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#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

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securities to be registered	$registered^{(1)}$	per unit	offering price <sup>(1)</sup>	registration fee <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	3,876,403	\$44.50	\$172,499,934	\$17,371

- (1) Assumes exercise in full of the underwriters option to purchase up to 505,617 additional shares of Common Stock.
- (2) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. This Calculation of Registration Fee table shall be deemed to update the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the registrant s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-200822) in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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**Prospectus supplement** 

(To Prospectus dated December 9, 2014)

3,370,786 Shares

#### **Common Stock**

Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is offering 3,370,786 shares of its common stock.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol AGIO. The last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Select Market on September 14, 2016 was \$45.26 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See <u>Risk factors</u> beginning on page S-15 of this prospectus supplement, as well as those contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated herein and therein.

	Pe	r share	Total
Public offering price	\$	44.50	\$ 149,999,977
Underwriting discounts(1)	\$	2.67	\$ 8,999,999
Proceeds, before expenses, to Agios			
Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$	41.83	\$ 140,999,978

(1) We have agreed to reimburse the underwriters for certain FINRA-related expenses. See Underwriting beginning on page S-26 of this prospectus supplement.

We have granted the underwriters the right to purchase up to an additional 505,617 shares of our common stock at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts and commissions. The underwriters can exercise this right at any time within 30 days after the date of this prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying

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The underwriters expect to deliver the shares of common stock to investors on or about September 20, 2016.

J.P. Morgan Goldman, Sachs & Co.

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The date of this prospectus supplement is September 14, 2016.

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Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized anyone to provide you with information other than that contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or in any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We and the underwriters take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give to you. We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of our common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate only as of its date, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any sale of our common stock. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

No action is being taken in any jurisdiction outside the United States to permit a public offering of our common stock or possession or distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in that jurisdiction. Persons who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in jurisdictions outside the United States are required to inform themselves about and to observe any restrictions as to this offering and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus applicable to that jurisdiction.

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#### **About this prospectus supplement**

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this common stock offering and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, provides more general information. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus or any document incorporated by reference therein filed prior to the date of this prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement; provided that if any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date for example, a document incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement.

We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit to any document that is incorporated by reference herein were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, including, in some cases, for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to such agreements, and should not be deemed to be a representation, warranty or covenant to you. Moreover, such representations, warranties or covenants were accurate only as of the date when made. Accordingly, such representations, warranties and covenants should not be relied on as accurately representing the current state of our affairs.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, or incorporated by reference herein. We have not authorized, and the underwriters have not authorized, anyone to provide you with information that is different. The information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, or incorporated by reference herein, is accurate only as of the respective dates thereof, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or of any sale of our common stock. It is important for you to read and consider all information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in the sections entitled Where you can find more information and Incorporation of documents by reference in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus.

We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of our common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the common stock in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the common stock and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus outside the United States. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

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## **Prospectus supplement summary**

This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully, including the financial statements and other information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, before making an investment decision. In addition, please read the Risk factors section of this prospectus supplement beginning on page S-15 and the risk factors contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2016.

#### Overview

We are a biopharmaceutical company committed to applying our scientific leadership in the field of cellular metabolism to transform the lives of patients with cancer and rare genetic metabolic disorders, or RGDs, which are a subset of orphan genetic metabolic diseases. Metabolism is a complex biological process involving the uptake and assimilation of nutrients in cells to produce energy and facilitate many of the processes required for cellular division and growth. We focus our efforts on using cellular metabolism, an unexploited area of biological research with disruptive potential, as a platform for developing potentially transformative small molecule medicines. Our most advanced cancer product candidates are AG-221 and AG-120, which target mutated isocitrate dehydrogenase 2 and 1, or IDH2 and IDH1, respectively, and AG-881, which targets both mutated IDH1 and mutated IDH2. These mutations are found in a wide range of hematological malignancies and solid tumors. On September 7, 2016, our collaboration partner Celgene Corporation, or Celgene, announced that it expects to submit a new drug application, or NDA, to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, for enasidenib (AG-221) in relapsed and/or refractory acute myeloid leukemia, or AML, by year-end 2016. The NDA will be based on data from the ongoing phase 1/2 study of AG-221 in patients with advanced hematologic malignancies with an IDH2 mutation. We plan to explore a similar regulatory path for AG-120 which could lead to an NDA submission in the U.S. in 2017, and plan to provide a regulatory update on AG-120 by the end of 2016. Our lead product candidates in our RGD programs, AG-348 and AG-519, target pyruvate kinase-R for the treatment of pyruvate kinase, or PK, deficiency. PK deficiency is a rare disorder that often results in severe hemolytic anemia due to inherited mutations in the pyruvate kinase enzyme within red blood cells. In June 2016, at the 21st Congress of the European Hematology Association, or EHA, we presented initial data showing that AG-348 had achieved proof-of-concept in DRIVE-PK, our ongoing phase 2 study of AG-348. Also at EHA in June, we presented initial data from our ongoing phase 1 study of AG-519 in healthy volunteers, showing that AG-519 had demonstrated early proof-of-mechanism. We expect to select either AG-348 or AG-519 for pivotal development by the end of 2016.

#### Targeting isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH) for the treatment of cancer

The isocitrate dehydrogenase, or IDH, protein is a critical enzyme in the citric acid cycle, also known as the tricarboxylic acid, or Krebs, cycle. In humans, there are three forms of the IDH enzyme, IDH1, IDH2, and IDH3, but only IDH1 and IDH2 appear to be mutated in cancers.

Using our proprietary metabolic platform, we and our collaborators examined the mutated pathway and discovered that the mutated IDH enzymes had adopted a novel—gain of function—activity that allows only the mutated IDH enzyme to produce large amounts of a metabolite called 2-hydroxygluturate, or 2HG. We believe that the excessive levels of the metabolite 2HG produced by the tumor fuel cancer growth and survival via multiple cellular changes that lead to a block in cell maturation, or differentiation. We believe that inhibition of these mutated proteins will lead to clinical benefit for the subset of cancer patients whose tumors carry these mutations. We have identified selective development candidates that target and inhibit the mutated forms of IDH1 and IDH2. To date, our clinical data of

AG-221 and AG-120, our lead inhibitors of mutant IDH2 and

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IDH1, respectively, demonstrate a mechanism of response that is consistent with preclinical studies, including substantial reduction of plasma 2HG levels, as well as evidence of cellular differentiation and normalization of cell counts in the bone marrow and blood. This differentiation effect is distinct from that seen with traditional chemotherapeutics commonly used to treat AML.

#### AG-221: lead IDH2 program

AG-221 is an orally available, selective, potent inhibitor of the mutated IDH2 protein, making it a highly targeted therapeutic candidate for the treatment of patients with cancers that harbor IDH2 mutations, including those with AML. On September 7, 2016, Celgene announced that it expects to submit a NDA to the FDA for enasidenib (AG-221) in relapsed and/or refractory AML by year-end 2016. The NDA will be based on data from the ongoing phase 1/2 study of AG-221 in patients with advanced hematologic malignancies with an IDH2 mutation.

In December 2015, we reported clinical data, as of September 1, 2015, from the dose escalation phase and expansion cohorts of the ongoing phase 1 clinical trial, which was transitioned to a phase 1/2 trial in May 2015, evaluating single agent AG-221, which included 209 response-evaluable enrolled patients with IDH2 mutant-positive AML. The new data were presented at the 2015 American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting and Exposition in Orlando, Florida and showed investigator-assessed objective responses in 79 out of 209 response-evaluable patients. Of the 79 patients who achieved an objective response, there were 37 complete remissions (CR), three complete remissions with incomplete platelet recovery (CRp), 14 marrow complete remissions (mCR), three complete remissions with incomplete hematologic recovery (CRi) and 22 partial remissions (PR). A CR is determined by using well-established criteria, which requires no evidence of leukemia in the bone marrow and blood accompanied by full restoration of all blood counts to normal ranges. A CRp means all the criteria for CR are met except that platelet counts are outside of the normal range. Platelets are one of the three major types of blood cells. A mCR means that there is no evidence for leukemia in the marrow but the blood counts have not fully restored. A CRi means there is no evidence for leukemia in the marrow but the neutrophils, a subset of white blood cells responsible for fighting bacterial infections, are outside the normal range. A PR means all the criteria for CR are met except that the immature defective blood cells, or leukemia, in the bone marrow are in the 5% to 25% range and have been decreased by at least 50% over pretreatment. Of the 159 patients with relapsed or refractory AML, 59 achieved an objective response, including 29 CRs, one CRp, nine mCRs, three CRis and 17 PRs. Of the 24 patients with AML who declined standard of care chemotherapy, 10 achieved an objective response, including four CRs, one CRp, one mCR and four PRs. Of the 14 patients with myelodysplastic syndromes, or MDS, seven achieved an objective response, including three CRs, one CRp and three mCRs. Responding relapsed or refractory AML patients were on the trial for up to 18 months with a median duration of treatment of 6.8 months, ranging from 1.8 to 18 months. Responses were durable, with median response duration of 6.9 months in patients with relapsed or refractory AML. A safety analysis was conducted for all 231 treated patients. The majority of AEs reported by investigators were mild to moderate, with the most common being nausea, diarrhea, fatigue and febrile neutropenia. The serious adverse events, or SAEs, observed during the trial were mainly disease related. Twenty-three percent of patients had treatment-related SAEs, including notably differentiation syndrome (4 percent), leukocytosis (4 percent) and nausea (2 percent). Drug-related Grade 5 SAEs included atrial flutter (one patient), cardiac tamponade (one patient), pericardial effusion (one patient) and respiratory failure (one patient). Dose escalation has been completed and a maximum tolerated dose, or MTD, has not been reached. The ongoing AG-221 phase 1/2 trial includes a dose-escalation phase and the following five expansion cohorts, all of which have completed accrual: (i) a cohort of 25 patients aged 60 years or older with IDH2 mutant-positive relapsed or refractory AML, or any IDH2-mutant positive AML patient, regardless of age, who has relapsed following a bone marrow transplant (BMT); (ii) a cohort of 25 patients aged less than 60 years with IDH2 mutant-positive relapsed or refractory AML, not including patients with AML who have relapsed following a BMT; (iii) a cohort of 25 patients aged 60 years or older with untreated IDH2 mutant-positive AML who decline standard of care chemotherapy; (iv) a cohort of 25 patients with IDH2 mutant-positive advanced hematologic malignancies not eligible for cohorts (i) to (iii); and (v) a

cohort of approximately 125 patients with IDH2 mutant-positive AML who are in second or later relapse, refractory to second-line induction or reinduction treatment, or have relapsed after allogeneic transplantation. AG-221 continued to show favorable drug exposure and pharmacokinetics at all doses tested with substantial reductions in plasma levels of 2HG, which is produced by the mutated IDH2 and IDH1 proteins, to the level observed in healthy volunteers. In the second half of 2016, Celgene, in collaboration with us, intends to initiate an expansion arm of our phase 1/2 clinical trial, evaluating AG-221 in high-risk MDS patients.

Also in December 2015, we announced the initiation of a phase 1b, multicenter, international, open-label clinical trial to evaluate the safety and clinical activity of AG-221 or AG-120 in combination with induction and consolidation therapy in patients with newly diagnosed AML with an IDH2 or IDH1 mutation who are eligible for intensive chemotherapy. The trial will evaluate continuous dosing for up to one year with AG-221 administered at an initial oral dose of 100 mg once daily in patients with an IDH2 mutation or AG-120 administered at an initial oral dose of 500 mg once daily in patients with an IDH1 mutation. AG-221 or AG-120 will be administered with two types of AML induction therapies (cytarabine with either daunorubicin or idarubicin) and two types of AML consolidation therapies (mitoxantrone with etoposide [ME] or cytarabine).

In March 2016, Celgene, in collaboration with us, initiated a phase 1/2 frontline combination clinical trial, to be conducted by Celgene, of either AG-221 or AG-120 in combination with VIDAZA® (azacitidine) in newly diagnosed AML patients not eligible for intensive chemotherapy, with a phase 1 component to determine the safety of the combinations, followed by a phase 2 randomized component evaluating the safety and clinical activity of each investigational combination versus single-agent VIDAZA® using a primary endpoint of overall response rate.

In June 2014, the FDA granted us orphan drug designation for AG-221 for treatment of patients with AML, and in August 2014, we announced that the FDA granted fast track designation to AG-221 for treatment of patients with AML that harbor an IDH2 mutation. In April 2016, we and Celgene received European Medicines Agency, or EMA, Orphan Drug Designation for AG-221 for the treatment of AML.

Celgene maintains worldwide development and commercial rights to AG-221 and Celgene will fund the future development and commercialization costs related to this program.

#### AG-120: lead IDH1 program

AG-120 is an orally available, selective, potent inhibitor of the mutated IDH1 protein, making it a highly targeted therapeutic candidate for the treatment of patients with cancers that harbor IDH1 mutations. Mutations in IDH1 have been identified in difficult to treat hematologic and solid tumor cancers, including AML, chondrosarcoma and cholangiocarcinoma where both the treatment options and prognosis for patients are poor. In May 2016, Celgene transferred its rights to AG-120 outside of the United States to us and we are now responsible for global development of the compound. On September 7, 2016, in connection with Celgene s announcement of plans to submit a NDA for AG-221 in relapsed and/or refractory AML by the end of 2016, we announced that we plan to explore a similar regulatory path for AG-120, which could lead to an NDA submission for AG-120 in the U.S. in 2017. We plan to provide a regulatory update on AG-120 by the end of 2016.

In March 2014, we initiated two phase 1, multicenter, open-label, dose-escalation and expansion clinical trials for AG-120, one designed to assess the safety, clinical activity and tolerability of AG-120 as a single agent in patients with advanced hematologic malignancies and the second designed to evaluate the safety, clinical activity and tolerability of AG-120 in patients with advanced solid tumors. Both trials are only enrolling patients that carry an IDH1 mutation. On May 18, 2015, we announced that the FDA granted fast track designation to AG-120 for treatment of patients with AML that harbor an IDH1 mutation. On June 10, 2015, the FDA granted us orphan drug designation

for AG-120 for treatment of patients with AML.

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Four expansion cohorts have been added to the ongoing phase 1 clinical trial of AG-120 in patients with advanced hematologic malignancies. These four expansion cohorts will evaluate AG-120 in 200 patients with IDH1 mutant-positive advanced hematologic malignancies. The first cohort will evaluate a more homogenous population of 125 AML patients who are in second or later relapse, are refractory to second-line induction or reinduction treatment, or have relapsed after allogeneic transplantation. The second cohort will evaluate 25 untreated AML patients. The third cohort will evaluate 25 patients with other non-AML IDH1 mutant-positive relapsed or refractory advanced hematologic malignancies. The fourth cohort will evaluate patients with relapsed IDH1 mutant-positive AML not eligible for the first arm or standard of care chemotherapy. AG-120 is administered at a 500 mg once daily oral dose, in 28-day cycles. The trial s primary objectives are to confirm the safety and clinical activity of AG-120.

In November 2015, we reported clinical data from the dose-escalation portion of our ongoing phase 1 clinical trial evaluating AG-120 in patients with IDH1 mutant-positive advanced solid tumors, including glioma, intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma, or IHCC, and chondrosarcomas who received AG-120 administered from 200 mg to 1200 mg total daily doses. The data were presented at the AACR-NCI-EORTC International Conference on Molecular Targets and Cancer Therapeutics in Boston. As of the September 3, 2015 data cut-off, 62 patients had been treated with single agent AG-120, of which 55 were response-evaluable. Seven of the 11 response-evaluable patients with IDH1 mutant-positive chondrosarcoma had stable disease, with five of these patients maintaining stable disease for six months or more. One of the 20 patients with IDH1 mutant-positive IHCC had a partial response and 11 patients had stable disease, with six such patients maintaining stable disease for six months or more. Ten of the 20 patients with IDH1 mutant-positive glioma had stable disease, with four of these patients maintaining stable disease for six months or more. One of the four patients with other IDH1 mutant-positive solid tumors had stable disease. Treatment with AG-120 showed substantial reduction of 2HG in plasma and tumor tissue, and imaging results suggest that AG-120 can lower 2HG levels in the brain. AG-120 was well tolerated, with the majority of AEs reported by investigators being mild to moderate. The most common investigator-reported AEs were nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, anemia and QT prolongation. The majority of reported SAEs were disease related. A MTD has not been reached. We are currently enrolling four expansion cohorts of 25 patients each in (i) low grade glioma with at least six months of prior scans to assess volumetric changes, (ii) second-line cholangiocarcinoma, (iii) high grade, or metastatic, chondrosarcoma, and (iv) other solid tumors with an IDH1 mutation, who will receive the recommended dose of 500 mg of AG-120 once daily.

In December 2015, we reported data, as of October 1, 2015, from the ongoing phase 1 clinical trial evaluating single agent AG-120, which included 87 enrolled patients with IDH1 mutant-positive advanced hematologic malignancies, of which 78 were from the dose-escalation phase and nine were from the expansion phase. The data were presented at the 2015 ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition in Orlando, Florida and showed investigator-assessed objective responses in 27 out of 78 response-evaluable patients on AG-120. Of the 27 patients who achieved an objective response, there were 12 CRs, seven CRps, six mCRs, one CRi and one PR. Patients were on the trial treatment for up to 14.1 months, with a median duration of treatment of 2.9 months, ranging from 0.1 to 14.1 months. Data continued to show durable clinical activity for AG-120, with responses maintained for up to 12.5 months and a median duration of response of 5.6 months. AG-120 continued to show favorable drug exposure and pharmacokinetics at all doses tested and also substantially reduced plasma levels of 2HG to the level observed in healthy volunteers. The mechanism of response is consistent with differentiation, as evidenced by the maturation of the leukemic cells into infection fighting white blood cells, or neutrophils. The majority of AEs reported by investigators were mild to moderate, with the most common being fatigue, diarrhea, pyrexia and nausea. A MTD has not been reached, and dose escalation is now complete. As described above, in December 2015, we announced the initiation of a phase 1b, multicenter, international, open-label clinical trial of AG-221 or AG-120 in combination with induction and consolidation therapy in patients with newly diagnosed AML with an IDH mutation who are eligible for intensive chemotherapy.

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In March 2016, Celgene, in collaboration with us, initiated a phase 1/2 frontline combination clinical trial, to be conducted by Celgene, of either AG-221 or AG-120 in combination with VIDAZA® (azacitidine) in newly diagnosed AML patients not eligible for intensive chemotherapy, with a phase 1 component to determine the safety of the combinations, followed by a phase 2 randomized component evaluating the safety and clinical activity of each investigational combination versus single-agent VIDAZA® using a primary endpoint of overall response rate.

We intend to initiate a global registration-enabling phase 3 clinical trial in frontline AML patients who harbor an IDH1 mutation in the first half of 2017. In addition, we intend to initiate a randomized phase 2 clinical trial of AG-120 in patients with IDH1 mutant-positive cholangiocarcinoma in the second half of 2016.

We have worldwide development and commercial rights to AG-120 and expect to fund future development and commercialization costs related to this program.

AG-881: pan-IDH program

AG-881 is an orally available, selective, brain-penetrant, pan-IDH mutant inhibitor, which provides added flexibility to our current portfolio of IDH mutant inhibitors. We and Celgene are jointly collaborating on a worldwide development program, wherein we share worldwide development costs and profits and Celgene would book any worldwide commercial sales. We will lead commercialization in the United States with both companies sharing equally in field-based commercial activities, and Celgene will lead commercialization outside of the United States with us providing one third of field-based commercial activities in the major EU markets.

We are conducting phase 1 multi-center, open-label clinical trials of AG-881, one in patients with advanced IDH1 or IDH2 mutant-positive solid tumors, including glioma, and the other in patients with advanced IDH1 or IDH2 mutant-positive hematologic malignancies whose cancer has progressed on a prior IDH inhibitor therapy. The goal of these trials is to evaluate the safety, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and clinical activity of AG-881 in advanced solid tumors and hematologic malignancies, respectively. In each trial, AG-881 will be administered continuously as a single agent dosed orally in a 28-day cycle. The first portion of each trial includes a dose-escalation phase in which cohorts of patients will receive ascending oral doses of AG-881 to determine the maximum tolerated dose and/or the recommended phase 2 dose based on safety and tolerability. The second portion of each trial is a dose expansion phase where patients will receive AG-881 to further evaluate the safety, tolerability and clinical activity of the recommended phase 2 dose.

### Rare Genetic Disease Portfolio- Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency

PK deficiency, a rare genetic disorder, manifests as mild to severe forms of anemia caused by excessive premature destruction of red blood cells. PKR is the isoform of pyruvate kinase that is present in red blood cells. The inherited mutations in PKR enzymes cause a deficit in cellular energy within the red blood cell, as evidenced by a build-up of the metabolite 2,3-DPG (2,3-diphosphoglycerate) and a decline in the energy metabolite ATP (adenosine triphosphate). The current standard of care for PK deficiency is supportive, including blood transfusions, splenectomy, chelation therapy to address iron overload and/or interventions for other treatment- and disease-related morbidities. There is no approved therapy to treat the underlying cause of PK deficiency.

PK deficiency is an autosomal recessive disease whereby all patients inherit two mutations, one from each parent. More than 250 different mutations have been identified to date. The mutations observed in PK deficiency patients are classified in two main categories. A missense mutation causes a single amino acid change in the protein, generally resulting in some functional protein. A non-missense mutation is any mutation other than a missense mutation, generally resulting in little functional protein. It is estimated that 53 percent of patients with PK deficiency have two

missense mutations, 25 percent have one missense and one non-missense mutation, and 22 percent have two non-missense mutations.

Boston Children s Hospital, in collaboration with us, is conducting a Natural History Study to better understand the symptoms and complications of PK deficiency, identify patients and treatment centers, and capture other clinical data, including quality of life measures and genetic information. We believe our lead product candidates have the potential to address up to a minimum of approximately 80% of patients who harbor at least one missense mutation. In addition, some of our compounds have demonstrated efficacy in patients with non-missense mutations preclinically, albeit to a lesser extent. We expect to select either AG-348 or AG-519 for pivotal development by the end of 2016.

AG-348: lead pyruvate kinase (PK) deficiency program

AG-348 is an orally available small molecule and a potent activator of the wild-type (normal) and mutated PKR enzyme, which has resulted in restoration of ATP levels and a decrease in 2,3-DPG levels in blood sampled from patients with PK deficiency in nonclinical studies. The wild-type PKR activity of AG-348 allowed the study of enzyme activation in healthy volunteers, providing an opportunity to understand the safety, dosing and pharmacodynamic activity of AG-348 prior to entering a proof-of-concept study in patients. On March 24, 2015, the FDA granted us orphan drug designation for AG-348 for treatment of patients with PK deficiency.

In June 2015, we initiated DRIVE PK, a global phase 2, first-in-patient, open-label safety and efficacy clinical trial of AG-348 in adult, transfusion-independent patients with PK deficiency. The multi-center, randomized trial includes two arms with 25 patients each. The patients in the first arm receive 50 mg twice daily, and the patients in the second arm receive 300 mg twice daily. The trial includes a six-month dosing period with the opportunity for continued treatment beyond six months based on safety and clinical activity.

In June 2016, we reported the first clinical data from DRIVE PK at EHA in Copenhagen, Denmark. These data established proof of concept for AG-348 as a novel, first-in-class, oral activator of both wild-type and mutated PKR enzymes. Results presented were as of the March 27, 2016 data cut-off and were from 18 transfusion independent patients treated with twice-daily dosing for up to six months. The data showed that AG-348 was well tolerated, and no patients discontinued treatment early. The majority of adverse events, or AEs, were mild to moderate and transient. One patient received a dose reduction due to rapidly increasing hemoglobin. This patient was dose-reduced from 300 mg to 50 mg and remained on study. One Grade 2 AE of osteoporosis was reported after the cut-off date. This patient had osteopenia at baseline assessment. Sex steroids were assessed at baseline, week 12 and week 24. Free testosterone and estradiol were available for four and five male patients, respectively. An upward trend in free testosterone and a downward trend in estradiol were observed in these patients. Due to the small number of female patients with hormone data, only data from male patients were reported. Additional data and longer follow up are needed to determine if hormonal changes are clinically significant. In the study, nine of 18 patients, including nine of 13 patients with at least one missense mutation, demonstrated robust, rapid and sustained increases in hemoglobin as evidenced by an increase in hemoglobin of greater than 1.0 g/dL. Both doses of AG-348 demonstrated clinical activity, with four patients in the 50 mg group and five patients in the 300 mg group experiencing increases of greater than 1.0 g/dL. In patients who had hemoglobin increases of greater than 1.0 g/dL, the mean maximum hemoglobin increase was 3.4 g/dL (range 2.3 4.9 g/dL). The median time to a hemoglobin increase of greater than 1.0 g/dL was 1.9 weeks (range 1.1 9.1 weeks). None of the five patients with two non-missense mutations showed increases in hemoglobin of greater than 1.0 g/dL. Further data are needed to obtain a greater understanding of the relationship between genotype and response. Additionally, pharmacokinetics was favorable and consistent with those observed in healthy volunteers. Pharmacodynamics data did not demonstrate a correlation with hemoglobin increases and ATP elevation. More data are needed to clarify if any correlation exists between 2,3-DPG decreases and Hb increases of greater than 1.0 g/dL. Enrollment for this trial is ongoing.

