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**The information in this preliminary prospectus supplement is not complete and may be changed. A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with and declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission. This preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell and are not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any state where such offer or sale is not permitted.**

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED DECEMBER 10, 2012**

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT  
(to Prospectus dated October 19, 2012)**

**Shares**

## **Main Street Capital Corporation**

### **Common Stock**

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We are offering for sale \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock.

We are a principal investment firm primarily focused on providing customized debt and equity financing to lower middle market ("LMM") companies and debt capital to middle market ("Middle Market") companies. Our LMM companies generally have annual revenues between \$10 million and \$150 million, and our LMM portfolio investments generally range in size from \$5 million to \$25 million. Our Middle Market investments are made in businesses that are generally larger in size than our LMM portfolio companies, with annual revenues typically between \$150 million and \$1.5 billion, and our Middle Market investments generally range in size from \$3 million to \$15 million.

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

Our principal investment objective is to maximize our portfolio's total return by generating current income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity and equity related investments, including warrants, convertible securities and other rights to acquire equity securities in a portfolio company.

We are an internally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

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Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "MAIN." On December , 2012, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$ per share, and the net asset value per share of our common stock on September 30, 2012 (the last date prior to the date of this prospectus supplement on which we determined our net asset value per share) was \$17.49.

Shares of closed-end investment companies such as ours frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value. This risk is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value per share may decline. We cannot predict whether our common stock will trade above, at or below net asset value. In this regard, on June 14, 2012, our common stockholders voted to allow us to issue common stock at a price below net asset value per share for a period of one year ending on June 13, 2013. Our stockholders did not specify a maximum discount below net asset value at which we are able to issue our common stock, although the number of shares sold in each offering may not exceed 25% of our outstanding common stock immediately prior to such sale. In addition, we cannot issue shares of our common stock below net asset value unless our Board of Directors determines that it would be in our and our stockholders' best interests to do so. Sales of common stock at prices below net asset value per share dilute the interests of existing stockholders, have the effect of reducing our net asset value per share and may reduce our market price per share. In addition, continuous sales of common stock below net asset value may have a negative impact on total returns and could have a negative impact on the market price of our shares of common stock. See "Sales of Common Stock Below Net Asset Value" in the accompanying prospectus.

**Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk, and should be considered highly speculative. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 13 of the accompanying prospectus to read about factors you should consider, including the risk of leverage and dilution, before investing in our common stock.**

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain important information about us that a prospective investor should know before investing in our common stock. Please read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before investing and keep them for future reference. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. This information is available free of charge by contacting us at 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77056 or by telephone at (713) 350-6000 or on our website at [www.mainstreetcapital.com](http://www.mainstreetcapital.com). Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider that information to be part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. The SEC also maintains a website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) that contains such information.

	Per share	Total
Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discount (4.00%)	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us(1)	\$	\$

(1) We estimate that we will incur approximately \$200,000 in offering expenses in connection with this offering.

The underwriters have the option to purchase up to an additional shares of common stock at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, within 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement solely to cover any over-allotments. If the over-allotment option is exercised in full, the total public offering price will be \$ , the total underwriting discount (4.00%) will be \$ , and the total proceeds to us, before deducting estimated expenses payable by us of \$200,000, will be \$ .

**The Securities and Exchange Commission has not 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.**

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares on or about December , 2012.

**RAYMOND JAMES**

**BAIRD**

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**BB&T CAPITAL MARKETS**

**RBC CAPITAL MARKETS**

The date of this prospectus supplement is December , 2012

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**ABOUT THE PROSPECTUS**

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of this offering of common stock and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which provides more information about the common stock we may offer from time to time. To the extent the information contained in this prospectus supplement differs from the information contained in the accompanying prospectus, the information in this prospectus supplement shall control.

