common stock (16,667 shares)		3/12/2008	167	825(2)	
					24,047	24,597	
Physiotherapy Associates Holdings, Inc.	Outpatient rehabilitation physical therapy provider	Class A common stock (100,000 shares)		12/13/2013	3,090	3,090	
POS I Corp. (fka Vantage Oncology, Inc.)	Radiation oncology care provider	Common stock (62,157 shares)		2/3/2011	4,670	1,375(2)	
RCHP, Inc.	Operator of general acute care hospitals	First lien senior secured loan ($14,887 par due 11/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	11/4/2011	14,888	14,664(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($60,518 par due 11/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	11/4/2011	60,496	59,611(3)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($85,000 par due 5/2019)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	11/4/2011	85,000	85,000(2)(25)	
					160,384	159,275	
Reed Group, Ltd.	Medical disability management services provider	Equity interests		4/1/2010		(2)	
Respicardia, Inc.	Developer of implantable therapies to improve cardiovascular health	First lien senior secured loan ($3,800 par due 7/2015)	11.00%	6/28/2012	3,787	3,800(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 99,094 shares of Series C preferred stock		6/26/2012	38	29(2)	
					3,825	3,829	
Sage Products Holdings III, LLC	Patient infection control and preventive care solutions provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($75,000 par due 6/2020)	9.25% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	12/13/2012	75,000	75,000(2)(25)	
Sorbent Therapeutics, Inc.	Orally-administered drug developer	First lien senior secured loan ($6,500 par due 9/2016)	10.25%	4/23/2013	6,500	6,500(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 727,272 shares of Series C preferred stock		4/23/2013		25(2)	

				6,500	6,525
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC(6)	Outpatient medical imaging provider	Preferred member units (1,823,179 units)	4/1/2010		

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
SurgiQuest, Inc.	Medical device company	First lien senior secured loan ($6,281 par due 10/2017)	10.00%	9/28/2012	6,133	6,281(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($2,000 par due 10/2017)	10.69%	9/28/2012	1,953	2,000(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 54,672 shares of Series D-4 convertible preferred stock		9/28/2012		(2)	
					8,086	8,281	
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc.	Anesthesiology service provider	First lien senior secured loan ($30,000 par due 12/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	12/31/2013	30,000	30,000(2)(25)	
Young Innovations, Inc.	Dental supplies and equipment manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($9,697 par due 1/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	9,697	9,697(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($32 par due 1/2019)	6.75% (Base Rate + 3.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	32	32(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($13,304 par due 1/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	13,304	13,304(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($44 par due 1/2019)	6.75% (Base Rate + 3.50%/Q)	1/31/2013	44	44(4)(25)	
					23,077	23,077	
					1,163,140	1,172,781	23.91%
Business Services							
2329497 Ontario Inc.(8)	Provider of outsourced data center infrastructure and related services	Second lien senior secured loan ($42,333 par due 6/2019)	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/M)	12/13/2013	43,551	43,603(25)	
Access CIG, LLC	Records and information management services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($992 par due 10/2017)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/M)	10/5/2012	992	992(2)(25)	
BluePay Processing, Inc.	Technology-enabled payment processing solutions provider	First lien senior secured loan ($6,000 par due 8/2019)	5.00% (Libor + 4.00%/Q)	8/30/2013	6,000	6,000(2)(25)	
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage Co-Investors, L.L.C.(6)	Payroll and accounting services provider to the entertainment industry	First lien senior secured loan ($18,107 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	12/24/2012	18,107	18,107(2)(18)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($45,267 par due 12/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	12/24/2012	45,267	45,267(3)(18)(25)	
		Class A membership units (2,500,000 units)		12/24/2012	2,500	4,021(2)	

		Class B membership units (2,500,000 units)		12/24/2012	2,500	4,021(2)
					68,374	71,416
CIBT Investment Holdings, LLC	Expedited travel document processing services	Class A shares (2,500 shares)		12/15/2011	2,500	3,658(2)

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CitiPostal Inc.(7)	Document storage and management services	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($3,500 par due 12/2014)	6.50% (Libor + 4.50%/M)	4/1/2010	3,500	3,500(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($53,731 par due 12/2014)		4/1/2010	53,731	41,501(2)(24)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($20,193 par due 12/2015)		4/1/2010	13,038	(2)(24)	
		Common stock (37,024 shares)		4/1/2010			
					70,269	45,001	
Command Alkon, Inc.	Software solutions provider to the ready-mix concrete industry	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 3/2018)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/M)	9/28/2012	10,000	10,000(2)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($34,000 par due 5/2019)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/28/2012	34,000	34,000(2)(25)	
					44,000	44,000	
Coverall North America, Inc.	Commercial janitorial services provider	Letter of credit facility		1/17/2013		(2)(29)	
eCommerce Industries, Inc.	Business critical enterprise resource planning software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($19,936 par due 10/2016)	8.00% (Libor + 6.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	19,936	20,217(22)(25)	
GHS Interactive Security, LLC and LG Security Holdings, LLC	Originates residential security alarm contracts	First lien senior secured loan ($2,091 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/13/2013	2,153	2,153(25)	
		Class A membership units (1,560,000 units)		12/13/2013	1,607	1,607	
					3,760	3,760	
HCPro, Inc. and HCP Acquisition Holdings, LLC(7)	Healthcare compliance advisory services	Senior subordinated loan ($9,004 par due 8/2014)		3/5/2013	2,692	(2)(24)	
		Class A units (14,293,110 units)		6/26/2008	12,793	(2)	
					15,485		
IfByPhone Inc.	Voice-based marketing automation software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($1,533 par due 11/2015)	11.00%	10/15/2012	1,490	1,533(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($833 par due 1/2016)	11.00%	10/15/2012	833	833(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 124,300 shares of Series C preferred stock		10/15/2012	88	64(2)	
					2,411	2,430	

Investor Group Services, LLC(6)	Business consulting for private equity and corporate clients	Limited liability company membership interest (8.5% interest)	6/22/2006	633

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IronPlanet, Inc.	Online auction platform provider for used heavy equipment	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($5,000 par due 9/2015)	8.00%	9/24/2013	5,000	5,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,500 par due 7/2017)	9.25%	9/24/2013	7,155	7,275(2)	
		Warrant to purchase to up to 133,333 shares of Series C preferred stock		9/24/2013	214	246(2)	
					12,369	12,521	
Itel Laboratories, Inc.	Data services provider for building materials to property insurance industry	Preferred units (1,798,391 units)		6/29/2012	1,000	995(2)	
Keynote Systems, Inc. and Hawaii Ultimate Parent Corp., Inc.	Web and mobile cloud performance testing and monitoring services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($164,587 par due 2/2020)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/22/2013	164,587	164,587(2)(25)	
		Class A common stock (2,970 shares)		8/22/2013	2,970	3,429(2)	
		Class B common stock (1,956,522 shares)		8/22/2013	30	35(2)	
					167,587	168,051	
Market Track Holdings, LLC	Business media consulting services company	Preferred stock (1,500 shares)		12/13/2013	1,982	1,982	
		Common stock (15,000 shares)		12/13/2013	1,982	1,982	
					3,964	3,964	
MSC.Software Corporation and Maximus Holdings, LLC	Provider of software simulation tools and related services	First lien senior secured loan ($42,750 par due 11/2017)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/13/2013	44,015	44,033(21)(25)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 1,050,013 shares of common stock		12/13/2013	424	424	
					44,439	44,457	
Multi-Ad Services, Inc.(6)	Marketing services and software provider	Preferred units (1,725,280 units)		4/1/2010	788	1,754	
		Common units (1,725,280 units)		4/1/2010			
					788	1,754	
MVL Group, Inc.(7)	Marketing research provider	Junior subordinated loan ($185 par due 7/2012)		4/1/2010		(2)(24)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($33,337 par due 7/2012)		4/1/2010	30,265	2,485(2)(24)	

		Common stock (560,716 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)
					30,265	2,485
NComputing, Inc.	Desktop virtualization hardware and software technology service provider	First lien senior secured loan ($6,500 par due 7/2016)	10.50%	3/20/2013	6,500	6,695(2)
		Warrant to purchase up to 462,726 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/20/2013		56(2)
					6,500	6,751

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Pillar Processing LLC, PHL Investors, Inc., and PHL Holding Co.(6)	Mortgage services	First lien senior secured loan ($4,658 par due 11/2018)		7/31/2008	3,982	3,321(2)(24)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,375 par due 5/2019)		11/20/2007	5,862	(2)(24)	
		Class A common stock (576 shares)		7/31/2012	3,768	(2)	
					13,612	3,321	
Platform Acquisition, Inc.	Data center and managed cloud services provider	Common stock (48,604 shares)		12/13/2013	7,536	7,536	
Powersport Auctioneer Holdings, LLC	Powersport vehicle auction operator	Common units (1,972 units)		3/2/2012	1,000	879(2)	
PSSI Holdings, LLC	Provider of mission-critical outsourced cleaning and sanitation services to the food processing industry	First lien senior secured loan ($1,000 par due 6/2018)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/7/2013	1,000	1,000(2)(25)	
R2 Acquisition Corp.	Marketing services	Common stock (250,000 shares)		5/29/2007	250	154(2)	
Rainstor, Inc.	Database solutions provider	First lien senior secured loan ($2,800 par due 4/2016)	11.25%	3/28/2013	2,735	2,800(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 142,210 shares of Series C preferred stock		3/28/2013	88	70(2)	
					2,823	2,870	
Summit Business Media Parent Holding Company LLC	Business media consulting services	Limited liability company membership interest (45.98% interest)		5/20/2011		1,458(2)	
TOA Technologies, Inc.	Cloud based, mobile workforce management applications provider	First lien senior secured loan ($12,567 par due 11/2016)	10.25%	10/31/2012	12,124	12,567(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 2,509,770 shares of Series D preferred stock		10/31/2012	605	1,201(2)	
					12,729	13,768	
Tripwire, Inc.	IT security software provider	First lien senior secured loan ($74,684 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	5/23/2011	74,684	74,684(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,266 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	5/23/2011	10,266	10,266(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($49,875 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	5/23/2011	49,875	49,875(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,975 par due	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	5/23/2011	9,975	9,975(4)(25)	

	5/2018)			
	Class B common stock (2,655,638 shares)	5/23/2011	30	84(2)
	Class A common stock (2,970 shares)	5/23/2011	2,970	8,315(2)
			147,800	153,199

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Venturehouse-Cibernet Investors, LLC	Financial settlement services for intercarrier wireless roaming	Equity interest		4/1/2010		(2)	
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC(6)	Management consulting services	Common membership interest (5.98% interest)		10/26/2007	10,204	5,236	
VTE Holdings Corp.	Hosted enterprise resource planning application management services provider	Common units (1,500,000 units)		12/13/2013	3,862	3,862	
Worldpay (UK) Limited, Worldpay ECommerce Limited, Ship US Bidco, Inc., Ship Investor & Cy S.C.A.(8)	Payment processing company	First lien senior secured loan ($5,341 par due 10/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 4.75%/Q)	12/13/2013	5,432	5,394(25)	
		Common stock (936,693 shares)		12/13/2013	2,698	2,732	
					8,129	8,126	
X Plus Two Solutions, Inc. and X Plus One Solutions, Inc.	Provider of open and integrated software for digital marketing optimization	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($8,600 par due 9/2014)	8.50%	4/1/2013	8,600	8,600(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,000 par due 3/2017)	10.00%	4/1/2013	6,645	6,860(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 999,167 shares of Series C preferred stock		4/1/2013	284	299(2)	
					15,529	15,759	
					768,665	699,856	14.27%
Services Other							
Capital Investments and Ventures Corp.	SCUBA diver training and certification provider	First lien senior secured loan ($24,512 par due 8/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	8/9/2012	24,512	24,512(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,719 par due 8/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	8/9/2012	8,719	8,719(4)(25)	
					33,231	33,231	
Community Education Centers, Inc.	Offender re-entry and in-prison treatment services provider	First lien senior secured loan ($14,286 par due 12/2014)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	12/10/2010	14,286	14,286(2)(15)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($35,283 par due 12/2015)	15.24% (Libor + 10.00% Cash, 5.00% PIK/Q)	12/10/2010	35,283	34,225(2)	

Second lien senior secured loan ($10,649 par due 12/2015)	15.26% (Libor + 10.00% Cash, 5.00% PIK/Q)	12/10/2010	10,649	10,330(2)
Warrants to purchase up to 654,618 shares		12/10/2010		979(2)
			60,218	59,820

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Competitor Group, Inc. and Calera XVI, LLC	Endurance sports media and event operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,850 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Base Rate + 6.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	2,850	2,508(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($900 par due 11/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	900	792(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($24,380 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 7.75% Cash, 1.00% PIK /Q)	11/30/2012	24,380	21,454(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($29,853 par due 11/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 7.75% Cash, 1.00% PIK /Q)	11/30/2012	29,853	26,271(3)(25)	
		Membership units (2,500,000 units)		11/30/2012	2,513	17(2)(9)	
					60,496	51,042	
Fox Hill Holdings, Inc.	Third party claims administrator on behalf of insurance carriers	First lien senior secured loan ($7,442 par due 6/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	10/31/2013	7,442	7,442(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($39 par due 6/2018)	8.00% (Base Rate + 4.75%/Q)	10/31/2013	39	39(2)(25)	
					7,481	7,481	
ISS #2, LLC	Provider of repairs, refurbishments and services to the broader industrial end user markets	First lien senior secured loan ($14,950 par due 6/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	6/5/2013	14,950	14,950(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($44,775 par due 6/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	6/5/2013	44,775	44,775(3)(25)	
					59,725	59,725	
Massage Envy, LLC	Franchisor in the massage industry	First lien senior secured loan ($29,177 par due 9/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	9/27/2012	29,177	29,177(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($49,291 par due 9/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	9/27/2012	49,291	49,291(3)(25)	
		Common stock (3,000,000 shares)		9/27/2012	3,000	3,532(2)	
					81,468	82,000	
McKenzie Sports Products, LLC	Designer, manufacturer and distributor of taxidermy forms and supplies	First lien senior secured loan ($8,140 par due 3/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	3/30/2012	8,140	8,140(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,302 par due 3/2017)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	3/30/2012	9,302	9,302(4)(25)	
					17,442	17,442	

Spin HoldCo Inc.	Laundry service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($140,000 par due 5/2020)	9.00% (Libor + 7.75%/Q)	5/14/2013	140,000	140,000(2)(25)

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The Dwyer Group(6)	Operator of multiple franchise concepts primarily related to home maintenance or repairs	Senior subordinated loan ($25,686 par due 6/2018)	12.00% Cash, 1.50% PIK	12/22/2010	25,686	25,686(2)	
		Series A preferred units (13,292,377 units)	8.00% PIK	12/22/2010	6,859	18,650(2)	
					32,545	44,336	
Wash Multifamily Laundry Systems, LLC	Laundry service and equipment provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($78,000 par due 2/2020)	9.75% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	6/26/2012	78,000	78,000(2)(25)	
					570,606	573,077	11.69%
Education							
American Academy Holdings, LLC	Provider of education, training, certification, networking, and consulting services to medical coders and other healthcare professionals	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,250 par due 3/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	3/18/2011	2,250	2,250(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($56,236 par due 3/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	3/18/2011	56,236	56,236(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,651 par due 3/2019)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	3/18/2011	4,651	4,651(4)(25)	
					63,137	63,137	
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp.(6)	Education software developer	Preferred stock (485,159 shares)		2/8/2008	10,520	3,337(2)	
ELC Acquisition Corp., ELC Holdings Corporation, and Excelligence Learning Corporation(6)	Developer, manufacturer and retailer of educational products	Preferred stock (99,492 shares)	12.00% PIK	8/1/2011	10,286	10,286(2)	
		Common stock (50,800 shares)		8/1/2011		1,345(2)	
					10,286	11,631	
Infilaw Holding, LLC	Operator of for-profit law schools	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/25/2011		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($1 par due 8/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	1	1(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,362 par due 8/2016)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	14,362	14,362(3)(25)	
		Series A preferred units (124,890 units)	9.50% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	8/25/2011	124,890	124,890(2)(25)	
				10/19/2012	9,245	11,060(2)	