We have worldwide development and commercial rights to AG-348 and expect to fund the future development and commercialization costs related to this program.

AG-519: a second novel PKR activator

AG-519 is an orally available small molecule and our second product candidate that is a potent activator of the PKR enzyme, with comparable biochemical, cellular and in-vivo activity to AG-348. We initiated a placebo-controlled phase 1 clinical trial of AG-519 in healthy volunteers in the first quarter of 2016. This trial is an integrated single ascending dose, or SAD, and multiple ascending dose, or MAD, trial.

In June 2016, we reported the first clinical data from this trial at EHA in Copenhagen. These results provided proof-of-mechanism for AG-519, a potent, oral, selective PKR activator. In the SAD portion of the trial, four cohorts with doses of AG-519 ranging from 50 mg to 1250 mg were tested against placebo in 32 healthy volunteers and demonstrated a favorable safety profile in all doses tested. There were no SAEs reported, and all AEs were mild to moderate, with the most common being headache. In addition, there were no early discontinuations due to AG-519 and the maximum tolerated dose was not reached. Mean decreases in blood 2,3-DPG levels, up to 43 percent from baseline were observed in the SAD cohorts, reaching minimum levels after 24 hours. As expected, ATP levels did not change after a single dose of AG-519, consistent with phase 1 SAD findings from AG-348. Healthy volunteers receiving placebo showed no changes in 2,3-DPG or ATP levels. In the MAD portion of the trial, the first two cohorts reported data from 16 healthy volunteers dosed twice daily with 125 mg or 375 mg of AG-519 or placebo for 14 days. There were no SAEs reported, with all AEs being mild to moderate, and the most common being headache. One subject receiving AG-519 at the 375 mg dose experienced a low blood platelet count (Grade 2 thrombocytopenia) on Day 14. Platelet levels started to recover within five days of the last dose and returned to normal levels seven days after the last dose. Since the EHA data presentation, 18 additional healthy volunteers have been dosed with AG-519 for 14 days, and there have been no additional reported cases of low blood platelet count (thrombocytopenia). Pharmacodynamic data from these MAD cohorts showed a mean decrease of up to 47 percent in blood 2,3-DPG levels and a mean increase of up to 62 percent in blood ATP levels from baseline. In contrast, healthy volunteers receiving placebo showed no changes in 2,3-DPG or ATP levels. Subjects treated with AG-519 exhibited no significant changes in sex steroids levels, consistent with a lack of aromatase enzyme inhibition. Enrollment into additional MAD cohorts is ongoing.

We have worldwide development and commercial rights to AG-519 and expect to fund the future development and commercialization costs related to this program.

#### **Collaborations with Celgene**

In April 2010, we entered into a discovery and development collaboration and license agreement, or the 2010 Agreement, with Celgene, focused on targeting cancer metabolism. The goal of the collaboration under the 2010 Agreement is to discover, develop and commercialize disease-altering therapies in oncology arising out of our cancer metabolism research platform that have achieved development candidate status. The discovery phase of the collaboration under the 2010 Agreement expired in April 2016. Under the terms of the 2010 Agreement, we led research, preclinical and early development efforts through phase 1, while Celgene received an option to obtain exclusive rights either upon Investigational New Drug application, or IND, acceptance or at the end of phase 1 to further develop and commercialize medicines emerging from our cancer metabolism research. Celgene leads and funds global development and commercialization of development candidates for which it exercised its option to obtain a co-commercialization license, and we retained development and commercialization rights in the United States for development candidates for which we exercised our option to retain a split license. On all programs under the 2010 Agreement for which Celgene exercised its option, we are eligible to receive up to \$120 million in milestone-based payments as well as royalties on any sales.

We nominated AG-221 and AG-120 during the discovery phase of the collaboration under the 2010 Agreement. In June 2014, Celgene exercised its exclusive option to license worldwide development and commercialization

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rights for AG-221. In addition to contributing our scientific and translational expertise, we continued to conduct certain clinical development and regulatory activities within the AG-221 development program while transitioning responsibilities to Celgene, which leads later development activities. In the first quarter of 2015, Celgene exercised its exclusive option to license development and commercialization rights to AG-120 outside the United States. Following Celgene s exercise of this option, we retained development and commercialization rights for AG-120 in the United States. In May 2016, Celgene transferred its rights to AG-120 outside the United States to us and we are now wholly responsible for global development of AG-120.

During April 2015, we selected a third novel IDH mutant inhibitor, AG-881, for clinical development. On April 27, 2015, we entered into a joint worldwide development and profit share collaboration and license agreement with Celgene, and our wholly owned subsidiary, Agios International Sarl, which was organized in Switzerland in April 2015, entered into a collaboration and license agreement with Celgene International II Sarl. We refer to these agreements collectively as the AG-881 agreements. The AG-881 agreements establish a worldwide collaboration focused on the development and commercialization of AG-881 products. Under the terms of the AG-881 agreements, we received initial upfront payments totaling \$10 million in May 2015 and are eligible to receive up to \$70 million in milestone-based payments. We and Celgene will equally split all worldwide development costs, subject to specified exceptions, as well as any profits from any net sales of, or commercialization losses related to, licensed AG-881 products.

In May 2016, at the same time that we and Celgene amended the 2010 agreement, we entered into a new global research and collaboration agreement with Celgene and Celgene RIVOT Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Celgene, which we refer to as the 2016 agreement, focused on metabolic immuno-oncology, an emerging field of cancer research focused on altering the metabolic state of immune cells to enhance the body s immune response to cancer. The initial four-year research term of the 2016 agreement will expire on May 17, 2020. Celgene may extend the research term for up to two, or in specified cases, up to four, additional one-year terms by paying us a \$40 million per-year extension fee. During the research term of the 2016 agreement, we plan to conduct research programs focused on discovering compounds that are active against metabolic targets in the immuno-oncology, or IO, field.

We have granted Celgene the right to obtain exclusive options to development and commercialization rights for each program that Celgene has designated for further development, under the 2016 agreement. Research programs that have applications in the inflammation and autoimmune, or I&I, field that may result from the 2016 agreement will also be subject to the exclusive options described above. We will retain rights to any program that Celgene does not designate for further development or as to which Celgene does not exercise its option.

Under the terms of the 2016 agreement, Celgene made an initial \$200 million upfront payment to us for the initial four-year research term. Celgene will pay us an \$8 million designation fee for each program that Celgene designates for further development. For each program as to which Celgene exercises its option to develop and commercialize, subject to antitrust clearance, Celgene will pay us an option exercise fee of at least \$30 million. In certain cases, Celgene may exercise its option to develop and commercialize two early-stage I&I programs, prior to Celgene designating the program for further development, by paying us an option exercise fee of \$10 million.

We and Celgene will split all worldwide development costs, subject to specified exceptions, as well as any profits from any net sales of, or commercialization losses related to, licensed products in the IO field. Celgene has the option to designate one program in the IO field as the 65/35 program, for which Celgene will be the lead party for the United States and will have a 65% profit or loss share. For programs in the IO field other than the 65/35 program, we and Celgene will alternate, on a program-by-program basis, being the lead party for the United States, with Agios having the right to be the lead party for the first such program where each party will have a 50% profit or loss share. We are eligible to receive up to \$169 million in milestone payments for each

50/50 program and up to \$209 million for the 65/35 program. Celgene will be responsible for all worldwide development costs, subject to specified exceptions, as well as worldwide commercialization costs, for licensed products in the I&I field. We are eligible to receive royalties at tiered, double-digit percentage rates on Celgene s net sales, if any, of applicable licensed products in the I&I field and up to \$386 million in milestone payments for each such program.

In addition to new programs identified under the 2016 agreement, we and Celgene have also agreed that all future development and commercialization of two cancer metabolism programs that were conducted under the 2010 agreement will now be governed by the 2016 agreement. One of these cancer metabolism programs is focused on MTAP deleted cancers. MTAP (methylthioadenosine phosphorylase) is a metabolic enzyme that is deleted in approximately 15 percent of all cancers. This deletion is readily detected by a simple genomic test, thus allowing the selection of patients predicted to be sensitive to the therapy. Agios scientists have discovered a novel pathway comprised of multiple targets with a shared vulnerability in MTAP-deleted tumors and have demonstrated that this pathway can be modulated by small molecule inhibitors, resulting in robust anti-tumor activity in animal models.

Subsequent to the execution of the 2016 agreement, Celgene and we agreed to terminate the 2010 agreement, effective as of August 15, 2016, as to the program directed to the IDH1 target, for which AG-120 is the lead development candidate. Under the 2010 agreement, Celgene had held development and commercialization rights to the IDH1 program outside of the United States, and we held such rights inside the United States. As a result of the termination, we obtained global rights to AG-120 and the IDH1 program. Neither party will have any financial obligation, including royalties or milestone payments, to the other concerning AG-120 or the IDH1 program after final reconciliation of specified shared development costs. Under the terms of the termination, the parties are released from their exclusivity obligations under the 2010 agreement with respect to the IDH1 program. The AG-120 termination does not alter our global collaboration with Celgene pursuant to the AG-881 agreements concerning AG-881, which is directed at both the IDH1 target and the IDH2 target.

#### **Our strategy**

We aim to build a multi-product company, based on our expertise in cellular metabolism, that discovers, develops and commercializes first- and best-in-class medicines to treat cancer and RGDs. Key elements of our strategy include:

Aggressively pursuing the development of novel medicines to transform the lives of patients with cancer and RGDs.

Maintaining our competitive advantage and focus in the field of cellular metabolism.

Collaborating closely with the FDA and other regulatory bodies to aggressively pursue early registration potential for our product candidates, for example by exploring a similar regulatory path for AG-120 as Celgene is for AG-221.

Continuing to build a product engine for cancer and RGDs to generate novel and important medicines.

Building a preeminent independent biopharmaceutical company by engaging in discovery, development and commercialization of our medicines.

Maintaining a commitment to precision medicine in drug development.

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#### Our guiding principles

We aim to build a long-term company with a disciplined focus on developing medicines that transform the lives of patients with cancer and RGDs. We maintain a culture of high integrity that embraces the following guiding principles, which we believe will provide long-term benefits for all our stakeholders:

Follow the science and do what is right for patients.

Maintain a culture of incisive decision-making driven by deep scientific interrogation and respectful irreverence.

Foster collaborative spirit that includes all employees regardless of function or level.

Leverage deep strategic relationships with our academic and commercial partners to improve the quality of our discovery and development efforts.

#### Risks associated with our business

Our business is subject to a number of risks of which you should be aware before making an investment decision. These risks are discussed more fully in the Risk factors section of this prospectus supplement immediately following this prospectus supplement summary. These risks include the following:

We have incurred significant losses since inception. We expect to incur losses for the foreseeable future and may never achieve or maintain profitability. As of June 30, 2016, we had an accumulated deficit of \$363.8 million.

We will need substantial additional funding. If we are unable to raise capital when needed, we would be forced to delay, reduce or eliminate our product development programs or commercialization efforts.

Our short operating history may make it difficult for you to evaluate the success of our business to date and to assess our future viability.

Our approach to the discovery and development of product candidates that target cellular metabolism and may not result in compounds that are useful in treating cancer or RGDs, and we do not know whether we will be able to develop any medicines of commercial value.

If clinical trials of our product candidates fail to demonstrate safety and efficacy to the satisfaction of regulatory authorities or do not otherwise produce positive results, we may incur additional costs or

experience delays in completing, or ultimately be unable to complete, the development and commercialization of our product candidates.

We depend on our collaborations with Celgene and may depend on collaborations with additional third parties for the development and commercialization of our product candidates. If those collaborations are not successful, we may not be able to capitalize on the market potential of these product candidates.

If we are unable to obtain and maintain patent or trade secret protection for our medicines and technology, or if the scope of the patent protection obtained is not sufficiently broad, our competitors could develop and commercialize medicines and technology similar or identical to ours, and our ability to successfully commercialize our medicines and technology may be adversely affected. We currently own issued patents for two of our lead product candidates, AG-348 and AG-519, in the United States, and do not own or license any issued patents for any of our other lead product candidates. If we do not, or are unable to, obtain or maintain any issued patents for any of our lead product candidates, it could have a material adverse effect on our competitive position, business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects.

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If we or our collaborators are not able to obtain, or if there are delays in obtaining, required regulatory approvals, we or they will not be able to commercialize, or will be delayed in commercializing, our product candidates, and our ability to generate revenue will be materially impaired.

### Our corporate information

We were incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in August 2007. Our executive offices are located at 88 Sidney Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139, and our telephone number is (617) 649-8600. Our website address is www.agios.com. The information contained in, or accessible through, our website does not constitute part of this prospectus supplement. We have included our website address in this prospectus supplement solely as an inactive textual reference.

As used in this prospectus supplement, unless the context otherwise requires, references to Agios, we, us, our and similar references refer to Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and, where appropriate, our consolidated subsidiary. The trademarks, trade names and service marks appearing in this prospectus supplement are the property of their respective owners.

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### The offering

Common stock offered 3,370,786 shares

Common stock to be outstanding after this

offering

41,400,296 shares

Option to purchase additional shares

The underwriters have an option for a period of 30 days to purchase up to

505,617 additional shares of our common stock.

Use of proceeds We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for working capital

and general corporate purposes, including ongoing late stage development and pre-commercial activities for both AG-120 and AG-221, advancement of our PK deficiency program, and development of our early candidate programs. See Use of proceeds for more

information.

Risk factors See Risk factors beginning on page S-15 and the other information

included in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of certain factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in shares of our

common stock.

The NASDAQ Global Select Market symbol AGIO

The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after this offering is based on 38,029,510 shares of our common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2016.

The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after this offering excludes:

5,383,189 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of stock options outstanding as of June 30, 2016 at a weighted-average exercise price of \$45.85 per share;

66,300 shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of restricted stock units outstanding as of June 30, 2016;

115,270 shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of performance-based stock units outstanding as of June 30, 2016;

981,516 shares of common stock reserved as of June 30, 2016 for future issuance under our equity incentive plans; and

297,795 shares of common stock reserved as of June 30, 2016 for future issuance under our 2013 employee stock purchase plan.

Unless otherwise indicated, this prospectus supplement reflects and assumes the following:

no exercise of the outstanding options described above; and

no exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase additional shares.

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#### Summary consolidated financial data

The following table summarizes our consolidated financial data. We have derived the following summary of our consolidated statement of operations data for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and the consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2016 from our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2016. We derived the consolidated statement of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 from our audited consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. You should read this data together with our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes and the information under the captions Selected Consolidated Financial Data and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, which are included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and our unaudited Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. For more details on how you can obtain the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, see Where you can find more information and Incorporation of documents by reference appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of future results.

(in thousands, arount shows and non	-	onths ended 2 30, 2016		Year Ended December 31 2015 2014		31,	2013	
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)								
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Consolidated statement of operations data:								
Collaboration Revenue related party	\$	38,259	\$	59,119	\$	65,358	\$	25,548
Operating expenses:	Ф	36,239	φ	39,119	Ф	05,556	Þ	23,340
Research and development		94,842		141,827		100,371		54,502
General and administrative		23,481				19,120		9,929
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Total operating expenses		118,323		177,819		119,491		64,431
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Loss from operations		(80,064)		(118,700)		(54,133)		(38,883)
Interest income		913		968		203		55
Loss before provision (benefit) for								
income taxes		(79,151)		(117,732)		(53,930)		(38,828)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes						(426)		579
Net loss		(79,151)		(117,732)		(53,504)		(39,407)
Cumulative preferred stock dividends								(4,162)
Net loss applicable to common								
stockholders	\$	(79,151)	\$	(117,732)	\$	(53,504)	\$	(43,569)
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Net loss per share applicable to								
common stockholders basic and diluted	\$	(2.09)	\$	(3.15)	\$	(1.59)	\$	(2.83)
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Weighted-average number of common				
shares used in net loss per share				
applicable to common				
stockholders basic and diluted	37,910,233	37,429,262	33,667,024	15,415,373

	<b>As of June 30, 2016</b>		
		As	
(in thousands)	Actual	Adjusted(1)	
Condensed consolidated balance sheet data:			
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 512,295	\$ 653,295	
Total assets	557,601	698,601	
Total liabilities	268,523	268,523	
Common stock	38	41	
Additional paid-in capital	652,574	793,571	
Accumulated deficit	(363,831)	(363,831)	
Total stockholders equity	289,078	430,078	

(1) The as adjusted condensed consolidated balance sheet data gives effect to the issuance and sale of shares of our common stock in this offering at the public offering price of \$44.50 per share, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

#### **Risk factors**

An investment in our common stock involves risks. You should carefully consider the following risk factors, as well as the risk factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2016, together with all of the other information included in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in evaluating an investment in our common stock. If any of the following risks were to occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected. In that case, the trading price of our common stock could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment.

# Risks related to our common stock and this offering

Following this offering, our executive officers, directors and principal stockholders will continue to own a significant percentage of our stock and will be able to control matters submitted to stockholders for approval.

Upon completion of this offering, our executive officers, directors and a small number of our stockholders will continue to own more than a majority of our outstanding common stock. As a result, if these stockholders were to choose to act together, they would be able to significantly influence all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval, as well as our management and affairs. For example, these persons, if they choose to act together, would significantly influence the election of directors and approval of any merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets. This concentration of voting power could delay or prevent an acquisition of our company on terms that you may desire.

#### If you purchase shares of common stock in this offering, you will suffer immediate dilution of your investment.

The public offering price of our common stock is substantially higher than the net tangible book value per share of our common stock. Therefore, if you purchase shares of our common stock in this offering, you will pay a price per share that substantially exceeds our net tangible book value per share after giving effect to this offering. If you purchase common stock in this offering, you will incur an immediate and substantial dilution in net tangible book value of \$34.11 per share, after giving effect to the sale by us of shares in this offering at the public offering price of \$44.50 per share. In the past, we have issued options to acquire common stock at prices significantly below this offering price. To the extent these outstanding options are ultimately exercised, you will incur additional dilution.

### We have broad discretion in the use of the net proceeds from this offering and may not use them effectively.

Our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds from this offering and could spend the proceeds in ways that do not improve our results of operations or enhance the value of our common stock. The failure by our management to apply these funds effectively could result in financial losses, and these financial losses could have a material adverse effect on our business, cause the price of our common stock to decline and delay the development of our product candidates. Pending their use, we may invest the net proceeds from this offering in a manner that does not produce income or that loses value.

Because we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our capital stock in the foreseeable future, capital appreciation, if any, will be your sole source of gain.

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our capital stock. We currently intend to retain all of our future earnings, if any, to finance the growth and development of our business. In addition, the terms of any future debt agreements may preclude us from paying dividends. As a result, capital appreciation, if any, of our common stock will

be your sole source of gain for the foreseeable future.

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## Cautionary note regarding forward-looking statements

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein contain forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein, including statements regarding our strategy, future operations, future financial position, future revenue, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

The words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, may, plan, predict, project, target, should, continue and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. These forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements regarding:

the initiation, timing, progress and results of current and future preclinical studies and clinical trials, and our research and development programs;

the potential of IDH1/IDH2 and pyruvate kinase-R mutations as therapeutic targets;

the potential benefits of our product candidates targeting IDH1/IDH2 or pyruvate kinase-R mutations, including AG-120, AG-221, AG-881, AG-348 and AG-519;

our plans to develop and commercialize our product candidates;

our collaborations with Celgene Corporation;

our ability to establish and maintain additional collaborations or obtain additional funding;

the timing or likelihood of regulatory filings and approvals;

the implementation of our business model, strategic plans for our business, product candidates and technology;

our commercialization, marketing and manufacturing capabilities and strategy;

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the rate and degree of market acceptance and clinical utility of our products;
our competitive position;
our intellectual property position;
developments and projections relating to our competitors and our industry;
our expectations related to the use of proceeds from this offering; and

our estimates regarding expenses, future revenue, capital requirements and needs for additional financing. We may not actually achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements, and you should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Actual results or events could differ materially from the plans, intentions and expectations disclosed in the forward-looking statements we make. We have included important factors in the cautionary statements included in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein, particularly in the Risk factors section, that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from the forward-looking statements that we make. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures or investments that we may make.

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You should read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein, and the documents that we have filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement is a part, completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. We do not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

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# Use of proceeds

We estimate that the net proceeds from our issuance and sale of 3,370,786 shares of our common stock in this offering will be approximately \$141.0 million after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full, we estimate that our net proceeds will be approximately \$162.1 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for working capital and general corporate purposes, including ongoing late stage development and pre-commercial activities for both AG-120 and AG-221, advancement of our PK deficiency program, and development of our early candidate programs.

This expected use of net proceeds from this offering represents our intentions based upon our current plans and business conditions, which could change in the future as our plans and business conditions evolve. The amounts and timing of our actual expenditures may vary significantly depending on numerous factors, including the progress of our development, the status of and results from clinical trials, as well as any additional collaborations that we may enter into with third parties for our product candidates, and any unforeseen cash needs. As a result, our management will retain broad discretion over the allocation of the net proceeds from this offering.

We believe opportunities may exist from time to time to expand our current business through acquisitions or in-licenses of complementary companies, medicines or technologies. While we have no current agreements, commitments or understandings for any specific acquisitions or in-licenses at this time, we may use a portion of the net proceeds for these purposes.

Pending use of the proceeds as described above, we intend to invest the proceeds in a variety of capital preservation investments, including short-term, interest-bearing, investment-grade instruments, U.S. government securities and highly rated corporate debt securities.

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# Price range of common stock

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol AGIO. The following table sets forth the high and low sale prices per share of our common stock, as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market, for the periods indicated.

	High	Low
2014	, and the second	
First Quarter	\$ 49.79	\$21.70
Second Quarter	\$ 50.37	\$31.42
Third Quarter	\$ 69.50	\$33.01
Fourth Quarter	\$ 124.39	\$ 58.55
2015		
First quarter	\$ 138.85	\$88.03
Second quarter	\$ 126.35	\$ 90.58
Third quarter	\$ 120.96	\$ 67.52
Fourth quarter	\$ 81.77	\$48.00
2016		
First quarter	\$ 66.87	\$33.50
Second quarter	\$ 66.74	\$ 39.36
Third quarter (through September 14, 2016)	\$ 48.00	\$ 35.84

On September 14, 2016, the last reported sale price of our common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$45.26 per share. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we had approximately 21 holders of record of our common stock. The actual number of stockholders is greater than this number of record holders and includes stockholders who are beneficial owners but whose shares are held in street name by brokers and other nominees. This number of holders of record also does not include stockholders whose shares may be held in trust by other entities.

## **Dividend policy**

We have not declared or paid any cash dividends on our capital stock since our inception. We intend to retain future earnings, if any, to finance the operation and expansion of our business and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends to holders of common stock in the foreseeable future.

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# Capitalization

The following table sets forth our consolidated cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities and capitalization as of June 30, 2016, as follows:

on an actual basis; and

on an as adjusted basis to give effect to our issuance and sale of 3,370,786 shares of our common stock in this offering at the public offering price of \$44.50 per share, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

You should read the following table together with Description of capital stock appearing in the accompanying prospectus, and our consolidated financial statements and related notes to those statements and the Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

	As of June 30, 2016			
(in thousands, except share and per share data)	A	ctual	As	Adjusted
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 5	12,295	\$	653,295
Preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share; 25,000,000 shares authorized, no shares				
issued or outstanding, actual and as adjusted	\$		\$	
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share; 125,000,000 shares authorized, actual and				
as adjusted, 38,029,510 shares issued and outstanding, actual; 41,400,296 shares issued				
and outstanding, as adjusted	\$	38	\$	41
Additional paid-in capital	\$ 6	52,574	\$	793,571
Accumulated other comprehensive income	\$	297	\$	297
Accumulated deficit	\$ (3	63,831)	\$	(363,831)
Total stockholders equity	\$ 2	89,078	\$	430,078
Total capitalization	\$ 2	89,078	\$	430,078
The table above does not include:				

5,383,189 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of stock options outstanding as of June 30, 2016, at a weighted-average exercise price of \$45.85 per share;

66,300 shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of restricted stock units outstanding as of June 30, 2016;

115,270 shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of performance-based stock units outstanding as of June 30, 2016;

981,516 shares of common stock reserved as of June 30, 2016, for future issuance under our stock incentive plans; and

297,795 shares of common stock reserved as of June 30, 2016 for future issuance under our 2013 employee stock purchase plan.

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## **Dilution**

As of June 30, 2016, our net tangible book value was approximately \$289.1 million, or approximately \$7.60 per share. Net tangible book value per share represents the amount of our total tangible assets less total liabilities divided by the 38,029,510 shares of our common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2016. After giving effect to our sale of the shares of common stock in this offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses, the net tangible book value as of June 30, 2016 would have been approximately \$430.1 million, or approximately \$10.39 per share. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of \$2.79 per share to existing stockholders and an immediate dilution in net tangible book value of \$34.11 per share to new investors purchasing shares of common stock at the public offering price.