**You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized any other person to provide you with different information from that contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any shares of our common stock by any person in any jurisdiction where it is unlawful for that person to make such an offer or solicitation or to any person in any jurisdiction to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. The information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is complete and accurate only as of their respective dates, regardless of the time of their delivery or sale of our common stock. This prospectus supplement supersedes the accompanying prospectus to the extent it contains information different from or additional to the information in that prospectus.**

**Forward-Looking Statements**

Information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may contain forward-looking statements, which can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "expect," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," or "continue" or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. The matters described in the section titled "Risk Factors" in the accompanying prospectus and certain other factors noted throughout this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus constitute cautionary statements identifying important factors with respect to any such forward-looking statements, including certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements but advise you to consult any additional disclosures that we may make directly to you or through reports that we may file in the future with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K. We note that the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 does not apply to statements made in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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**PROSPECTUS SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights some of the information 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. To understand the terms of the common stock offered hereby, you should read the entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully. Together, these documents describe the specific terms of the shares we are offering. You should carefully read the sections titled "Selected Financial Data," "Interim Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Interim Financial Statements" in this prospectus supplement and the documents identified in the section titled "Available Information" in this prospectus supplement, as well as the section titled "Risk Factors" in the accompanying prospectus. Except as otherwise noted, all information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus assumes no exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option.*

**Organization**

Main Street Capital Corporation ("MSCC") was formed on March 9, 2007 for the purpose of (i) acquiring 100% of the equity interests of Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP ("MSMF") and its general partner, Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC ("MSMF GP"), (ii) acquiring 100% of the equity interests of Main Street Capital Partners, LLC (the "Investment Manager"), (iii) raising capital in an initial public offering, which was completed in October 2007 (the "IPO"), and (iv) thereafter operating as an internally managed business development company ("BDC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). MSMF is licensed as a Small Business Investment Company ("SBIC") by the United States Small Business Administration ("SBA") and the Investment Manager acts as MSMF's manager and investment adviser. Because the Investment Manager, which employs all of the executive officers and other employees of MSCC, is wholly owned by us, we do not pay any external investment advisory fees, but instead we incur the operating costs associated with employing investment and portfolio management professionals through the Investment Manager. The IPO and related transactions discussed above were consummated in October 2007 and are collectively termed the "Formation Transactions."

On January 7, 2010, MSCC consummated transactions (the "Exchange Offer") to exchange 1,239,695 shares of its common stock for approximately 88% of the total dollar value of the limited partner interests in Main Street Capital II, LP ("MSC II" and, together with MSMF, the "Funds"). Pursuant to the terms of the Exchange Offer, 100% of the membership interests in the general partner of MSC II, Main Street Capital II GP, LLC ("MSC II GP"), were also transferred to MSCC for no consideration. MSC II commenced operations in January 2006, is an investment fund that operates as an SBIC and is also managed by the Investment Manager. During the first quarter of 2012, MSCC exchanged 229,634 shares of its common stock to acquire all of the remaining minority ownership in the total dollar value of the MSC II limited partnership interests, including approximately 5% owned by affiliates of MSCC (the "Final MSC II Exchange"). After the completion of the Final MSC II Exchange, MSCC owns 100% of MSC II. The Exchange Offer and related transactions, including the transfer of the MSC II GP interests and the Final MSC II Exchange, are collectively termed the "Exchange Offer Transactions."

MSCC has elected to be treated for federal income tax purposes as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). As a result, MSCC generally will not pay corporate-level federal income taxes on any net ordinary income or capital gains that it distributes to its stockholders as dividends.

MSCC has direct and indirect wholly owned subsidiaries that have elected to be taxable entities (the "Taxable Subsidiaries"). The primary purpose of these entities is to hold certain investments that generate "pass through" income for tax purposes. The Taxable Subsidiaries are each taxed at their normal corporate tax rates based on their taxable income.

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Unless otherwise noted or the context otherwise indicates, the terms "we," "us," "our" and "Main Street" refer to MSCC and its consolidated subsidiaries, which include the Funds and the Taxable Subsidiaries.

**Overview**

We are a principal investment firm primarily focused on providing customized debt and equity financing to lower middle market ("LMM") companies and debt capital to middle market ("Middle Market") companies. Our portfolio investments are typically made to support management buyouts, recapitalizations, growth financings, refinancings and acquisitions of companies that operate in diverse industry sectors. We seek to partner with entrepreneurs, business owners and management teams and generally provide "one stop" financing alternatives within our LMM portfolio. We invest primarily in secured debt investments, equity investments, warrants and other securities of LMM companies based in the United States and in secured debt investments of Middle Market companies generally headquartered in the United States. Our principal investment objective is to maximize our portfolio's total return by generating current income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity and equity related investments, including warrants, convertible securities and other rights to acquire equity securities in a portfolio company. Our LMM companies generally have annual revenues between \$10 million and \$150 million, and our LMM portfolio investments generally range in size from \$5 million to \$25 million. Our Middle Market investments are made in businesses that are generally larger in size than our LMM portfolio companies, with annual revenues typically between \$150 million and \$1.5 billion, and our Middle Market investments generally range in size from \$3 million to \$15 million. Our other portfolio ("Other Portfolio") investments primarily consist of investments which are not consistent with the typical profiles for LMM and Middle Market portfolio investments, including investments which may be managed by third parties. In our Other Portfolio, we may incur indirect fees and expenses in connection with investments managed by third parties, such as investments in other investment companies or private funds.