	Series B preferred units (3.91 units)			
			148,498	150,313

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Instituto de Banca y Comercio, Inc. & Leeds IV Advisors, Inc.	Private school operator	First lien senior secured loan ($39,459 par due 6/2015)		4/24/2013	39,385	35,514(3)(24)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,774 par due 6/2015)		4/24/2013	14,746	13,297(4)(24)	
		Series B preferred stock (1,750,000 shares)		8/5/2010	5,000	(2)	
		Series C preferred stock (2,512,586 shares)		6/7/2010	689	(2)	
		Common stock (20 shares)		6/7/2010		(2)	
					59,820	48,811	
Lakeland Tours, LLC	Educational travel provider	First lien senior secured revolving loan		10/4/2011		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($83,140 par due 12/2016)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	10/4/2011	83,067	83,131(2)(14)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($1,585 par due 12/2016)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	1,585	1,585(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,362 par due 12/2016)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	10/4/2011	40,277	40,362(3)(14)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,297 par due 12/2016)	5.25% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)	10/4/2011	8,280	8,297(3)(25)	
		Common stock (5,000 shares)		10/4/2011	5,000	5,117(2)	
					138,209	138,492	
PIH Corporation	Franchisor of education-based early childhood centers	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($621 par due 6/2016)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	12/13/2013	621	621(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($39,062 par due 6/2016)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	12/13/2013	39,570	39,594(25)	
					40,191	40,215	
R3 Education, Inc. and EIC Acquisitions Corp.	Medical school operator	Preferred stock (8,800 shares)		7/30/2008	2,200	1,936(2)	
		Common membership interest (26.27% interest)		9/21/2007	15,800	29,584(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 27,890 shares		12/8/2009		(2)	
					18,000	31,520	
RuffaloCODY, LLC	Provider of student fundraising and enrollment management services	First lien senior secured loan ($634 par due 5/2019)	6.50% (Base Rate + 3.25%/Q)	5/29/2013	634	634(2)(25)	
				5/29/2013	24,996	24,996(2)(25)	

First lien senior secured loan ($24,996 par due 5/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.25%/Q)			
		25,630	25,630	
		514,291	513,086	10.46%

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Energy							
Alphabet Energy, Inc.	Technology developer to convert waste-heat into electricity	First lien senior secured loan ($3,000 par due 7/2017)	9.62%	12/16/2013	2,721	2,850(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 59,524 units of Series B preferred stock		12/16/2013	146	146(2)	
					2,867	2,996	
Brush Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($89,892 par due 8/2020)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	8/1/2013	89,892	89,892(2)(25)	
Centinela Funding, LLC	Solar power generation facility developer and operator	Senior subordinated loan ($56,000 par due 11/2020)	10.00% (Libor + 8.75%/Q)	11/14/2012	56,000	56,000(2)(25)	
Joule Unlimited Technologies, Inc. and Stichting Joule Global Foundation	Renewable fuel and chemical production developer	First lien senior secured loan ($7,500 par due 2/2017)	10.00%	7/25/2013	7,433	7,500(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 32,051 shares of Series C-2 preferred stock		7/25/2013		34(2)(8)	
					7,433	7,534	
La Paloma Generating Company, LLC	Natural gas fired, combined cycle plant operator	Second lien senior secured loan ($68,000 par due 8/2018)	10.25% (Libor + 8.75%/M)	8/9/2011	67,060	67,320(2)(25)	
Panda Sherman Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($32,500 par due 9/2018)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/14/2012	32,500	32,500(2)(25)	
Panda Temple Power II, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($20,000 par due 4/2019)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	4/3/2013	19,820	20,000(2)(25)	
Panda Temple Power, LLC	Gas turbine power generation facilities operator	First lien senior secured loan ($60,000 par due 7/2018)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	7/17/2012	58,402	60,000(2)(25)	
Sunrun Solar Owner Holdco X, LLC	Residential solar energy provider	First lien senior secured loan ($59,749 par due 6/2019)	9.50% (Libor + 8.25%/Q)	6/7/2013	59,749	59,749(2)(25)	
Sunrun Solar Owner Holdco XIII, LLC	Residential solar energy provider	First lien senior secured loan ($19,300 par due 12/2019)	9.50% (Libor + 7.25% Cash, 1.00% PIK /Q)	11/27/2013	19,079	19,300(2)(25)	
					412,802	415,291	8.47%

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Restaurants and Food Services							
ADF Capital, Inc., ADF Restaurant Group, LLC, and ARG Restaurant Holdings, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured loan ($33,581 par due 12/2018)	10.50% (Base Rate + 7.25%/Q)	11/27/2006	33,581	33,581(2)(20)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,919 par due 12/2018)	10.50% (Base Rate + 7.25%/Q)	11/27/2006	10,922	10,919(3)(20)(25)	
		Promissory note ($16,558 par due 12/2018)	13.00% PIK	11/27/2006	13,273	15,997(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 23,750 units of Series D common stock		12/18/2013	24	(2)	
					57,800	60,497	
Benihana, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured loan ($4,925 par due 2/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	8/21/2012	4,925	4,925(4)(25)	
Garden Fresh Restaurant Corp.	Restaurant owner and operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan		10/3/2013		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($43,750 par due 7/2018)	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/M)	10/3/2013	43,750	43,750(2)(25)	
					43,750	43,750	
Hojeij Branded Foods, Inc.	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($450 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	450	450(2)(25)(28)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($12,500 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	12,500	12,500(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($15,000 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 8.00%/Q)	2/15/2012	14,543	15,000(2)(25)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 7.5% of membership interest		2/15/2012		299(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 324 shares of Class A common stock		2/15/2012	669	4,307(2)	
					28,162	32,556	
Orion Foods, LLC (fka Hot Stuff Foods, LLC)(7)	Convenience food service retailer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($9,500 par due 9/2014)	10.75% (Base Rate + 7.50%/M)	4/1/2010	9,500	9,500(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($33,037 par due 9/2014)	10.00% (Libor + 8.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	33,037	33,037(3)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($37,552 par due 9/2014)		4/1/2010	18,423	20,205(2)(24)	
		Preferred units (10,000 units)		10/28/2010		(2)	
		Class A common units (25,001 units)		4/1/2010		(2)	
		Class B common units (1,122,452 units)		4/1/2010		(2)	

	60,960	62,742

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OTG Management, LLC	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($25,000 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/11/2012	25,000	25,000(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($7,075 par due 12/2017)	8.75% (Libor + 7.25%/Q)	12/11/2012	7,075	7,075(2)(25)	
		Common units (3,000,000 units)		1/5/2011	3,000	3,638(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 7.73% of common units		6/19/2008	100	7,257(2)	
					35,175	42,970	
Performance Food Group, Inc. and Wellspring Distribution Corp	Food service distributor	Second lien senior secured loan ($74,625 par due 11/2019)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	5/14/2013	74,282	74,850(2)(25)	
		Class A non-voting common stock (1,366,120 shares)		5/3/2008	6,303	6,529(2)	
					80,585	81,379	
PMI Holdings, Inc.	Restaurant owner and operator	Preferred stock (46,025 shares)		12/13/2013	687	687	
		Common stock (22,401 shares)		12/13/2013	379	379	
					1,066	1,066	
Restaurant Holding Company, LLC	Fast food restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($60,125 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/M)	2/17/2012	59,303	58,922(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,250 par due 2/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/M)	2/17/2012	9,122	9,065(4)(25)	
					68,425	67,987	
S.B. Restaurant Company	Restaurant owner and operator	Preferred stock (46,690 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 257,429 shares of common stock		4/1/2010		(2)	
					380,848	397,872	8.11%
Financial Services							
AllBridge Financial, LLC(7)	Asset management services	Equity interests		4/1/2010	5,077	9,718	
Callidus Capital Corporation(7)	Asset management services	Common stock (100 shares)		4/1/2010	3,000	1,713	
Ciena Capital LLC(7)	Real estate and small business loan servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($14,000 par due 12/2014)	6.00%	11/29/2010	14,000	14,000(2)	

		First lien senior secured loan ($26,000 par due 12/2016)	12.00%	11/29/2010	26,000	26,000(2)
		Equity interests		11/29/2010	53,374	10,926(2)
					93,374	50,926
Commercial Credit Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment finance and leasing company	Senior subordinated loan ($28,000 par due 5/2018)	12.75%	5/10/2012	28,000	28,000(2)

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Cook Inlet Alternative Risk, LLC	Risk management services	Senior subordinated loan ($1,750 par due 9/2015)	9.00%	9/30/2011	1,750	1,750(2)	
Gordian Acquisition Corp.	Financial services firm	Common stock (526 shares)		11/30/2012		(2)	
Imperial Capital Group LLC	Investment services	2006 Class B common units (2,526 units)		5/10/2007	3	5(2)	
		2007 Class B common units (315 units)		5/10/2007		1(2)	
		Class A common units (7,710 units)		5/10/2007	14,997	19,672(2)	
					15,000	19,678	
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P. (7)(9)	Asset management services	Member interest (100.00% interest)		6/15/2009	170,961	280,353	
					317,162	392,138	8.00%
Consumer Products Non-durable							
Gilchrist & Soames, Inc.	Personal care manufacturer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($8,700 par due 12/2014)	6.25% (Libor + 5.00%/M)	4/1/2010	8,700	8,700(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($22,508 par due 12/2014)	13.44% Cash, 2.00% PIK	4/1/2010	22,504	21,833(2)	
					31,204	30,533	
Implus Footcare, LLC	Provider of footwear and other accessories	Preferred stock (455 shares)	6.00% PIK	10/31/2011	5,172	5,172(2)	
		Common stock (455 shares)		10/31/2011	455	170(2)	
					5,627	5,342	
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation(6)	OTC drug products manufactuer	Second lien senior secured loan ($19,310 par due 8/2017)	13.25% (Libor + 11.75%/Q)	8/26/2011	19,165	19,310(2)(25)	
		Class A common stock (155,000 shares)		8/26/2011	6,035	7,234(2)	
		Class B common stock (155,000 shares)		8/26/2011	6,035	7,234(2)	
					31,235	33,778	
Matrixx Initiatives, Inc. and Wonder Holdings Acquisition Corp.	Developer and marketer of over-the-counter healthcare products	Warrants to purchase up to 1,654,678 shares of common stock		7/27/2011		1,219(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 1,489 shares of preferred stock		7/27/2011		1,144(2)	
						2,363	

Oak Parent, Inc.	Manufacturer of athletic apparel	First lien senior secured loan ($31,295 par due 4/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	31,184	31,294(3)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($86 par due 4/2018)	9.25% (Base Rate + 6.00%/S)	4/2/2012	85	86(3)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,844 par due 4/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 7.00%/Q)	4/2/2012	8,813	8,844(4)(25)
		First lien senior secured loan ($24 par due 4/2018)	9.25% (Base Rate + 6.00%/S)	4/2/2012	24	24(4)(25)
					40,106	40,248

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PG-ACP Co-Invest, LLC	Supplier of medical uniforms, specialized medical footwear and accessories	Class A membership units (1,000,0000 units)		8/29/2012	1,000	1,526(2)	
The Step2 Company, LLC	Toy manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($25,600 par due 4/2015)	10.00%	4/1/2010	25,089	25,088(2)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($32,865 par due 4/2015)	10.00%	4/1/2010	30,802	26,292(2)	
		Common units (1,116,879 units)		4/1/2010	24		
		Warrants to purchase up to 3,157,895 units		4/1/2010			
					55,915	51,380	
The Thymes, LLC(7)	Cosmetic products manufacturer	Preferred units (6,283 units)	8.00% PIK	6/21/2007	4,696	4,221	
		Common units (5,400 units)		6/21/2007		6,687	
					4,696	10,908	
Woodstream Corporation	Pet products manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($8,465 par due 8/2016)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	4/18/2012	8,465	8,465(4)(25)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($80,000 par due 2/2017)	11.50%	4/18/2012	77,412	80,000(2)	
		Common stock (4,254 shares)		1/22/2010	1,222	2,685(2)	
					87,099	91,150	
					256,882	267,228	5.45%
Containers Packaging							
ICSH, Inc.	Industrial container manufacturer, reconditioner and servicer	First lien senior secured revolving loan		8/31/2011		(2)(27)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($27,740 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	27,777	27,740(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($61,518 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	61,518	61,518(3)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($14,718 par due 8/2016)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	8/31/2011	14,718	14,718(4)(25)	
					104,013	103,976	
Microstar Logistics LLC, Microstar Global Asset Management LLC, and MStar Holding Corporation	Keg management solutions provider	Second lien senior secured loan ($142,500 par due 12/2018)	8.50% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	12/14/2012	142,500	142,500(2)(25)	
				12/14/2012	5,000	7,223(2)	

	Common stock (50,000 shares)			
			147,500	149,723

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Pregis Corporation, Pregis Intellipack Corp., and Pregis Innovative Packaging Inc.	Provider of highly-customized, tailored protective packaging solutions	First lien senior secured loan ($975 par due 3/2017)	7.75% (Libor + 6.25%/M)	4/25/2012	975	975(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5 par due 3/2017)	8.50% (Base Rate + 5.25%/Q)	4/25/2012	5	5(2)(25)	
					980	980	
					252,493	254,679	5.19%
Manufacturing							
Cambrios Technologies Corporation	Nanotechnology-based solutions for electronic devices and computers	First lien senior secured loan ($3,030 par due 8/2015)	12.00%	8/7/2012	3,030	3,030(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 400,000 shares of Series D-4 convertible preferred stock		8/7/2012		6(2)	
					3,030	3,036	
Component Hardware Group, Inc.	Commercial equipment	First lien senior secured loan ($23,701 par due 7/2019)	5.50% (Libor + 4.50%/M)	7/1/2013	23,701	23,701(2)(25)	
Lighting Science Group Corporation	Advanced lighting products	Letter of credit facility		9/20/2011		(2)(29)	
Mac Lean-Fogg Company	Provider of intelligent transportation systems products in the traffic and rail industries	Senior subordinated loan ($100,251 par due 10/2023)	9.50% Cash, 1.50% PIK	10/31/2013	100,251	100,251(2)	
MWI Holdings, Inc.	Provider of engineered springs, fasteners, and other precision components	First lien senior secured loan ($38,274 par due 3/2019)	9.38% (Libor + 8.13%/Q)	6/15/2011	38,274	38,274(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 3/2019)	9.38% (Libor + 8.13%/Q)	6/15/2011	10,000	10,000(4)(25)	
					48,274	48,274	
NetShape Technologies, Inc.	Metal precision engineered components	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($538 par due 12/2014)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	538	538(2)(25)	
Pelican Products, Inc.	Flashlights	First lien senior secured loan ($2,317 par due 7/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	7/13/2012	2,317	2,317(4)(25)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($32,000 par due 6/2019)	11.50% (Libor + 10.00%/Q)	7/13/2012	32,000	32,000(2)(25)	
					34,317	34,317	
Protective Industries, Inc. dba Caplugs	Plastic protection products	First lien senior secured loan ($997 par	6.75% (Libor + 5.75%/Q)	11/30/2012	997	997(2)(25)	

		due 10/2019) Preferred stock (2,379,361 shares)	5/23/2011	1,298	4,837(2)	
				2,295	5,834	
Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC	Metal precision engineered components	Common units (1,000 units)	1/30/2007	1,000	(2)	