The following table illustrates this dilution on a per share basis:

Public offering price per share		\$44.50
Net tangible book value per share as of June 30, 2016	\$ 7.60	
Increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to new investors	\$ 2.79	
Net tangible book value per share as of June 30, 2016 after giving effect to this offering		\$ 10.39
Dilution in net tangible book value per share to new investors		\$ 34.11
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As of June 30, 2016, there were:

5,383,189 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of stock options outstanding at a weighted-average exercise price of \$45.85 per share;

66,300 shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of restricted stock units outstanding;

115,270 shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of performance-based stock units outstanding;

981,516 shares of common stock reserved for future issuance under our stock incentive plans; and

297,795 shares of common stock reserved for future issuance under our 2013 employee stock purchase plan. To the extent that any of these shares are issued upon exercise of stock options or vesting of restricted stock units or performance-based stock units, there may be further dilution to new public investors.

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## Material U.S. tax considerations for non-U.S. holders of common stock

The following is a discussion of material U.S. federal income and estate tax considerations relating to the ownership and disposition of our common stock by a non-U.S. holder. For purposes of this discussion, the term non-U.S. holder means a beneficial owner (other than a partnership or other pass-through entity) of our common stock that is not, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

an individual who is a citizen or 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;

an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust, if a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or if the trust has a valid election to be treated as a U.S. person under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations.

This discussion is based on current provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code, existing and proposed U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, current administrative rulings and judicial decisions, all as in effect as of the date of this prospectus supplement and all of which are subject to change or to differing interpretation, possibly with retroactive effect. Any change or differing interpretation could alter the tax consequences to non-U.S. holders described in this prospectus supplement. In addition, the Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS, could challenge one or more of the tax consequences described in this prospectus supplement.

We assume in this discussion that each non-U.S. holder holds shares of our common stock as a capital asset (generally, property held for investment). This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income and estate taxation that may be relevant to a particular non-U.S. holder in light of that non-U.S. holder s individual circumstances nor does it address the alternative minimum tax, the Medicare tax on net investment income, or any aspects of U.S. state, local or non-U.S. taxes. This discussion also does not consider any specific facts or circumstances that may apply to a non-U.S. holder and does not address the special tax rules applicable to particular non-U.S. holders, such as:

insurance companies;
tax-exempt organizations;
financial institutions;

brokers or dealers in securities;
regulated investment companies;
pension plans;
controlled foreign corporations;
passive foreign investment companies;
owners that hold our common stock as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction, synthetic security or other integrated investment; and

certain U.S. expatriates.

In addition, this discussion does not address the tax treatment of partnerships or other entities that are pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes or persons who hold their common stock through partnerships or other pass-through entities. A partner in a partnership or other pass-through entity that will hold our common stock should consult his, her or its own tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our common stock through a partnership or other pass-through entity, as applicable.

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Prospective non-U.S. holders of our common stock should consult their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal, state, local and non-U.S. income and other tax considerations of acquiring, holding and disposing of our common stock.

### Distributions on our common stock

As discussed under Dividend policy above, we do not expect to make cash dividends to holders of our common stock in the foreseeable future. If we pay distributions on our common stock, those distributions generally will constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. If a distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess will be treated as a tax-free return of the non-U.S. holder s investment, up to such holder s tax basis in the common stock. Any remaining excess will be treated as capital gain, subject to the tax treatment described below under the heading Gain on disposition of common stock. Any distributions will also be subject to the discussions below under the headings Information reporting and backup withholding and FATCA.

Dividends paid to a non-U.S. holder generally will be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty between the United States and such holder s country of residence.

Dividends that are treated as effectively connected with a trade or business conducted by a non-U.S. holder within the United States, and, if an applicable income tax treaty so provides, that are attributable to a permanent establishment or a fixed base maintained by the non-U.S. holder within the United States, are generally exempt from the 30% withholding tax if the non-U.S. holder satisfies applicable certification and disclosure requirements (generally including provision of a valid IRS Form W-8ECI (or applicable successor form) certifying that the dividends are effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder s conduct of a trade or business within the United States). However, such U.S. effectively connected income, net of specified deductions and credits, is taxed at the same graduated U.S. federal income tax rates applicable to U.S. persons (as defined in the Code). Any U.S. effectively connected income received by a non-U.S. holder that is classified as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes may also, under certain circumstances, be subject to an additional branch profits tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty between the United States and such holder s country of residence.

A non-U.S. holder of our common stock who claims the benefit of an applicable income tax treaty between the United States and such holder s country of residence generally will be required to provide a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or successor form) and satisfy applicable certification and other requirements. Non-U.S holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding their entitlement to benefits under a relevant income tax treaty and the specific methods available to them to satisfy these requirements.

A non-U.S. holder that is eligible for a reduced rate of U.S. withholding tax under an income tax treaty may obtain a refund or credit of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing an appropriate claim with the IRS.

# Gain on disposition of common stock

In general (subject to the discussion below under the headings Information reporting and backup withholding and FATCA ), a non-U.S. holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax on gain realized upon such holder s sale, exchange or other disposition of shares of our common stock unless:

the gain is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder s conduct of a trade or business in the United States, and if an applicable income tax treaty so provides, the gain is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States; in these cases, the non-U.S. holder will be taxed on a net income basis at the regular graduated rates and in the manner

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applicable to U.S. persons (as defined in the Code), and if the non-U.S. holder is a foreign corporation, the branch profits tax described above under the heading Distributions on our common stock also may apply;

the non-U.S. holder is a non-resident alien present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition and certain other requirements are met, in which case the non-U.S. holder will be subject to a 30% tax (or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on the net gain derived from the disposition, which may be offset by U.S.-source capital losses of the non-U.S. holder, if any; or

we are or have been, at any time during the five-year period preceding such disposition (or the non-U.S. holder s holding period, if shorter) a U.S. real property holding corporation unless our common stock is regularly traded on an established securities market and the non-U.S. holder held no more than 5% of our outstanding common stock, directly or indirectly, during the shorter of the 5-year period ending on the date of the disposition or the period that the non-U.S. holder held our common stock. Generally, a corporation is a U.S. real property holding corporation if the fair market value of its U.S. real property interests equals or exceeds 50% of the sum of the fair market value of its worldwide real property interests plus its other assets used or held for use in a trade or business. Although there can be no assurance, we believe that we are not currently, and we do not anticipate becoming, a U.S. real property holding corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. No assurance can be provided that our common stock will be regularly traded on an established securities market for purposes of the rule described above.

# Information reporting and backup withholding

The gross amount of the distributions on our common stock paid to each non-U.S. holder and the tax withheld, if any, with respect to such distributions must be reported annually to the IRS and to each non-U.S. holder. Non-U.S. holders generally will have to comply with specific certification procedures to establish that the holder is not a U.S. person (as defined in the Code) in order to avoid backup withholding at the applicable rate, currently 28%, with respect to dividends on our common stock. Generally, a non-U.S. holder will comply with such procedures if it provides a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or other applicable Form W-8) or otherwise meets documentary evidence requirements for establishing that it is a non-U.S. holder, or otherwise establishes an exemption. Dividends paid to non-U.S. holders subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax, as described above under the heading Distributions on our common stock, will generally be exempt from U.S. backup withholding.

Information reporting and backup withholding generally will apply to the proceeds of a disposition of our common stock by a non-U.S. holder effected by or through the U.S. office of any broker, U.S. or foreign, unless the holder certifies its status as a non-U.S. holder and satisfies certain other requirements, or otherwise establishes an exemption. Generally, information reporting and backup withholding will not apply to a payment of disposition proceeds to a non-U.S. holder where the transaction is effected outside the United States through a non-U.S. office of a broker. However, for information reporting purposes, dispositions effected through a non-U.S. office of a broker with substantial U.S. ownership or operations generally will be treated in a manner similar to dispositions effected through a U.S. office of a broker. Non-U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of the information reporting and backup withholding rules to them.

Copies of information returns may be made available to the tax authorities of the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides or is incorporated under the provisions of a specific treaty or agreement.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a non-U.S. holder can be refunded or credited against the non-U.S. holder s U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that an appropriate claim is timely filed with the IRS.

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## **FATCA**

Provisions of the Code commonly known as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, or FATCA, generally impose a U.S. federal withholding tax at a rate of 30% on payments of dividends on, or gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, our common stock paid to a foreign entity unless: (i) if the foreign entity is a foreign financial institution, the foreign entity undertakes certain due diligence, reporting, withholding, and certification obligations, (ii) if the foreign entity is not a foreign financial institution, the foreign entity identifies certain of its U.S. investors, if any, or (iii) the foreign entity is otherwise exempt under FATCA.

Withholding under FATCA generally (1) applies to payments of dividends on our common stock and (2) will apply to payments of gross proceeds from a sale or other disposition of our common stock made after December 31, 2018. Under certain circumstances, a non-U.S. holder may be eligible for refunds or credits of the tax. An intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country may modify the requirements described in this paragraph. Non-U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the possible implications of FATCA on their investment in our common stock and the entities through which they hold our common stock, including, without limitation, the process and deadlines for meeting the applicable requirements to prevent the imposition of the 30% withholding tax under FATCA.

## U.S. federal estate tax

Shares of our common stock that are owned or treated as owned by an individual who is a non-U.S. holder (as specially defined for U.S. federal estate tax purposes) at the time of death are considered U.S. *situs* assets and will be included in the individual s gross estate for U.S. federal estate tax purposes. Such shares, therefore, may be subject to U.S. federal estate tax, unless an applicable estate tax or other treaty provides otherwise.

The preceding discussion of material U.S. federal tax considerations is for information only. It is not legal or tax advice. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding the particular U.S. federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax consequences of purchasing, holding and disposing of our common stock, including the consequences of any proposed changes in applicable laws.

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# **Underwriting**

We are offering the shares of common stock described in this prospectus through a number of underwriters. J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Goldman, Sachs & Co. are acting as joint book-running managers of the offering and as representatives of the underwriters. We have entered into an underwriting agreement with the underwriters. Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each underwriter has severally agreed to purchase, at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts and commissions set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, the number of shares of common stock listed next to its name in the following table:

	Number of
Name	Shares
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	1,382,022
Goldman, Sachs & Co	1,280,899
Cowen and Company, LLC	707,865
Total	3,370,786

The underwriters are committed to purchase all the common shares offered by us if they purchase any shares. The underwriting agreement also provides that if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of non-defaulting underwriters may also be increased or the offering may be terminated.

The underwriters propose to offer the common shares directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus and to certain dealers at that price less a concession not in excess of \$1.062 per share. After the public offering of the shares, the offering price and other selling terms may be changed by the underwriters. Sales of shares made outside of the United States may be made by affiliates of the underwriters. The offering of the shares by the underwriters is subject to receipt and acceptance and is subject to the underwriters right to reject any order in whole or in part.

The underwriters have an option to buy up to 505,617 additional shares of common stock. The underwriters have 30 days from the date of this prospectus to exercise this option. If any shares are purchased with this option, the underwriters will purchase shares in approximately the same proportion as shown in the table above. If any additional shares of common stock are purchased, the underwriters will offer the additional shares on the same terms as those on which the shares are being offered.

The underwriting fee is equal to the public offering price per share of common stock less the amount paid by the underwriters to us per share of common stock. The underwriting fee is \$2.67 per share. The following table shows the per share and total public offering price, underwriting discounts and commissions to be paid to the underwriters and proceeds before expenses to us assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters—option to purchase additional shares.

	Per Share	No Exercise	<b>Full Exercise</b>
Public offering price	\$ 44.50	\$ 149,999,977	\$ 172,499,934
	\$ 2.67	\$ 8,999,999	\$ 10,349,996

Underwriting discounts and commissions to be paid by us

Proceeds, before expenses, to us \$ 41.83 \$140,999,978 \$162,149,937

We estimate that the total expenses of this offering, including registration, filing and listing fees, printing fees and legal and accounting expenses, but excluding the underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$375,000. The underwriters have agreed to reimburse us for certain expenses related to this offering. We have agreed to reimburse the underwriters \$30,000 for expenses related to any filing with, and the clearance of this offering by, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available on the web sites maintained by one or more underwriters, or selling group members, if any, participating in the offering. The underwriters may agree to

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allocate a number of shares to underwriters and selling group members for sale to their online brokerage account holders. Internet distributions will be allocated by the representatives to underwriters and selling group members that may make Internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations.

We have agreed that we will not (i) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, or file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the Securities Act, relating to, any shares of our common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any shares of our common stock, or publicly disclose the intention to make any offer, sale, pledge, disposition or filing, or (ii) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers all or a portion of the economic consequences associated with the ownership of any shares of our common stock or any such other securities (regardless of whether any of these transactions are to be settled by the delivery of shares of our common stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise), in each case without the prior written consent of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Goldman, Sachs & Co. for a period of 75 days after the date of this prospectus supplement, other than (A) the shares of our common stock to be sold hereunder, (B) any shares of our common stock issued upon the exercise of options granted under company stock plans or warrants described as outstanding in this prospectus, (C) any options and other awards granted under company stock plans, (D) our filing of a registration statement on Form S-8 or a successor form thereto relating to the shares of our common stock granted pursuant to or reserved for issuance under company stock plans and (E) shares of our common stock or other securities issued in connection with a transaction that includes a commercial relationship (including joint ventures, marketing or distribution arrangements, collaboration agreements or intellectual property license agreements) or any acquisition of assets or not less than a majority or controlling portion of the equity of another entity; provided that the aggregate number of shares of our common stock issued pursuant to clause (E) shall not exceed 5.0% of the total number of outstanding shares of our common stock immediately following the issuance and sale of the underwritten shares pursuant to the underwriting agreement; provided, further, the recipient of any such shares of our common stock and securities issued pursuant to clause (E) during the 75-day restricted period described above shall enter into an agreement substantially in the form described thereby.

Our directors and executive officers have entered into lock-up agreements with the underwriters prior to the commencement of this offering pursuant to which each of these persons or entities, for a period of 75 days after the date of this prospectus supplement, may not, without the prior written consent of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Goldman, Sachs & Co., (1) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of our common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our common stock (including, without limitation, common stock or such other securities which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by such directors and officers in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC and securities which may be issued upon exercise of a stock option or warrant), or publicly disclose the intention to make any offer, sale, pledge or disposition, (2) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of our common stock or such other securities, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of our common stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise or (3) make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to the registration of any shares of our common stock or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our common stock, in each case subject to certain exceptions, including (A) transfers of shares of our common stock or other securities as bona fide gifts, (B) transfers or dispositions of shares of our common stock or other securities to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the director or officer or the immediate family of such person in a transaction not involving a disposition for value, (C) transfers or dispositions of shares of our common stock or other securities to any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity all of the beneficial ownership interests of which are held by the director or officer or the immediate family of such person in a transaction not involving a disposition for

value, (D) transfers or dispositions of shares of our common stock or other securities by will, other testamentary document or intestate

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succession to the legal representative, heir, beneficiary or a member of the immediate family of the director or officer, (E) distributions of shares of our common stock or other securities to partners, members or stockholders of the shareholder and (F) the exercise of options to purchase shares of common stock granted under any stock incentive plan described in this prospectus, provided that the underlying common stock issued upon such exercise continues to be subject to the restrictions described herein. In the case of any transfer, disposition or distribution pursuant to clause (A), (B), (C), (D) or (E), each transferee, donee or distributee must execute and deliver to J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Goldman, Sachs & Co. a lock-up agreement. In addition, in the case of any transfer, disposition or distribution pursuant to clause (A), (B), (C), (D) or (E), no filing by any party under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act, or other public announcement may be required or voluntarily made in connection with such transfer, disposition or distribution, other than a filing on a Form 5 made after the expiration of the restricted period referred to above. In addition, notwithstanding the foregoing restrictions, the director or officer may (i) transfer such person s shares of our common stock or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our common stock to us pursuant to any contractual arrangement in effect on the date of the lock-up agreement that provides for the repurchase of such person s common stock or such other securities by us or in connection with such person s termination of employment with us, provided that no filing by any party under the Exchange Act or other public announcement may be required or voluntarily made in connection with such transfer, other than a filing on a Form 5 made after the expiration of the restricted period referred to above, (ii) establish a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act for the transfer of common stock, provided that such plan does not provide for any transfers of common stock, except as expressly specified in subsection (iv)(2) below, and provided, further, that except as expressly specified in subsection (iv)(2) below, no filing with the SEC or other public announcement shall be required or voluntarily made by the director or officer or any other person in connection therewith, in each case during the restricted period or any extension thereof pursuant to the lock-up agreement, (iii) transfer or dispose of shares of our common stock on the open market following this offering, provided that no filing by any party under the Exchange Act, or other public announcement reporting a reduction in the beneficial ownership of common stock held by the director or officer, may be required or voluntarily made in connection with such transfer, other than a filing on a Form 5 made after the expiration of the restricted period referred to above and (iv) transfer shares of common stock pursuant to sales in the public market undertaken by such person under a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, provided that (1) such trading plan shall have been in effect prior to the date of the lock-up agreement, or (2) no shares are transferred pursuant to such trading plan prior to the 45th day after the date of this prospectus supplement and the number of shares transferred in the aggregate by the undersigned pursuant to this clause (iv)(2) and all other shareholders pursuant to the corresponding exception in their letter agreement with the underwriters relating to the offering does not exceed 50,000 shares during the period commencing on the date ending 45 days after the date of this prospectus supplement and ending at the expiration of the restricted period and that, to the extent a public announcement or filing under the Exchange Act, if any, is required or voluntarily made by or on behalf of such person or us regarding any such sales, such announcement or filing shall include a statement to the effect that the sale was made pursuant to a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act.

We have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol AGIO.

In connection with this offering, the underwriters may engage in stabilizing transactions, which involves making bids for, purchasing and selling shares of common stock in the open market for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the common stock while this offering is in progress. These stabilizing transactions may include making short sales of the common stock, which involves the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of shares of common stock than they are required to purchase in this offering, and purchasing shares of common stock on

the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales may be covered shorts, which are short positions in an amount not greater than the underwriters option referred to above, or may be naked shorts, which are short positions in excess of that amount. The underwriters may close

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out any covered short position either by exercising their option, in whole or in part, or by purchasing shares in the open market. In making this determination, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market compared to the price at which the underwriters may purchase shares through the option. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the common stock in the open market that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering. To the extent that the underwriters create a naked short position, they will purchase shares in the open market to cover the position.

The underwriters have advised us that, pursuant to Regulation M of the Securities Act, they may also engage in other activities that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the common stock, including the imposition of penalty bids. This means that if the representatives of the underwriters purchase common stock in the open market in stabilizing transactions or to cover short sales, the representatives can require the underwriters that sold those shares as part of this offering to repay the underwriting discount received by them.

These activities may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the common stock or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the common stock, and, as a result, the price of the common stock may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If the underwriters commence these activities, they may discontinue them at any time. The underwriters may carry out these transactions on The NASDAQ Global Select Market, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

In addition, in connection with this offering certain of the underwriters (and selling group members) may engage in passive market making transactions in our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Select Market prior to the pricing and completion of this offering. Passive market making consists of displaying bids on The NASDAQ Global Select Market no higher than the bid prices of independent market makers and making purchases at prices no higher than these independent bids and effected in response to order flow. Net purchases by a passive market maker on each day are generally limited to a specified percentage of the passive market maker s average daily trading volume in the common stock during a specified period and must be discontinued when such limit is reached. Passive market making may cause the price of our common stock to be higher than the price that otherwise would exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. If passive market making is commenced, it may be discontinued at any time.

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full-service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates have provided in the past to us and our affiliates and may provide from time to time in the future certain commercial banking, financial advisory, investment banking and other services for us and such affiliates in the ordinary course of their business, for which they have received and may continue to receive customary fees and commissions. In addition, in the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates, officers, directors and employees may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade securities, derivatives, loans, commodities, currencies, credit default swaps and other financial instruments for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to our assets, securities and/or instruments (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with us. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they should acquire, long and/or short positions in such assets, securities and instruments.

## **Selling restrictions**

# General

Other than in the United States, no action has been taken by us or the underwriters that would permit a public offering of the securities offered by this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

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The securities offered by this prospectus supplement may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, nor may this prospectus supplement or any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the offer and sale of any such securities be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of that jurisdiction. Persons into whose possession this prospectus supplement comes are advised to inform themselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to the offering and the distribution of this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities offered by this prospectus supplement in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or a solicitation is unlawful.

### Canada

The shares may be sold only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal that are accredited investors, as defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions or subsection 73.3(1) of the Securities Act (Ontario), and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations. Any resale of the shares must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if this prospectus (including any amendment thereto) contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser s province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser s province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

Pursuant to section 3A.3 of National Instrument 33-105 Underwriting Conflicts, the underwriters are not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of NI 33-105 regarding underwriter conflicts of interest in connection with this offering.

## **United Kingdom**

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

- (1) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of our common shares in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and
- (2) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to our common shares in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

## European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area (each, a Relevant Member State ), the underwriters have represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State, or the Relevant Implementation Date, it has not made and will not make an offer of the notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement 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 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representatives for any such offer; or
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

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provided that no such offer of notes shall require us or the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of notes 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 that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EU), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State.

## Hong Kong

The shares may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the shares may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to shares which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

### Singapore

This prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the shares may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the shares be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the shares are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries—rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the shares under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or (3) by operation of law.

## Japan

The securities have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law) and each underwriter has agreed that it will not offer or sell any securities, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the

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laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

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# Legal matters

The validity of the shares of common stock offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, Boston, Massachusetts. Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York, New York, has acted as counsel for the underwriters in connection with certain matters relating to this offering.

## **Experts**

The consolidated financial statements of Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. appearing in Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and the effectiveness of Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015 have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon the reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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## Where you can find more information

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC s website at http://www.sec.gov. Copies of certain information filed by us with the SEC are also available on our website at www.agios.com. Our website is not a part of this prospectus supplement and is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room.

This prospectus supplement is part of a registration statement we filed with the SEC. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus omit some information contained in the registration statement in accordance with SEC rules and regulations. You should review the information and exhibits in the registration statement for further information about us and our consolidated subsidiaries and the securities we are offering. Statements in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus concerning any document we filed as an exhibit to the registration statement or that we otherwise filed with the SEC are not intended to be comprehensive and are qualified by reference to these filings. You should review the complete document to evaluate these statements.

## Incorporation of documents by reference

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement much of the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those publicly available documents. The information that we incorporate by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Because we are incorporating by reference future filings with the SEC, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are continually updated and those future filings may modify or supersede some of the information included or incorporated in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This means that you must look at all of the SEC filings that we incorporate by reference to determine if any of the statements in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or in any document previously incorporated by reference have been modified or superseded. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus incorporate by reference the documents listed below (File No. 001-36014) and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (in each case, other than those documents or the portions of those documents not deemed to be filed) until the offering of the securities under the registration statement is terminated or completed:

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, including the information specifically incorporated by reference into the Annual Report on Form 10-K from our definitive proxy statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;

Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2016 and June 30, 2016;

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K dated January 11, 2016; February 5, 2016; February 8, 2016; April 14, 2016; April 22, 2016; May 23, 2016; June 13, 2016; June 22, 2016; August 16, 2016; and August 26, 2016; and

The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on July 19, 2013, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

You may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address or telephone number:

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## **PROSPECTUS**

**Debt Securities** 

Common Stock

**Preferred Stock** 

Warrants

We may offer and sell securities from time to time in one or more offerings. This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which these securities will be offered. We will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements will also describe the specific manner in which these securities will be offered and may also supplement, update or amend information contained in this document. You should read this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, as well as the documents incorporated by reference herein or therein carefully before you invest. This prospectus may not be used to offer and sell our securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

We may offer these securities in amounts, at prices and on terms determined at the time of offering. The securities may be sold directly to you, through agents, or through underwriters and dealers. If agents, underwriters or dealers are used to sell the securities, we will name them and describe their compensation in a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol AGIO .

Investing in these securities involves certain risks. See <u>Risk Factors</u> included in any accompanying prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus for a discussion of the factors you should carefully consider before deciding to purchase these securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is December 9, 2014

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We have not authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or in any free writing prospectuses we have prepared. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the shares of common stock offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus is current only as of its date.

## **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, as a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the Securities Act, utilizing an automatic shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may from time to time sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide one or more prospectus supplements that will contain specific information about the terms of the offering. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you that may contain material information relating to these offerings. The prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus or in any documents that we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus and, accordingly, to the extent inconsistent, information in this prospectus is superseded by the information in the prospectus supplement or any related free writing prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading. Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 2 of this prospectus.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or in any related free writing prospectus filed by us with the SEC. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities described in this prospectus or such accompanying prospectus supplement or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy such securities in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated by reference and any related free writing prospectus is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed materially since those dates.