We seek to fill the current financing gap for LMM businesses, which, historically, have had more limited access to financing from commercial banks and other traditional sources. The underserved nature of the lower middle market creates the opportunity for us to meet the financing needs of LMM companies while also negotiating favorable transaction terms and equity participations. Our ability to invest across a company's capital structure, from senior secured loans to equity securities, allows us to offer portfolio companies a comprehensive suite of financing solutions, or "one stop" financing. Providing customized, "one stop" financing solutions has become even more relevant to our LMM portfolio companies in the current investing environment. We generally seek to partner directly with entrepreneurs, management teams and business owners in making our investments. We believe that our LMM investment strategy has a lower correlation to the broader debt and equity markets.

As of September 30, 2012, we had debt and equity investments in 57 LMM portfolio companies with an aggregate fair value of \$467.6 million, with a total cost basis of approximately \$365.9 million, and a weighted average annual effective yield on our LMM debt investments of approximately 14.7%. Approximately 78% of our total LMM portfolio investments at cost were in the form of debt investments and 95% of such debt investments at cost were secured by first priority liens on the assets of our LMM portfolio companies as of September 30, 2012. At September 30, 2012, we had equity ownership in approximately 88% of our LMM portfolio companies and the average fully diluted equity ownership in those portfolio companies was approximately 32%. As of December 31, 2011, we had debt and equity investments in 54 LMM portfolio companies with an aggregate fair value of \$415.7 million with a total cost basis of approximately \$349.0 million and a weighted average annual effective yield on our LMM debt investments of approximately 14.8%. The weighted average annual yields were computed using the effective interest rates for all debt investments as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, including amortization of deferred debt origination fees and accretion of original

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issue discount but excluding liquidation fees payable upon repayment and any debt investments on non-accrual status.

In addition to our LMM investment strategy, we pursue investments in Middle Market companies. Our Middle Market portfolio investments primarily consist of direct or secondary purchases of interest-bearing debt securities in companies that are generally larger in size than the LMM companies included in our LMM portfolio. Our Middle Market portfolio debt investments are generally secured by either a first or second priority lien on the assets of the company and have an expected duration of between three and five years.

As of September 30, 2012, we had Middle Market portfolio investments in 79 companies collectively totaling approximately \$350.7 million in fair value with a total cost basis of approximately \$345.9 million. The weighted average revenues for the 79 Middle Market portfolio company investments was approximately \$518 million. Our Middle Market portfolio investments are primarily in the form of debt investments and 88% of such debt investments at cost were secured by first priority liens on portfolio company assets as of September 30, 2012. The weighted average annual effective yield on our Middle Market portfolio debt investments was approximately 8.6% as of September 30, 2012. As of December 31, 2011, we had Middle Market portfolio investments in 57 companies collectively totaling approximately \$226.5 million in fair value with a total cost basis of approximately \$228.9 million. The weighted average revenues for the 57 Middle Market portfolio company investments were approximately \$473 million. The weighted average annual effective yield on our Middle Market portfolio debt investments was approximately 9.5% as of December 31, 2011. The weighted average annual yields were computed using the effective interest rates for all debt investments as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, including amortization of deferred debt origination fees and accretion of original issue discount but excluding liquidation fees payable upon repayment.

As of September 30, 2012, we had Other Portfolio investments in 3 companies collectively totaling approximately \$16.1 million in fair value and \$15.8 million in cost basis. As of December 31, 2011, we had Other Portfolio investments in 3 companies collectively totaling approximately \$14.1 million in both fair value and cost basis.