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SSH Environmental Industries, Inc. and SSH Non-Destructive Testing, Inc.	Magnetic sensors and supporting sensor products	First lien senior secured loan ($11,140 par due 12/2016)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	3/23/2012	10,990	11,140(2)(25)	
TPTM Merger Corp.	Time temperature indicator products	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($950 par due 9/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	9/12/2013	950	950(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured revolving loan ($540 par due 9/2018)	7.50% (Base Rate + 4.25%/Q)	9/12/2013	540	540(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($25,935 par due 9/2018)	6.25% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	9/12/2013	25,935	25,935(2)(25)	
					27,425	27,425	
					251,821	254,516	5.19%
Automotive Services							
Driven Holdings, LLC	Automotive aftermarket car care franchisor	Preferred stock (247,500 units)		12/16/2011	2,475	2,852(2)	
		Common stock (25,000 units)		12/16/2011	25	808(2)	
					2,500	3,660	
Eckler Industries, Inc.	Restoration parts and accessories provider for classic automobiles	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,000 par due 7/2017)	8.25% (Base Rate + 5.00%/Q)	7/12/2012	2,000	2,000(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($8,172 par due 7/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	7/12/2012	8,172	8,172(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($30,609 par due 7/2017)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	7/12/2012	30,609	30,609(3)(25)	
		Series A preferred stock (1,800 shares)		7/12/2012	1,800	2,031(2)	
		Common stock (20,000 shares)		7/12/2012	200	116(2)	
					42,781	42,928	
EcoMotors, Inc.	Engine developer	First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 10/2016)	10.83%	12/28/2012	4,869	5,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5,000 par due 6/2017)	10.83%	12/28/2012	4,853	5,000(2)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,833 par due 7/2016)	10.13%	12/28/2012	4,724	4,833(2)	
		Warrant to purchase up to 321,888 shares of Series C preferred stock		12/28/2012		43(2)	
					14,446	14,876	

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Service King Paint & Body, LLC	Collision repair site operators	First lien senior secured loan ($7,617 par due 8/2017)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	7,617	7,617(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($46,898 par due 8/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	46,898	46,898(2)(16)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($6,398 par due 8/2017)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	6,398	6,398(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($72,135 par due 8/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	72,135	72,135(2)(16)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,646 par due 8/2017)	4.00% (Libor + 3.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	9,646	9,646(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($10,000 par due 8/2017)	6.00% (Libor + 5.00%/Q)	8/20/2012	10,000	10,000(3)(16)(25)	
		Membership interest		8/20/2012	5,000	6,948(2)	
					157,694	159,642	
					217,421	221,106	4.51%
Retail							
Fulton Holdings Corp.(12)	Airport restaurant operator	First lien senior secured loan ($43,000 par due 5/2018)	8.50%	5/10/2013	43,000	43,000(2)(12)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 5/2018)	8.50%	5/28/2010	40,000	40,000(3)(12)	
		Common stock (19,672 shares)		5/28/2010	1,461	2,086(2)	
					84,461	85,086	
Paper Source, Inc. and Pine Holdings, Inc.	Retailer of fine and artisanal papers, gifts, gift wrap, greeting cards and envelopes	First lien senior secured loan ($18,952 par due 9/2018)	7.25% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	9/23/2013	18,952	18,952(2)(25)	
		Class A common stock (36,364 shares)		9/23/2013	6,000	6,660(2)	
					24,952	25,612	
Things Remembered Inc. and TRM Holdings Corporation	Personalized gifts retailer	First lien senior secured loan ($14,813 par due 5/2018)	8.00% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	5/24/2012	14,813	14,813(4)(25)	
					124,226	125,511	2.56%
Aerospace and Defense							
Cadence Aerospace, LLC (fka PRV Aerospace, LLC)	Aerospace precision components manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($4,459 par due 5/2018)	6.50% (Libor + 5.25%/Q)	5/15/2012	4,425	4,459(4)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($65 par due 5/2018)	7.50% (Base Rate + 4.25%/Q)	5/15/2012	65	65(4)(25)	

		Second lien senior secured loan ($79,657 par due 5/2019)	10.50% (Libor + 9.25%/Q)	5/10/2012	79,657	77,267(2)(25)
					84,147	81,791
ILC Industries, LLC	Designer and manufacturer of protective cases and technically advanced lighting systems	First lien senior secured loan ($19,192 par due 7/2018)	8.00% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	7/13/2012	18,885	19,192(4)(25)

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Wyle Laboratories, Inc. and Wyle Holdings, Inc.	Provider of specialized engineering, scientific and technical services	Senior preferred stock (775 shares)	8.00% PIK	1/17/2008	111	111(2)	
		Common stock (1,885,195 shares)		1/17/2008	2,291	1,722(2)	
					2,402	1,833	
					105,434	102,816	2.10%
Chemicals							
Argotec, LLC	Thermoplastic polyurethane films	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($625 par due 5/2018)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/M)	5/31/2013	625	625(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($5,788 par due 5/2019)	5.75% (Libor + 4.75%/M)	5/31/2013	5,788	5,788(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($74 par due 5/2019)	7.00% (Base Rate + 3.75%/Q)	5/31/2013	74	74(2)(25)	
					6,487	6,487	
Emerald Performance Materials, LLC	Polymers and performance materials manufacturer	First lien senior secured loan ($17,730 par due 5/2018)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	12/13/2013	18,256	18,262(25)	
K2 Pure Solutions Nocal, L.P.	Chemical producer	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($2,256 par due 8/2019)	8.13% (Libor + 7.13%/M)	8/19/2013	2,256	2,211(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($41,500 par due 8/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2013	41,500	40,670(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($40,000 par due 8/2019)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	8/19/2013	40,000	39,200(3)(25)	
					83,756	82,081	
					108,499	106,830	2.18%
Transportation							
Eberle Design, Inc.	Provider of intelligent transportation systems products in the traffic and rail industries	First lien senior secured loan ($30,500 par due 8/2018)	7.50% (Libor + 6.25%/Q)	8/26/2013	30,359	30,500(2)(25)	
PODS Funding Corp. II	Storage and warehousing	First lien senior secured loan ($35,897 par due 12/2018)	7.00% (Libor + 6.00%/Q)	12/19/2013	35,897	35,897(25)	
United Road Towing, Inc.	Towing company	Warrants to purchase up to 607 shares		4/1/2010			

					66,256	66,397	1.35%
Printing, Publishing and Media							
Batanga, Inc.	Independent digital media company	First lien senior secured revolving loan ($3,000 par due 4/2014)	8.50%	10/31/2012	3,000	3,000(2)(23)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,936 par due 11/2016)	9.60%	10/31/2012	4,936	5,030(2)(23)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($4,500 par due 9/2017)	9.60%	10/31/2012	4,500	4,500(2)(23)	
					12,436	12,530	

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Earthcolor Group, LLC	Printing management services	Limited liability company interests (9.30%)		5/18/2012			
Encompass Digital Media, Inc.	Provider of outsourced network origination and transmission services for media companies	First lien senior secured loan ($19,651 par due 8/2017)	6.75% (Libor + 5.50%/Q)	12/13/2013	20,233	20,241(25)	
The Teaching Company, LLC and The Teaching Company Holdings, Inc.	Education publications provider	First lien senior secured loan ($20,886 par due 3/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/29/2006	20,886	20,469(2)(25)	
		First lien senior secured loan ($9,701 par due 3/2017)	9.00% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	9/29/2006	9,701	9,507(4)(25)	
		Preferred stock (10,663 shares)		9/29/2006	1,066	2,282(2)	
		Common stock (15,393 shares)		9/29/2006	3	5(2)	
					31,656	32,263	
					64,325	65,034	1.33%
Commercial Real Estate Finance							
10th Street, LLC(6)	Real estate holding company	Senior subordinated loan ($26,250 par due 11/2014)	8.93% Cash, 4.07% PIK	4/1/2010	26,250	26,250(2)	
		Member interest (10.00% interest)		4/1/2010	594	7,257	
		Option (25,000 units)		4/1/2010	25	25	
					26,869	33,532	
American Commercial Coatings, Inc.	Real estate property	Commercial mortgage loan ($2,275 par due 12/2025)	8.75% (Libor + 7.50%/Q)	4/1/2010	664	1,500(25)	
Cleveland East Equity, LLC	Hotel operator	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010	1,026	5,305	
Commons R-3, LLC	Real estate developer	Real estate equity interests		4/1/2010			
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates(7)	Hotel operator	Senior subordinated loan ($2,236 par due 9/2011)		4/1/2010		(2)(24)	
		Senior subordinated loan ($2,092 par due 6/2017)		4/1/2010		(2)(24)	
		Common equity interest		4/1/2010			
Hot Light Brands, Inc.(7)	Real estate holding company	First lien senior secured loan ($31,384 par due 2/2011)		4/1/2010	90	253(2)(24)	

		Common stock (93,500 shares)	4/1/2010		(2)	
				90	253	
NPH, Inc.	Hotel property	Real estate equity interests	4/1/2010	5,291	5,532	
				33,940	46,122	0.94%
Oil and Gas						
Geotrace Technologies, Inc.	Reservoir processing and development	Warrants to purchase up to 69,978 shares of common stock	4/1/2010	88	(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 210,453 shares of preferred stock	4/1/2010	2,805	638(2)	
				2,893	638	

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
UL Holding Co., LLC and Universal Lubricants, LLC(6)	Petroleum product manufacturer	Second lien senior secured loan ($10,093 par due 12/2014)		4/30/2012	9,519	7,260(2)(24)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($42,812 par due 12/2014)		4/30/2012	40,097	30,795(2)(24)	
		Second lien senior secured loan ($4,994 par due 12/2014)		4/30/2012	4,668	3,592(2)(24)	
		Class A common units (151,236 units)		6/17/2011	1,512	(2)	
		Class B-5 common units (599,200 units)		4/25/2008	5,472	(2)	
		Class B-4 common units (50,000 units)		6/17/2011	500	(2)	
		Class C common units (758,546 units)		4/25/2008		(2)	
					61,768	41,647	
					64,661	42,285	0.86%
Health Clubs							
Athletic Club Holdings, Inc.	Premier health club operator	First lien senior secured loan ($34,000 par due 3/2019)	7.25% (Libor + 6.00%/M)	10/11/2007	34,000	34,000(2)(13)(25)	
CFW Co-Invest, L.P. and NCP Curves, L.P.	Health club franchisor	Limited partnership interest (4,152,165 shares)		7/31/2012	4,152	2,913(2)	
		Limited partnership interest (2,218,235 shares)		7/31/2012	2,218	1,556(2)	
					6,370	4,469	
					40,370	38,469	0.78%
Telecommunications							
American Broadband Communications, LLC, American Broadband Holding Company, and Cameron Holdings of NC, Inc.	Broadband communication services	Warrants to purchase up to 378 shares		11/7/2007		6,833(2)	
		Warrants to purchase up to 200 shares		9/1/2010		3,615(2)	
					0	10,448	
EUNetworks Group Limited(8)	Broadband bandwidth infrastructure provider	First lien senior secured loan ($20,567 par due 5/2019)	7.50% (Libor + 6.50%/Q)	12/13/2013	21,192	21,185(25)	
Quantance, Inc.	Designer of semiconductor products to the mobile wireless market	First lien senior secured loan ($3,500 par due 9/2016)	10.25%	8/23/2013	3,402	3,465(2)	

		Warrant to purchase up to 130,432 shares of Series D preferred stock	8/23/2013	74	74(2)	
				3,476	3,539	
Startec Equity, LLC(7)	Communication services	Member interest	4/1/2010			
Wilcon Holdings LLC	Communications infrastructure provider	Class A common stock (2,000,000 shares)	12/13/2013	1,829	1,829	
				26,497	37,001	0.75%

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Company(1)	Business Description	Investment	Interest(5)(11)	Acquisition Date	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Environmental Services							
Genomatica, Inc.	Developer of a biotechnology platform for the production of chemical products	First lien senior secured loan ($1,500 par due 10/2016)	9.26%	3/28/2013	1,439	1,500(2)	
		Warrant to purchase 322,422 shares of Series D preferred stock		3/28/2013		6(2)	
					1,439	1,506	
RE Community Holdings II, Inc.and Pegasus Community Energy, LLC.	Operator of municipal recycling facilities	Preferred stock (1,000 shares)		3/1/2011	8,839	532(2)	
Waste Pro USA, Inc	Waste management services	Preferred Class A common equity (611,615 shares)		11/9/2006	12,263	27,898(2)	
					22,541	29,936	0.61%
Food and Beverage							
Apple & Eve, LLC and US Juice Partners, LLC(6)	Juice manufacturer	Senior units (50,000 units)		10/5/2007	5,000	5,205	
Charter Baking Company, Inc.	Baked goods manufacturer	Senior subordinated loan ($2,750 par due 6/2015)	17.50% PIK	2/6/2008	2,750	2,750(2)	
		Preferred stock (6,258 shares)		9/1/2006	2,567	2,260(2)	
					5,317	5,010	
Distant Lands Trading Co.	Coffee manufacturer	Class A common stock (1,294 shares)		4/1/2010	980	(2)	
		Class A-1 common stock (2,157 shares)		4/1/2010		(2)	
					980		
					11,297	10,215	0.21%
Wholesale Distribution							
BECO Holding Company, Inc.	Wholesale distributor of first response fire protection equipment and related parts	Common stock (25,000 shares)		7/30/2010	2,500	3,103(2)	
					2,500	3,103	0.06%
					$ 7,537,403	$ 7,632,897	155.63%

(1) Other than the Company's investments listed in footnote 7 below (subject to the limitations set forth therein), the Company does not "Control" any of its portfolio companies, for the purposes of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Investment Company Act"). In general, under the Investment Company Act, the Company would "Control" a portfolio company if the Company owned more than 25% of its outstanding voting securities (i.e., securities with the right to elect directors) and/or had the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company. All of the Company's portfolio company investments, which as of December 31, 2013 represented 156% of the Company's net assets or 94% of the Company's total assets, are subject to legal restrictions on sales.

(2) These assets are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Credit Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than the Company's obligations under the Revolving Credit Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(3) These assets are owned by the Company's consolidated subsidiary Ares Capital CP, are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Funding Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than Ares Capital CP's obligations under the Revolving Funding Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(4) These assets are owned by the Company's consolidated subsidiary Ares Capital JB Funding LLC ("ACJB"), are pledged as collateral for the SMBC Funding Facility and, as a result, are not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than ACJB's obligations under the SMBC Funding Facility (see Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements).

(5) Investments without an interest rate are non income producing.