This prospectus does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement. The registration statement filed with the SEC includes or incorporates by reference exhibits that provide more details about the matters discussed in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus, the related exhibits filed with the SEC and any prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described below under the headings Where You Can Find More Information and Incorporation by Reference.

THIS PROSPECTUS MAY NOT BE USED TO SELL ANY SECURITIES UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.

No offer of these securities will be made in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted.

Unless the context otherwise indicates, references in this prospectus to we, our and us refer, collectively, to Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries.

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## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC s website at http://www.sec.gov. Copies of certain information filed by us with the SEC are also available on our website at www.agios.com. Our website is not a part of this prospectus and is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room.

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# INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

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Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, including the information specifically incorporated by reference into the Annual Report on Form 10-K from our definitive proxy statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;

Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2014, June 30, 2014 and September 30, 2014;

Current Reports on Form 8-K filed April 7, 2014, April 17, 2014, May 14, 2014, June 3, 2014, June 13, 2014, June 16, 2014, September 19, 2014, October 15, 2014 (solely with respect to the 58th slide, titled IDH Mutations Also Found in MDS, NHL and Range of Solid Tumors in Exhibit 99.1), November 19, 2014, November 26, 2014 and December 8, 2014; and

The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on July 19, 2013, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description. You may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address or telephone number:

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# FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the industry in which we operate and the beliefs and assumptions of our management.

The words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, may, plan, predict, project, target, should, continue and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. These forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements about:

the initiation, timing, progress and results of future preclinical studies and clinical trials, and our research and development programs;

our plans to develop and commercialize our product candidates;

our collaboration with Celgene Corporation;

our ability to establish and maintain additional collaborations or obtain additional funding;

the timing or likelihood of regulatory filings and approvals;

the implementation of our business model, strategic plans for our business, product candidates and technology;

our commercialization, marketing and manufacturing capabilities and strategy;

the rate and degree of market acceptance and clinical utility of our products;

our competitive position;

our intellectual property position;

developments and projections relating to our competitors and our industry;

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the potential of IDH1/IDH2 and pyruvate kinase-R mutations as therapeutic targets;

the potential benefits of our drug candidates targeting IDH1/IDH2 or pyruvate kinase-R mutations, including AG-221, AG-120 and AG-348;

our expectations related to the use of proceeds from this offering; and

our estimates regarding expenses, future revenue, capital requirements and needs for additional financing. You are cautioned that these forward-looking statements are only predictions and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are referenced in the section of any accompanying prospectus supplement entitled Risk Factors. You should also carefully review the risk factors and cautionary statements described in the other documents we file from time to time with the SEC, specifically our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, except to the extent required by law.

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# AGIOS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

We are a biopharmaceutical company committed to applying our scientific leadership in the field of cellular metabolism to transform the lives of patients with cancer and with rare genetic disorders of metabolism, which are a subset of orphan genetic metabolic diseases. Metabolism is a complex biological process involving the uptake and assimilation of nutrients in cells to produce energy and facilitate many of the processes required for cellular division and growth. We believe that dysregulation of normal cellular metabolism plays a crucial role in many diseases, including certain cancers and rare genetic disorders. We focus our efforts on using cellular metabolism, an unexploited area of biological research with disruptive potential, as a platform for developing potentially transformative small molecule medicines for cancer and rare genetic disorders.

We were incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in August 2007. Our principal executive offices are located at 38 Sidney Street, 2nd Floor, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139, and our telephone number is (617) 649-8600. Our website address is www.agios.com. The information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and you should not consider any information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website as part of this prospectus or in deciding whether to purchase our securities.

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# CONSOLIDATED RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges and the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for each of the periods indicated. You should read this table in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	Nine Months Ended	Fiscal Yea	ar Ended Dec	ember 31,
	September 30,			
	2014	2013	2012	2011
Consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges(1)(2)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Consolidated ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges				
and preferred stock dividends(1)(3)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- 1) Due to our losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011, the coverage ratio was less than 1:1.
- 2) We would have needed to generate additional earnings of \$27.9 million, \$38.3 million, \$25.8 million and \$9.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011, respectively, to cover our fixed charges in those periods.
- 3) We would have needed to generate additional earnings of \$27.9 million, \$42.5 million, \$33.0 million and \$12.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011, respectively, to cover our fixed charges and accrued preferred dividends during those periods. We did not have any preferred stock outstanding after the completion of our initial public offering in July 2013.

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# **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described under Risk Factors in our most recent Form 10-K and any subsequent Forms 10-Q, and in any accompanying prospectus supplement, together with all of the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any accompanying prospectus supplement, including our consolidated financial statements and related notes, before deciding whether to purchase our securities. Any of these risks could materially and adversely affect our business, operating results, financial condition, or prospects and cause the value of our securities to decline, which could cause you to lose all or part of your investment.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of any securities offered under this prospectus for general corporate purposes unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement. General corporate purposes may include the acquisition of companies or businesses, repayment and refinancing of debt, working capital and capital expenditures. We have not determined the amount of net proceeds to be used specifically for such purposes. As a result, management will retain broad discretion over the allocation of net proceeds.

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# **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES**

We may offer debt securities which may be senior or subordinated. We refer to the senior debt securities and the subordinated debt securities collectively as debt securities. The following description summarizes the general terms and provisions of the debt securities. We will describe the specific terms of the debt securities and the extent, if any, to which the general provisions summarized below apply to any series of debt securities in the prospectus supplement relating to the series and any applicable free writing prospectus that we authorize to be delivered. When we refer to the Company, we, our, and us in this section, we mean Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. excluding, unless the context otherwise requires or as otherwise expressly stated, our subsidiaries.

We may issue senior debt securities from time to time, in one or more series under a senior indenture to be entered into between us and a senior trustee to be named in a prospectus supplement, which we refer to as the senior trustee. We may issue subordinated debt securities from time to time, in one or more series under a subordinated indenture to be entered into between us and a subordinated trustee to be named in a prospectus supplement, which we refer to as the subordinated trustee. The forms of senior indenture and subordinated indenture are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Together, the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture are referred to as the indentures and, together, the senior trustee and the subordinated trustee are referred to as the trustees. This prospectus briefly outlines some of the provisions of the indentures. The following summary of the material provisions of the indentures is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of the indentures, including definitions of certain terms used in the indentures. Wherever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of the indentures, those sections or defined terms are incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement. You should review the indentures that are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part for additional information.

None of the indentures will limit the amount of debt securities that we may issue. The applicable indenture will provide that debt securities may be issued up to an aggregate principal amount authorized from time to time by us and may be payable in any currency or currency unit designated by us or in amounts determined by reference to an index.

# General

The senior debt securities will constitute our unsecured and unsubordinated general obligations and will rank pari passu with our other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations. The subordinated debt securities will constitute our unsecured and subordinated general obligations and will be junior in right of payment to our senior indebtedness (including senior debt securities), as described under the heading Certain Terms of the Subordinated Debt Securities Subordination. The debt securities will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries unless such subsidiaries expressly guarantee such debt securities.

The debt securities will be our unsecured obligations. Any secured debt or other secured obligations will be effectively senior to the debt securities to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt or other obligations.

The applicable prospectus supplement and/or free writing prospectus will include any additional or different terms of the debt securities of any series being offered, including the following terms:

the title and type of the debt securities;

whether the debt securities will be senior or subordinated debt securities, and, with respect to debt securities issued under the subordinated indenture the terms on which they are subordinated;

the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;

the price or prices at which we will sell the debt securities;

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the maturity date or dates of the debt securities and the right, if any, to extend such date or dates;

the rate or rates, if any, per year, at which the debt securities will bear interest, or the method of determining such rate or rates:

the date or dates from which such interest will accrue, the interest payment dates on which such interest will be payable or the manner of determination of such interest payment dates and the related record dates;

the right, if any, to extend the interest payment periods and the duration of that extension;

the manner of paying principal and interest and the place or places where principal and interest will be payable;

provisions for a sinking fund, purchase fund or other analogous fund, if any;

any redemption dates, prices, obligations and restrictions on the debt securities;

the currency, currencies or currency units in which the debt securities will be denominated and the currency, currencies or currency units in which principal and interest, if any, on the debt securities may be payable;

any conversion or exchange features of the debt securities;

whether and upon what terms the debt securities may be defeased;

any events of default or covenants in addition to or in lieu of those set forth in the indenture;

whether the debt securities will be issued in definitive or global form or in definitive form only upon satisfaction of certain conditions;

whether the debt securities will be guaranteed as to payment or performance;

any special tax implications of the debt securities; and

any other material terms of the debt securities.

When we refer to principal in this section with reference to the debt securities, we are also referring to premium, if any.

We may from time to time, without notice to or the consent of the holders of any series of debt securities, create and issue further debt securities of any such series ranking equally with the debt securities of such series in all respects (or in all respects other than (1) the payment of interest accruing prior to the issue date of such further debt securities or (2) the first payment of interest following the issue date of such further debt securities). Such further debt securities may be consolidated and form a single series with the debt securities of such series and have the same terms as to status, redemption or otherwise as the debt securities of such series.

You may present debt securities for exchange and you may present debt securities for transfer in the manner, at the places and subject to the restrictions set forth in the debt securities and the applicable prospectus supplement. We will provide you those services without charge, although you may have to pay any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with any exchange or transfer, as set forth in the indenture.

Debt securities may bear interest at a fixed rate or a floating rate. Debt securities bearing no interest or interest at a rate that at the time of issuance is below the prevailing market rate (original issue discount securities) may be sold at a discount below their stated principal amount. U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to any such discounted debt securities or to certain debt securities issued at par which are treated as having been issued at a discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may issue debt securities with the principal amount payable on any principal payment date, or the amount of interest payable on any interest payment date, to be determined by reference to one or more currency exchange

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rates, securities or baskets of securities, commodity prices or indices. You may receive a payment of principal on any principal payment date, or a payment of interest on any interest payment date, that is greater than or less than the amount of principal or interest otherwise payable on such dates, depending on the value on such dates of the applicable currency, security or basket of securities, commodity or index. Information as to the methods for determining the amount of principal or interest payable on any date, the currencies, securities or baskets of securities, commodities or indices to which the amount payable on such date is linked and certain related tax considerations will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

# **Certain Terms of the Senior Debt Securities**

Covenants. Unless we indicate otherwise in a prospectus supplement, the senior debt securities will not contain any financial or restrictive covenants, including covenants restricting either us or any of our subsidiaries from incurring, issuing, assuming or guaranteeing any indebtedness secured by a lien on any of our or our subsidiaries property or capital stock, or restricting either us or any of our subsidiaries from entering into sale and leaseback transactions.

Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets. Unless we indicate otherwise in a prospectus supplement, we may not consolidate with or merge into any other person, in a transaction in which we are not the surviving corporation, or convey, transfer or lease our properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any person, in either case, unless:

the successor entity, if any, is a U.S. corporation, limited liability company, partnership or trust (subject to certain exceptions provided for in the senior indenture);

the successor entity assumes our obligations on the senior debt securities and under the senior indenture;

immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no default or event of default shall have occurred and be continuing; and

certain other conditions are met.

No Protection in the Event of a Change in Control. Unless we indicate otherwise in a prospectus supplement with respect to a particular series of senior debt securities, the senior debt securities will not contain any provisions that may afford holders of the senior debt securities protection in the event we have a change in control or in the event of a highly leveraged transaction (whether or not such transaction results in a change in control).

*Events of Default.* Unless we indicate otherwise in a prospectus supplement with respect to a particular series of senior debt securities, the following are events of default under the senior indenture for any series of senior debt securities:

failure to pay interest on any senior debt securities of such series when due and payable, if that default continues for a period of 30 days (or such other period as may be specified for such series);

failure to pay principal on the senior debt securities of such series when due and payable whether at maturity, upon redemption, by declaration or otherwise (and, if specified for such series, the continuance of such failure for a specified period);

default in the performance of or breach of any of our covenants or agreements in the senior indenture applicable to senior debt securities of such series, other than a covenant breach which is specifically dealt with elsewhere in the senior indenture, and that default or breach continues for a period of 90 days after we receive written notice from the trustee or from the holders of 25% or more in aggregate principal amount of the senior debt securities of such series;

certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency, whether or not voluntary; and

any other event of default provided for in such series of senior debt securities as may be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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The default by us under any other debt, including any other series of debt securities, is not a default under the senior indenture.

If an event of default other than an event of default specified in the fourth bullet point above occurs with respect to a series of senior debt securities and is continuing under the senior indenture, then, and in each such case, either the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of such series then outstanding under the senior indenture (each such series voting as a separate class) by written notice to us and to the trustee, if such notice is given by the holders, may, and the trustee at the request of such holders shall, declare the principal amount of and accrued interest on such series of senior debt securities to be immediately due and payable, and upon this declaration, the same shall become immediately due and payable.

If an event of default specified in the fourth bullet point above occurs and is continuing, the entire principal amount of and accrued interest on each series of senior debt securities then outstanding shall become immediately due and payable.

Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of senior debt securities originally issued at a discount, the amount due upon acceleration shall include only the original issue price of the senior debt securities, the amount of original issue discount accrued to the date of acceleration and accrued interest, if any.

Upon certain conditions, declarations of acceleration may be rescinded and annulled and past defaults may be waived by the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of all the senior debt securities of such series affected by the default, each series voting as a separate class. Furthermore, subject to various provisions in the senior indenture, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of a series of senior debt securities, by notice to the trustee, may waive an existing default or event of default with respect to such senior debt securities and its consequences, except a default in the payment of principal of or interest on such senior debt securities or in respect of a covenant or provision of the senior indenture which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holders of each such senior debt security. Upon any such waiver, such default shall cease to exist, and any event of default with respect to such senior debt securities shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of the senior indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or event of default or impair any right consequent thereto.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of a series of senior debt securities may 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 such senior debt securities. However, the trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or the senior indenture, that may involve the trustee in personal liability or that the trustee determines in good faith may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of holders of such series of senior debt securities not joining in the giving of such direction and may take any other action it deems proper that is not inconsistent with any such direction received from holders of such series of senior debt securities. A holder may not pursue any remedy with respect to the senior indenture or any series of senior debt securities unless:

the holder gives the trustee written notice of a continuing event of default;

the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of such series of senior debt securities make a written request to the trustee to pursue the remedy in respect of such event of default;

the requesting holder or holders offer the trustee indemnity satisfactory to the trustee against any costs, liability or expense;

the trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the offer of indemnity; and

during such 60-day period, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such series of senior debt securities do not give the trustee a direction that is inconsistent with the request.

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These limitations, however, do not apply to the right of any holder of a senior debt security to receive payment of the principal of and interest on such senior debt security in accordance with the terms of such debt security, or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment in accordance with the terms of such debt security, on or after the due date for the senior debt securities, which right shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of the holder.

The senior indenture requires certain of our officers to certify, on or before a fixed date in each year in which any senior debt security is outstanding, as to their knowledge of our compliance with all covenants, agreements and conditions under the senior indenture.

Satisfaction and Discharge. We can satisfy and discharge our obligations to holders of any series of debt securities if:

we pay or cause to be paid, as and when due and payable, the principal of and any interest on all senior debt securities of such series outstanding under the senior indenture; or

all senior debt securities of such series have become due and payable or will become due and payable within one year (or are to be called for redemption within one year) and we deposit in trust a combination of cash and U.S. government or U.S. government agency obligations that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities of that series on their various due dates.

Under current U.S. federal income tax law, the deposit and our legal release from the debt securities would be treated as though we took back your debt securities and gave you your share of the cash and debt securities or bonds deposited in trust. In that event, you could recognize gain or loss on the debt securities you give back to us. Purchasers of the debt securities should consult their own advisers with respect to the tax consequences to them of such deposit and discharge, including the applicability and effect of tax laws other than the U.S. federal income tax law.

*Defeasance*. Unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise, the following discussion of legal defeasance and discharge and covenant defeasance will apply to any series of debt securities issued under the indentures.

Legal Defeasance. We can legally release ourselves from any payment or other obligations on the debt securities of any series (called legal defeasance ) if certain conditions are met, including the following:

We deposit in trust for your benefit and the benefit of all other direct holders of the debt securities of the same series a combination of cash and U.S. government or U.S. government agency obligations that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities of that series on their various due dates.

There is a change in current U.S. federal income tax law or an IRS ruling that lets us 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 instead repaid the debt securities ourselves when due. Under current U.S. federal income tax law, the deposit and our legal release from the debt securities would be treated as though we took back your debt securities and gave you your share of the cash and debt securities or bonds deposited in trust. In that event, you could recognize gain or loss on the debt securities you give back to us.

We deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel confirming the tax law change or ruling described above.

If we accomplish legal 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 event of any shortfall.

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Covenant Defeasance. Without any change of current U.S. federal tax law, we can make the same type of deposit described above and be released from some of the covenants in the debt securities (called covenant defeasance). In that event, you would lose the protection of those covenants but would gain the protection of having money and securities set aside in trust to repay the debt securities. In order to achieve covenant defeasance, we must do the following (among other things):

We must deposit in trust for your benefit and the benefit of all other direct holders of the debt securities of the same series a combination of cash and U.S. government or U.S. government agency obligations that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities of that series 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 instead repaid the debt securities ourselves when due. If we accomplish covenant defeasance, you could still look to us for repayment of the debt securities if there were a shortfall in the trust deposit. In fact, if one of the events of default occurred (such as our bankruptcy) and the debt securities become immediately due and payable, there may be such a shortfall. Depending on the events causing the default, you may not be able to obtain payment of the shortfall.

*Modification and Waiver*. We and the trustee may amend or supplement the senior indenture or the senior debt securities without the consent of any holder:

to convey, transfer, assign, mortgage or pledge any assets as security for the senior debt securities of one or more series;

to evidence the succession of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or trust to us, and the assumption by such successor of our covenants, agreements and obligations under the senior indenture or to otherwise comply with the covenant relating to mergers, consolidations and sales of assets;

to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the senior indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended;

to add to our covenants such new covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions for the protection of the holders, and to make the occurrence, or the occurrence and continuance, of a default in any such additional covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions an event of default;

to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in the senior indenture or in any supplemental indenture or to conform the senior indenture or the senior debt securities to the description of senior debt securities of such series set forth in this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement;

to provide for or add guarantors with respect to the senior debt securities of any series;

to establish the form or forms or terms of the senior debt securities as permitted by the senior indenture;

to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment under the senior indenture by a successor trustee, or to make such changes as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts in the senior indenture by more than one trustee;

to add to, delete from or revise the conditions, limitations and restrictions on the authorized amount, terms, purposes of issue, authentication and delivery of any series of senior debt securities;

to make any change to the senior debt securities of any series so long as no senior debt securities of such series are outstanding; or

to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any holder in any material respect.

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Other amendments and modifications of the senior indenture or the senior debt securities issued may be made, and our compliance with any provision of the senior indenture with respect to any series of senior debt securities may be waived, with the consent of the holders of a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of all series affected by the amendment or modification (voting together as a single class); provided, however, that each affected holder must consent to any modification, amendment or waiver that:

extends the final maturity of any senior debt securities of such series;

reduces the principal amount of any senior debt securities of such series;

reduces the rate or extends the time of payment of interest on any senior debt securities of such series;

reduces the amount payable upon the redemption of any senior debt securities of such series;

changes the currency of payment of principal of or interest on any senior debt securities of such series;

reduces the principal amount of original issue discount securities payable upon acceleration of maturity or the amount provable in bankruptcy;

waives an uncured default in the payment of principal of or interest on the senior debt securities (except in the case of a rescission of acceleration as described above);

changes the provisions relating to the waiver of past defaults or changes or impairs the right of holders to receive payment or to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment or conversion of any senior debt securities of such series on or after the due date therefor;

modifies any of the provisions of these restrictions on amendments and modifications, except to increase any required percentage or to provide that certain other provisions cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each senior debt security of such series affected by the modification; or

reduces the above-stated percentage of outstanding senior debt securities of such series whose holders must consent to a supplemental indenture or modifies or amends or waives certain provisions of or defaults under the senior indenture.

It shall not be necessary for the holders to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, supplement or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if the holders consent approves the substance thereof. After an amendment, supplement or waiver of the senior indenture in accordance with the provisions described in this section becomes effective, the trustee must give to the holders affected thereby certain notice briefly describing the amendment,

supplement or waiver. Any failure by the trustee to give such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amendment, supplemental indenture or waiver.

No Personal Liability of Incorporators, Stockholders, Officers, Directors. The senior indenture provides that no recourse shall be had under any obligation, covenant or agreement of ours in the senior indenture or any supplemental indenture, or in any of the senior debt securities or because of the creation of any indebtedness represented thereby, against any of our incorporators, stockholders, officers or directors, past, present or future, or of any predecessor or successor entity thereof under any law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise. Each holder, by accepting the senior debt securities, waives and releases all such liability.

Concerning the Trustee. The senior indenture provides that, except during the continuance of an event of default, the trustee will not be liable except for the performance of such duties as are specifically set forth in the senior indenture. If an event of default has occurred and is continuing, the trustee will exercise such rights and powers vested in it under the senior indenture and will use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise as a prudent person would exercise under the circumstances in the conduct of such person s own affairs.

The senior indenture and the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 incorporated by reference therein contain limitations on the rights of the trustee thereunder, should it become a creditor of ours or any of our

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subsidiaries, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases or to realize on certain property received by it in respect of any such claims, as security or otherwise. The trustee is permitted to engage in other transactions, provided that if it acquires any conflicting interest (as defined in the Trust Indenture Act), it must eliminate such conflict or resign.

We may have normal banking relationships with the senior trustee in the ordinary course of business.

*Unclaimed Funds*. All funds deposited with the trustee or any paying agent for the payment of principal, premium, interest or additional amounts in respect of the senior debt securities that remain unclaimed for two years after the date upon which such principal, premium or interest became due and payable will be repaid to us. Thereafter, any right of any holder of senior debt securities to such funds shall be enforceable only against us, and the trustee and paying agents will have no liability therefor.

Governing Law. The senior indenture and the senior debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York.

# **Certain Terms of the Subordinated Debt Securities**

Other than the terms of the subordinated indenture and subordinated debt securities relating to subordination or otherwise as described in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of subordinated debt securities, the terms of the subordinated indenture and subordinated debt securities are identical in all material respects to the terms of the senior indenture and senior debt securities.

Additional or different subordination terms may be specified in the prospectus supplement applicable to a particular series.

Subordination. The indebtedness evidenced by the subordinated debt securities is subordinate to the prior payment in full of all of our senior indebtedness, as defined in the subordinated indenture. During the continuance beyond any applicable grace period of any default in the payment of principal, premium, interest or any other payment due on any of our senior indebtedness, we may not make any payment of principal of or interest on the subordinated debt securities (except for certain sinking fund payments). In addition, upon any payment or distribution of our assets upon any dissolution, winding-up, liquidation or reorganization, the payment of the principal of and interest on the subordinated debt securities will be subordinated to the extent provided in the subordinated indenture in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all our senior indebtedness. Because of this subordination, if we dissolve or otherwise liquidate, holders of our subordinated debt securities may receive less, ratably, than holders of our senior indebtedness. The subordination provisions do not prevent the occurrence of an event of default under the subordinated indenture.

The term senior indebtedness of a person means with respect to such person the principal of, premium, if any, interest on, and any other payment due pursuant to any of the following, whether outstanding on the date of the subordinated indenture or incurred by that person in the future:

all of the indebtedness of that person for money borrowed;

all of the indebtedness of that person evidenced by notes, debentures, bonds or other securities sold by that person for money;

all of the lease obligations that are capitalized on the books of that person in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

all indebtedness of others of the kinds described in the first two bullet points above and all lease obligations of others of the kind described in the third bullet point above that the person, in any manner, assumes or guarantees or that the person in effect guarantees through an agreement to purchase, whether that agreement is contingent or otherwise; and

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all renewals, extensions or refundings of indebtedness of the kinds described in the first, second or fourth bullet point above and all renewals or extensions of leases of the kinds described in the third or fourth bullet point above;

unless, in the case of any particular indebtedness, renewal, extension or refunding, the instrument creating or evidencing it or the assumption or guarantee relating to it expressly provides that such indebtedness, renewal, extension or refunding is not superior in right of payment to the subordinated debt securities. Our senior debt securities constitute senior indebtedness for purposes of the subordinated debt indenture.

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# DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

#### General

The following description of our capital stock is intended as a summary only and therefore is not a complete description of our capital stock. This description is based upon, and is qualified by reference to, our certificate of incorporation, our by-laws and applicable provisions of Delaware corporate law. You should read our certificate of incorporation and by-laws, which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, for the provisions that are important to you.

Our authorized capital stock consists of 125,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share. As of December 8, 2014, 34,749,064 shares of common stock were outstanding and no shares of preferred stock were outstanding.