Our portfolio investments are generally made through MSCC and the Funds. MSCC and the Funds share the same investment strategies and criteria, although they are subject to different regulatory regimes. An investor's return in MSCC will depend, in part, on the Funds' investment returns as MSMF and MSC II are both wholly owned subsidiaries of MSCC.

The level of new portfolio investment activity will fluctuate from period to period based upon our view of the current economic fundamentals, our ability to identify new investment opportunities that meet our investment criteria, and our ability to consummate the identified opportunities. The level of new investment activity, and associated interest and fee income, will directly impact future investment income. In addition, the level of dividends paid by portfolio companies and the portion of our portfolio debt investments on non-accrual status will directly impact future investment income. While we intend to grow our portfolio and our investment income over the long-term, our growth and our operating results may be more limited during depressed economic periods. However, we intend to appropriately manage our cost structure and liquidity position based on applicable economic conditions and our investment outlook. The level of realized gains or losses and unrealized appreciation or depreciation will also fluctuate depending upon portfolio activity and the performance of our individual portfolio companies. The changes in realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation or depreciation could have a material impact on our operating results.

MSCC and its consolidated subsidiaries are internally managed by the Investment Manager, a wholly owned subsidiary of MSCC, which employs all of the executive officers and other employees of Main Street. Because the Investment Manager is wholly owned by MSCC, MSCC does not pay any

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external investment advisory fees, but instead incurs the operating costs associated with employing investment and portfolio management professionals through the Investment Manager. We believe that our internally managed structure provides us with a beneficial operating expense structure when compared to other publicly-traded and privately-held investment firms which are externally managed, and our internally managed structure allows us the opportunity to leverage our non-interest operating expenses as we grow our investment portfolio. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, the ratio of our total operating expenses, excluding interest expense, as a percentage of our quarterly average total assets was 1.6% and 1.9%, respectively, on an annualized basis, compared to 1.9% and 2.2%, respectively, on an annualized basis for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2.2% for the year ended December 31, 2011.

In addition, during May 2012, we and the Investment Manager executed an investment sub-advisory agreement with HMS Adviser, LP, which is the investment advisor to HMS Income Fund, Inc., a recently-formed BDC whose registration statement on Form N-2 was declared effective by the SEC on June 4, 2012, to provide certain investment advisory services to HMS Adviser, LP. We are initially providing such investment advisory services to HMS Adviser, LP, but ultimately intend that the Investment Manager provide such services because the fees we receive from such arrangement have negative consequences on our ability to meet the source-of-income requirement necessary for us to maintain our qualification as a RIC for federal income tax purposes. We will need to obtain certain relief from the SEC before the Investment Manager is permitted to provide these services to HMS Adviser, LP, which we are seeking, but there can be no assurance that we will obtain such relief.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we paid dividends on a monthly basis totaling \$1.260 per share, or \$35.4 million. In July 2012, we declared monthly dividends of \$0.15 per share for each of October, November and December 2012. These monthly dividends equal a total of \$0.45 per share for the fourth quarter of 2012. The fourth quarter 2012 dividends represent an 11.1% increase from the dividends declared for the fourth quarter of 2011 and a 3.4% increase compared to the third quarter of 2012. During November 2012, we declared a special dividend of \$0.35 per share for January 2013 and regular monthly dividends of \$0.15 per share for each of January, February and March 2013. These regular monthly dividends equal a total of \$0.45 per share for the first quarter of 2013. The first quarter 2013 regular monthly dividends represent an 11.1% increase from the dividends declared for the first quarter of 2012. During 2011, we paid monthly dividends of \$1.56 per share for the entire year. Including the dividends declared for the third and fourth quarters of 2012, we will pay a total of \$1.71 per share during 2012. Including the special dividend and the regular monthly dividends declared through the first quarter of 2013, we will have paid \$8.83 per share in cumulative dividends since our October 2007 initial public offering.

You should be aware that investments in our portfolio companies carry a number of risks including, but not limited to, investing in companies which may have limited operating histories and financial resources and other risks common to investing in below investment grade debt and equity investments in private, smaller companies. Please see "Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Investments" in the accompanying prospectus for a more complete discussion of the risks involved with investing in our portfolio companies.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77056, and our telephone number is (713) 350-6000. We maintain a website at <http://www.mainstcapital.com>. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider that information to be part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.