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(6)

As defined in the Investment Company Act, the Company is deemed to be an "Affiliated Person" of a portfolio company because it owns 5% or more of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company (including through a management agreement). Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2013 in which the issuer was an Affiliated Person (but not a portfolio company that the Company is deemed to Control) are as follows:

Company	Purchases (cost)	Redemptions (cost)	Sales (cost)	Interest income	Capital structuring service fees	Dividend income	Other income	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)
10th Street, LLC	$	$	$	$ 3,361	$	$	$	$	$ 6,781
Apple & Eve, LLC and US Juice Partners, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3,807
Campus Management Corp. and Campus Management Acquisition Corp	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (3,252)
Cast & Crew Payroll, LLC and Centerstage Co-Investors, L.L.C.	$	$ 6,626	$ 30,000	$ 6,177	$	$ 128	$ 154	$	$ 3,042
CT Technologies Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT Technologies Holdings, LLC	$	$ 16,195	$	$ 875	$ 395	$ 1,047	$ 10	$	$ 615
The Dwyer Group	$	$	$	$ 3,458	$	$ 522	$	$	$ 4,166
ELC Acquisition Corp. and ELC Holdings Corporation	$	$ 1,682	$	$	$	$ 6,121	$	$	$ (2,667)
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	$	$	$	$ 2,623	$	$	$	$	$ (2,114)
Investor Group Services, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$ 176	$	$ 142	$ (78)
Multi-Ad Services, Inc.	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (283)
Pillar Processing LLC and PHL Holding Co.	$	$ 3,527	$	$	$	$	$	$ 46	$ (707)
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC	$	$ 2,049	$	$	$	$	$	$ (1,448)	$ 1,208
VSS-Tranzact Holdings, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 1,584
UL Holding Co., LLC	$	$ 295	$	$ 3,037	$	$	$ 49	$ 15	$ (13,225)

(7)

As defined in the Investment Company Act, the Company is deemed to be both an "Affiliated Person" and "Control" this portfolio company because it owns more than 25% of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company (including through a management agreement). Transactions during the period for the year ended December 31, 2013 in which the issuer was both an Affiliated Person and a portfolio company that the Company is deemed to Control are as follows:

Company	Purchases	Redemptions (cost)	Sales (cost)	Interest income	Capital structuring service fees	Dividend income	Other income	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)
AllBridge Financial, LLC	$	$ 598	$	$	$	$ 864	$	$	$ 2,503
AWTP, LLC	$	$	$ 10,333	$ 1,237	$	$	$ 269	$ 8,740	$ (4,580)
Callidus Capital Corporation	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ (6)
Ciena Capital LLC	$	$ 6,000	$	$ 4,495	$	$	$	$	$ (7,691)
Citipostal, Inc.	$ 4,000	$ 4,738	$	$ 5,473	$	$	$ (321)	$	$ (13,787)
Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 194	$
HCI Equity, LLC	$	$ 340	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 227
HCP Acquisition Holdings, LLC	$ 6,696	$	$ 3,559	$	$	$	$	$ (809)	$ (3,137)
Hot Light Brands, Inc.	$	$ 1,573	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 698
Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.	$	$	$	$	$	$ 72,407	$	$	$ (13,904)
MVL Group, Inc.	$	$ 5,176	$	$ 11	$	$	$	$	$ 1,525
Orion Foods, LLC	$ 2,700	$ 6,712	$	$ 4,285	$	$	$ 808	$	$ 7,669
Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC*	$ 652,458	$ 145,153	$	$ 224,867	$ 43,119	$	$ 23,491	$ 7,082	$ 421
The Thymes, LLC	$	$	$	$	$	$ 410	$	$	$ 3,460

*

Together with GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation (together, "GE"), the Company co invests through the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC d/b/a the "Senior Secured Loan Program" (the "SSLP"). The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with approval from a representative of each required); therefore, although the Company owns more than 25% of the voting securities of the SSLP, the Company does not believe that it has control over the

SSLP (for purposes of the Investment Company Act or otherwise) because, among other things, these "voting securities" do not afford the Company the right to elect directors of the SSLP or any other special rights (see Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements).

(8)

Non U.S. company or principal place of business outside the U.S. and as a result is not a qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act. Under the Investment Company Act, the Company may not acquire any non qualifying asset unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets.

(9)

Excepted from the definition of investment company under Section 3(c) of the Investment Company Act and as a result is not a qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act. Under the Investment Company Act, the Company may not acquire any non qualifying asset unless, at the time such acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets.

(10)

In the first quarter of 2011, the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Staff") informally communicated to certain business development companies the Staff's belief that certain entities, which would be classified as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act but for the exception from the definition of "investment company" set forth in Rule 3a 7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act, could not be treated as eligible portfolio companies (as defined in Section 2(a)(46) under the Investment Company Act) (i.e., not eligible to be included in a BDC's 70% "qualifying assets" basket). Subsequently, in August 2011 the Securities and Exchange Commission issued a concept release (the "Concept Release") which stated that "[a]s a general matter, the Commission presently does not believe that Rule 3a 7 issuers are the type of small, developing and financially troubled businesses in which the U.S. Congress intended BDCs primarily to invest" and requested comment on whether or not a 3a 7 issuer should be considered an "eligible portfolio company". The Company provided a comment letter in respect of the Concept Release and continues to believe that the language of Section 2(a)(46) of the Investment Company Act permits a BDC to treat as "eligible portfolio companies" entities that rely on the 3a 7 exception. However, given the current uncertainty in this area (including the language in the Concept Release) and subsequent discussions with the Staff, the Company has, solely

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for purposes of calculating the composition of its portfolio pursuant to Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act, identified such entities, which include the SSLP, as "non qualifying assets" should the Staff ultimately disagree with the Company's position.

(11)

Variable rate loans to the Company's portfolio companies bear interest at a rate that may be determined by reference to either LIBOR or an alternate base rate (commonly based on the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate), at the borrower's option, which reset annually (A), semi annually (S), quarterly (Q), bi monthly (B), monthly (M) or daily (D). For each such loan, the Company has provided the interest rate in effect on the date presented.

(12)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 6.00% on $12 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(13)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.00% on $17 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(14)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.25% on $60 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(15)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 1.13% on $18 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(16)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 2.00% on $97 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(17)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.13% on $55 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's senior term debt previously syndicated by the Company into "first out" and "last out" tranches, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(18)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.00% on $27 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(19)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.75% on $25 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(20)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 5.00% on $23 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(21)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 0.75% on $45 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(22)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, the Company is entitled to receive an additional interest amount of 3.75% on $36 million aggregate principal amount of a "first out" tranche of the portfolio company's first lien senior secured loans, whereby the "first

out" tranche will have priority as to the "last out" tranche with respect to payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due thereunder.

(23)

The Company is entitled to receive a fixed fee upon the occurrence of certain events as defined in the credit agreement governing the Company's debt investment in the portfolio company. The fair value of such fee is included in the fair value of the debt investment.

(24)

Loan was on non accrual status as of December 31, 2013.

(25)

Loan includes interest rate floor feature.

(26)

In addition to the interest earned based on the stated contractual interest rate of this security, the certificates entitle the holders thereof to receive a portion of the excess cash flow from the SSLP's loan portfolio, which may result in a return to the Company greater than the contractual stated interest rate.

(27)

As of December 31, 2013, no amounts were funded by the Company under this first lien senior secured revolving loan; however, there were letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the loan. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

(28)

As of December 31, 2013, in addition to the amounts funded by the Company under this first lien senior secured revolving loan, there were also letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the loan. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

(29)

As of December 31, 2013, no amounts were funded by the Company under this letter of credit facility; however, there were letters of credit issued and outstanding through a financial intermediary under the letter of credit facility. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on letters of credit commitments related to certain portfolio companies.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2014

(in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

	Common Stock		Capital in Excess of Par Value	Accumulated Overdistributed Net Investment Income	Accumulated Net Realized Loss on Investments, Foreign Currency Transactions, Extinguishment of Debt and Other Assets	Net Unrealized Gain on Investments and Foreign Currency Transactions	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount					
Balance at December 31, 2013	297,971	$ 298	$ 4,982,477	$ (8,785)	$ (165,040)	$ 95,494	$ 4,904,444
Shares issued in connection with dividend reinvestment plan	299		5,257				5,257
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations				112,336	12,045	(7,389)	116,992
Dividends declared and payable ($0.43 per share)				(128,127)			(128,127)
Balance at March 31, 2014	298,270	$ 298	$ 4,987,734	$ (24,576)	$ (152,995)	$ 88,105	$ 4,898,566

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

	For the three months ended	
	March 31, 2014	**March 31, 2013**
	(unaudited)	**(unaudited)**
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations	$ 116,992	$ 80,342
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations:		
Realized losses on extinguishment of debt	72	
Net realized gains on investments and foreign currency transactions	(12,117)	(11,678)
Net unrealized losses on investments and foreign currency transactions	7,389	30,433
Net accretion of discount on investments	(339)	(1,566)
Increase in payment-in-kind interest and dividends	(2,900)	(6,110)
Collections of payment-in-kind interest and dividends	1,611	1,198
Amortization of debt issuance costs	3,948	3,497
Accretion of discount on notes payable	3,718	3,256
Depreciation	210	205
Proceeds from sales and repayments of investments	790,066	237,033
Purchases of investments	(828,092)	(351,275)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Interest receivable	(17,267)	(6,993)
Other assets	(674)	(7,706)
Management and incentive fees payable	(16,359)	(18,985)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	8,614	(3,916)
Interest and facility fees payable	(1,445)	(2,627)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	53,427	(54,892)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Borrowings on debt	254,050	397,000
Repayments and repurchases of debt	(185,424)	(417,000)
Debt issuance costs	(2,319)	(1,609)
Dividends paid	(122,724)	(90,091)
Net cash used in financing activities	(56,417)	(111,700)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,990)	(166,592)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	149,629	269,043
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	$ 146,639	$ 102,451
Supplemental Information:		
Interest paid during the period	$ 45,224	$ 32,997
Taxes, including excise tax, paid during the period	$ 12,880	$ 10,329
Dividends declared and payable for the period	$ 128,127	$ 94,488

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
As of March 31, 2014
(unaudited)
(in thousands, except per share data, percentages and as otherwise indicated;
for example, with the words "million," "billion" or otherwise)

1. ORGANIZATION

Ares Capital Corporation (the "Company" or "ARCC") is a specialty finance company that is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company incorporated in Maryland. The Company has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Investment Company Act"). The Company has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company, or a "RIC", under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and operates in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs.

The Company's investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. The Company invests primarily in first lien senior secured loans (including "unitranche" loans, which are loans that combine both senior and mezzanine debt, generally in a first lien position), second lien senior secured loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component. To a lesser extent, the Company also makes equity investments.

The Company is externally managed by Ares Capital Management LLC ("Ares Capital Management" or the Company's "investment adviser"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Ares Management LLC ("Ares Management"), a global alternative asset manager and a Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") registered investment adviser. Ares Operations LLC ("Ares Operations" or the Company's "administrator"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Ares Management, provides the administrative services necessary for the Company to operate.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles or ("GAAP"), and include the accounts of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications that, in the opinion of management, are necessary for the fair presentation of the results of the operations and financial condition as of and for the periods presented. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for interim financial information and pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-Q and Articles 6 or 10 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring accruals considered necessary for the fair presentation of financial statements for the interim period presented, have been included. The current period's results of operations will not necessarily be indicative of results that ultimately may be achieved for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include funds from time to time deposited with financial institutions and short-term, liquid investments in a money market fund. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost which approximates fair value.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company places its cash and cash equivalents with financial institutions and, at times, cash held in money market accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit.

Investments

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the amortized cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized gains or losses previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the period, net of recoveries. Unrealized gains or losses primarily reflect the change in investment values, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized gains or losses when gains or losses are realized.

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are typically valued at such market quotations. In order to validate market quotations, the Company looks at a number of factors to determine if the quotations are representative of fair value, including the source and nature of the quotations. Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or whose market prices are not readily available (i.e., substantially all of the Company's investments) are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Company's board of directors, based on, among other things, the input of the Company's investment adviser, audit committee and independent third-party valuation firms that have been engaged at the direction of the Company's board of directors to assist in the valuation of each portfolio investment without a readily available market quotation at least once during a trailing 12-month period (with certain de minimis exceptions) and under a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. The valuation process is conducted at the end of each fiscal quarter, and a minimum of 50% of the Company's portfolio at fair value is subject to review by an independent valuation firm each quarter. In addition, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm obtains an understanding of, and performs select procedures relating to, the Company's investment valuation process within the context of performing the integrated audit.

As part of the valuation process, the Company may take into account the following types of factors, if relevant, in determining the fair value of the Company's investments: the enterprise value of a portfolio company (the entire value of the portfolio company to a market participant, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time), the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flow, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, a comparison of the portfolio company's securities to any similar publicly traded securities, changes in the interest rate environment and the credit markets generally that may affect the price at which similar investments would trade in their principal markets and other relevant factors. When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, the Company considers the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate its valuation.

Because there is not a readily available market value for most of the investments in its portfolio, the Company values substantially all of its portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by its board of directors, as described herein. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of the Company's investments may fluctuate from period to period. Additionally, the fair value of the Company's investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready

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market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that the Company may ultimately realize. Further, such investments are generally subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or otherwise are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If the Company was required to liquidate a portfolio investment in a forced or liquidation sale, the Company could realize significantly less than the value at which the Company has recorded it.

In addition, 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 unrealized gains or losses reflected in the valuations currently assigned.

The Company's board of directors undertakes a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

The Company's quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment in conjunction with the Company's portfolio management team.

Preliminary valuations are reviewed and discussed with the Company's investment adviser's management and investment professionals, and then valuation recommendations are presented to the Company's board of directors.

The audit committee of the Company's board of directors reviews these valuations, as well as the input of third parties, including independent third-party valuation firms who review a minimum of 50% of the Company's portfolio at fair value.

The Company's board of directors discusses valuations and ultimately determines the fair value of each investment in the Company's portfolio without a readily available market quotation in good faith based on, among other things, the input of the Company's investment adviser, audit committee and, where applicable, independent third-party valuation firms.

See Note 8 for more information on the Company's valuation process.

Interest and Dividend Income Recognition

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis and includes the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. Discounts from and premiums to par value on securities purchased are accreted/amortized into interest income over the life of the respective security using the effective yield method. The amortized cost of investments represents the original cost adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, if any.

Loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest payments are past due 30 days or more or when there is reasonable doubt that principal or interest will be collected in full. Accrued and unpaid interest is generally reversed when a loan is placed on non-accrual status. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment regarding collectability. 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. The Company may make exceptions to this if the loan has sufficient collateral value and is in the process of collection.

Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded as dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are payable by the portfolio company and are expected to be collected. Dividend income on common equity securities is recorded on the record date for private portfolio companies or on the ex-dividend date for publicly traded portfolio companies.

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Payment-in-Kind Interest

The Company has loans in its portfolio that contain payment-in-kind ("PIK") provisions. 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 interest income. To maintain the Company's status as a RIC, this non-cash source of income must be paid out to stockholders in the form of dividends, even though the Company has not yet collected the cash.

Capital Structuring Service Fees and Other Income

The Company's investment adviser seeks to provide assistance to its portfolio companies and in return the Company may receive fees for capital structuring services. These fees are generally only available to the Company as a result of the Company's underlying investments, are normally paid at the closing of the investments, are generally non-recurring and are recognized as revenue when earned upon closing of the investment. The services that the Company's investment adviser provides vary by investment, but generally include reviewing existing credit facilities, arranging bank financing, arranging equity financing, structuring financing from multiple lenders, structuring financing from multiple equity investors, restructuring existing loans, raising equity and debt capital, and providing general financial advice, which concludes upon closing of the investment. Any services of the above nature subsequent to the closing would generally generate a separate fee payable to the Company. In certain instances where the Company is invited to participate as a co-lender in a transaction and does not provide significant services in connection with the investment, a portion of loan fees paid to the Company in such situations will be deferred and amortized over the estimated life of the loan. The Company may also take a seat on the board of directors of a portfolio company, or observe the meetings of the board of directors without taking a formal seat.

Other income includes fees for management and consulting services, loan guarantees, commitments, amendments and other services rendered by the Company to portfolio companies. Such fees are recognized as income when earned or the services are rendered.

Foreign Currency Translation

The Company's books and records are maintained in U.S. dollars. Any foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis:

(1) Fair value of investment securities, other assets and liabilities at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the period.

(2) Purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses at the exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions, income or expenses.

Results of operations based on changes in foreign exchange rates are separately disclosed in the statement of operations, if any. Foreign security and currency translations may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies and U.S. government securities. These risks include, but are not limited to, currency fluctuations and revaluations and future adverse political, social and economic developments, which could cause investments in foreign markets to be less liquid and prices more volatile than those of comparable U.S. companies or U.S. government securities.

Accounting for Derivative Instruments

The Company does not utilize hedge accounting and instead marks its derivatives to market in the consolidated statement of operations.

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Equity Offering Expenses

The Company's offering costs, excluding underwriters' fees, are charged against the proceeds from equity offerings when received.