### **Common Stock**

Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. An election of directors by our stockholders shall be determined by a plurality of the votes cast by the stockholders entitled to vote on the election. Holders of common stock are entitled to receive proportionately any dividends as may be declared by our board of directors, subject to any preferential dividend rights of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

In the event of our liquidation or dissolution, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive proportionately our net assets available for distribution to stockholders after the payment of all debts and other liabilities and subject to the prior rights of any outstanding preferred stock. Holders of common stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. Our outstanding shares of common stock are, and the shares offered by us in this offering will be, when issued and paid for, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of common stock are subject to and may be adversely affected by the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC.

# **Preferred Stock**

We are authorized to issue blank check preferred stock, which may be issued in one or more series upon authorization of our board of directors. Our board of directors is authorized to fix the designation of the series, the number of authorized shares of the series, dividend rights and terms, conversion rights, voting rights, redemption rights and terms, liquidation preferences and any other rights, powers, preferences and limitations applicable to each series of preferred stock. The authorized shares of our preferred stock are available for issuance without further action by our stockholders, unless such action is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange on which our securities may be listed. If the approval of our stockholders is not required for the issuance of shares of our preferred stock, our board may determine not to seek stockholder approval. The specific terms of any series of preferred stock offered pursuant to this prospectus will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that series of preferred stock.

A series of our preferred stock could, depending on the terms of such series, impede the completion of a mergerSIZE=2>

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	The Operating Company entered into the Revolving Facility, pursuant to which amounts may currently be drawn up to \$116 million. The Revolving Facility matures July 31, 2014, subject to extension by the lenders at our request for one 12-month period.				
	At December 31, 2012, the Operating Company had 6,700 Preferred Interests issued and outstanding with a liquidation preference of \$20,000 per interest. The Preferred Interests will be subject to mandatory redemption on July 31, 2016.				
(3)	Total amount of each class of senior securities outstanding at the end of the period presented (in 000's).				
:	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 senior securities representing indebtedness. For the Revolving Facility, the asset coverage ratio with respect to indebtedness is multiplied by \$1,000 to determine the Asset Coverage Per Unit. The asset coverage ratio for the Preferred Interests is calculated as our consolidated total assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, divided by the sum of senior securities representing indebtedness and the liquidation preference of the Preferred Interests. For the Preferred Interests, the asset coverage ratio with respect to the Preferred Interests is multiplied by their liquidation value of \$20,000 plus accrued dividends to determine the Asset Coverage Per Unit.				
	The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon the voluntary liquidation of the issuer in preference to any security junior to it. The " " in this column indicates that the SEC expressly does not require this information to be disclosed for certain types of senior securities.				
(6)	Not applicable because senior securities are not registered for public trading.				
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#### PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK

Our common stock began trading on April 5, 2012 and is currently traded on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "TCPC." The following table lists the high and low closing sale price for our common stock, the closing sale price as a percentage of net asset value, or NAV, and quarterly distributions per share since shares of our common stock began being regularly quoted on The Nasdaq Global Select Market.

			Stock Price		ice	Premium (Discount) of High Sales Price to	Premium (Discount) of Low Sales Price to	Declared		
	N	JAV <sup>(1)</sup>	I	High <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Low <sup>(2)</sup>	NAV(3)	NAV(3)	Dist	ributions
Fiscal year ended December 31,										
2012										
Second Quarter <sup>(4)</sup>	\$	14.70	\$	14.75	\$	13.80	0.3%	(6.1)	%\$	0.34
Third Quarter		14.79	\$	15.96	\$	14.23	7.9%	(3.8)	%\$	0.35
Fourth Quarter		14.71	\$	15.80	\$	14.66	7.4%	(0.3)	%\$	$0.40_{(5)}$
Fiscal year ended December 31, 2013										
First Quarter (to March 22, 2013)		(6	\$ (6)	16.16	\$	14.64	%(6)	%(6	5) \$	0.40(5)

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  NAV per share is determined as of the last day in the relevant quarter and therefore may not reflect the NAV per share on the date of the high and low sales prices. The NAVs shown are based on outstanding shares at the end of each period.
- (2) The High/Low Stock Price is calculated as of the closing price on a given day in the applicable quarter.
- (3) Calculated as of the respective High/Low Stock Price divided by the quarter end NAV.
- (4) From April 5, 2012 (initial public offering) to June 30, 2012.
- (5) Includes a special dividend of \$0.05 per share.
- (6) NAV has not yet been finally determined for any day after December 31, 2012.

On March 22, 2013, the last reported closing price of our common stock was \$15.75 per share. As of March 22, 2013 we had 46 stockholders of record. The table below sets forth each class of outstanding securities as of March 22, 2013.

		Amount Held by Registrant	
Title of Class	Amount Authorized	or for its Account	Amount Outstanding
Common Stock	200,000,000		21,477,628
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#### THE COMPANY

#### The Company

We are an externally managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. See "Prospectus Summary Company History and BDC Conversion" above. Our investment objective is to achieve high total returns through current income and capital appreciation, with an emphasis on principal protection. We seek to achieve our investment objective primarily through investments in debt securities of middle-market companies, which we typically define as those with enterprise values between \$100 million and \$1.5 billion. While we primarily focus on privately negotiated investments in debt of middle-market companies, we make investments of all kinds and at all levels of the capital structure, including in equity interests such as preferred or common stock and warrants or options received in connection with our debt investments. Our investment activities will benefit from what we believe are the competitive advantages of the Advisor, including its diverse in-house skills, proprietary deal flow, and consistent and rigorous investment process focused on established, middle-market companies. We expect to generate returns through a combination of the receipt of contractual interest payments on debt investments and origination and similar fees, and, to a lesser extent, equity appreciation through options, warrants, conversion rights or direct equity investments. Substantially all of our operating history and performance results have been achieved through our predecessor, Special Value Continuation Fund, LLC, which was a registered investment company but was neither a business development company nor a publicly traded company. There are no material operating differences between us and our predecessor, however, as a BDC we are deemphasizing distressed debt investments.

We have no employees of our own and currently our only business and sole asset is the ownership of all of the common limited partner interests of the Operating Company. Our investment activities are externally managed by the Advisor, a leading investment manager with in excess of \$4.5 billion in committed capital under management, approximately 12% of which consists of the Holding Company's committed capital under management as of December 31, 2012, and a primary focus on providing financing to middle-market companies. Additionally, the Holding Company expects that it will continue to seek to qualify as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

### **Investment Portfolio**

At December 31, 2012, our existing investment portfolio consisted of debt and equity positions in 46 portfolio companies valued at approximately \$517.7 million. Debt positions represented approximately 93% of the total portfolio fair value and had a weighted-average effective yield and yield to maturity of approximately 11.3% and 11.6%, respectively. For purposes of this prospectus, references to "yield to maturity" assume that debt investments in our portfolio as of a certain date are purchased at fair value on that date and held until their respective maturities with no prepayments or losses and are exited at par upon maturity. At December 31, 2012, the weighted-average remaining term of our debt investments was approximately 4.7 years. At December 31, 2012, the average investment size in our existing portfolio by issuer was \$9.6 million. As of December 31, 2012, approximately 7.9% of our total assets consisted of distressed debt investments, none of which were delinquent, non-performing or in default. Equity positions represented approximately 11% of the total fair value of our investment portfolio. See "Investment Strategy" for more information.

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The following charts summarize our portfolio mix by industry and type based on the fair value of our investments as of December 31, 2012.

**Investment by Industry** 

**Investment by Asset Type** 

# Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC

Our investment activities are managed by the Advisor. The Advisor is a leading investment manager (including specialty lending to middle-market companies). The Advisor is a Delaware limited liability company and is registered as an investment advisor under the Advisers Act. As of December 31, 2012, the Advisor had in excess of \$4.5 billion in committed capital under management, approximately 12% of which consists of the Holding Company's committed capital, and a team of approximately 30 investment professionals supported by approximately 45 administrative and back office personnel that focus on operations, finance, legal and compliance, accounting and reporting, investor relations, and information technology. The Advisor was founded in 1999 by Michael E. Tennenbaum, Mark K. Holdsworth and Howard M. Levkowitz and its predecessor entity, formed by the same individuals, commenced operations in 1996. The three founders along with David J. Adler, David A. Hollander, Michael E. Leitner, Philip M. Tseng and Rajneesh Vig constitute the Advisor's active partners, or the Advisor Partners. The Advisor Partners have significant industry experience, including experience investing in middle-market companies. Together, the Advisor Partners have invested approximately \$11.0 billion in over 250 companies since the Advisor's inception, through multiple business and credit cycles, across all segments of the capital structure through a broad set of credit-oriented strategies including leveraged loan origination, secondary investments of discounted debt securities, and distressed and control opportunities. We refer to the products that employ these strategies within the Advisor's platform as the Opportunity Funds. We believe the Advisor Partners' investment perspectives, complementary skills, and collective investment experience provides the Advisor with a strategic and competitive advantage in middle-market investing.

As our investment advisor, the Advisor is responsible for sourcing potential investments, conducting research, analyzing investment opportunities and structuring our investments and monitoring our portfolio companies on an ongoing basis. We believe that the Advisor has a proven long-term track record of positive performance, notwithstanding some periods during which losses were incurred, of sourcing deals, originating loans and successfully investing in middle-market companies, and that the relationships of its investment professionals are integral to the Advisor's success. The Advisor's investment professionals have long-term working relationships with key sources of investment opportunities and industry expertise, including investment bankers, financial advisors, attorneys, private

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equity sponsors, other senior lenders, high-yield bond specialists, research analysts, accountants, and senior management teams. Additionally, the Advisor's structure includes both a board of advisors and a group of Senior Executive Advisors, a team comprised of approximately 20 current and former executives from a variety of industries, which extends the reach of the Advisor's relationships through a group of seasoned industry leaders and that can enhance our deal sourcing and due diligence activities.

We also benefit from the existing infrastructure and administrative capabilities of an established investment manager. The General Partner, an affiliate of the Advisor, serves as our Administrator and provides us with office space, equipment and office services. The tasks of our Administrator include overseeing our financial records, preparing reports to our stockholders and reports filed with the SEC and generally monitoring the payment of our expenses and the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to us by others.

Since the beginning of 2011, the Advisor executed in its Opportunity Funds over \$980 million in direct origination leveraged loans primarily to middle-market companies, of which over \$313 million was for our account. There can be no assurance that similar deal flow or terms will be available in the future for loans in which we may invest.

# **Investment Strategy**

To achieve our investment objectives, we intend to focus on a subset of the broader investment strategies historically pursued by the Advisor. Our primary investment focus is the ongoing origination of and investments in leveraged loans of performing middle-market companies, building on the Advisor's established track record of origination and participation in the original syndication of approximately \$4.3 billion of leveraged loans to 85 companies since 1999, of which we invested over \$830 million in 53 companies. For the purposes of this prospectus, the term "leveraged loans" refers to senior debt investments that rank ahead of subordinated debt and that generally have the benefit of security interests in the assets of the borrower. Such security interests may provide either a priority claim to the specific collateral securing the investment or a junior claim to such collateral after the holders of the senior claim have been repaid but prior to any payments to holders of unsecured debt.

We anticipate our investments will generally range from \$10 million to \$35 million per company, the size of which may grow over time in proportion with our capital base. We expect to generate current returns through a combination of the receipt of contractual interest payments on debt investments and origination and similar fees, and, to a lesser extent, equity appreciation through options, warrants, conversion rights or direct equity investments. We often receive equity interests such as preferred or common stock and warrants or options in connection with our debt investments. From time to time we may also use other investment strategies, which are not our primary focus, to attempt to enhance the overall return of our portfolio. These investment strategies may include, but are not limited to, the purchase of discounted debt, opportunistic investments, and financial instruments to hedge currency or interest rate risk associated with our portfolio.

Our typical investments are in performing middle-market companies. We believe that middle-market companies are generally less able to secure financing than larger companies and thus offer better return opportunities for those able to conduct the necessary diligence to appropriately evaluate these companies. We focus primarily on U.S. companies where we believe the Advisor's perspective, complementary skills and investment experience provides us with a competitive advantage and in industries where the Advisor sees an attractive risk reward profile due to macroeconomic trends and the Advisor's existing industry expertise.

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# **Our Competitive Advantages**

We believe that we possess the following competitive advantages over other capital providers to middle-market companies:

Focus on minimizing the risk of loss and achieving attractive risk-adjusted returns. We primarily structure investments to attempt to achieve high cash yields, cash origination fees, conservative leverage, and strong contractual protections that reduce the risk of principal loss. Contractual protections may include default premiums, information rights, board governance rights, and affirmative, negative and financial covenants, such as lien protection and prohibitions against change of control. While we do not expect to undertake a material focus on distressed investments, we believe that the Advisor's experience in distressed investing from managing other funds helps us negotiate more favorable terms and provides greater opportunity to achieve principal protection. See "Investment Strategy."

Diverse in-house skills and experience of the Advisor. The Advisor's principals and professionals have diverse and complementary backgrounds, including prior experience at private investment funds, investment banks, other financial services firms, and managing companies. We believe that the diverse professional experience of the Advisor's principals and professionals gives us an advantage in sourcing, evaluating, structuring, negotiating, closing, and profitably exiting investments. The Advisor's advantages include:

Significant investment expertise in over 30 different industry sectors;

Track record of leveraged loan originations or participations in original syndications of approximately \$4.3 billion to 85 companies since 1999, of which we invested over \$830 million in 53 companies;

Extensive workout and restructuring capabilities honed in multiple in- and out-of-court transactions which allows us to maximize our investment returns and minimize the risk of loss;

In-house legal expertise with significant experience protecting creditor rights;

Complementary "bottom-up" and "top-down" (macro economic) expertise; and

Expertise in analyzing highly complex companies and investments.

Consistent, proactive and rigorous investment and monitoring processes. We believe that the Advisor employs a proven investment process that integrates intensive "bottom-up" company-level research and analysis with a proactive "top-down" view of macroeconomic and industry risks and opportunities. The heart of the process is a thorough analysis of the underlying issuer's business, end markets, competitors, suppliers, revenues, costs, financial statements, and the terms of the issuer's existing obligations, including contingent liabilities (if any). The Advisor's professionals supplement in-house expertise with industry experts, including the Advisor's Board of Advisors and Senior Executive Advisors, as well as other CEO/CFO-level executives, with direct management experience in the industries under consideration. These company level analyses are undertaken in the context of and supplemented by the Advisor's views on and understanding of industry trends and broader economic conditions. These views are formulated and refined through the Advisor's systematic quarterly macroeconomic reviews and quarterly industry reviews, where long-term and immediate macroeconomic trends and their impact on industry risk/reward characteristics are determined. These views flow through to the Advisor's proactive deployment of research and capital resources in the investment process. Quarterly portfolio reviews also help to inform the Advisor's macroeconomic and industry views as well as to inform reporting of deal teams' frequent monitoring of portfolio company progress, risk assessment, and refinement of exit plans.

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Focus on established middle-market companies. We generally invest in companies with established market positions, seasoned management teams, proven and differentiated products and services and strong regional or national operations. We believe that these companies possess better risk-adjusted return profiles than newer companies that are building management or in early stages of building a revenue base. As a specialty middle-market lender, through the Advisor we have proven experience structuring financing for middle-market companies and meeting their specialized needs. We believe that there are fewer experienced finance companies focused on transactions involving small and middle-market companies than larger companies, allowing us to negotiate favorable investment terms, including higher yields, more significant covenant protection, and greater equity grants than typical of transactions involving larger companies. Additionally, we believe that middle-market companies offer significant risk-adjusted return advantages over larger companies as they are generally less able to secure financing compared to larger companies and, we believe, are more likely as borrowers to be subject to upfront fees, prepayment premiums and higher interest rates.

Debt platform with multiple deal sourcing channels. The employees of the Advisor have developed extensive networks among investment bankers, financial advisors, attorneys, private equity sponsors, other senior lenders, high-yield bond specialists, research analysts, accountants, and senior management teams. These networks are a valuable source of directly originated deals and are further supplemented by the networks and experiences of the Advisor's Board of Advisors and Senior Executive Advisors. Additionally, the Advisor's track record as a provider of middle-market financing means that it is often the first or an early call on new deal opportunities. Since inception, the Advisor has originated or participated in the original syndication of approximately \$4.3 billion of newly issued loans to 85 companies since 1999, of which we invested over \$830 million in 53 companies. The Advisor has closed transactions with more than 35 different private equity sponsors. The Advisor is well known as a lender to middle-market companies in a variety of contexts including stressed, distressed, and complex and special situations. The Advisor's in-depth industry knowledge and ability to diligence complex situations thoroughly and in a timely fashion helps to attract deal opportunities from multiple channels.

Attractively priced leverage program. We believe that our existing \$250 million Leverage Program (defined below), combined with capital from recent monetizations, will provide us with a substantial amount of capital for deployment into new investment opportunities on relatively favorable terms. The Leverage Program is comprised of: (i) a \$116 million senior secured credit facility that matures on July 31, 2014, subject to extension by the lenders at the request of the Operating Company for one 12-month period, which we refer to as the Revolving Facility; and (ii) \$134 million in liquidation preference of preferred interests, which mature on July 31, 2016, which we refer to as the Preferred Interests. The Revolving Facility was entered into on July 31, 2006 with certain lenders and in conjunction with entering into such agreement, the Operating Company also issued the Preferred Interests to such lenders on the same date. We refer to the Revolving Facility and the Preferred Interests collectively as the Leverage Program. Advances under the Revolving Facility generally bear interest at LIBOR plus 0.44%, subject to certain limitations. For the purpose of the Revolving Facility, LIBOR means the one-month U.S. dollar deposits which appears on the Telerate Page 3750 as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the date the rate is to be determined or as otherwise may be determined pursuant to the Revolving Facility if such rate does not appear on the Telerate Page 3750. The lenders also own all of the Operating Company's preferred interests, which is an aggregate of 6,700 Preferred Interests, each of which has a liquidation preference of \$20,000 per interest, with dividends generally accruing at an annual rate equal to LIBOR plus 0.85%, subject to certain limitations. The weighted-average financing rate on the Leverage Program at December 31, 2012 was 0.96%. As preferred shareholders the lenders have the right under the 1940 Act to elect two directors of the Operating Company.

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### Market opportunity

We believe that the Advisor has a consistent, non-cyclical track record of finding profitable opportunities to lend its managed assets to middle-market companies under most market conditions. However, we believe that the current environment for direct lending to middle-market companies is especially attractive for several reasons that include:

Reform Act, or the Dodd-Frank Act, and the introduction of new international capital and liquidity requirements under the Basel III Accords, or Basel III, in addition to the continued ownership of legacy non-performing assets have significantly curtailed banks' lending capacity. In response, we believe that many commercial lenders have de-emphasized their service and product offerings to middle-market companies in favor of lending, managing capital markets transactions and providing other non-credit services to their larger customers. We expect bank lending to middle-market companies to continue to be constrained for several years as Basel III rules phase in and rules and regulations are promulgated and interpreted under the Dodd-Frank Act.

Reduced credit supply to middle-market companies from non-bank lenders. We believe credit to middle-market companies from non-bank lenders will also be constrained as many of those lenders have either gone out of business, exited the market, or are winding down. Numerous hedge funds previously active in leveraged loans disappeared or contracted during the recent financial market crises, while others exited the lending market due to asset-liability mismatches. Other non-bank lenders exited lending due to balance sheet pressures. This situation provides a promising environment in which to originate loans to middle-market companies. We cannot, however, provide any assurance as to the length of time this tight credit supply will persist.

Middle-market companies are increasingly seeking lenders with access to permanent capital for debt and equity capital. We believe that many middle-market companies prefer to borrow from capital providers like us, rather than execute high-yield bond or equity transactions in the public markets that may necessitate increased financial and regulatory compliance and reporting obligations. Further, we believe many middle-market companies are inclined to seek capital from a small number of providers with access to permanent capital that can satisfy their specific needs and can serve as value-added, long-term financial partners with an understanding of the companies' growth needs.

Large Amount of Uninvested Private Equity Capital. Private equity firms raised significant amounts of equity commitments over the period of 2006 to 2008, far in excess of the amount of equity they invested. According to Pitchbook, from 2006 to May 2012 there was approximately \$432 billion of uninvested capital raised by private equity funds from U.S. investors. We believe the large amount of undeployed private equity capital will drive demand for leveraged buyouts over the next several years, which we believe will, in turn, create significant leveraged lending opportunities for us.

Significant Refinancing Requirements. A significant portion of the debt associated with a large number of middle-market leveraged mergers and acquisitions completed from 2005 to 2008 matures in the 2012 to 2015 time period. Much of this debt will need to be refinanced as it matures. When combined with the decreased availability of debt financing for middle-market companies generally, we believe these factors should increase lending opportunities for us.

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**Maturity Profile of Leveraged Debt** 

(in billions)

Source: Standard & Poor's Leveraged Commentary & Data

Attractive Pricing and Conservative Deal Structures. We believe that reduced access to, and availability of, debt capital has improved available loan pricing for middle-market lenders. Deals since the recent credit crisis occurred, which began in 2008 and included a period of disruption in the capital markets as evidenced by a lack of 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 certain major financial institutions, have included meaningful upfront fees, prepayment protections and, in some cases, warrants, all of which should enhance profitability to lenders.

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Average Discounted Spread of Leveraged Loans					
Source: Standard & Poor's Leveraged Commen	tary & Data and S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index				
Furthermore, during most of the time since the credit crisis, lenders generally have required lower leverage levels, increased equity contributions and more comprehensive loan covenants than was customary in the years leading up to the credit crisis. Lower debt multiples on purchase prices suggest that the cash flow of borrowing companies should enable them to service their debt more readily, creating stronger protections against a subsequent downturn.					
<b>Equity Contributions</b>	Purchase Price Breakdown				

Middle Market Defined as Issuers with EBITDA of \$50 Million or Less Source: Standard & Poor's Leveraged Commentary & Data

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#### **Investment Process**

The Advisor's investment process is designed to maximize its strategic advantages: a strong brand name as a specialty lender to the middle-market, and diverse in-house expertise and skills. The Advisor seeks out opportunities by conducting a rigorous and disciplined investment process that combines the following characteristics:

## **Deal Sourcing**

As a leading middle-market corporate debt investment manager with a 15-year history and in excess of \$4.5 billion in capital commitments as of December 31, 2012, approximately 12% of which consists of the Holding Company's committed capital, the Advisor is active in new deal financing opportunities in the middle-market segment. However, we believe that the Advisor's real deal flow advantage comes from the proprietary network of established relationships of its investment professionals and synergies among its professionals and portfolio companies. Members of the Advisor's Investment Committee for the Company, or the Investment Committee, have long-term relationships with deal sources including investment bankers, restructuring professionals, bankruptcy attorneys, senior lenders, high yield bond specialists, research analysts, accountants, fund management teams, the Advisor's Advisory Board, Senior Executive Advisors, board members of former clients, former colleagues and other operating professionals to facilitate deal flow. The Investment Committee is currently comprised of six voting members (Todd R. Gerch, Mark K. Holdsworth, Michael Leitner, Howard M. Levkowitz, Michael E. Tennenbaum and Rajneesh Vig). In total, the Investment Committee consists of approximately 25 members from the Advisor, of which approximately 19 are non-voting members. The number of voting and non-voting members of the Investment Committee is subject to increase or decrease in the sole discretion of the Advisor. All members of the Investment Committee attend investment meetings and are encouraged to participate in discussions. In addition, members of the Investment Committee have relationships with other investors, including insurance companies, bond funds, mezzanine funds, private equity funds, hedge funds and other funds which invest in similar assets. Further, the Advisor regularly calls on both active and recently retired senior executives from the relevant industries to assist with the due diligence of potential investments. Historically, these relationships with retired senior executives have also been a valuable source of transactions and information. The Advisor anticipates that they will continue to provide future opportunities. We believe the Advisor's strong relationships with its portfolio companies facilitate positive word-of-mouth recommendations to other companies seeking the Advisor's expertise. The Advisor's relationships often result in the ability to access investment opportunities earlier than many of its competitors and in some cases an exclusive basis.

## **Due Diligence Process**

The foundation of the Advisor's investment process is intensive investment research and analysis by its experienced staff of investment professionals. The Advisor's senior professionals have worked together for numerous years and we believe that they have a superior level of credit investing knowledge relative to other credit investors. The Advisor supplements its in-house knowledge with industry experts, including CEO/CFO-level executives, with direct management experience in the industries under consideration. The Advisor prefers these industry experts to consultants because of the practical business advice that comes from having managed businesses. The Advisor rigorously and comprehensively analyzes issuers of securities of interest. The process includes a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the issuer's business, an evaluation of its management, an analysis of the business strategy and industry trends, and an in-depth examination of the company's capital structure, financial results and projections. The Advisor's due diligence process includes:

an assessment of the outlook for the industry and general macroeconomic trends;

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discussions with issuer management and other industry executives, including the assessment of management/board strengths and weaknesses:

an analysis of the fundamental asset values and the enterprise value of the issuer;

review of the issuer's key assets, core competencies, competitive advantages, historical and projected financial statements, capitalization, financial flexibility, debt amortization requirements, and tax, environmental, legal and regulatory contingencies;

review of the issuer's existing credit documents, including credit agreements, indentures, intercreditor agreements, and security agreements; and

review of documents governing the issuer, including charter, by-laws, and key contracts.