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**Business Strategies**

Our principal investment objective is to maximize our portfolio's total return by generating current income from our debt investments and realizing capital appreciation from our equity and equity-related investments, including warrants, convertible securities and other rights to acquire equity securities in a portfolio company. We have adopted the following business strategies to achieve our investment objective. Please see "Business Business Strategies" in the accompanying prospectus for a more complete discussion of our business strategies.

*Delivering Customized Financing Solutions in the Lower Middle Market.* We offer to our LMM portfolio companies customized debt financing solutions with equity components that are tailored to the facts and circumstances of each situation.

*Focusing on Established Companies.* We generally invest in companies with established market positions, experienced management teams and proven revenue streams.

*Leveraging the Skills and Experience of Our Investment Team.* Our investment team has significant experience in lending to and investing in LMM and Middle Market companies.

*Investing Across Multiple Companies, Industries, Regions and End Markets.* We seek to maintain a portfolio of investments that is appropriately balanced among various companies, industries, geographic regions and end markets.

*Capitalizing on Strong Transaction Sourcing Network.* Our investment team seeks to leverage its extensive network of referral sources for portfolio company investments.

*Benefiting from Lower, Fixed, Long-Term Cost of Capital.* The SBIC licenses held by the Funds allow them to issue SBA-guaranteed debentures. SBA-guaranteed debentures carry long-term fixed rates that are generally lower than rates on comparable bank and other debt.

**Investment Criteria**

Our investment team has identified the following investment criteria that it believes are important in evaluating prospective portfolio companies. Our investment team uses these criteria in evaluating investment opportunities. However, not all of these criteria have been, or will be, met in connection with each of our investments. Please see "Business Investment Criteria" in the accompanying prospectus for a more complete discussion of our investment criteria.

*Proven Management Team with Meaningful Equity Stake.* We look for operationally-oriented management with direct industry experience and a successful track record. In addition, we expect the management team of each LMM portfolio company to have meaningful equity ownership in the portfolio company to better align our respective economic interests.

*Established Companies with Positive Cash Flow.* We seek to invest in established companies with sound historical financial performance.

*Defensible Competitive Advantages/Favorable Industry Position.* We primarily focus on companies having competitive advantages in their respective markets and/or operating in industries with barriers to entry, which may help to protect their market position and profitability.

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*Exit Alternatives.* We exit our debt investments primarily through the repayment of our investment from internally generated cash flow of the portfolio company and/or refinancing. In addition, we seek to invest in companies whose business models and expected future cash flows may provide alternate methods of repaying our investment, such as through a strategic acquisition by other industry participants or a recapitalization.

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**Recent Developments**

During October 2012, we sold the majority of our LMM equity investment in Laurus Healthcare, LP ("Laurus") to a leading private equity investment firm which has made numerous growth investments within the healthcare sector. We realized a gain of approximately \$9.9 million on the sale. Laurus is a leader in developing and managing outpatient healthcare facilities, in partnership with physicians and hospitals, which are focused on the identification and treatment of cardiovascular disease. Our cumulative secured debt investment in Laurus was fully refinanced during the second quarter of 2012. While we sold the majority of our equity interest in Laurus, we also retained a portion of our equity investment in Laurus through an equity ownership position in a new entity owned by the Laurus management team and the private equity investment firm.

During November 2012, we declared a special dividend of \$0.35 per share for January 2013 and regular monthly dividends of \$0.15 per share for each of January, February and March 2013. These regular monthly dividends equal a total of \$0.45 per share for the first quarter of 2013. The first quarter 2013 regular monthly dividends represent an 11.1% increase from the dividends declared for the first quarter of 2012. Including the special dividend and the regular monthly dividends declared for the first quarter of 2013, we will have paid \$8.83 per share in cumulative dividends since our October 2007 initial public offering.

During November 2012, we amended our \$287.5 million credit facility (the "Credit Facility") to extend the final maturity to five years, through September 2017. The amended Credit Facility contains an upsized accordion feature which allows us to increase the total commitments under the facility up to \$400 million from new or existing lenders on the same terms and conditions as the existing commitments. The Credit Facility includes an initial revolving period through September 2015 followed by a two-year term out period with a final maturity in September 2017, and contains two, one-year extension options which could extend both the revolving period and the final maturity by up to two years.