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs are amortized over the life of the related debt instrument using the straight line method, which closely approximates the effective yield method.

Income Taxes

The Company has elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code and operates in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. To qualify as a RIC, the Company must, among other things, meet certain source-of- income and asset diversification requirements and timely distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of its investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. The Company, among other things, has made and intends to continue to make the requisite distributions to its stockholders, which will generally relieve the Company from U.S. federal corporate-level income taxes.

Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, the Company may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year dividend distributions from such current year taxable income into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. To the extent that the Company determines that its estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions, the Company accrues excise tax, if any, on estimated excess taxable income as such taxable income is earned.

Certain of the Company's consolidated subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal and state corporate-level income taxes.

Dividends to Common Stockholders

Dividends and distributions to common stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount to be paid out as a dividend is determined by the Company's board of directors each quarter and is generally based upon the earnings estimated by management. Net realized capital gains, if any, are generally distributed, although the Company may decide to retain such capital gains for investment.

The Company has adopted a dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of any distributions the Company declares in cash on behalf of its stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash. As a result, if the Company's board of directors authorizes, and the Company declares, a cash dividend, then the Company's stockholders who have not "opted out" of the Company's dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of the Company's common stock, rather than receiving the cash dividend. The Company intends to use primarily newly issued shares to implement the dividend reinvestment plan (so long as the Company is trading at a premium to net asset value). If the Company's shares are trading at a significant enough discount to net asset value and the Company is otherwise permitted under applicable law to purchase such shares, the Company intends to purchase shares in the open market in connection with the Company's obligations under the dividend reinvestment plan. However, the Company reserves the right to issue new shares of the Company's common stock in connection with the Company's obligations under the dividend reinvestment plan even if the Company's shares are trading below net asset value.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of actual and contingent assets and

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liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income or loss and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates include the valuation of investments.

3. AGREEMENTS

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement

The Company is party to an investment advisory and management agreement (the "investment advisory and management agreement") with Ares Capital Management. Subject to the overall supervision of the Company's board of directors, Ares Capital Management provides investment advisory and management services to the Company. For providing these services, Ares Capital Management receives a fee from the Company consisting of two components a base management fee and an incentive fee.

The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 1.5% based on the average value of the Company's total assets (other than cash or cash equivalents but including assets purchased with borrowed funds) at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters. The base management fee is payable quarterly in arrears.

The incentive fee has two parts. The first part is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based on the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income for the quarter. Pre-incentive fee net investment income means interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence and consulting fees or other fees that the Company receives from portfolio companies but excluding fees for providing managerial assistance) accrued during the calendar quarter, minus operating expenses for the quarter (including the base management fee, any expenses payable under the administration agreement, and any interest expense and dividends paid on any outstanding preferred stock, but excluding the incentive fee). Pre-incentive fee net investment income includes, in the case of investments with a deferred interest feature such as market discount, debt instruments with PIK interest, preferred stock with PIK dividends and zero coupon securities, accrued income that the Company has not yet received in cash. The Company's investment adviser is not under any obligation to reimburse the Company for any part of the incentive fees it received that was based on accrued interest that the Company never actually received.

Pre-incentive fee net investment income does not include any realized capital gains, realized capital losses, unrealized capital appreciation, unrealized capital depreciation or income tax expense related to realized gains. Because of the structure of the incentive fee, it is possible that the Company may pay an incentive fee in a quarter where the Company incurs a loss. For example, if the Company receives pre-incentive fee net investment income in excess of the hurdle rate (as defined below) for a quarter, the Company will pay the applicable incentive fee even if the Company has incurred a loss in that quarter due to realized and/or unrealized capital losses.

Pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a rate of return on the value of the Company's net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any incentive fees payable during the period) at the end of the immediately preceding calendar quarter, is compared to a fixed "hurdle rate" of 1.75% per quarter. If market credit spreads rise, the Company may be able to invest its funds in debt instruments that provide for a higher return, which may increase the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income and make it easier for the Company's investment adviser to surpass the fixed hurdle rate and receive an incentive fee based on such net investment income. To the extent the Company has retained pre-incentive fee net investment income that has been used to calculate this part of the incentive fee, it is also included in the amount of the Company's total assets (other than cash and cash equivalents but including assets purchased with borrowed funds) used to calculate the 1.5% base management fee.

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The Company pays its investment adviser an incentive fee with respect to the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows:

no incentive fee in any calendar quarter in which the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate;

100% of the Company's 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. The Company refers to this portion of its pre-incentive fee net investment income (which exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 2.1875%) as the "catch-up" provision. The "catch-up" is meant to provide the Company's investment adviser with 20% of the pre-incentive fee net investment income as if a hurdle rate did not apply if this net investment income exceeded 2.1875% in any calendar quarter; and

20% of the amount of the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter.

These calculations are adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the quarter.

The second part of the incentive fee (the "Capital Gains Fee"), is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or, upon termination of the investment advisory and management agreement, as of the termination date) and is calculated at the end of each applicable year by subtracting (a) the sum of the Company's cumulative aggregate realized capital losses and aggregate unrealized capital depreciation from (b) the Company's cumulative aggregate realized capital gains, in each case calculated from October 8, 2004 (the date the Company completed its initial public offering). Realized capital gains and losses include gains and losses on investments and foreign currencies, as well as gains and losses on extinguishment of debt and other assets. If such amount is positive at the end of such year, then the Capital Gains Fee for such year is equal to 20% of such amount, less the aggregate amount of Capital Gains Fees paid in all prior years. If such amount is negative, then there is no Capital Gains Fee for such year.

The cumulative aggregate realized capital gains are calculated as the sum of the differences, if positive, between (a) the net sales price of each investment in the Company's portfolio when sold and (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

The cumulative aggregate realized capital losses are calculated as the sum of the amounts by which (a) the net sales price of each investment in the Company's portfolio when sold is less than (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

The aggregate unrealized capital depreciation is calculated as the sum of the differences, if negative, between (a) the valuation of each investment in the Company's portfolio as of the applicable Capital Gains Fee calculation date and (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, as a result of an amendment to the capital gains portion of the incentive fee under the investment advisory and management agreement that was adopted on June 6, 2011, if the Company is required by GAAP to record an investment at its fair value as of the time of acquisition instead of at the actual amount paid for such investment by the Company (including, for example, as a result of the application of the acquisition method of accounting), then solely for the purposes of calculating the Capital Gains Fee, the "accreted or amortized cost basis" of an investment shall be an amount (the "Contractual Cost Basis") equal to (1) (x) the actual amount paid by the Company for such investment plus (y) any amounts recorded in the Company's financial statements as required by GAAP that are attributable to the accretion of such investment plus (z) any other adjustments made to the cost basis included in the Company's financial statements, including PIK interest or additional amounts funded (net of repayments) minus (2) any amounts recorded in the Company's financial statements as required by GAAP that are attributable to the amortization of such investment, whether such calculated Contractual Cost Basis is higher or lower than the fair value of such investment (as determined in accordance with GAAP) at the time of acquisition.

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The Company defers cash payment of any incentive fee otherwise earned by the Company's investment adviser if during the most recent four full calendar quarter period ending on or prior to the date such payment is to be made the sum of (a) the aggregate distributions to the Company's stockholders and (b) the change in net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any incentive fees payable during the period) is less than 7.0% of the Company's net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness) at the beginning of such period. Any deferred incentive fees are carried over for payment in subsequent calculation periods to the extent such payment is payable under the investment advisory and management agreement.

The Capital Gains Fee payable to the Company's investment adviser as calculated under the investment advisory and management agreement (as described above) for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was $0. However, in accordance with GAAP, the Company had cumulatively accrued a capital gains incentive fee of $64,447 as of March 31, 2014 that is not currently due under the investment advisory and management agreement. GAAP requires that the capital gains incentive fee accrual consider the cumulative aggregate unrealized capital appreciation in the calculation, as a capital gains incentive fee would be payable if such unrealized capital appreciation were realized, even though such unrealized capital appreciation is not permitted to be considered in calculating the fee actually payable under the investment advisory and management agreement. This GAAP accrual is calculated using the aggregate cumulative realized capital gains and losses and aggregate cumulative unrealized capital depreciation included in the calculation of the Capital Gains Fee plus the aggregate cumulative unrealized capital appreciation. If such amount is positive at the end of a period, then GAAP requires the Company to record a capital gains incentive fee equal to 20% of such cumulative amount, less the aggregate amount of actual Capital Gains Fees paid or capital gains incentive fees accrued under GAAP in all prior periods. As of March 31, 2014, the Company has paid Capital Gains Fees since inception totaling $33,411, of which $17,425 was paid in the first quarter of 2014. The resulting accrual for any capital gains incentive fee under GAAP in a given period may result in an additional expense if such cumulative amount is greater than in the prior period or a reversal of previously recorded expense if such cumulative amount is less than in the prior period. If such cumulative amount is negative, then there is no accrual. There can be no assurance that such unrealized capital appreciation will be realized in the future.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014, base management fees were $30,084, incentive fees related to pre-incentive fee net investment income were $28,318 and accrued incentive fees related to capital gains calculated in accordance with GAAP were $935. As of March 31, 2014, $122,849 was included in "management and incentive fees payable" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet, of which $58,402 was currently payable to the Company's investment adviser under the investment advisory and management agreement.

For the three months ended March 31, 2013, base management fees were $23,218, incentive fees related to pre-incentive fee net investment income were $23,836, and the reduction of incentive fees related to capital gains calculated in accordance with GAAP was $3,751.

Administration Agreement

The Company is party to an administration agreement, referred to herein as the "administration agreement", with its administrator, Ares Operations. Pursuant to the administration agreement, Ares Operations furnishes the Company with office equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at the Company's office facilities. Under the administration agreement, Ares Operations also performs, or oversees the performance of, the Company's required administrative services, which include, among other things, providing assistance in accounting, legal, compliance, operations, investor relations and technology being responsible for the financial records that the Company is required to maintain and preparing reports to its stockholders and reports filed with the SEC. In addition, Ares Operations assists the Company in determining and publishing its net asset value, assists the Company

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in providing managerial assistance to its portfolio companies, oversees the preparation and filing of the Company's tax returns and the printing and dissemination of reports to its stockholders, and generally oversees the payment of its expenses and the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to the Company by others. Payments under the Company's administration agreement are equal to an amount based upon its allocable portion of Ares Operations' overhead and other expenses (including travel expenses) incurred by Ares Operations in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including the Company's allocable portion of the compensation of certain of its officers (including the Company's chief compliance officer, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, general counsel, treasurer and assistant treasurer) and their respective staffs. The administration agreement may be terminated by either party without penalty upon 60 days' written notice to the other party.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company incurred $3,743 and $2,592, respectively, in administrative fees. As of March 31, 2014, $3,743 of these fees were unpaid and included in "accounts payable and other liabilities" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

4. INVESTMENTS

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, investments consisted of the following:

	As of			
	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Amortized Cost(1)	Fair Value	Amortized Cost(1)	Fair Value
First lien senior secured loans	$ 3,548,296	$ 3,521,722	$ 3,405,597	$ 3,377,608
Second lien senior secured loans	1,223,409	1,197,169	1,335,761	1,319,191
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP(2)	1,814,766	1,841,987	1,745,192	1,771,369
Senior subordinated debt	429,304	388,018	364,094	323,171
Preferred equity securities	231,413	236,765	226,044	229,006
Other equity securities	457,332	603,073	453,732	600,214
Commercial real estate	6,954	10,862	6,983	12,338
Total	$ 7,711,474	$ 7,799,596	$ 7,537,403	$ 7,632,897

(1) The amortized cost represents the original cost adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, if any.

(2) The proceeds from these certificates were applied to co-investments with GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation to fund first lien senior secured loans to 46 and 47 different borrowers as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

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The industrial and geographic compositions of the Company's portfolio at fair value as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were as follows:

	As of	
	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Industry		
Investment Funds and Vehicles(1)	24.0%	23.7%
Healthcare Services	14.9	15.4
Business Services	8.8	9.2
Other Services	8.6	7.5
Education	6.6	6.7
Energy	5.4	5.4
Financial Services	4.8	5.1
Consumer Products	4.7	3.5
Restaurants and Food Services	4.0	5.2
Manufacturing	3.6	3.3
Containers and Packaging	3.3	3.3
Automotive Services	2.9	2.9
Retail	1.6	1.6
Chemicals	1.4	1.4
Aerospace and Defense	1.3	1.4
Other	4.1	4.4
Total	100.0%	100.0%

(1) Includes the Company's investment in the SSLP, which had made first lien senior secured loans to 46 and 47 different borrowers as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. The portfolio companies in the SSLP are in industries similar to the companies in the Company's portfolio.

	As of	
	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Geographic Region		
West(1)	52.0%	50.0%
Midwest	16.5	15.8
Southeast	13.7	13.6
Mid Atlantic	13.6	15.9
International	2.0	3.7
Northeast	2.2	1.0
Total	100.0%	100.0%

(1) Includes the Company's investment in the SSLP, which represented 23.6% and 23.2% of the total investment portfolio at fair value as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

As of March 31, 2014, 3.2% of total investments at amortized cost (or 1.9% of total investments at fair value) were on non-accrual status. As of December 31, 2013, 3.1% of total investments at amortized cost (or 2.1% of total investments at fair value) were on non-accrual status.

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Senior Secured Loan Program

The Company co-invests in first lien senior secured loans of middle market companies with GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation (together, "GE") through an unconsolidated Delaware limited liability company, the Senior Secured Loan Fund LLC (d/b/a the "Senior Secured Loan Program") or the "SSLP". The SSLP is capitalized as transactions are completed and all portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and GE (with approval from a representative of each required). The Company provides capital to the SSLP in the form of subordinated certificates (the "SSLP Certificates").

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, GE and the Company had agreed to make $11.0 billion of capital available to the SSLP, of which approximately $8.8 billion and $8.7 billion in aggregate principal amount, respectively, was funded. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company had agreed to make available to the SSLP approximately $2.3 billion, of which approximately $1.8 billion and $1.7 billion in aggregate principal amount, respectively, was funded. Investment of any unfunded amount must be approved by the investment committee of the SSLP described above.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the SSLP had total assets of $8.9 billion and $8.7 billion, respectively. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, GE's investment in the SSLP consisted of senior notes of $6.8 billion and $6.7 billion, respectively, and SSLP Certificates of $259.3 million and $249.3 million, respectively. The SSLP Certificates are junior in right of payment to the senior notes held by GE. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company and GE owned 87.5% and 12.5%, respectively, of the outstanding SSLP Certificates.

The SSLP's portfolio consisted of first lien senior secured loans to 46 and 47 different borrowers as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the portfolio was comprised of all first lien senior secured loans to U.S. middle-market companies. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, one loan was on non-accrual status, representing 1.0% and 1.0%, respectively, of the total loans at principal amount in the SSLP. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the largest loan to a single borrower in the SSLP's portfolio in aggregate principal amount was $348.8 million and $321.7 million, respectively, and the five largest loans to borrowers in the SSLP totaled $1.5 billion as of the end of both such periods. The portfolio companies in the SSLP are in industries similar to the companies in the Company's portfolio. Additionally, as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the SSLP had commitments to fund various delayed draw investments to certain of its portfolio companies of $282.2 million and $510.4 million, respectively, which had been approved by the SSLP investment committee. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company had commitments to co-invest in the SSLP for its portion of the SSLP's commitments to fund such delayed draw investments of up to $49.2 million and $85.1 million, respectively.