#### **Structuring Originations**

As an early non-bank participant in the leveraged loan market, we believe that loan origination is a core competency of the Advisor. Supplementing industry deal teams' experience and competency, the Advisor has six professionals (including investment professionals) with legal experience, two of whom have a quarter-century each of relevant experience in secured credit. Deal teams work with the Advisor's in-house legal specialists and outside counsel to structure over-collateralized loans with what we believe to be strong creditor protections and contractual controls over borrower operations. In many cases, the Advisor works to obtain contractual governance rights and board seats to protect principal and maximize post-investment returns. Deals usually include upfront fees and/or equity participations through warrants or direct equity stakes.

## Trading and Secondary Market Purchases

A key element in maximizing investment returns in secondary purchases is buying and selling investments at the best available prices. The Advisor has a dedicated trading staff for both the highly specialized traded loan market and for high-yield bonds. Through its trading operations, the Advisor maintains its established relationships with a network of broker-dealers in the debt securities markets. These relationships provide the Advisor with access to the trading dynamics of existing or potential investments and assist it in effectively executing transactions. These relationships may also lead to the early identification of potential investment opportunities for the Company.

## Portfolio Management & Monitoring

The Advisor actively monitors the financial performance of its portfolio companies and market developments. This constant monitoring permits the Advisor to update position risk assessments, seek to address potential problems early, refine exit plans, and make follow-on investment decisions quickly. We view active portfolio monitoring as a vital part of our investment process.

We consider board observation and information rights, regular dialogue with company management and sponsors, and detailed internally generated monitoring reports to be critical to our performance. We have developed a monitoring template that seeks to ensure compliance with these standards and that is used as a tool by the Investment Committee to assess investment performance relative to plan.

Deal teams maintain contact with portfolio company management through regularly scheduled and *ad hoc* conference calls and onsite visits.

Deal teams review portfolio company progress relative to plan and pre-determined performance benchmarks.

Adverse or unexpected developments, as well as consequential routine updates, are reported to the Investment Committee and thoroughly discussed at regularly scheduled weekly

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meetings. If merited, the Investment Committee will hold ad hoc meetings as necessary to address urgent issues.

Deal teams, with Investment Committee approval, encourage portfolio company managers to catalyze events to monetize holdings for greater return, or where needed, corrective actions to address shortfalls to plan or benchmarks.

All existing portfolio holdings are formally reviewed in detail by the entire Investment Committee once per quarter at the Advisor's quarterly portfolio review.

## **Investment Committee and Decision Process**

The Advisor's investment process is organized around the Investment Committee that provides for a centralized, repeatable decision process. The Investment Committee meets weekly and, with respect to each fund advised by the Advisor, certain members of the Investment Committee are voting members. The Investment Committee has six voting members: Todd R. Gerch, Mark K. Holdsworth, Michael E. Leitner, Howard M. Levkowitz, Michael E. Tennenbaum and Rajneesh Vig. Approval by a simple majority vote of the voting members of the Investment Committee for each respective fund is required for the purchase or sale of any investment, with certain de-minimis exceptions. No voting member has veto power. The Advisor's investment process is designed to maximize risk-adjusted returns and preserve downside protection.

#### **Investment Structure**

Once we determine that a prospective portfolio company is suitable for a direct investment, we work with the management of that company and its other capital providers, including senior and junior lenders, and equity holders, to structure an investment. We negotiate among these parties to agree on how our investment is expected to be structured relative to the other capital in the portfolio company's capital structure.

## Leveraged Loans

We structure our investments primarily as secured leveraged loans. Leveraged loans are generally senior debt instruments that rank ahead of subordinated debt of the portfolio company. Leveraged loans generally have the benefit of security interests on the assets of the portfolio company, which may rank ahead of, or be junior to, other security interests.

## **High-Yield Securities**

The Company's portfolio currently includes high-yield securities and the Company may invest in high-yield securities in the future. High-yield securities have historically experienced greater default rates than has been the case for investment grade securities and are generally rated below investment grade by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations or will be unrated but of comparable credit quality to obligations rated below investment grade, and have greater credit and liquidity risk than more highly rated obligations. High-yield securities are generally unsecured and may be subordinate to other obligations of the obligor and are often issued in connection with leveraged acquisitions or recapitalizations in which the issuers incur a substantially higher amount of indebtedness than the level at which they had previously operated. The Company's portfolio also includes mezzanine investments which are generally unsecured and rated below investment grade. Mezzanine investments of the type in which the Company invests in are primarily privately negotiated subordinated debt securities often issued in connection with leveraged transactions, such as management buyouts, acquisitions, re-financings, recapitalizations and later stage growth capital financings, and are generally accompanied by related equity participation features such as options, warrants, preferred and common stock. In some cases, our debt investments may provide for a portion of the interest payable to be

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paid-in-kind interest. To the extent interest is paid-in-kind, it will be payable through the increase of the principal amount of the obligation by the amount of interest due on the then-outstanding aggregate principal amount of such obligation.

## Warrants, Options and Minority Equity

In some cases, we will also receive nominally priced warrants or options to buy a minority equity interest in the portfolio company in connection with a loan. As a result, if a portfolio company appreciates in value, we may achieve additional investment return from this equity interest. We may structure such warrants to include provisions protecting our rights as a minority-interest holder, as well as a "put," or right to sell such securities back to the issuer, upon the occurrence of specified events. In many cases, we may also seek to obtain registration rights in connection with these equity interests, which may include demand and "piggyback" registration rights.

## Distressed Debt

The Company's portfolio currently includes distressed debt investments and the Company is authorized to continue to invest in the securities and other obligations of distressed and bankrupt issuers, including debt obligations that are in covenant or payment default. As of December 31, 2012, none of the Operating Company's debt investments were in non-accrual status. Such debt investments were largely acquired through secondary market purchases and often led to the receipt of additional equity positions as part of in- or out-of-court debt-for-equity exchanges. The Company does not anticipate distressed debt to be a significant part of its ongoing investment strategy. Such investments generally trade significantly below par and are considered speculative. The repayment of defaulted obligations is subject to significant uncertainties. Defaulted obligations might be repaid only after lengthy workout or bankruptcy proceedings, during which the issuer might not make any interest or other payments. Typically such workout or bankruptcy proceedings result in only partial recovery of cash payments or an exchange of the defaulted obligation for other debt or equity securities of the issuer or its affiliates, which may in turn be illiquid or speculative.

#### Opportunistic Investments

Opportunistic investments may include, but are not limited to, investments in debt securities of all kinds and at all levels of the capital structure and may include equity securities of public companies that are not thinly traded, emerging market debt, structured finance vehicles such as CLO funds and debt of middle-market companies located outside the United States. We do not intend such investments to be our primary focus.

We tailor the terms of each investment to the facts and circumstances of the transaction and the prospective portfolio company, negotiating a structure that protects our rights and manages our risk while creating incentives for the portfolio company to achieve its business plan and improve its operating results. We seek to limit the downside potential of our investments by:

requiring a total return on our investments (including both interest and potential equity appreciation) that we believe will compensate us appropriately for credit risk;

negotiating covenants in connection with our investments that afford our portfolio companies as much flexibility in managing their businesses as possible, consistent with the 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 rights to a seat on the board of directors under some circumstances; and

selecting investments that we believe have a very low probability of loss.

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We expect to hold most of our investments to maturity or repayment, but we may sell some of our investments earlier if a liquidity event occurs, such as a sale, recapitalization or worsening of the credit quality of the portfolio company.

## Managerial assistance

As a BDC, we offer, and must provide upon request, 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. We may receive fees for these services and will reimburse the General Partner as our Administrator for its allocated costs in providing such assistance subject to review and approval by our board of directors. The Advisor will provide such managerial assistance on our behalf to portfolio companies that request this assistance.

## Competition

Our primary competitors to provide financing to middle-market companies include public and private funds, commercial and investment banks, commercial finance companies and private equity and hedge funds. 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 a wider variety of investments and establish more relationships than us. Furthermore, many of our competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a BDC or to the distribution and other requirements we must satisfy to maintain our favorable RIC tax status.

#### **Properties**

We do not own any real estate or other physical properties materially important to our operation. Our headquarters are currently located at 2951 28th Street, Suite 1000, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The Advisor furnishes us office space and we reimburse it for such costs on an allocated basis.

## **Legal Proceedings**

We, the Operating Company, the General Partner and the Advisor are currently party to certain lawsuits in the normal course of business. Furthermore, third parties may try to seek to impose liability on us in connection with the activities of our portfolio companies. While the outcome of any such open legal proceedings cannot at this time be predicted with certainty, we do not expect these matters will have a material adverse impact on the financial condition or results of operations of the Holding Company, the Operating Company, the General Partner or the Advisor.

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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 financial data appearing elsewhere in this prospectus and our financial statements and notes thereto, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus and the SAI.

#### Overview

We are a Delaware corporation originally formed as a Delaware limited liability company on July 17, 2006 and converted into a Delaware corporation on April 2, 2012 and are an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. Our investment objective is to achieve high total returns through current income and capital appreciation, with an emphasis on principal protection. We seek to achieve our investment objective primarily through investments in debt securities of leveraged middle market companies. We invest primarily in the debt of middle-market companies, including senior secured loans, junior loans, mezzanine debt and bonds. Such investments may include an equity component, and, to a lesser extent, we may make equity investments directly.

Investment operations are conducted in the Operating Company, a Delaware Limited Partnership, of which we own 100% of the common limited partner interests. The Operating Company has also elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. The General Partner of the Operating Company is SVOF/MM, LLC, which also serves as our and the Operating Company's Administrator. The managing member of General Partner is the Advisor, which serves as the investment manager to both the Company and the Operating Company. Most of the equity interests in the General Partner are owned directly or indirectly by the Advisor and its employees.

We have elected to be treated as RIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a RIC, we will not be taxed on its income to the extent that it distributes such income each year and satisfies other applicable income tax requirements. The Operating Company has elected to be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

On April 2, 2012, Special Value Continuation Fund, LLC ("SVCF") converted from a limited liability company to a corporation, leaving the Company as the surviving entity (the "Conversion"). At the time of the Conversion, all limited liability company interests were exchanged for 15,725,635 shares of common stock in the Company. As a result of the Conversion, the books and records of SVCF have become the books and records of the surviving entity and the Operating Company became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.

On April 3, 2012, the Company priced its initial public offering, selling 5,750,000 shares of its common stock at a public offering price of \$14.75 per share.

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 corporate level taxes on any income that we distribute to our stockholders provided that we satisfy those requirements.

#### Investments

Our level of investment activity can and does vary substantially from period to period depending on many factors, including the amount of debt and equity capital available to middle market companies, the level of merger and acquisition activity, the general economic environment and the competitive environment for the types of investments we make.

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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, public U.S. operating companies whose securities are not listed on a national securities exchange or registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, public domestic operating companies having a market capitalization of less than \$250 million, cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less. We are also permitted to make certain follow-on investments in companies that were eligible portfolio companies at the time of initial investment but that no longer meet the definition.

#### Revenues

We generate revenues primarily in the form of interest on the debt we hold. We also generate revenue from dividends on our equity interests and capital gains on the sale of warrants and other debt or equity interests that we acquire. Our investments in fixed income instruments generally have an expected maturity of three to five years, although we have no lower or upper constraint on maturity. Interest on our debt investments is generally payable quarterly or semi-annually. Payments of principal of our debt investments may be amortized over the stated term of the investment, deferred for several years or due entirely at maturity. In some cases, our debt investments and preferred stock investments may defer payments of cash interest or dividends or PIK. Any outstanding principal amount of our debt investments and any accrued but unpaid interest will generally become due at the maturity date. In addition, we may generate revenue in the form of prepayment fees, commitment, origination, structuring or due diligence fees, fees for providing significant managerial assistance, consulting fees and other investment related income.

#### Expenses

Our primary operating expenses include the payment of a base management fee and, depending on our operating results, incentive compensation, expenses reimbursable under the management agreement, administration fees and the allocable portion of overhead under the administration agreement. The base management fee and incentive compensation remunerates the Advisor for work in identifying, evaluating, negotiating, closing and monitoring our investments. Our administration agreement with SVOF/MM, LLC (the "Administrator") provides that the Administrator may be reimbursed for costs and expenses incurred by the Administrator for office space rental, office equipment and utilities allocable to us under the administration agreement, as well as any costs and expenses incurred by the Administrator or its affiliates relating to any non-investment advisory, administrative or operating services provided by the Administrator or its affiliates to us. We also bear all other costs and expenses of our operations and transactions (and the Holding Company's common stockholders indirectly bear all of the costs and expenses of the Holding Company and the Operating Company), which may include those relating to:

our organization;

calculating our net asset value (including the cost and expenses of any independent valuation firms);

interest payable on debt, if any, incurred to finance our investments;

costs of future offerings of our common stock and other securities, if any;

the base management fee and any incentive compensation;

dividends and distributions on our preferred shares, if any, and common shares;

following conversion to a BDC, administration fees payable under the administration agreement;

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fees payable to third parties relating to, or associated with, making investments;
transfer agent and custodial fees;
registration fees;
listing fees;
taxes;
director fees and expenses;
costs of preparing and filing reports or other documents with the SEC;
costs of any reports, proxy statements or other notices to our stockholders, including printing costs;
our fidelity bond;
directors and officers/errors and omissions liability insurance, and any other insurance premiums;
indemnification payments;
direct costs and expenses of administration, including audit and legal costs; and
all other expenses reasonably incurred by us and the Administrator in connection with administering our business, such as

the allocable portion of overhead under the administration agreement, including rent and other allocable portions of the cost of certain of our officers and their respective staffs.

The investment management agreements provide that the base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 1.5% of our total assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents) payable quarterly in arrears. For purposes of calculating the base management fee, "total assets" is determined without deduction for any borrowings or other liabilities. The base management fee is calculated based on the value of our total assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents) at the end of the most recently completed calendar quarter. The base management fee for any partial quarter is appropriately pro-rated.

Additionally, the investment management agreements and the Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement provide that the Advisor or its affiliates may be entitled to incentive compensation under certain circumstances. No incentive compensation was incurred prior to January 1, 2013. The incentive compensation is calculated as the sum of (1) 20% of all ordinary income since January 1, 2013 and (2) 20% of all net realized capital gains (net of any net unrealized capital depreciation) since January 1, 2013, with each component being subject to a total return requirement of 8% of contributed common equity annually. The incentive compensation initially is payable by making an equity allocation to the General Partner by the Operating Company pursuant to the Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement. If the Operating Company is terminated or for any other reason incentive compensation is not paid by the Operating Company, it would be paid pursuant to the investment management agreement between us and the Advisor. The determination of incentive compensation is subject to limitations under the 1940 Act and the Advisers Act.

## Critical accounting policies

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets,

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liabilities, revenues and expenses. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining such estimates could cause actual results to differ. Management considers the following critical accounting policies important to understanding the financial statements. In addition to the discussion below, our critical accounting policies are further described in the notes to our financial statements.

## Valuation of portfolio investments

We value our portfolio investments at fair value based upon the principles and methods of valuation set forth in policies adopted by our board of directors. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Market participants are buyers and sellers in the principal (or most advantageous) market for the asset that (i) are independent of us, (ii) are knowledgeable, having a reasonable understanding about the asset based on all available information (including information that might be obtained through due diligence efforts that are usual and customary), (iii) are able to transact for the asset, and (iv) are willing to transact for the asset or liability (that is, they are motivated but not forced or otherwise compelled to do so).

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at such market quotations unless the quotations are deemed not to represent fair value. We generally obtain market quotations from recognized exchanges, market quotation systems, independent pricing services or one or more broker dealers or market makers. However, short term debt investments with remaining maturities within 90 days are generally valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Debt and equity securities for which market quotations are not readily available or for which market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors. Because a readily available market value for many of the investments in our portfolio is often not available, we value many of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors using a consistently applied valuation process in accordance with a documented valuation policy that has been reviewed and approved by our board of directors. Due to the inherent uncertainty and subjectivity of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a readily available market value existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that we may ultimately realize. In addition, changes in the market environment and other events may have differing impacts on the market quotations used to value some of our investments than on the fair values of our investments for which market quotations are not readily available. Market quotations may be deemed not to represent fair value in certain circumstances where we believe that facts and circumstances applicable to an issuer, a seller or purchaser, or the market for a particular security cause current market quotations to not reflect the fair value of the security. Examples of these events could include cases where a security trades infrequently causing a quoted purchase or sale price to become stale, where there is a "forced" sale by a distressed seller, where market quotations vary substantially among market makers, or where there is a wide bid-ask spread or significant increase in the bid-ask spread.

The valuation process adopted by our board of directors with respect to investments for which market quotations are not readily available or for which market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value is as follows:

The investment professionals of the Advisor provide recent portfolio company financial statements and other reporting materials to independent valuation firms engaged by our board of directors.

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Such firms evaluate this information along with relevant observable market data to conduct independent appraisals each quarter, and their preliminary valuation conclusions are documented and discussed with senior management of the Advisor.

The board of directors discusses the valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of the Advisor, the respective independent valuation firms and the audit committee of the board of directors.

However, smaller investments aggregating less than 5% of our total capitalization may be valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the board of directors based on valuations provided by the Advisor without the employment of an independent valuation firm.

Those investments for which market quotations are not readily available or for which market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value are valued utilizing a market approach, an income approach, or both approaches, as appropriate. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities (including a business). The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts (for example, cash flows or earnings) to a single present amount (discounted). The measurement is based on the value indicated by current market expectations about those future amounts. In following these approaches, the types of factors that we may take into account in determining the fair value of our investments include, as relevant and among other factors: available current market data, including relevant and applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and multiples, security covenants, call protection provisions, information rights, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments, its earnings and discounted cash flows, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public, merger and acquisition comparables, our principal market (as the reporting entity) and enterprise values.

When valuing all of our investments, we strive to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of us. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect our assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

Our investments may be categorized based on the types of inputs used in their valuation. The level in the GAAP valuation hierarchy in which an investment falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation of the investment in its entirety. Investments are classified by GAAP into the three broad levels as follows:

- Level 1 Investments valued using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.
- Level 2 Investments valued using other unadjusted observable market inputs, e.g. quoted prices in markets that are not active or quotes for comparable instruments.
- Level 3 Investments that are valued using quotes and other observable market data to the extent available, but which also take into consideration one or more unobservable inputs that are significant to the valuation taken as a whole.

As of December 31, 2012, 0.2% of our investments were categorized as Level 1, 19.1% were categorized as Level 2, 79.0% were Level 3 investments valued based on valuations by independent third party sources, and 1.7% were Level 3 investments valued based on valuations by the Advisor.

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Determination of fair value involves subjective judgments and estimates. Accordingly, the notes to our financial statements express the uncertainty with respect to the possible effect of such valuations, and any change in such valuations, on the financial statements.

#### Revenue recognition

Interest and dividend income, including income paid in kind, is recorded on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are determined to be collectible. Origination, structuring, closing, commitment and other upfront fees earned with respect to capital commitments are generally amortized or accreted into interest income over the life of the respective debt investment. Other fees, including certain amendment fees, prepayment fees and commitment fees on broken deals, are recognized as earned. Prepayment fees and similar income received upon the early repayment of a loan or debt security are included in interest income.

Certain of our debt investments are purchased at a considerable discount to par as a result of the underlying credit risks and financial results of the issuer, as well as general market factors that influence the financial markets as a whole. GAAP generally requires that discounts on the acquisition of corporate bonds, municipal bonds and treasury bonds be amortized using the effective-interest or constant-yield method. GAAP also requires that we consider the collectability of interest when making accruals. Accordingly, when accounting for purchase discounts, we recognize discount accretion income when it is probable that such amounts will be collected, generally at disposition. When the Partnership receives principal payments on a loan in an amount in excess of the loan's amortized cost, it records the excess principal payments as interest income.

#### Net realized gains or losses and net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation

We measure realized gains or losses by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the amortized cost basis of the investment, without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized. Realized gains and losses are computed using the specific identification method. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation reflects the change in portfolio investment values during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses are realized.

## Portfolio and investment activity

## December 31, 2012

During the year ended December 31, 2012, we invested approximately \$359.0 million across 28 new and 14 existing portfolio companies. Of these investments, 98% were senior secured debt comprised of senior loans (\$312.6 million, or 87% of the total) and senior secured notes (\$40.3 million, or 11% of the total). The remaining \$6.1 million (2% of the total) of new investments were in unsecured debt and equity securities. Additionally, we received approximately \$211.2 million in proceeds from sales or repayments of investments during year ended December 31, 2012.

At December 31, 2012, our investment portfolio of \$517.7 million (at fair value) consisted of 54 portfolio companies and was invested 93% in debt investments, of which 96% was in senior secured debt and 4% in unsecured or subordinated debt. In aggregate, our investment portfolio was invested 77% in senior secured loans, 12% in senior secured notes, 4% in unsecured or subordinated debt, and 7% in equity investments. Our average portfolio company investment at fair value was approximately \$9.6 million. Our largest portfolio company investment by value was approximately \$19.4 million and our five largest portfolio company investments by value comprised approximately 17% of our portfolio at December 31, 2012. At December 31, 2011, our investment portfolio of \$379.0 million (at fair value) consisted of 41 portfolio companies and was invested 48% in senior secured loans, 24% in senior secured notes, 9% in unsecured or subordinated debt, and 19% in equity investments. Our average

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portfolio company investment at amortized cost was approximately \$11.6 million. Our largest portfolio company investment by value was approximately \$48.3 million and our five largest portfolio company investments by value comprised approximately 33% of our portfolio at December 31, 2011.

The industry composition of our portfolio at fair value at December 31, 2012 was as follows:

	Percent of Total
Industry	Investments
Software Publishers	8.8%
Gaming Industries	5.8%
Scheduled Air Transportation	5.1%
Radio and Television Broadcasting	4.8%
Wired Telecommunications Carriers	4.2%
Business Support Services	3.8%
Full-Service Restaurants	3.5%
Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution	3.5%
Equipment Rental and Leasing	3.4%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services	3.3%
Other Electrical Equipment and Component Manufacturing	3.1%
Nonferrous Metal Production and Processing	3.0%
Scientific Research and Development Services	3.0%
Motion Picture and Video Industries	2.9%
Grocery Stores	2.7%
Semiconductor and Other Electronic Component Manufacturing	2.7%
Metal and Mineral (except Petroleum) Merchant Wholesalers	2.6%
Wireless Telecommunications	2.6%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	2.5%
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	2.5%
Electronic Shopping	2.4%
Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2.3%
Other Amusement and Recreation Industries	2.2%
Promoters of Performing Arts, Sports, and Similar Events	2.1%
Retail	2.0%
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	1.9%
Computer Equipment Manufacturing	1.8%
Artificial Synthetic Fibers and Filaments Manufacturing	1.8%
Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services	1.6%
Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing	1.6%
Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	1.6%
Iron and Steel Mills and Ferroalloy Manufacturing	1.3%
Other	3.6%

The weighted average effective yield of the debt securities in our portfolio was 11.3% at December 31, 2012 and 11.9% at December 31, 2011. The weighted effective yields on our senior debt and other debt investments were 11.4% and 9.9%, respectively, at December 31, 2012, versus 11.6% and 15.9% at December 31, 2011.

100.0%

At December 31, 2012, 63.8% of our debt investments bore interest based on floating rates, such as LIBOR, EURIBOR, the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate, and 36.2% bore interest at fixed rates. The percentage of our floating rate debt investments that bore interest based on an interest rate

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floor was 95.6% at December 31, 2012. At December 31, 2011, 33% of our debt investments bore interest based on floating rates and 67% bore interest at fixed rates. The percentage of our floating rate debt investments that bore interest based on an interest rate floor was 60% at December 31, 2011.

#### December 31, 2011

During the year ended December 31, 2011, we invested approximately \$171.8 million across nine new and 16 existing portfolio companies. These investments consisted primarily of senior secured loans and bonds (\$145.9 million, or 85% of the total), equity securities (\$17.6 million, or 10%) and unsecured or subordinated debt securities (\$8.3 million, or 5%). Additionally, we received proceeds from sales/repayments of investment principal of approximately \$216.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2011. During the year ended December 31, 2010, we invested approximately \$262.8 million across 20 new and 14 existing portfolio companies. These investments consisted primarily of senior secured loans and bonds (\$244.9 million, or 93% of the total), equity securities (\$2.9 million, or 1%) and unsecured or subordinated debt securities (\$15.0 million, or 6%). Additionally, we received proceeds from sales/repayments of investment principal of approximately \$192.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2010.