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**The Offering**

Common stock offered by us	shares
Common stock outstanding prior to this offering	shares
Common stock to be outstanding after this offering	shares
Over-allotment option	shares
Use of proceeds	

The net proceeds from this offering (without exercise of the over-allotment option and before deducting estimated expenses payable by us of approximately \$200,000) will be \$ .

We intend to initially use the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding debt borrowed under our \$287.5 million Credit Facility. However, through re-borrowing of the initial repayments under our \$287.5 million Credit Facility, we intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to make investments in accordance with our investment objective and strategies described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, to make investments in marketable securities and idle funds investments, which may include investments in secured intermediate term bank debt, rated debt securities and other income producing investments, to pay our operating expenses and other cash obligations, and for general corporate purposes. See "Use of Proceeds" below.

Dividends and distributions

Our dividends and other distributions, if any, will be determined by our Board of Directors from time to time.

Our ability to declare dividends depends on our earnings, our overall financial condition (including our liquidity position), maintenance of our RIC status and such other factors as our Board of Directors may deem relevant from time to time. From our IPO through the third quarter of 2008 we paid quarterly dividends, but in the fourth quarter of 2008 we began paying, and we intend to continue paying, monthly dividends to our stockholders.

When we make monthly distributions, we are required to determine the extent to which such distributions are paid out of current or accumulated earnings, recognized capital gains or capital. To the extent there is a return of capital, investors will be required to reduce their basis in our stock for federal tax purposes. In the future, our distributions may include a return of capital.

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	<p>In November 2012, we declared a special dividend of \$0.35 per share for January 2013 and regular monthly dividends of \$0.15 per share for each of January, February and March 2013. These regular monthly dividends equate to a total of \$0.45 per share for the first quarter of 2013. Investors who purchase shares of our common stock in this offering will be entitled to receive the January special and regular monthly dividend payments and subsequent monthly dividends provided that they continue to hold such shares.</p>
Taxation	<p>MSCC has elected to be treated for federal income tax purposes as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. Accordingly, we generally will not pay corporate-level federal income taxes on any net ordinary income or capital gains that we distribute to our stockholders as dividends. To maintain our qualification as a RIC for federal income tax purposes, we must meet specified source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and distribute annually at least 90% of our net ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any.</p> <p>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 distributions into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income. Any such carryover taxable income must be distributed through a dividend declared prior to filing the final tax return related to the year which generated such taxable income. See "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the accompanying prospectus.</p>
Risk factors	<p>See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 13 of the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of risks you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock.</p>
New York Stock Exchange symbol	<p>"MAIN"</p>

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The following table is intended to assist you in understanding the costs and expenses that an investor in this offering will bear directly or indirectly. We caution you that some of the percentages indicated in the table below are estimates and may vary. Except where the context suggests otherwise, whenever this prospectus supplement contains a reference to fees or expenses paid by "you," "us" or "Main Street," or that "we" will pay fees or expenses, stockholders will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as investors in us.

<b>Stockholder Transaction Expenses:</b>	
Sales load (as a percentage of offering price)	4.00%(1)
Offering expenses (as a percentage of offering price)	%(2)
Dividend reinvestment plan expenses	(3)
<b>Total stockholder transaction expenses (as a percentage of offering price)</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Annual Expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock):</b>	
Operating expenses	2.80%(4)
Interest payments on borrowed funds	2.82%(5)
Income tax expense	1.14%(6)
Acquired fund fees and expenses	0.08%(7)
<b>Total annual expenses</b>	<b>6.84%</b>

- (1) Represents the underwriting discount with respect to the shares sold by us in this offering.
- (2) The offering expenses of this offering borne by us are estimated to be approximately \$200,000. If the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full, the offering expenses borne by us (as a percentage of the offering price) will be approximately %.
- (3) The expenses of administering our dividend reinvestment plan are included in operating expenses.
- (4) Operating expenses in this table represent the estimated expenses of MSCC and its consolidated subsidiaries, plus the estimated expenses of the Investment Manager as if it were consolidated with MSCC for accounting purposes. The Investment Manager is accounted for as a portfolio investment and is not consolidated with MSCC and its consolidated subsidiaries. See Note D to our consolidated financial statements for a detailed discussion of the financial and other arrangements between MSCC and its consolidated subsidiaries and the Investment Manager.
- (5) Interest payments on borrowed funds represent our estimated annual interest payments on borrowed funds based on current debt levels as adjusted for projected increases (but not decreases) in debt levels over the next twelve months.
- (6) Income tax expense primarily relates to the accrual of deferred taxes on the net unrealized appreciation from portfolio investments held in Taxable Subsidiaries, which is non-cash in nature and may vary significantly from period to period. We are required to include deferred taxes in calculating our annual expenses even though these deferred taxes are not currently payable. Due to the variable nature of this expense and the difficulty in providing an estimate for future periods, this income tax expense estimate is based upon the actual amount of income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2011. The ratio of total annual expenses to net assets, before income tax expense, would be 5.70%.
- (7) Acquired fund fees and expenses represent the estimated indirect expense incurred due to investments in other investment companies and private funds.