The amortized cost and fair value of the SSLP Certificates held by the Company were $1.8 billion and $1.8 billion, respectively, as of March 31, 2014 and $1.7 billion and $1.8 billion, respectively, as of December 31, 2013. The SSLP Certificates pay a weighted average coupon of approximately LIBOR plus 8.0% and also entitle the holders thereof to receive a portion of the excess cash flow from the loan portfolio, which may result in a return to the holders of the SSLP Certificates that is greater than the contractual coupon. The Company's yield on its investment in the SSLP at fair value was 14.3% and 14.8% as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company earned interest income of $67.7 million and $48.6 million, respectively, from its investment in the SSLP Certificates. The Company is also entitled to certain fees in connection with the SSLP. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, in connection with

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the SSLP, the Company earned capital structuring service, sourcing and other fees totaling $12.5 million and $7.9 million, respectively.

Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P.

Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P. ("IHAM") is an asset management services company and an SEC-registered investment adviser. The Company has made investments in IHAM, its wholly owned portfolio company and previously made investments in certain vehicles managed by IHAM. As of March 31, 2014, IHAM had assets under management ("IHAM AUM")[(1)] of approximately $2.8 billion and managed 13 vehicles and served as the sub-manager/sub-servicer for three other vehicles (these vehicles managed or sub-managed/sub-serviced by IHAM are collectively referred to as the "IHAM Vehicles"). IHAM earns fee income from managing the IHAM Vehicles and has also invested in certain of these vehicles as part of its business strategy. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, IHAM had total investments of $205 million and $170 million, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, IHAM had management fee income of $7 million and $5 million, respectively, and other investment-related income of $6 million and $12 million, respectively.

The amortized cost and fair value of the Company's investment in IHAM was $171.0 million and $264.9 million, respectively, as of March 31, 2014, and $171.0 million and $280.4 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2013. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company received distributions consisting entirely of dividend income from IHAM of $20.0 million and $27.4 million, respectively. The dividend income for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2013 included additional dividends of $10.0 million and $17.4 million, respectively, in addition to the quarterly dividend generally paid by IHAM. IHAM paid the additional dividends out of accumulated earnings that had previously been retained by IHAM.

From time to time, IHAM or certain IHAM Vehicles may purchase investments from, or sell investments to, the Company. For any such sales or purchases by the IHAM Vehicles to or from the Company, the IHAM Vehicles must obtain approval from third parties unaffiliated with the Company or IHAM, as applicable. During the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, neither IHAM nor any of the IHAM Vehicles purchased any investments from the Company. The Company purchased investments from certain of the IHAM Vehicles totaling $10.4 million and $91.5 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

IHAM is party to an administration agreement, referred to herein as the "IHAM administration agreement," with Ares Operations. Pursuant to the IHAM administration agreement, Ares Operations provides IHAM with, among other things, office facilities, equipment, clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services, services relating to the marketing and sale of interests in vehicles managed by IHAM, services of, and oversight of, custodians, depositories, accountants, attorneys, underwriters and such other persons in any other capacity deemed to be necessary. Under the IHAM administration agreement, IHAM reimburses Ares Operations for all of the actual costs associated with such services, including Ares Operations' allocable portion of overhead and the cost of its officers, employees and respective staff in performing its obligations under the IHAM administration agreement.

5. DEBT

In accordance with the Investment Company Act, with certain limited exceptions, the Company is only allowed to borrow amounts such that its asset coverage, calculated pursuant to the Investment

(1) IHAM AUM refers to the assets of the vehicles managed, sub-managed and sub-serviced by IHAM. It includes drawn and undrawn amounts, including certain amounts that are subject to regulatory leverage restrictions and/or borrowing base restrictions. IHAM AUM amounts are as of March 31, 2014 and are unaudited. Certain amounts are preliminary and remain subject to change, and differences may arise due to rounding.

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Company Act, is at least 200% after such borrowing. As of March 31, 2014 the Company's asset coverage was 260%.

The Company's outstanding debt as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were as follows:

	As of					
	March 31, 2014			December 31, 2013		
	Total Aggregate Principal Amount Committed/ Outstanding(1)	Principal Amount Outstanding	Carrying Value	Total Aggregate Principal Amount Committed/ Outstanding(1)	Principal Amount Outstanding	Carrying Value
Revolving Credit Facility	$ 1,170,000(2)	$	$	$ 1,060,000	$	$
Revolving Funding Facility	620,000(3)	100,000	100,000	620,000	185,000	185,000
SMBC Funding Facility	400,000			400,000		
February 2016 Convertible Notes	575,000	575,000	558,534(4)	575,000	575,000	556,456(4)
June 2016 Convertible Notes	230,000	230,000	222,577(4)	230,000	230,000	221,788(4)
2017 Convertible Notes	162,500	162,500	159,455(4)	162,500	162,500	159,220(4)
2018 Convertible Notes	270,000	270,000	264,424(4)	270,000	270,000	264,097(4)
2019 Convertible Notes	300,000	300,000	295,488(4)	300,000	300,000	295,279(4)
2018 Notes	750,000	750,000	750,825(5)	600,000	600,000	596,756(5)
February 2022 Notes	143,750	143,750	143,750	143,750	143,750	143,750
October 2022 Notes	182,500	182,500	182,500	182,500	182,500	182,500
2040 Notes	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
2047 Notes	229,557	229,557	181,140(6)	230,000	230,000	181,429(6)
Total	$ 5,233,307	$ 3,143,307	$ 3,058,693	$ 4,973,750	$ 3,078,750	$ 2,986,275

(1) Subject to borrowing base and leverage restrictions. Represents the total aggregate amount committed or outstanding, as applicable, under such instrument.

(2) Provides for a feature that allows the Company, under certain circumstances, to increase the size of the Revolving Credit Facility to a maximum of $1,755,000.

(3) Provides for a feature that allows the Company and Ares Capital CP, under certain circumstances, to increase the size of the Revolving Funding Facility to a maximum of $865,000.

(4) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Convertible Unsecured Notes (as defined below) less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the Convertible Unsecured Notes. The total unaccreted discount for the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes was $16,466, $7,423, $3,045, $5,576 and $4,512, respectively, as of March 31, 2014. The total unaccreted discount for the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes

and the 2019 Convertible Notes was $18,544, $8,212, $3,280, $5,903 and $4,721 respectively, as of December 31, 2013.

(5)

As of March 31, 2014, represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding plus the net unamortized premium of $825 that was initially recorded upon the issuances of the 2018 Notes. As of December 31, 2013, represents the aggregate principal amount less the unaccreted discount of $3,244 initially recognized on the first issuance of the 2018 Notes.

(6)

Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding less the unaccreted purchased discount discount initially recorded as a part of the Allied Acquisition (as defined below). The total unaccreted purchased discount for the 2047 Notes was $48,417 and $48,571 as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

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The weighted average stated interest rate and weighted average maturity, both on aggregate principal amount, of all the Company's outstanding debt as of March 31, 2014 were 5.4% and 7.6 years, respectively, and as of December 31, 2013 were 5.3% and 7.9 years, respectively.

Revolving Credit Facility

The Company is party to a senior secured revolving credit facility (as amended and restated, the "Revolving Credit Facility"), which allows the Company to borrow up to $1,170,000 at any one time outstanding. The end of the revolving period and the stated maturity date for the Revolving Credit Facility are May 4, 2018 and May 4, 2019, respectively. The Revolving Credit Facility also includes a feature that allows, under certain circumstances, for an increase in the size of the facility to a maximum of $1,755,000. The Revolving Credit Facility generally requires payments of interest at the end of each LIBOR interest period, but no less frequently than quarterly, on LIBOR based loans, and monthly payments of interest on other loans. From the end of the revolving period to the stated maturity date, the Company is required to repay outstanding principal amounts under the Revolving Credit Facility on a monthly basis in an amount equal to $1/12^{th}$ of the outstanding principal amount at the end of the revolving period.

Under the Revolving Credit Facility, the Company is required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar revolving credit facilities, including, without limitation, covenants related to: (a) limitations on the incurrence of additional indebtedness and liens, (b) limitations on certain investments, (c) limitations on certain restricted payments, (d) maintaining a certain minimum stockholders' equity, (e) maintaining a ratio of total assets (less total liabilities other than indebtedness) to total indebtedness of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries of not less than 2.0:1.0, (f) limitations on pledging certain unencumbered assets, and (g) limitations on the creation or existence of agreements that prohibit liens on certain properties of the Company and certain of its subsidiaries. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the documents governing the Revolving Credit Facility. Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility (and the incurrence of certain other permitted debt) are also subject to compliance with a borrowing base that applies different advance rates to different types of assets in the Company's portfolio that are pledged as collateral. As of March 31, 2014, the Company was in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Revolving Credit Facility.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, there were no amounts outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility. The Revolving Credit Facility also provides for a sub-limit for the issuance of letters of credit for up to an aggregate amount of $200,000. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company had $26,801 and $47,898, respectively, in letters of credit issued through the Revolving Credit Facility. The amount available for borrowing under the Revolving Credit Facility is reduced by any letters of credit issued. As of March 31, 2014, there was $1,143,199 available for borrowing (net of letters of credit issued) under the Revolving Credit Facility.

Since May 2, 2013, subject to certain exceptions, the interest rate charged on the Revolving Credit Facility is based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Credit Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. From May 5, 2012 through May 1, 2013, the interest rate charged on the Revolving Credit Facility was based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.25% or a "base rate" plus an applicable spread of 1.25%. As of March 31, 2014, the one, two, three and six month LIBOR was 0.15%, 0.19%, 0.23% and 0.33%, respectively. As of December 31, 2013, the one, two, three and six month LIBOR was 0.17%, 0.21%, 0.25% and 0.35%, respectively. In addition to the stated interest expense on the Revolving Credit Facility, the Company is required to pay a commitment fee of 0.375% per annum on any unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility. Since May 2, 2013, the Company is also required to pay a letter of credit fee of 2.25% per annum on letters of credit issued. From May 5, 2012 through May 1, 2013, the letter of credit fee was 2.50%.

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The Revolving Credit Facility is secured by certain assets in the Company's portfolio and excludes investments held by Ares Capital CP under the Revolving Funding Facility and those held by ACJB under the SMBC Funding Facility, each as discussed below, and certain other investments.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the components of interest and credit facility fees expense for the Revolving Credit Facility were as follows:

	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Facility fees	$ 1,184	$ 1,090
Amortization of debt issuance costs	672	805
Total interest and credit facility fees expense	$ 1,856	$ 1,895

Revolving Funding Facility

The Company's consolidated subsidiary, Ares Capital CP Funding LLC ("Ares Capital CP"), is party to a revolving funding facility (as amended, the "Revolving Funding Facility"), which allows Ares Capital CP to borrow up to $620,000 at any one time outstanding. The Revolving Funding Facility is secured by all of the assets held by, and the membership interest in, Ares Capital CP. The end of the reinvestment period and the stated maturity date for the Revolving Funding Facility are April 18, 2015 and April 18, 2017, respectively. The Revolving Funding Facility also includes a feature that allows, under certain circumstances, for an increase in the Revolving Funding Facility to a maximum of $865,000.

Amounts available to borrow under the Revolving Funding Facility are subject to a borrowing base that applies different advance rates to different types of assets held by Ares Capital CP. Ares Capital CP is also subject to limitations with respect to the loans securing the Revolving Funding Facility, including restrictions on sector concentrations, loan size, payment frequency and status, collateral interests, loans with fixed rates and loans with certain investment ratings, as well as restrictions on portfolio company leverage, which may also affect the borrowing base and therefore amounts available to borrow. The Company and Ares Capital CP are also required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar facilities. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the agreements governing the Revolving Funding Facility. As of March 31, 2014, the Company and Ares Capital CP were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Revolving Funding Facility.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, there was $100,000 and $185,000 outstanding, respectively, under the Revolving Funding Facility. Since January 25, 2013, the interest charged on the Revolving Funding Facility is based on applicable spreads ranging from 2.25% to 2.50% over LIBOR and ranging from 1.25% to 1.50% over "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the Revolving Funding Facility) in each case, determined monthly based on the composition of the borrowing base relative to outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Funding Facility. From January 18, 2012 through January 24, 2013, the interest rate charged on the Revolving Funding Facility was based on LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.50% or on a "base rate" plus an applicable spread of 1.50%. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the interest rate in effect was based on one month LIBOR, which was 0.15% and 0.17%, respectively. Ares Capital CP is also required to pay a commitment fee of between 0.50% and 1.75% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the Revolving Funding Facility.

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For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the components of interest and credit facility fees expense, cash paid for interest expense, average stated interest rates (i.e., rate in effect plus the spread) and average outstanding balances for the Revolving Funding Facility were as follows:

	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Stated interest expense	$ 173	$ 474
Facility fees	1,812	1,607
Amortization of debt issuance costs	507	503
Total interest and credit facility fees expense	$ 2,492	$ 2,584
Cash paid for interest expense	$ 1,523	$ 2,146
Average stated interest rate	2.41%	2.51%
Average outstanding balance	$ 28,667	$ 75,467

SMBC Funding Facility

The Company's consolidated subsidiary, Ares Capital JB Funding LLC ("ACJB"), is party to a revolving funding facility (as amended, the "SMBC Funding Facility") with ACJB, as the borrower, and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation ("SMBC"), as the administrative agent, collateral agent, and lender, which allows ACJB to borrow up to $400,000 at any one time outstanding. The SMBC Funding Facility is secured by all of the assets held by ACJB. The end of the reinvestment period and the stated maturity date for the SMBC Funding Facility are September 14, 2016 and September 14, 2021, respectively. The reinvestment period and the stated maturity date are both subject to two one-year extensions by mutual agreement.

Amounts available to borrow under the SMBC Funding Facility are subject to a borrowing base that applies an advance rate to assets held by ACJB. The Company and ACJB are also required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar facilities. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the documents governing the SMBC Funding Facility. As of March 31, 2014, the Company and ACJB were in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the SMBC Funding Facility.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, there were no amounts outstanding under the SMBC Funding Facility. Since December 19, 2013, subject to certain exceptions, the interest rate charged on the SMBC Funding Facility is based on one month LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.00% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the SMBC Funding Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.00%. Prior to and including December 19, 2013, subject to certain exceptions, the interest rate charged on the SMBC Funding Facility was based on one month LIBOR plus an applicable spread of 2.125% or a "base rate" (as defined in the agreements governing the SMBC Funding Facility) plus an applicable spread of 1.125%. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, one-month LIBOR was 0.15% and 0.17%, respectively. ACJB was not required to pay a commitment fee until September 15, 2013 and through December 19, 2013, at which time ACJB was required to pay a commitment fee of up to 0.50% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the SMBC Funding Facility. From December 20, 2013 through March 14, 2014, ACJB was required to pay a commitment fee of up to 0.75% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the SMBC Funding Facility. After March 14, 2014, ACJB is required to pay a commitment fee of between 0.35% and 0.875% per annum depending on the size of the unused portion of the SMBC Funding Facility.

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For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the components of interest and credit facility fees expense for the SMBC Funding Facility were as follows:

	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Facility fees	$ 368	$
Amortization of debt issuance costs	280	235
Total interest and credit facility fees expense	$ 648	$ 235
Cash paid for interest expense	$	$ 15

Convertible Unsecured Notes

In January 2011, the Company issued $575,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on February 1, 2016 (the "February 2016 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In March 2011, the Company issued $230,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on June 1, 2016 (the "June 2016 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In March 2012, the Company issued $162,500 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on March 15, 2017 (the "2017 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company issued $270,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on January 15, 2018 (the "2018 Convertible Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. In July 2013, the Company issued $300,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible senior notes that mature on January 15, 2019 (the "2019 Convertible Notes" and together with the February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes and the 2018 Convertible Notes, the "Convertible Unsecured Notes"), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. The Company does not have the right to redeem the Convertible Unsecured Notes prior to maturity. The February 2016 Convertible Notes, the June 2016 Convertible Notes, the 2017 Convertible Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.750%, 5.125%, 4.875%, 4.750% and 4.375%, respectively, per year, payable semi-annually.