At December 31, 2011, our investment portfolio of \$379.0 million (at fair value) consisted of 41 portfolio companies and was invested 48% in senior secured loans, 24% in senior secured notes, 9% in unsecured or subordinated debt, and 19% in equity investments. Our average portfolio company investment at amortized cost was approximately \$11.6 million at December 31, 2011. Our largest portfolio company investment by value was approximately \$48.3 million and our five largest portfolio company investments by value comprised approximately 33% of our portfolio at December 31, 2011. At December 31, 2010, our investment portfolio of \$453.0 million (at fair value) consisted of 44 portfolio companies and was invested 39% in senior secured loans, 8% in unsecured or subordinated debt, 25% in senior secured notes and 28% in equity investments. Our average portfolio company investment at amortized cost was approximately \$11.2 million at December 31, 2010. Our largest portfolio company investment by value was approximately \$47.5 million and our five largest portfolio company investments by value comprised approximately 38% of our portfolio at December 31, 2010.

The weighted average yield to maturity of the debt and income producing equity securities in our portfolio was 14.1% at December 31, 2011 and 13.1% at December 31, 2010. The weighted average yields to maturity on our senior secured debt and other debt investments were 13.8% and 19.4%, respectively, at December 31, 2011, versus 11.9% and 22.1% at December 31, 2010. Yields exclude common equity investments and preferred equity investments with no stated dividend rate.

At December 31, 2011, 33% of our debt investments bore interest based on floating rates, such as LIBOR, EURIBOR, the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate, and 67% bore interest at fixed rates. The percentage of our floating rate debt investments that bore interest based on an interest rate floor was 60% at December 31, 2011. At December 31, 2010, 36% of our debt investments bore interest based on floating rates and 64% bore interest at fixed rates. The percentage of our floating rate debt investments that bore interest based on an interest rate floor was 36% at December 31, 2010.

## Results of operations

Results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2012 are not directly comparable to the year ended December 31, 2011, since 2011 reflects a portfolio prior to the Conversion with different investment objectives.

## Investment income

Investment income totaled \$52.2 million and \$54.9 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, of which \$49.3 million and \$42.1 million were attributable to interest and

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fees on our debt investments, \$1.8 million and \$10.6 million to dividends from equity securities and \$1.1 million and \$2.1 million to other income, respectively. The decrease in investment income in the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to the year ended December 31, 2011 reflects significant dividends received from two equity positions in the year ended December 31, 2011 totaling \$10.6 million compared to receipt of \$1.8 million in dividends from one equity investment in the year ended December 31, 2012, partially offset by an increase in interest income due to the larger investment portfolio and the higher percentage of the portfolio in income-producing assets in the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to the year ended December 31, 2011.

## Expenses

Net expenses for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$10.4 million and \$9.2 million, respectively, which consisted of \$6.9 million and \$6.8 million in base management fees, \$1.2 million and \$0.3 million in legal and professional fees, \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million in interest expense and fees related to the Revolving Facility, \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million in amortization of debt issuance costs, and \$1.7 million and \$1.4 million in other expenses, respectively. No incentive compensation was paid during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. The increase in expenses in the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to the year ended December 31, 2011 primarily reflects \$0.4 million in professional fees relating to the Conversion and an overall increase in ongoing professional fees subsequent to the Conversion.

#### Net investment income

Net investment income was \$40.3 million and \$45.6 million respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. The decrease in in net investment income in the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to the year ended December 31, 2011 primarily reflects the decrease in dividend income, the increase in professional fees and other expenses, and the excise tax expense, partially offset by the increase in interest and other income in the year ended December 31, 2012.

## Net realized and unrealized gain or loss

Net realized gains (losses) for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$(16.0) million and \$18.1 million, respectively. The net realized losses during the year ended December 31, 2012 were due a charge of \$33.8 million on the Bulgaria Telecom restructuring, \$29.3 million of which were previously included in unrealized losses and a reorganization charge on one other debt investment of \$(5.5) million, partially offset by a gain of \$17.0 million from the sale of International Wire Group Holdings, Inc. equity, and net gains of \$6.3 million primarily from three debt investments. For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the change in net unrealized appreciation or depreciation was \$3.2 million and \$(57.0) million, respectively.

## Income tax expense, including excise tax

The Company has elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of 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. The Company has made and intends to continue to make the requisite distributions to its stockholders which will generally relieve the Company from U.S. federal 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. For the year ended December 31, 2012,

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an expense of \$1.5 million was recorded for U.S. federal excise tax. There was no U.S. federal excise tax recorded for the year ended December 31, 2011.

## Dividends to preferred equityholders

Dividends on the Preferred Interests for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$1.6 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, as average LIBOR rates for the two periods were similar.

## Net increase in net assets resulting from operations

The net increase in net assets resulting from operations was \$25.9 million and \$5.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The increased amount in the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to the year ended December 31, 2011 primarily reflects a lower net realized and unrealized loss, partially offset by the decrease in dividend income.

Results comparisons are for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, and 2010.

#### Investment income

Investment income totaled \$52.2 million, \$54.9 million and \$47.8 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, of which \$49.3 million, \$42.1 million and \$32.4 million were attributable to interest and fees on our debt investments, \$1.8 million, \$10.6 million and \$13.5 million to dividends from equity securities, \$0.0 million, \$0.0 million and \$0.0 million to interest earned on short-term investments and cash equivalents, and \$1.1 million, \$2.1 million and \$1.8 million to other income, respectively. The increase in investment income in 2011 compared to 2010 primarily reflects an increase in the average size of our portfolio during 2011 and an increase in current yield during the year. Total investments at fair value and their cost were \$517.7 million and \$609.1 million at December 31, 2012, compared to \$379.0 million and \$473.8 million at December 31, 2011, and \$453.0 million and \$490.9 million at December 31, 2010, respectively. Three-month LIBOR averaged 0.43% during the year ended December 31, 2012, compared to 0.34% during the year ended December 31, 2011, and 0.34% during the year ended December 31, 2010.

## Expenses

Net expenses (including any taxes) for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$10.4 million, \$9.2 million and \$8.9 million, respectively, which consisted of \$6.9 million for 2012 and \$6.8 million for 2011 and 2010, respectively, in base management fees, \$0.2 million, \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, in interest expense and fees related to the Revolving Facility, \$1.2 million, \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million in legal and professional fees, respectively, \$0.4 million each year in amortization of debt issuance costs and \$1.7 million, \$1.4 million and \$0.7 million in other expenses, respectively. No incentive compensation was paid during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 or 2010.

## Net investment income

Net investment income was \$40.3 million, \$45.6 million and \$38.9 million respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010. As noted above, the decrease in in net investment income in 2012 compared to 2011 primarily reflects the decrease in dividend income, the increase in professional fees and other expenses, and the excise tax expense, partially offset by the increase in interest and other income in 2012. The increase in net investment income in 2011 compared to 2010 primarily reflects the increase in the average size of our portfolio during 2011 and the increase in current yield during the year.

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## Net realized and unrealized gain or loss

Net realized gains (losses) for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$(16.0) million, \$18.1 million and \$18.7 million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, the change in net unrealized appreciation or depreciation was \$3.2 million, \$(57.0) million and \$12.9 million, respectively. Net realized and unrealized losses during 2011 were primarily a result of fair market value markdowns resulting from turmoil in the capital markets primarily during the third quarter of 2011. Net realized and unrealized gains during 2010 were primarily a result of reversals of prior years' unrealized depreciation and improved capital market conditions.

### Dividends to preferred equityholders

Dividends on the Preferred Interests for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$1.6 million, \$1.5 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. The average LIBOR rate was relatively stable during 2012, 2011 and most of 2010; accordingly, there were no significant changes in dividends paid.

## Net increase in net assets resulting from operations

The net increase in net assets resulting from operations was \$25.9 million, \$5.2 million and \$69.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 respectively. As noted above, the increased amount in 2012 compared to 2011 primarily reflects a lower net realized and unrealized loss, partially offset by the decrease in dividend income. The smaller increase in 2011 compared to 2010 primarily reflects the negative change in net unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

## Liquidity and capital resources

Since our inception, our liquidity and capital resources have been generated primarily through the initial private placement of common shares of Special Value Continuation Fund, LLC (our predecessor entity), which were subsequently converted to common stock of the Holding Company, net proceeds from our initial public offering and the Leverage Program, and cash flows from operations, including investments sales and repayments and income earned from investments and cash equivalents. The primary uses of cash have been investments in portfolio companies, cash distributions to our equity holders, payments to service our Leverage Program and other general corporate purposes.

Net cash used in operating activities during the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$88.4 million. Our primary use of cash in operating activities during this period consisted of settlements of investment acquisitions (net of dispositions) of \$145.0 million, partially offset by net investment income (net of non-cash income) of approximately \$56.6 million.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$95.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2012, consisting primarily of \$81.0 million of net proceeds from our initial public offering, reduced by \$28.8 million of dividends on common equity, \$1.5 million of dividends on the Preferred Interests, and \$45.0 million of net draws under the Revolving Facility.

At December 31, 2012, we had \$18.0 million in cash and cash equivalents.

The Revolving Facility is secured by substantially all of the assets in our portfolio, including cash and cash equivalents. At December 31, 2012, we had \$74.0 million drawn and outstanding under the Revolving Facility, with an additional \$42.0 million available to us, subject to compliance with customary affirmative and negative covenants, including the maintenance of a minimum shareholders' equity, the maintenance of ratios of not less than 300% of total assets (less total liabilities other than indebtedness) to total indebtedness and not less than 200% of total assets (less total liabilities other than indebtedness) to the sum of total preferred equity and indebtedness, and restrictions on certain payments and issuance of debt. Economic conditions, like those that began in 2007 and which

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continued through 2011, may result in a decrease in the value of our investments, which would affect both the asset coverage ratios and the value of the collateral securing the Revolving Facility, and may therefore impact our ability to borrow under the Revolving Facility. See "Risks Risks related to our Business In addition to regulatory restrictions that restrict our ability to raise capital, the Leverage Program contains various covenants which, if not complied with, could accelerate repayment under the Revolving Facility or require redemption of the Preferred Interests, thereby materially and adversely affecting our liquidity, financial condition and results of operations." At December 31, 2012, we were in compliance with all financial and operational covenants required by the Revolving Facility.

Economic conditions, like those that began in 2007 and continued through 2011, while creating attractive opportunities for us, may decrease liquidity and raise the cost of capital generally, which could limit our ability to renew, extend or replace the Leverage Program on terms as favorable as are currently included therein. If we are unable to renew, extend or replace the Leverage Program upon its maturity, we expect to have sufficient funds to repay the outstanding balance in full from our net investment income and sales of, and repayments of principal from, our portfolio company investments, as well as from anticipated debt and equity capital raises, among other sources. Economic conditions, like those that began in 2007 and which have continued, may limit our ability to raise capital or the ability of the companies in which we invest to repay our loans or engage in a liquidity event, such as a sale, recapitalization or initial public offering. See "Risks Risks related to our business" The Revolving Facility matures in July 2014 and the Preferred Interests will be subject to mandatory redemption in July 2016. Any inability to renew, extend or replace the Revolving Facility or replace the Preferred Interests could adversely impact our liquidity and ability to find new investments or maintain distributions to our stockholders."

Challenges in the market are intensified for us by certain regulatory limitations under the Code and the 1940 Act. To maintain our qualification as a RIC, we must satisfy, among other requirements, an annual distribution requirement to pay out at least 90% of our ordinary income and short-term capital gains to our stockholders. Because we are required to distribute our income in this manner, and because the illiquidity of many of our investments may make it difficult for us to finance new investments through the sale of current investments, our ability to make new investments is highly dependent upon external financing. While we anticipate being able to continue to satisfy all covenants and repay the outstanding balance under the Leverage Program when due, there can be no assurance that we will be able to do so, which could lead to an event of default. See "Risks Risks related to our business In addition to regulatory restrictions that restrict our ability to raise capital, the Leverage Program contains various covenants which, if not complied with, could accelerate repayment under the Revolving Facility or require redemption of the Preferred Interests, thereby materially and adversely affecting our liquidity, financial condition and results of operations."

## **Contractual obligations**

The Revolving Facility is a senior secured revolving credit facility with certain lenders pursuant to which amounts may be drawn up to \$116 million. The Revolving Facility matures on July 31, 2014, and may be extended at our option for one 12-month period. At December 31, 2012, \$74 million in advances were outstanding under the Revolving Facility, all of which were short-term draws of less than one year.

We have also entered into several contracts under which we have future commitments. Pursuant to an investment management agreement, the Advisor manages our day-to-day operations and provides investment advisory services to us. Payments under the investment management agreement is equal to a percentage of the value of our gross assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents) and an incentive compensation, plus reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by the Advisor. Under our administration agreement, the Administrator provides us with administrative services, facilities and personnel. Payments under the administration agreement are equal to an allocable portion of overhead

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and other expenses incurred by the Administrator in performing its obligations to us, and may include rent and our allocable portion of the cost of certain of our officers and their respective staffs. We are responsible for reimbursing the Advisor for due diligence and negotiation expenses, fees and expenses of custodians, administrators, transfer and distribution agents, counsel and directors, insurance, filings and registrations, proxy expenses, expenses of communications to investors, compliance expenses, interest, taxes, portfolio transaction expenses, costs of responding to regulatory inquiries and reporting to regulatory authorities, costs and expenses of preparing and maintaining our books and records, indemnification, litigation and other extraordinary expenses and such other expenses as are approved by the directors as being reasonably related to the organization, offering, capitalization, operation or administration of the Funds and any portfolio investments, as applicable. The Advisor is not responsible for any of the foregoing expenses and such services are not investment advisory services under the 1940 Act. Either party may terminate each of the investment management agreement and administration agreement without penalty upon not less than 60 days' written notice to the other.

#### **Distributions**

Our quarterly distributions, if any, are determined under guidelines established by our board of directors. Distributions are declared considering our estimate of annual taxable income available for distribution to stockholders and the amount of taxable income carried over from the prior year for distribution in the current year. We do not have a policy to pay distributions at a specific level and expect to continue to distribute substantially all of our taxable income. Distributions declared by the Company since July 2006 (inception of operations) to the date of the Conversion are set out in the table below. Changes in investment focus, expense levels and other factors may have an effect on the amount of distributions we pay in the future. We cannot assure stockholders that they will receive any distributions or distributions at a particular level.

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The distribution amounts per share outstanding for distributions prior to the Conversion on April 2, 2012, are calculated based on the 418,955.777 shares outstanding, which were initially issued at \$1,000 per share. Distribution amounts per share outstanding for distributions subsequent to the Conversion are calculated based on 21,475,635 shares outstanding after the Conversion and the initial public offering on April 4, 2012.

	Distribution Amount Per Share Outstanding Prior to the Conversion	Distribution Amount Per Share Outstanding After the Conversion	Record Date	Pay Date
\$	11.08	After the Conversion	9/30/2006	11/1/2006
Ψ	34.37		12/31/2006	1/26/2007
	26.76		3/31/2007	4/2/2007
	74.16		6/30/2007	7/2/2007
	21.51		9/30/2007	10/9/2007
	71.05*		12/31/2007	12/28/2007
	9.55		6/30/2008	7/9/2008
	9.55		10/1/2008	10/8/2008
	9.55		7/1/2009	7/8/2009
	11.93		9/14/2009	10/1/2009
	8.35		12/22/2009	1/5/2010
	6.44		12/30/2009	1/29/2010
	7.16		3/26/2010	4/15/2010
	16.71		6/21/2010	7/1/2010
	19.10		9/20/2010	10/4/2010
	31.03		12/27/2010	1/6/2011
	15.99		12/27/2010	1/31/2011
	17.90		3/23/2011	4/7/2011
	19.10		6/20/2011	6/30/2011
	19.10		9/21/2011	9/30/2011
	19.10		12/21/2011	12/30/2011
	12.89		3/9/2012	4/3/2012
		0.34	6/15/2012	6/29/2012
		0.35	9/14/2012	9/28/2012
		0.40**		12/31/2012
		0.40**	* 3/18/2013	3/29/2013

\$5.72 of the \$71.05 per share distribution was a return of capital.

Includes a special dividend of \$0.05 per share.

Tax characteristics of all dividends are reported to stockholders on Form 1099-DIV or Form 1042-S after the end of the calendar year.

We have elected to be taxed as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. In order to maintain favorable RIC tax treatment, we must distribute annually to our stockholders at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, out of the assets legally available for distribution. In order to avoid certain excise taxes imposed on RICs, we must distribute during each calendar year an amount at least equal to the sum of:

98% of our ordinary income (not taking into account any capital gains or losses) for the calendar year;

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98.2% of the amount by which our capital gains exceed our capital losses (adjusted for certain ordinary losses) for the one-year period generally ending on October 31 of the calendar year; and

certain undistributed amounts from previous years on which we paid no U.S. federal income tax.

We may, at our discretion, carry forward taxable income in excess of calendar year distributions and pay a 4% excise tax on this income. If we choose to do so, all other things being equal, this would increase expenses and reduce the amounts available to be distributed to our stockholders. We will accrue excise tax on estimated taxable income as required. In addition, although we currently intend to distribute realized net capital gains (i.e., net long-term capital gains in excess of short-term capital losses), if any, at least annually, out of the assets legally available for such distributions, we may in the future decide to retain such capital gains for investment.

We have adopted an "opt in" dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders. As a result, if we declare a dividend or other distribution payable in cash, each stockholder that has not "opted in" to our dividend reinvestment plan will receive such dividends in cash, rather than having their dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock.

We may not be able to achieve operating results that will allow us to make dividends and distributions at a specific level or to increase the amount of these dividends and distributions from time to time. Also, we may be limited in our ability to make dividends and distributions due to the asset coverage test applicable to us as a BDC under the 1940 Act and due to provisions in our existing and future credit facilities. If we do not distribute a certain percentage of our income annually, we will suffer adverse tax consequences, including possible loss of favorable RIC tax treatment. In addition, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and tax regulations, we include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as PIK interest, which represents contractual interest added to the loan balance that becomes due at the end of the loan term, or the accrual of original issue or market discount. Since we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty meeting the requirement to distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income to obtain tax benefits as a RIC and may be subject to an excise tax.

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 can be as low as 10% for dividends paid on or before December 31, 2012 with respect to any taxable year ending on or before December 31, 2011) and certain requirements are met, the entire distribution would be treated as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

## **Related Parties**

We have entered into a number of business relationships with affiliated or related parties, including the following:

Each of the Holding Company and the Operating Company have entered into an investment management agreement with the Advisor.

The Administrator provides us with administrative services necessary to conduct our day-to-day operations. For providing these services, facilities and personnel, the Administrator may be reimbursed by us for expenses incurred by the Administrator in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including our allocable portion of the cost of certain of our officers and the Administrator's administrative staff and providing, at our

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request and on our behalf, significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies to which we are required to provide such assistance.

We have entered into a royalty-free license agreement with the Advisor, pursuant to which the Advisor has agreed to grant us a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name "TCP."

Pursuant to its limited partnership agreement, the general partner of the Operating Company is SVOF/MM, LLC. SVOF/MM, LLC is an affiliate of the Advisor and the general partners or managing member of certain other funds managed by the Advisor.

The Advisor and its affiliates, employees and associates currently do and in the future may manage other funds and accounts. The Advisor and its affiliates may determine that an investment is appropriate for us and for one or more of those other funds or accounts. Accordingly, conflicts may arise regarding the allocation of investments or opportunities among us and those accounts. In general, the Advisor will allocate investment opportunities pro rata among us and the other funds and accounts (assuming the investment satisfies the objectives of each) based on the amount of committed capital each then has available. The allocation of certain investment opportunities in private placements is subject to independent director approval pursuant to the terms of the co-investment exemptive order applicable to us and described above. In certain cases, investment opportunities may be made other than on a pro rata basis. For example, we may desire to retain an asset at the same time that one or more other funds or accounts desire to sell it or we may not have additional capital to invest at a time the other funds or accounts do. See "Risks Risks related to our business" We have limited operating history as a BDC, and if the Advisor is unable to manage our investments effectively, we may be unable to achieve our investment objective. In addition, the Advisor may face conflicts in allocating investment opportunities between us and certain other entities that could impact our investment returns" and "Risks" Risks related to our operations as a BDC. While our ability to enter into transactions with our affiliates will be restricted under the 1940 Act, we have received an exemptive order from the SEC permitting certain affiliated investments subject to certain conditions. As a result, we may face conflict of interests and investments made pursuant to the exemptive order conditions could in certain circumstances affect adversely the price paid or received by us or the availability or size of the position purchased or sold by us

## **Recent Developments**

From January 1, 2013 through March 22, 2013, the Company has invested approximately \$39.6 million in four senior secured loans and one senior secured note with an effective yield of approximately 10.3%.

On March 7, 2013, the Company's board of directors declared a first quarter cash dividend of \$0.35 per share and a special dividend of \$0.05 per share, both payable on March 29, 2013 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 18, 2013.

Effective March 15, 2013 Rajneesh Vig assumed the role of Chief Operating Officer from Todd Gerch in connection with the opening of our New York Office. Mr. Vig will also continue to serve in his current roles as President of the Company and a Managing Partner of the Advisor. Mr. Gerch will continue to serve in his current role as a Managing Director of the Advisor.

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## QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are subject to financial market risks, including changes in interest rates. At December 31, 2012, 63.8% of our debt investments bore interest based on floating rates, such as LIBOR, EURIBOR, the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate. The interest rates on such investments generally reset by reference to the current market index after one to six months. At December 31, 2012, the percentage of our floating rate debt investments that bore interest based on an interest rate floor was 95.6%. Floating rate investments subject to a floor generally reset by reference to the current market index after one to six months only if the index exceeds the floor.

Interest rate sensitivity refers to the change in 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.

Based on our December 31, 2012 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:

	Impact on							
Basis Point Change	Interest income		Int	erest Expense	Net Income <sup>(1)</sup>			
Up 300 basis points	\$	6,043,091	\$	(6,240,000)	\$	(196,909)		
Up 200 basis points	\$	2,904,624	\$	(4,160,000)	\$	(1,255,376)		
Up 100 basis points	\$	324,264	\$	(2,080,000)	\$	(1,755,736)		
Down 100 basis points	\$	(52,239)	\$	1,464,600	\$	1,412,361		
Down 200 basis points	\$	(52,239)	\$	1,464,600	\$	1,412,361		
Down 300 basis points	\$	(52,239)	\$	1,464,600	\$	1,412,361		

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Impact on Net Income equals impact on Interest Income less impact on Interest Expense.

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## INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

The following is a listing of each portfolio company investment, together referred to as our investment portfolio, at December 31, 2012. Percentages shown for class of securities held by us represent percentage of the class owned and do not necessarily represent voting ownership or economic 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 on a fully diluted basis assuming we exercise our warrants or options.