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The following example demonstrates the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses that would be incurred over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in our common stock. In calculating the following expense amounts, we have assumed we would have no additional leverage and that our annual operating expenses would remain at the levels set forth in the table above, and that you would pay a sales load of 4.00% (the underwriting discount to be paid by us with respect to common stock sold by us in this offering).

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a 5.0% annual return	\$ 107.8	\$ 239.6	\$ 366.6	\$ 664.3

**The example and the expenses in the table above should not be considered a representation of our future expenses, and actual expenses may be greater or less than those shown.** While the example assumes, as required by the SEC, a 5.0% annual return, our performance will vary and may result in a return greater or less than 5.0%. In addition, while the example assumes reinvestment of all dividends at net asset value, participants in our dividend reinvestment plan will receive a number of shares of our common stock, determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to a participant by (i) the market price per share of our common stock at the close of trading on the dividend payment date in the event that we use newly issued shares to satisfy the share requirements of the dividend reinvestment plan or (ii) the average purchase price of all shares of common stock purchased by the administrator of the dividend reinvestment plan in the event that shares are purchased in the open market to satisfy the share requirements of the dividend reinvestment plan, which may be at, above or below net asset value. See "Dividend Reinvestment Plan" in the accompanying prospectus for additional information regarding our dividend reinvestment plan.



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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from the sale of the \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock in this offering are \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ if the underwriter's over-allotment option is exercised in full, after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

We intend to initially use the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding debt borrowed under our \$287.5 million Credit Facility. However, through re-borrowing of the initial repayments under our \$287.5 million Credit Facility, we intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to make investments in accordance with our investment objective and strategies described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, to make investments in marketable securities and idle funds investments, which may include investments in secured intermediate term bank debt, rated debt securities and other income producing investments, to pay our operating expenses and other cash obligations, and for general corporate purposes. Our ability to achieve our investment objective may be limited to the extent that the net proceeds from an offering, pending full investment, are held in interest bearing deposits or other short-term instruments. See "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Securities We may be unable to invest a significant portion of the net proceeds from an offering or from exiting an investment or other capital on acceptable terms, which could harm our financial condition and operating results" in the accompanying prospectus.

At December 7, 2012, we had approximately \$108.0 million outstanding under our \$287.5 million Credit Facility. Our Credit Facility matures in September 2017, unless extended, and bears interest, at our election, on a per annum basis equal to (i) the applicable LIBOR rate plus 2.50% or (ii) the applicable base rate plus 1.50%. Amounts repaid under our \$287.5 million Credit Facility will remain available for future borrowings. As of September 30, 2012, the interest rate on our \$287.5 million Credit Facility was 2.7%.

Affiliates of Raymond James & Associates, Inc., BB&T Capital Markets and RBC Capital Markets, LLC, underwriters in this offering, act as lenders and/or agents under our \$287.5 million Credit Facility. As described above, we intend to use net proceeds of this offering to repay the outstanding indebtedness under this Credit Facility, and such affiliates therefore may receive a portion of the proceeds from this offering through the repayment of those borrowings. See "Underwriting Conflicts of Interest" below.

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**CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our capitalization:

on an actual basis as of September 30, 2012; and

on an as-adjusted basis giving effect to the sale of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock in this offering at the public offering price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share, less estimated underwriting discounts and offering expenses payable by us.

This table should be read in conjunction with "Interim Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Interim Financial Statements" in this prospectus supplement.

**As of September 30, 2012**  
**Actual                      As-adjusted for**  
**this Offering**  
**(Unaudited)**  
**(in thousands, ex**