In certain circumstances, the Convertible Unsecured Notes will be convertible into cash, shares of the Company's common stock or a combination of cash and shares of its common stock, at the Company's election, at their respective conversion rates (listed below as of March 31, 2014) subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments and the requirements of their respective indenture (the "Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures"). Prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding their respective conversion date (listed below), holders may convert their Convertible Unsecured Notes only under certain circumstances set forth in the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures. On or after their respective conversion dates until the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately preceding their respective maturity date, holders may convert their Convertible Unsecured Notes at any time. In addition, if the Company engages in certain corporate events as described in their respective Convertible Unsecured Notes Indenture, holders of the Convertible Unsecured Notes may require the Company to repurchase for cash all or part of the Convertible Unsecured Notes at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Unsecured Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest through, but excluding, the required repurchase date.

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Certain key terms related to the convertible features for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes as of March 31, 2014 are listed below.

	February 2016 Convertible Notes	June 2016 Convertible Notes	2017 Convertible Notes	2018 Convertible Notes	2019 Convertible Notes
Conversion premium	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%	15.0%
Closing stock price at issuance	$16.28	$16.20	$16.46	$16.91	$17.53
Closing stock price date	January 19, 2011	March 22, 2011	March 8, 2012	October 3, 2012	July 15, 2013
Conversion price(1)	$18.62	$18.53	$19.05	$19.70	$20.05
Conversion rate (shares per one thousand dollar principal amount)(1)	53.6914	53.9565	52.5068	50.7591	49.8854
Conversion dates	August 15, 2015	December 15, 2015	September 15, 2016	July 15, 2017	July 15, 2018

(1) Represents conversion price and conversion rate, as applicable, as of March 31, 2014, taking into account certain de minimis adjustments that will be made on the conversion date.

As of March 31, 2014, the principal amounts of each series of the Convertible Unsecured Notes exceeded the value of the underlying shares multiplied by the per share closing price of the Company's common stock.

The Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures contain certain covenants, including covenants requiring the Company to comply with Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act and to provide financial information to the holders of the Convertible Unsecured Notes under certain circumstances. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures. As of March 31, 2014, the Company was in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures.

The Convertible Unsecured Notes are accounted for in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 470-20. Upon conversion of any of the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the Company intends to pay the outstanding principal amount in cash and to the extent that the conversion value exceeds the principal amount, the Company has the option to pay in cash or shares of the Company's common stock (or a combination of cash and shares) in respect of the excess amount, subject to the requirements of the Convertible Unsecured Notes Indentures. The Company has determined that the embedded conversion options in the Convertible Unsecured Notes are not required to be separately accounted for as a derivative under GAAP. In accounting for the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the Company estimated at the time of issuance separate debt and equity components for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes. An original issue discount equal to the equity components of the Convertible Unsecured Notes was recorded in "capital in excess of par value" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. Additionally, the issuance costs associated with the Convertible Unsecured Notes were allocated to the debt and equity components in proportion to the allocation of the proceeds and accounted for as debt issuance costs and equity issuance costs, respectively.

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The debt and equity component percentages, the issuance costs and the equity component amounts for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes are listed below.

	February 2016 Convertible Notes	June 2016 Convertible Notes	2017 Convertible Notes	2018 Convertible Notes	2019 Convertible Notes
Debt and equity component percentages, respectively(1)	93.0% and 7.0%	93.0% and 7.0%	97.0% and 3.0%	98.0% and 2.0%	99.8% and 0.2%
Debt issuance costs(1)	$15,778	$5,913	$4,813	$5,712	$4,475
Equity issuance costs(1)	$1,188	$445	$149	$116	$9
Equity component, net of issuance costs(2)	$39,062	$15,654	$4,724	$5,243	$582

(1) At time of issuance.

(2) At time of issuance and as of March 31, 2014.

In addition to the original issue discount equal to the equity components of the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the 2018 Convertible Notes and the 2019 Convertible Notes were each issued at a discount. The Company records interest expense comprised of both stated interest expense as well as accretion of any original issue discount.

As of March 31, 2014, the components of the carrying value of the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the stated interest rate and the effective interest rate were as follows:

	February 2016 Convertible Notes	June 2016 Convertible Notes	2017 Convertible Notes	2018 Convertible Notes	2019 Convertible Notes
Principal amount of debt	$ 575,000	$ 230,000	$ 162,500	$ 270,000	$ 300,000
Original issue discount, net of accretion	(16,466)	(7,423)	(3,045)	(5,576)	(4,512)
Carrying value of debt	$ 558,534	$ 222,577	$ 159,455	$ 264,424	$ 295,488
Stated interest rate	5.750%	5.125%	4.875%	4.750%	4.375%
Effective interest rate(1)	7.2%	6.5%	5.5%	5.2%	4.7%

(1) The effective interest rate of the debt component of the Convertible Unsecured Notes is equal to the stated interest rate plus the accretion of original issue discount.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the components of interest expense and cash paid for interest expense for the Convertible Unsecured Notes were as follows:

	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Stated interest expense	$ 19,680	$ 16,399
Accretion of original issue discount	3,638	3,200
Amortization of debt issuance costs	1,761	1,605
Total interest expense	$ 25,079	$ 21,204

Cash paid for interest expense	$ 33,357	$ 20,492

Unsecured Notes

2018 Notes

In November 2013, the Company issued $600,000 aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes that mature on November 30, 2018 (the "2018 Notes"). The 2018 Notes bear interest at a rate of 4.875% per year, payable semi- annually and all principal is due upon maturity. The 2018 Notes may be

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redeemed in whole or in part at any time at the Company's option at a redemption price equal to par plus a "make whole" premium, as determined in the indenture governing the 2018 Notes, and any accrued and unpaid interest. The 2018 Notes were issued at a discount at the time of issuance totaling $3,312. The Company records interest expense comprised of both stated interest expense as well as any accretion of any original issue discount. Total proceeds from the issuance of the 2018 Notes, net of the original issue discount, underwriting discounts and offering costs, were $586,014.

In January 2014, the Company issued an additional $150,000 aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Notes at a premium of 102.7% of their principal amount (the "Additional 2018 Notes"). The original issue premium recognized upon issuance of the Additional 2018 Notes totaled $4,050. Total proceeds from the issuance of the Additional 2018 Notes, net of underwriting discounts and offering costs, were approximately $151,900.

February 2022 Notes

In February 2012, the Company issued $143,750 aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes that mature on February 15, 2022 (the "February 2022 Notes"). The February 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 7.00% per year, payable quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. The February 2022 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after February 15, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. Total proceeds from the issuance of the February 2022 Notes, net of underwriting discounts and offering costs, were $138,338.

October 2022 Notes

In September 2012 and October 2012, the Company issued $182,500 aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes that mature on October 1, 2022 (the "October 2022 Notes"). The October 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.875% per year, payable quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. The October 2022 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after October 1, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. Total proceeds from the issuance of the October 2022 Notes, net of underwriting discounts and offering costs, were $176,054.

2040 Notes

In October 2010, the Company issued $200,000 aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes that mature on October 15, 2040 (the "2040 Notes"). The 2040 Notes bear interest at a rate of 7.75% per year, payable quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. The 2040 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after October 15, 2015, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. Total proceeds from the issuance of the 2040 Notes, net of underwriting discounts and offering costs, were $192,664.

2047 Notes

As part of the acquisition of Allied Capital Corporation ("Allied Capital") in April 2010 (the "Allied Acquisition"), the Company assumed $230,000 aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due on April 15, 2047 (the "2047 Notes" and together with the 2018 Notes, the February 2022 Notes, the October 2022 Notes and the 2040 Notes, the "Unsecured Notes"). The 2047 Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.875%, payable quarterly and all principal is due upon maturity. The 2047 Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option, at a par redemption price of $25.00 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company purchased $443 aggregate principal amount of the 2047 Notes and

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as a result of these transactions, the Company recognized a realized loss of $72. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the outstanding principal was $229,557 and $230,000, respectively, and the carrying value was $181,140 and $181,429, respectively. The carrying value represents the principal amount of the 2047 Notes less the unaccreted purchased discount initially recorded as a part of the Allied Acquisition.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the components of interest expense and cash paid for interest expense for the Unsecured Notes were as follows:

	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Stated interest expense	$ 21,610	$ 13,024
Net accretion of original issue discount/premium	80	56
Amortization of debt issuance costs	728	349
Total interest expense	$ 22,418	$ 13,429
Cash paid for interest expense	$ 10,344	$ 10,344

The Unsecured Notes contain certain covenants, including covenants requiring the Company to comply with Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act and to provide financial information to the holders of such notes under certain circumstances. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions set forth in the indentures governing such notes. As of March 31, 2014, the Company was in compliance in all material respects with the terms of the respective indentures governing each of the Unsecured Notes.

The Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes are the Company's senior unsecured obligations and rank senior in right of payment to its existing and future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Convertible Unsecured Notes and the Unsecured Notes; equal in right of payment to the Company's existing and future unsecured indebtedness that is not expressly subordinated; effectively junior in right of payment to any of its secured indebtedness (including existing unsecured indebtedness that the Company later secures) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness; and structurally junior to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) incurred by the Company's subsidiaries, financing vehicles or similar facilities.

6. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The Company may enter into forward currency contracts from time to time to help mitigate the impact that an adverse change in foreign exchange rates would have on the value of the Company's investments denominated in foreign currencies. Forward contracts are considered undesignated derivative instruments.

Certain information related to the Company's derivative financial instruments is presented below as of March 31, 2014:

	As of March 31, 2014			
Description	Notional Amount	Maturity Date	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location
Foreign currency forward contract	CAD45,000	6/30/2014	$ 19	Accounts payable and other liabilities
Foreign currency forward contract	€ 15,000	6/30/2014	19	Accounts payable and other liabilities
Total			$ 38	

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7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company has various commitments to fund investments in its portfolio as described below.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company had the following commitments to fund various revolving and delayed draw senior secured and subordinated loans, including commitments to fund which are at (or substantially at) the Company's discretion:

	As of	
	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Total revolving and delayed draw commitments	$ 762,444	$ 834,444
Less: funded commitments	(82,765)	(87,073)
Total unfunded commitments	679,679	747,371
Less: commitments substantially at discretion of the Company	(6,000)	(16,000)
Less: unavailable commitments due to borrowing base or other covenant restrictions	(1,660)	(1,660)
Total net adjusted unfunded revolving and delayed draw commitments	$ 672,019	$ 729,711

Included within the total revolving and delayed draw commitments as of March 31, 2014 were commitments to issue up to $41,875 in letters of credit through a financial intermediary on behalf of certain portfolio companies. As of March 31, 2014, the Company had $16,952 in letters of credit issued and outstanding under these commitments on behalf of portfolio companies. In addition to these letters of credit included as a part of the total revolving and delayed draw commitments to portfolio companies, as of March 31, 2014 the Company also had $5,284 of letters of credit issued and outstanding on behalf of other portfolio companies. For all these letters of credit issued and outstanding, the Company would be required to make payments to third parties if the portfolio companies were to default on their related payment obligations. None of these letters of credit issued and outstanding are recorded as a liability on the Company's balance sheet as such letters of credit are considered in the valuation of the investments in the portfolio company. Of these letters of credit $16,003 expire in 2014 and $6,233 expire in 2015.

The Company also has commitments to co-invest in the SSLP for the Company's portion of the SSLP's commitments to fund delayed draw investments to certain portfolio companies of the SSLP. See Note 4 for more information.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company was party to subscription agreements to fund equity investments in private equity investment partnerships as follows:

	As of	
	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Total private equity commitments	$ 59,500	$ 59,500
Less: funded private equity commitments	(12,096)	(11,891)
Total unfunded private equity commitments	47,404	47,609
Less: private equity commitments substantially at discretion of the Company	(43,206)	(43,206)
Total net adjusted unfunded private equity commitments	$ 4,198	$ 4,403

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In the ordinary course of business, the Company may sell certain of its investments to third party purchasers. In particular, in connection with the sale of certain controlled portfolio company equity investments (as well as certain other sales) the Company has, and may continue to do so in the future, agreed to indemnify such purchasers for future liabilities arising from the investments and the related sale transaction. Such indemnification provisions have given rise to liabilities in the past and may do so in the future.

As of March 31, 2014, one of the Company's portfolio companies, Ciena Capital LLC ("Ciena"), had one non-recourse securitization Small Business Administration ("SBA") loan warehouse facility, which has reached its maturity date but remains outstanding. Ciena is working with the providers of the SBA loan warehouse facility with regard to the repayment of that facility. Allied Capital had previously issued a performance guaranty (which the Company succeeded to as a result of the Allied Acquisition) whereby the Company must indemnify the warehouse providers for any damages, losses, liabilities and related costs and expenses that they may incur as a result of Ciena's failure to perform any of its obligations as loan originator, loan seller or loan servicer under the warehouse facility. As of March 31, 2014, there are no known issues or claims with respect to this performance guaranty.

8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company follows ASC 825-10, which provides companies the option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. ASC 825-10 also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities and to more easily understand the effect of the company's choice to use fair value on its earnings. ASC 825-10 also requires entities to display the fair value of the selected assets and liabilities on the face of the balance sheet. The Company has not elected the ASC 825-10 option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. With the exception of the line items entitled "other assets" and "debt," which are reported at amortized cost, all assets and liabilities approximate fair value on the balance sheet. The carrying value of the lines titled "interest receivable," "receivable for open trades," "payable for open trades," "accounts payable and other liabilities," "management and incentive fees payable" and "interest and facility fees payable" approximate fair value due to their short maturity.

The Company also follows ASC 820-10, which expands the application of fair value accounting. ASC 820-10 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with GAAP and expands disclosure of fair value measurements. ASC 820-10 determines fair value to be the price that would be received for an investment in a current sale, which assumes an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. ASC 820-10 requires the Company to assume that the portfolio investment is sold in its principal market to market participants or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market, which may be a hypothetical market. Market participants are defined as buyers and sellers in the principal or most advantageous market that are independent, knowledgeable, and willing and able to transact. In accordance with ASC 820-10, the Company has considered its principal market as the market in which the Company exits its portfolio investments with the greatest volume and level of activity. ASC 820-10 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. In accordance with ASC 820-10, these inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2 Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

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In addition to using the above inputs in investment valuations, the Company continues to employ the net asset valuation policy approved by the Company's board of directors that is consistent with ASC 820-10 (see Note 2). Consistent with the Company's valuation policy, it evaluates the source of inputs, including any markets in which the Company's investments are trading (or any markets in which securities with similar attributes are trading), in determining fair value. The Company's valuation policy considers the fact that because there is not a readily available market value for most of the investments in the Company's portfolio, the fair value of the investments must typically be determined using unobservable inputs.

The Company's portfolio investments (other than as discussed below in the following paragraph) are typically valued using two different valuation techniques. The first valuation technique is an analysis of the enterprise value ("EV") of the portfolio company. Enterprise value means the entire value of the portfolio company to a market participant, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. The primary method for determining EV uses a multiple analysis whereby appropriate multiples are applied to the portfolio company's EBITDA (net income before net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization). EBITDA multiples are typically determined based upon review of market comparable transactions and publicly traded comparable companies, if any. The Company may also employ other valuation multiples to determine EV, such as revenues or, in the case of certain portfolio companies in the energy industry, kilowatt capacity. The second method for determining EV uses a discounted cash flow analysis whereby future expected cash flows of the portfolio company are discounted to determine a present value using estimated discount rates (typically a weighted average cost of capital based on costs of debt and equity consistent with current market conditions). The EV analysis is performed to determine the value of equity investments, the value of debt investments in portfolio companies where the Company has control or could gain control through an option or warrant security, and to determine if there is credit impairment for debt investments. If debt investments are credit impaired, an EV analysis may be used to value such debt investments; however, in addition to the methods outlined above, other methods such as a liquidation or wind-down analysis may be utilized to estimate enterprise value. The second valuation technique is a yield analysis, which is typically performed for non-credit impaired debt investments in portfolio companies where the Company does not own a controlling equity position. To determine fair value using a yield analysis, a current price is imputed for the investment based upon an assessment of the expected market yield for a similarly structured investment with a similar level of risk. In the yield analysis, the Company considers the current contractual interest rate, the maturity and other terms of the investment relative to risk of the company and the specific investment. A key determinant of risk, among other things, is the leverage through the investment relative to the enterprise value of the portfolio company. As debt investments held by the Company are substantially illiquid with no active transaction market, the Company depends on primary market data, including newly funded transactions, as well as secondary market data with respect to high yield debt instruments and syndicated loans, as inputs in determining the appropriate market yield, as applicable.

For other portfolio investments such as investments in collateralized loan obligations and the SSLP Certificates, discounted cash flow analysis is the primary technique utilized to determine fair value. Expected future cash flows associated with the investment are discounted to determine a present value using a discount rate that reflects estimated market return requirements.

The following tables summarize the significant unobservable inputs the Company used to value the majority of its investments categorized within Level 3 as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

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The tables are not intended to be all-inclusive, but instead capture the significant unobservable inputs relevant to the Company's determination of fair values.

	As of March 31, 2014				
				Unobservable Input	
Asset Category	Fair Value	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Input	Estimated Range	Weighted Average
First lien senior secured loans	$ 3,521,722	Yield analysis	Market yield	4.0% - 19.0%	8.4%
Second lien senior secured loans	1,197,169	Yield analysis	Market yield	6.1% - 17.5%	9.6%
Subordinated Certificates of the SSLP	1,841,987	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	10.0% - 13.0%	11.5%
Senior subordinated debt	388,018	Yield analysis	Market yield	8.3% - 17.5%	10.8%
Preferred equity securities	236,765	EV market multiple analysis	EBITDA multiple	4.5x - 16.8x	8.6x
Other equity securities and other	613,935	EV market multiple analysis	EBITDA multiple	4.5x - 14.5x	8.8x
Total	$ 7,799,596				

	As of December 31, 2013				
				Unobservable Input	
Asset Category	Fair Value	Primary Valuation Technique	Input	Range	Weighted Average
First lien senior secured loans	$ 3,377,608	Yield analysis	Market yield	4.0% - 19.0%	8.4%
Second lien senior secured loans	1,319,191	Yield analysis	Market yield	6.1% - 25.3%	10.3%
Subordinated certificates of the SSLP	1,771,369	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	10.5% - 13.5%	12.3%
Senior subordinated debt	323,171	Yield analysis	Market yield	9.0% - 17.5%	11.4%
Preferred equity securities	229,006	EV market multiple analysis	EBITDA multiple	4.5x - 11.6x	8.3x
Other equity securities and other	612,552	EV market multiple analysis	EBITDA multiple	4.5x - 14.8x	8.6x
Total	$ 7,632,897				

Changes in market yields, discount rates or EBITDA multiples, each in isolation, may change the fair value of certain of the Company's investments. Generally, an increase in market yields or discount rates or decrease in EBITDA multiples may result in a decrease in the fair value of certain of the Company's investments.

Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of the Company's investments may fluctuate from period to period. Additionally, the fair value of the Company's investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that the Company may ultimately realize. Further, such investments are generally subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or otherwise are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If the Company was required to liquidate a portfolio investment in a forced or liquidation sale, it could realize significantly less than the value at which the Company has recorded it.

In addition, 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 unrealized gains or losses reflected in the valuations currently assigned.

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The following table presents fair value measurements of cash and cash equivalents, investments and derivatives as of March 31, 2014:

	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 146,639	$ 146,639	$	$
Investments	$ 7,799,596	$ 654	$	$ 7,798,942
Derivatives	$ (38)	$	$ (38)	$

The following table presents fair value measurements of cash and cash equivalents and investments as of December 31, 2013:

	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 149,629	$ 149,629	$	$
Investments	$ 7,632,897	$	$	$ 7,632,897

The following table presents changes in investments that use Level 3 inputs as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2014:

	As of and for the three months ended March 31, 2014
Balance as of December 31, 2013	$ 7,632,897
Net realized gains	11,954
Net unrealized losses	(8,028)
Purchases	828,761
Sales	(182,737)
Redemptions	(487,144)
Payment-in-kind interest and dividends	2,900
Net accretion of discount on securities	339
Net transfers in and/or out of Level 3	
Balance as of March 31, 2014	$ 7,798,942

As of March 31, 2014, the net unrealized appreciation on the investments that use Level 3 inputs was $87,468.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014, the total amount of gains (losses) for the period included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to the Company's Level 3 assets still held as of March 31, 2014, and reported within the net unrealized gains (losses) from investments in the Company's consolidated statement of operations was $(3,718).

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The following table presents changes in investments that use Level 3 inputs as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2013:

		As of and for the three months ended March 31, 2013
Balance as of December 31, 2012	$	5,914,657
Net realized gains		3,116
Net unrealized losses		(21,967)
Purchases		355,135
Sales		(45,600)
Redemptions		(182,558)
Payment-in-kind interest and dividends		6,110
Net accretion of discount on securities		1,566
Net transfers in and/or out of Level 3		
Balance as of March 31, 2013	$	6,030,459

As of March 31, 2013, the net unrealized appreciation on the investments that use Level 3 inputs was $70,671.

For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the total amount of gains (losses) for the period included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to the Company's Level 3 assets still held as of March 31, 2013, and reported within the net unrealized gains (losses) from investments in the Company's consolidated statement of operations was $(21,886).

Transfers between levels, if any, are recognized at the beginning of the quarter in which the transfers occur.

Following are the carrying and fair values of the Company's debt obligations as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013. Fair value is estimated by discounting remaining payments using applicable

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current market rates, which take into account changes in the Company's marketplace credit ratings, or market quotes, if available.

	As of			
	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Carrying value(1)	Fair value	Carrying value(1)	Fair value
Revolving Credit Facility	$	$	$	$
Revolving Funding Facility	100,000	100,000	185,000	185,000
SMBC Funding Facility				
February 2016 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $575,000)	558,534(2)	627,595	556,456(2)	620,960
June 2016 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $230,000)	222,577(2)	248,618	221,788(2)	246,810
2017 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $162,500)	159,455(2)	175,074	159,220(2)	172,289
2018 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $270,000)	264,424(2)	291,811	264,096(2)	284,702
2019 Convertible Notes (principal amount outstanding of $300,000)	295,488(2)	319,434	295,279(2)	311,169
2018 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $750,000 and $600,000, respectively)	750,825(3)	777,300	596,757(3)	619,782
February 2022 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $143,750)	143,750	150,917	143,750	149,364
October 2022 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $182,500)	182,500	182,375	182,500	181,770
2040 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $200,000)	200,000	204,808	200,000	199,208
2047 Notes (principal amount outstanding of $229,557 and $230,000, respectively)	181,140(4)	224,755	181,429(4)	206,606
	$ 3,058,693(5)	$ 3,302,687	$ 2,986,275(5)	$ 3,177,660

(1) Except for the Convertible Unsecured Notes, the 2018 Notes and the 2047 Notes, all carrying values are the same as the principal amounts outstanding.

(2) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Convertible Unsecured Notes less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of each respective series of the Convertible Unsecured Notes.

(3) As of March 31, 2014, represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding plus the net unamortized premium that was initially recorded upon the issuances of the 2018 Notes. As of December 31, 2013, represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the 2018 Notes less the unaccreted discount initially recognized on the first issuance of the 2018 Notes.

(4) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the 2047 Notes less the unaccreted purchased discount.

(5) Total principal amount of debt outstanding totaled $3,143,307 and $3,078,750 as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

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The following table presents fair value measurements of the Company's debt obligations as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

	As of	
Fair Value Measurements Using	**March 31, 2014**	**December 31, 2013**
Level 1	$ 762,855	$ 736,948
Level 2	2,539,832	2,440,712
Total	$ 3,302,687	$ 3,177,660

9. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

There were no sales of the Company's equity securities for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013.

10. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following information sets forth the computations of basic and diluted net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations per share for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013:

	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2014	**2013**
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations available to common stockholders:	$ 116,992	$ 80,342
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding basic and diluted	297,972	248,658
Basic and diluted net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations per share:	$ 0.39	$ 0.32

For the purpose of calculating diluted net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations per share, the average closing price of the Company's common stock for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 was each less than the conversion price for each of the Convertible Unsecured Notes outstanding as of March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Therefore, for all periods presented in the financial statements, the underlying shares for the intrinsic value of the embedded options in the Convertible Unsecured Notes have no impact on the computation of diluted net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations per share.

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11. DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The following table summarizes the Company's dividends declared and payable for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013:

Date Declared	Record Date	Payment Date	Per Share Amount	Total Amount
November 5, 2013	March 14, 2014	March 28, 2014	$ 0.05(1)	$ 14,899
February 26, 2014	March 14, 2014	March 31, 2014	0.38	113,228
Total declared and payable for the three months ended March 31, 2014			$ 0.43	$ 128,127
February 27, 2013	March 15, 2013	March 29, 2013	$ 0.38	$ 94,488
Total declared and payable for the three months ended March 31, 2013			$ 0.38	$ 94,488

(1) Represents an additional dividend.

The Company has a dividend reinvestment plan, whereby the Company may buy shares of its common stock in the open market or issue new shares in order to satisfy dividend reinvestment requests. Prior to the amendment, if the Company issued new shares to implement the dividend reinvestment plan, the issue price was equal to the closing price of its common stock on the dividend record date. As a result of the amendment, when the Company issues new shares in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan, the issue price is equal to the closing price of its common stock on the dividend payment date. Dividend reinvestment plan activity for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, was as follows:

	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Shares issued	299	243
Average price per share	$ 17.61	$ 18.10

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In accordance with the investment advisory and management agreement, the Company bears all costs and expenses of the operation of the Company and reimburses its investment adviser or its affiliates for certain of such costs and expenses incurred in the operation of the Company. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company's investment adviser or its affiliates incurred such expenses totaling $1,449 and $1,215, respectively. As of March 31, 2014, $3,021 was unpaid and such payable is included in "accounts payable and other liabilities" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

The Company is party to office leases pursuant to which it is leasing office facilities from third parties. For certain of these office leases, the Company has also entered into separate subleases with Ares Management and IHAM, pursuant to which Ares Management and IHAM sublease a portion of these leases. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, amounts payable to the Company under these subleases totaled $698 and $418, respectively.

Ares Management has also entered into separate subleases with the Company, pursuant to which the Company subleases certain office leases from Ares Management. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, amounts payable to Ares Management under these subleases totaled $92 and $13, respectively.

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See Note 3 and 15 for descriptions of other related party transactions.

13. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a schedule of financial highlights as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013:

	For the Three Months Ended	
Per Share Data:	**March 31, 2014**	**March 31, 2013**
Net asset value, beginning of period(1)	$ 16.46	$ 16.04
Net investment income for period(2)	0.38	0.40
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) for period(2)	0.01	(0.08)
Net increase in stockholders' equity	0.39	0.32
Total distributions to stockholders	(0.43)	(0.38)
Net asset value at end of period(1)	$ 16.42	$ 15.98
Per share market value at end of period	$ 17.62	$ 18.10
Total return based on market value(3)	1.58%	5.60%
Total return based on net asset value(4)	2.37%	2.00%
Shares outstanding at end of period	298,270	248,896
Ratio/Supplemental Data:		
Net assets at end of period	$ 4,898,566	$ 3,978,597
Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets(5)(6)	10.09%	9.33%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets(5)(7)	9.29%	10.03%
Portfolio turnover rate(5)	35%	15%

(1) The net assets used equals the total stockholders' equity on the consolidated balance sheet.

(2) Weighted average basic per share data.

(3) For the three months ended March 31, 2014, the total return based on market value equaled the decrease of the ending market value at March 31, 2014 of $17.62 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2013 of $17.77 per share plus the declared and payable dividends of $0.43 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2014, divided by the market value at December 31, 2013. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the total return based on market value equaled the increase of the ending market value at March 31, 2013 of $18.10 per share from the ending market value at December 31, 2012 of $17.50 per share plus the declared and payable dividends of $0.38 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2013, divided by the market value at December 31, 2012. Total return based on market value is not annualized. The Company's shares fluctuate in value. The Company's performance changes over time and currently may be different than that shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

(4) For the three months ended March 31, 2014, the total return based on net asset value equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared and payable dividends of $0.43 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2014, divided by the beginning net asset value at January 1, 2014. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the total return based on net asset value equaled the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared and payable dividends of $0.38 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2013, divided by the beginning net asset value at January 1, 2013. These calculations are adjusted for shares issued in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan, the issuance of common stock in connection with any equity offerings and the equity components of any convertible notes issued during the period. Total return based on net asset value is not annualized. The Company's performance changes over time and currently may be different than that shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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(5) The ratios reflect an annualized amount.

(6) For the three months ended March 31, 2014, the ratio of operating expenses to average net assets consisted of 2.49% of base management fees, 2.42% of incentive fees, 4.34% of the cost of borrowing and 0.84% of other operating expenses. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the ratio of operating expenses to average net assets consisted of 2.35% of base management fees, 2.03% of incentive fees, 3.99% of the cost of borrowing and 0.96% of other operating expenses. These ratios reflect annualized amounts.

(7) The ratio of net investment income to average net assets excludes income taxes related to realized gains.

14. LITIGATION

The Company is party to certain lawsuits in the normal course of business. In addition, Allied Capital was involved in various legal proceedings that the Company assumed in connection with the Allied Acquisition. Furthermore, third parties may try to seek to impose liability on the Company in connection with the activities of its portfolio companies. While the outcome of any such legal proceedings cannot at this time be predicted with certainty, the Company does not expect that these legal proceedings will materially affect its business, financial condition or results of operations.

On May 20, 2013, the Company was named as one of several defendants in an action filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (the "Pennsylvania Court") by the bankruptcy trustee of DSI Renal Holdings LLC and two related companies. On March 17, 2014 the action was transferred to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware pursuant to a motion filed by the defendants and granted by the Pennsylvania Court. The complaint in the action alleges, among other things, that each of the named defendants participated in a purported "fraudulent transfer" involving the restructuring of a subsidiary of DSI Renal Holdings LLC. Among other things, the complaint seeks, jointly and severally from all defendants, (1) damages of approximately $425 million, of which the complaint states the Company's individual share is approximately $117 million, and (2) punitive damages. The Company is currently unable to assess with any certainty whether it may have any exposure in this action. The Company believes the claims are without merit and intends to vigorously defend itself in this action.

15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company's management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of issuance of the consolidated financial statements included herein. There have been no subsequent events that occurred during such period that would require disclosure in this Form 10-Q or would be required to be recognized in the Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2014, except as disclosed below.

In May 2014, the Company entered into an office sublease with Ares Management pursuant to which the Company subleases approximately 74% of certain office space in Dallas, Texas for a rent equal to 74% of the base annual rent payable by Ares Management under the office lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses.

In May 2014, the Company and Ares Capital CP entered into an amendment to the Revolving Funding Facility. The amendment, among other things, (1) extended the reinvestment period from April 18, 2015 to May 14, 2017, (2) extended the stated maturity date from April 18, 2017 to May 14, 2019 and (3) reduced the range of commitment fees paid depending on the size of the unused portion of the Revolving Funding Facility from between 0.50% and 1.75% per annum to 0.50% and 1.50% per annum. Commitments under the amended Revolving Funding Facility were reduced from the pre-amendment commitments of $620 million to $540 million.

In May 2014, the Company increased total commitments under the Revolving Credit Facility by $80 million from $1,170 million to $1,250 million.

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3.875% Notes due 2020

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

BofA Merrill Lynch
J.P. Morgan
Wells Fargo Securities

January , 2015