On December 31, 2012, our board of directors valued our investment portfolio at fair value as determined in good faith using a consistently applied valuation process in accordance with a documented valuation policy that has been reviewed and approved by our board of directors. For more information relating to our investments, see our schedules of investments included in our financial statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

		Principal		Fair Value	Percent of
Investment	Company Address	Amount	Cost	(in U.S. \$)	Class
Debt Investments					
Bank Debt <sup>(1)</sup>					
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and					
Payroll Services					
Expert Global Solutions, LLC, Senior Secured 1st Lien					
Term Loan B, LIBOR + 6.75%, 1.25% LIBOR Floor, due	507 Prudential Road,				
4/3/18	Horsham, PA 19044	\$ 1,916,252	1,882,302	1,925,239	
Expert Global Solutions, LLC, Senior Secured 2nd Lien					
Term Loan, LIBOR + 9.5%, 1.5% LIBOR Floor, due	507 Prudential Road,				
10/3/18	Horsham, PA 19044	\$ 14,976,011	14,493,414	14,953,547	
Total Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and					
Payroll Services			16,375,716	16,878,786	
Business Support Services					
STG-Fairway Acquisitions, Inc., Senior Secured 2nd Lien	100 Carillon Parkway				
Term Loan, 12.5%, due 12/29/15	St. Petersburg, FL 33716	\$ 19,878,935	18,821,586	19,193,112	
Computer Equipment Manufacturing					
ELO Touch Solutions, Inc., Senior Secured 2nd Lien					
Term Loan, LIBOR + 10.5%, 1.5% LIBOR Floor, due	301 Constitution Drive				
12/1/18	Menlo Park, CA 94025	\$ 10,000,000	9,621,530	9,550,000	
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Investment	Company Address	Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value (in U.S. \$)	Percent of Class
Electric Power Generation, Transmission and	0 <b>p</b> y			(== = == = + )	0.000
Distribution					
Panda Sherman Power, LLC, Senior Secured 1st Lien	4100 Spring Valley Road,				
Term Loan, LIBOR + 7.5%, 1.5% LIBOR Floor, due	Suite 1001,				
9/14/18	Dallas, TX 75244	\$ 11,070,172	10,910,286	11,263,900	
Astoria Generating Company Acquisitions, LLC, Senior	300 Atlantic Street				
Secured 1st Lien Term Loan, LIBOR + 9.35%, 1.5%	5th Floor	\$ 7.000,000	6 707 000	7.040.945	
LIBOR Floor, due 12/28/15	Stanford, CT 06901	\$ 7,000,000	6,727,929	7,040,845	
Total Electric Power Generation, Transmission and					
Distribution			17,638,215	18,304,745	
Electronic Shopping			.,,	.,. ,. ,.	
Shopzilla, Inc., Senior Secured 2nd Lien Term Loan,	2711 Centerville Road,				
13%, due 6/1/14	Suite 400,				
	Wilmington, DE 19808	\$ 11,382,687	10,869,637	11,422,526	
Equipment Rental and Leasing					
Sky Funding AMR Lease Portfolio, Senior Subordinated	65, Boulevard				
1st Lien Term Loan, 10%, due 9/6/16 (Ireland)	Grande-Duchesse				
	Charlotte,	¢ 17,000,000	16 412 400	17 505 000	
Financial Investment Activities	L-1331 Luxembourg	\$ 17,000,000	16,412,490	17,595,000	
Marsico Capital Management, Senior Secured 1st Lien	1200 17 <sup>th</sup> Street,				
Term Loan, LIBOR + 5%, due 12/31/22	Suite 1600,				
10.m 20m, 212 010 1 0 %, 000 12/01/22	Denver, CO 80202	\$ 11,281,905	14,205,420	5,753,772	
Full-Service Restaurants	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	. , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	,,	.,,.	
RM Holdco, LLC, Subordinated Convertible Term Loan,	5660 Katella Avenue,				
1.12% PIK, due 3/21/18 <sup>(2)</sup>	Suite 100,				
	Cypress, CA 90630	\$ 5,106,805	5,106,805	5,106,805	
RM OpCo, LLC, Senior Secured 1st Lien Term Loan	5660 Katella Avenue,				
Tranche A, 11%, due 3/21/16 <sup>(2)</sup>	Suite 100,				
	Cypress, CA 90630	\$ 3,759,156	3,759,156	3,759,156	
RM OpCo, LLC, Senior Secured 1st Lien Term Loan	5660 Katella Avenue,				
Tranche B, 12%, Cash + 7% PIK, due 3/21/16 <sup>(2)</sup>	Suite 100, Cypress, CA 90630	\$ 6,258,122	6,258,122	6,258,122	
RM OpCo, LLC, Senior Secured 1st Lien Term Loan	5660 Katella Avenue,	ψ 0,236,122	0,230,122	0,236,122	
Tranche B-1, 12% Cash + 7% PIK, due 3/21/16 <sup>(2)</sup>	Suite 100,				
7, 1270 Cush 1 770 Fift, due 3/21/10	Cypress, CA 90630	\$ 1,976,470	1,922,118	1,976,470	
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Total Full-Service Restaurants			17,046,201	17,100,553	
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Investment Company Address Principal Fair Value  Gaming Industries  Golden Gaming, Inc., Senior Secured 1st Lien Term Loan,	Class
Golden Geming, Inc., Senior Secured 1st Lian Term Loan	
Golden Gaming, me., Semon Securcu 1st Lich Term Loan,	
LIBOR + 7% Cash + 1% PIK, 2% LIBOR Floor, due 8650 W Tropicana Ave,	
3/1/16 Las Vegas, NV 89147 \$ 15,975,628 15,600,947 15,735,993	
AGS LLC, 1st Lien Term Loan, LIBOR + 10%, 1.5% 3333 New Hyde Park	
LIBOR Floor, due 8/15/16 Road	
New Hyde Park, NY	
11042 \$ 13,269,231 12,781,083 13,395,288	
AGS LLC, DDTL 1st Lien Term Loan, LIBOR + 10%, 3333 New Hyde Park	
1.5% LIBOR Floor, due 8/15/16 Road	
New Hyde Park, NY	
11042 \$ 865,385 796,154 881,827	
<b>Total Gaming Industries</b> 29,178,184 30,013,108	
Grocery Stores	
Bashas, Inc., Senior Secured 1st Lien FILO Term Loan, 22402 S. Basha Road,	
LIBOR + 9.35%, 1.5% LIBOR Floor, due 12/28/15 Chandler, AZ 85248 \$ 13,461,182 13,461,182 13,797,711	
Insurance Related Activities	
Confie Seguros Holding II Co., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lien Term Loan, 6722 Orangethorpe Ave.	
LIBOR + 9%, 1.25% LIBOR Floor, due 7/26/19 Suite 200, Buena Park,	
CA 90620 \$ 5,600,000 5,490,103 5,590,676	
Iron and Steel Mills and Ferroalloy Manufacturing	
Essar Steel Algoma, Inc., Senior Secured Term Loan, 105 West Street, Sault	
LIBOR + 7.5%, 1.25% LIBOR Floor, due 9/20/14 Ste. Marie, Ontario,	
Canada \$ 6,581,231 6,464,979 6,537,367	
Motion Picture and Video Industries	
CORE Entertainment, Inc., Senior Secured 1st Lien Term 650 Madison Avenue,	
Loan, 9%, due 6/21/17 New York, NY 10022 \$ 9,462,231 9,362,125 8,220,313	
CORE Entertainment, Inc., Senior Secured 2nd Lien Term 650 Madison Avenue,	
Loan, 13.5%, due 6/21/18 New York, NY 10022 \$ 7,569,785 7,488,038 6,964,202	
Total Motion Picture and Video Industries 16,850,163 15,184,515	
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	
Diversified Machine, Inc., Senior Secured 1st Lien Term 28059 Center Oaks Court,	
Loan, LIBOR + 7.75%, 1.5% LIBOR Floor, due 12/21/17 Wixom, MI 48393 \$ 12,935,000 12,938,292 12,902,663	
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•	G	Principal	G 4	Fair Value	Percent of
Investment Other Amusement and Recreation Industries	Company Address	Amount	Cost	(in U.S. \$)	Class
Intrawest Cayman L.P., 1st Lien Term Loan,					
LIBOR + 5.75%, 1.25% LIBOR Floor, due 12/4/17	1621 18th Street Suite 300				
(Cayman Islands)	Denver, CO 80202	\$ 1,250,000	1,231,250	1,257,813	
Intrawest Cayman L.P., 2nd Lien Term Loan,	,	-,,	-,,,	-,,,,,,,	
LIBOR + 9.5%, 1.25% LIBOR Floor, due 12/4/18	1621 18th Street Suite 300				
(Cayman Islands)	Denver, CO 80202	\$ 10,250,000	9,993,750	10,250,000	
<b>Total Other Amusement and Recreation Industries</b>			11,225,000	11,507,813	
Other Electrical Equipment and Component					
Manufacturing					
Palladium Energy, Inc., Term Loan, LIBOR + 9%, 1%	335 Edison Way				
LIBOR Floor, due 12/21/17	Reno, NV 89502	\$ 16,500,317	16,170,991	16,219,812	
Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services					
Connolly, LLC, Senior Secured 2nd Lien Term Loan,	950 East Paces Ferry				
LIBOR + 9.25%, 1.25% LIBOR Floor, due 7/15/19	Road, Suite 2850,	<b></b>	44 000 454		
	Atlanta, GA 30326	\$ 12,000,000	11,808,454	12,157,500	
Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing	14567 N 4 O 4 F 4				
Boomerang Tube, LLC, 2nd Lien Term Loan,	14567 North Outer Forty				
LIBOR + 9.5%, 1.5% LIBOR Floor, due 10/2/17	Suite 500	¢ 0.500.741	9 277 150	9.416.206	
Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	Chesterfield, MO 63017	\$ 8,522,741	8,277,159	8,416,206	
Pharmaceutical Research Associates, Inc., 2nd Lien Term	4130 ParkLake Avenue				
Loan, LIBOR + 9.25%, 1.25% LIBOR Floor, due	Suite 400				
6/10/19	Raleigh, NC 27612	\$ 8,000,000	7,840,000	8,085,000	
Promoters of Performing Arts, Sports, and Similar	11	4 0,000,000	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	0,002,000	
Events					
Stadium Management Group, Senior Secured 2nd Lien	300 Conshohocken State				
Term Loan, LIBOR + 9.50%, 1.25% LIBOR Floor, due	Rd Suite 770,				
12/7/18	West Conshohocken, PA				
	19428	\$ 11,000,000	10,792,091	11,055,000	
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Investment	Company Address		Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value (in U.S. \$)	Percent of Class
Radio and Television Broadcasting	Company Muliciss		Amount	Cost	(π υ.σ. ψ)	Class
Encompass Digital Media, Inc., 1st Lien Term Loan,	3030 Andrita Street.					
LIBOR + 6.5%, 1.5% LIBOR Floor, due 8/10/17	Los Angeles, CA 90065	\$	7,940,000	7,802,595	8,039,250	
Granite Broadcasting Corporation, Senior Secured 1st Lien	<u> </u>		.,,.	.,,	.,,	
Term Loan B, LIBOR + 7.25%, 1.25% LIBOR Floor, due	34th Floor					
5/23/18	New York, NY 10017	\$	9,950,000	9,719,719	9,974,875	
SiTV, Inc., Senior Secured 1st Lien Term Loan,						
LIBOR + 6% Cash + 4% PIK,2% LIBOR Floor, due	3415 University Avenue,					
8/3/16	St. Paul, MN 55114	\$	6,806,343	6,421,282	6,523,880	
Total Radio and Television Broadcasting				23,943,596	24,538,005	
Retail				, ,		
Kenneth Cole Productions, Inc. Senior Secured 1st Lien						
FILO Term Loan, LIBOR + 10.60%, 1% FLOOR, due	603 West 50th Street,					
9/25/17	New York, NY 10019	\$	10,000,000	9,717,763	10,200,000	
Scheduled Air Transportation						
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	1030 Delta Boulevard					
(N913DL), 8%, due 3/15/17 <sup>(2)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	\$	366,557	366,557	367,370	
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	1030 Delta Boulevard					
(N918DL), 8%, due 8/15/18 <sup>(2)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	\$	456,613	456,613	454,580	
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	1030 Delta Boulevard					
(N954DL), 8%, due 3/20/19 <sup>(2)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	\$	593,200	593,200	597,720	
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	1030 Delta Boulevard					
(N955DL), 8%, due 6/20/19 <sup>(2)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	\$	609,107	609,107	612,000	
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	1030 Delta Boulevard					
(N956DL), 8%, due 5/20/19 <sup>(2)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	\$	609,360	609,360	612,850	
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	1030 Delta Boulevard	ф	(1.1.10.1	(1.4.40.4	615 440	
(N957DL), 8%, due 6/20/19 <sup>(2)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	\$	614,434	614,434	617,440	
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	1030 Delta Boulevard	ф	(10.460	(10.460	622.020	
(N959DL), 8%, due 7/20/19 <sup>(2)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	\$	619,468	619,468	622,030	
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	1030 Delta Boulevard	ф	(20, (21	(20, (21	640.720	
(N960DL), 8%, due 10/20/19 <sup>(2)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	\$	639,631	639,631	640,730	
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage (N961DL), 8%, due 8/20/19 <sup>(2)</sup>	1030 Delta Boulevard	φ	625,000	625,000	626,000	
	Atlanta, GA 30320	\$	635,009	635,009	636,990	
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage (N976DL), 8%, due 2/15/18 <sup>(2)</sup>	1030 Delta Boulevard Atlanta, GA 30320	\$	474,007	474,007	473,280	
(11370DL), 6 /0, due 2/13/16\frac{1}{2}	85	Φ	4/4,00/	4/4,00/	473,280	
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Investment	Company Address		Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value (in U.S. \$)	Percent of Class
United Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	77 West Wacker Drive,			2000	(111 0101 4)	Class
(N510UA), 20%, due 9/26/16 <sup>(2)</sup>	Chicago, IL 60601	\$	410,410	410,410	548,340	
United Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	77 West Wacker Drive,		,	,	,	
(N512UA), 20%, due 10/26/16 <sup>(2)</sup>	Chicago, IL 60601	\$	414,343	414,343	556,225	
United Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	77 West Wacker Drive,		ĺ	,	,	
(N536UA), 16%, due 9/29/14 <sup>(2)</sup>	Chicago, IL 60601	\$	251,941	251,941	277,780	
United Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	77 West Wacker Drive,		·	,	,	
(N545UA), 16%, due 8/29/15 <sup>(2)</sup>	Chicago, IL 60601	\$	377,925	377,925	436,810	
United Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	77 West Wacker Drive,					
(N585UA), 20%, due 10/25/16 <sup>(2)</sup>	Chicago, IL 60601	\$	486,501	486,501	653,220	
United Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	77 West Wacker Drive,	·	/	,-		
(N659UA), 12%, due 2/28/16 <sup>(2)</sup>	Chicago, IL 60601	\$	3,707,430	3,707,430	4,264,148	
United Air Lines, Inc., Aircraft Secured Mortgage	77 West Wacker Drive,		· · ·		, ,	
(N661UA), 12%, due 5/4/16 <sup>(2)</sup>	Chicago, IL 60601	\$	3,849,284	3,849,284	4,351,424	
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<b>Total Scheduled Air Transportation</b>				15,115,220	16,722,937	
Semiconductor and Other Electronic Component				15,115,220	10,722,937	
Manufacturing						
Isola USA Coporation, 1st Lien Term Loan, LIBOR + 8%,	3100 W. Ray Road					
2% LIBOR FLOOR, due 9/25/15	Chandler, AZ 85226	Ф	14,000,000	13,975,000	14,000,000	
Software Publishers	Chandler, AZ 63220	φ	14,000,000	13,973,000	14,000,000	
Blackboard, Inc., Senior Secured 1st Lien Term Loan,	650 Massachusetts					
LIBOR + 6%, 1.5% LIBOR Floor, due 10/4/18	Avenue N.W., 6th Floor,					
LIDOR + 0 %, 1.5 % LIDOR 1 1001, duc 10/4/10	Washington, DC 20001	\$	2,671,613	2,457,884	2,705,008	
Deltek Inc., Senior Secured 2nd Lien Term Loan,	2291 Wood Oak Drive	Ψ	2,071,013	2,437,004	2,703,000	
LIBOR + 8.75%, 1.25% LIBOR Floor, due 10/10/19	Herndon, VA 20171	Ф	15,000,000	14,781,719	15,275,025	
Edmentum, Inc., Senior Secured 2nd Lien Term Loan,	5600 W 83rd Street,	φ	13,000,000	14,761,719	13,273,023	
LIBOR + 9.75%, 1.5% LIBOR Floor, due 5/8/19	Suite 300, Bloomington,					
EIBOK + 9.75 %, 1.5 % EIBOK 11001, duc 3/6/17	MN, 55437	Φ.	15,000,000	14,717,168	14,831,250	
SumTotalSystems, LLC, Senior Secured 2nd Lien Term	2850 NW 43 <sup>rd</sup> Street	Ψ	13,000,000	14,717,100	14,031,230	
Loan, LIBOR + 9%, 1.25% LIBOR Floor, due 5/13/19	Suite 150, Gainesville, FL					
Loan, LIDOK + 9 //, 1.23 // LIDOK 11001, due 3/13/19	32606 USA	\$	7,600,000	7,449,234	7,524,000	
	32000 USA	φ	7,000,000	7,449,234	7,324,000	
	(0(10 4 W''))					
The TriZetto Group, Inc., Senior Secured 2nd Lien Term	6061 South Willow					
Loan, LIBOR + 7.25%, 1.25% LIBOR Floor, due 3/28/19	Drive, Suite 310,	Ф	5 000 000	4.007.500	4.070.177	
	Denver, Co 80111	\$	5,000,000	4,927,523	4,979,175	
Total Software Publishers				44,333,528	45,314,458	
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			Principal		Fair Value	Percent of
Investment	Company Address		Amount	Cost	(in U.S. \$)	Class
Support Activities for Mining	1001777 11 1 5 5 1					
Trico Shipping AS, 1st Lien Term Loan A,	1001 Woodloch Forest Drive,					
LIBOR + 8.5%, 1.5% LIBOR Floor, due 5/13/14	Suite 610	ф	220 002	220 002	220 002	
(Norway)	The Woodlands, TX 77380	\$	228,803	228,803	228,803	
Trico Shipping AS, 1st Lien Term Loan B, LIBOR + 8.5%, 1.5% LIBOR Floor, due 5/13/14	1001 Woodloch Forest Drive, Suite 610					
(Norway)	The Woodlands, TX 77380	\$	80,543	80,543	80,543	
(Norway)	The Woodiands, 1A 77380	φ	80,545	00,545	80,545	
<b>Total Support Activities for Mining</b>				309,346	309,346	
Wired Telecommunications Carriers				309,340	309,340	
Bulgaria Telecom Company AD, 1st Lien Facility						
1A Term Loan, EURIBOR + 5.5%, due 11/9/17	115 I, Tsarigradsko Chaussee					
(Bulgaria) <sup>(4)</sup>	Blvd. Sofia, 1784, Bulgaria	€	3,262,515	3,525,355	3,744,685	
Integra Telecom Holdings, Inc., 1st Lien Term Loan,	1201 NE Lloyd Blvd.,		,_ ,_ ,_ ,_ ,_	-,,	2,1.1,000	
LIBOR + 7.25%, 2% LIBOR Floor, due 4/15/15	Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232	\$	8,477,489	8,070,172	8,518,096	
Viva Telecom Bulgaria EAD, 1st Lien Facility 1B	·			, i		
Term Loan, EURIBOR + 5.5%, due 11/9/17	115 I, Tsarigradsko Chaussee					
(Luxembourg) <sup>(4)</sup>	Blvd. Sofia, 1784, Bulgaria	€	980,713	1,059,723	1,125,653	
Total Wired Telecommunications Carrier				12,655,250	13,388,434	
Wireless Telecommunications Carriers						
Globalive Wireless Management Corp., Senior						
Secured 1st Lien Term Loan, LIBOR + 8.9%, due	48 Yonge Street, Suite 1200					
10/9/12 (Canada)	Toronto, ON M5E1G6 Canada	\$	3,037,292	2,933,872	3,000,845	
Gogo, LLC, Senior Secured 1st Lien Term Loan,	1250 North Arlington Heights	_				
LIBOR + 9.75%, 1.5% LIBOR Floor, due 6/21/17	Road Itasca, IL 60143	\$	10,168,765	9,762,014	10,270,452	
Total Wireless Telecommunications				12,695,886	13,271,297	
Total Bank Debt				404,232,982	405,010,342	
Other Corporate Debt Securities						
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services						
ESP Holdings, Inc., Junior Unsecured Subordinated	5 W . D .					
Promissory Notes, 6% Cash + 10% PIK, due	7 Kripes Rd.,	ф	7 200 040	7 200 040	7 124 127	
12/31/19 <sup>(2),(5)</sup> Artificial, Engineering, and Related Services	East Granby, CT 06026	\$	7,209,840	7,209,840	7,134,137	
AGY Holding Corporation, Senior Secured 2nd Lien	2556 Wagener Road,					
Notes, 11%, due 11/15/14	Aiken, SC 29801	¢	18,536,000	15,172,634	9,221,660	
110tcs, 1170, duc 11/13/14	87	ψ	10,220,000	13,172,034	9,221,000	
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		Principal Amount		Fair Value	Percent of
Investment	Company Address	or Shares	Cost	(in U.S. \$)	Class
Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services The Telx Group, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 10% Cash + 2% PIK, due 9/26/19 <sup>(5)</sup>	1 State Street, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10004	\$ 6,958,697	6,820,215	7,167,458	
Metal and Mineral (except Petroleum) Merchant Wholesalers	,,,,,,,		-,,	.,,	
Constellation Enterprises, LLC, Senior Secured 1st Lien Notes, 10.625%, due 2/1/16 <sup>(5)</sup>	13 West 54th Street Suite 4D, New York, NY, 10019-5422	\$ 12,500,000	12,322,875	13,296,875	
Nondepository Credit Intermediation					
Caribbean Financial Group, Senior Secured Notes, 11.5%, due 11/15/19 <sup>(5)</sup>	GAM Tower, Caparra Hills 2 Tabonuco Street, Suite 303 Guaynabo, PR 00968	\$ 10,000,000	9,803,494	10,037,500	
Nonferrous Metal Production and Processing			. ,	.,	
International Wire Group Holdings, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 8.5%, due 10/15/17 <sup>(2),(5)</sup>	12 Masonic Avenue, Camden, NY 13316	\$ 15,000,000	15,000,000	15,450,000	
Scientific Research and Development Services					
BPA Laboratories, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 12.25%, due 4/1/17 <sup>(5)</sup>	297 Kingsbury Grade Suite 10, Lake	ф 17 110 000	16.446.205	15 404 550	
Total Other Composets Dalit Committee	Tahoe, NV 89449	\$ 17,110,000	16,446,295	15,484,550	
Total Other Corporate Debt Securities			82,775,353	77,792,180	
Total Debt Investments			487,008,335	482,802,522	
Equity Securities					
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services					
ESP Holdings, Inc., 15% PIK, Preferred Stock <sup>(2),(3),(5)</sup>	7 Kripes Rd., East Granby, CT 06026	20,297	2,249,930	3,643,088	22.20%
ESP Holdings, Inc., Common Stock <sup>(2),(3),(5)</sup>	7 Kripes Rd., East Granby, CT 06026	88,670	9,311,782	2,263,124	21.89%
Total Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services			11,561,712	5,906,212	
Business Support Services	100 9 111 - 1				
STG-Fairway Holdings, LLC, Class A Units <sup>(3),(5)</sup>	100 Carillon Parkway, St. Petersburg, FL 33716	80,396	1,100,348	241,188	0.86%
Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services Anacomp, Inc., Class A Common Stock <sup>(3),(5),(6)</sup>	15378 Avenue of Science,				
	San Diego, CA 92128	1,255,527	26,711,048	1,255,527	33.99%
Depository Credit Intermediation	= 1 60, 0.1. / 2120	_,,		_,,	35.7770
Doral Financial Corporation, Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	1451 Franklin D. Roosevelt Ave., San Juan, PR 00920	1,077,795	11,699,417	780,431	0.85%
Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution	,	, ,	,,		
La Paloma Generating Company, Residual Bank Debt Claim <sup>(3),(5)</sup>	Park 80 West, 250 Pehle Avenue, Suite 105, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 88	1,830,453	1,574,284	51,253	0.00%

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Investment	Company Address	Shares	Cost	Fair Value (in U.S. \$)	Percent of Class
Electronic Shopping	0711 C . ''' P .				
Shop Holding, LLC, Class A Units <sup>(3),(5)</sup>	2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808	490,037	462,576	915,198	0.60%
Shop Holding, LLC, Warrants to Purchase Class A Units <sup>(3),(5)</sup>	2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400,	., .,		,,	
	Wilmington, DE 19808	326,691		283,346	0.60%
Total Electronic Shopping			462,576	1,198,544	
Financial Investment Activities	1200 17th Start				
Marsico Holdings, LLC, Common Interest Units <sup>(3),(5)</sup>	1200 17 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1600, Denver, CO 80202	168,698	172,694	84,349	0.57%
Full-Service Restaurants					
RM Holdco, LLC, Membership Units <sup>(2),(3),(5)</sup>	5660 Katella Avenue, Suite 100, Cypress, CA 90630	13,161,000	2,010,777	849,478	10.12%
Machine Shops; Turned Product; and Screw, Nut, and Bolt Manufacturing		22,222,222	_,, -,,	0.0,1.0	
Precision Holdings, LLC, Class C Membership Interests <sup>(3),(5)</sup>	90 Matawan Road, Suite 203, Matawan, NJ 07747	33	1,396	21,317	0.04%
Nonmetallic Mineral Mining and Quarrying	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		,	,	
EPMC HoldCo, LLC, Membership Units <sup>(2),(5)</sup>	5850 Mercury Drive, Suite 250, Dearborn, MI 48126	1,312,720		2,730,458	13.13%
Radio and Television Broadcasting	40120	1,312,720		2,730,436	13.13 //
SiTV, Inc. Warrants to Purchase Common Stock	3415 University Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55114	233,470	300,322	336,197	0.00%
Other Amusement and Recreation Industries					
Bally Total Fitness Holding Corporation, Common Stock <sup>(3),(5)</sup>	8700 West Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, IL 60631	6,058	45,186,963	27,746	0.01%
Bally Total Fitness Holding Corporation, Warrants <sup>(3),(5)</sup>	8700 West Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, IL 60631	10,924	.,,	1	0.00%
Total Other Amusement and Recreation Industries			45,186,963	27,747	
Scheduled Air Transportation			.5,130,703	27,717	
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust Beneficial Interests (N913DL) <sup>(5),(6)</sup>	1030 Delta Boulevard Atlanta, GA 30320	466	113,899	111,520	100.00%
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust Beneficial Interests (N918DL) <sup>(5),(6)</sup>	1030 Delta Boulevard Atlanta, GA 30320	433	130,664	120,530	100.00%
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust Beneficial Interests (N954DL) <sup>(5),(6)</sup>	1030 Delta Boulevard Atlanta, GA 30320	421	161,952	113,390	100.00%
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust Beneficial Interests (N955DL) <sup>(5),(6)</sup>	1030 Delta Boulevard Atlanta, GA 30320	417	164,481	160,650	100.00%
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust Beneficial Interests (N956DL) <sup>(5),(6)</sup>	1030 Delta Boulevard Atlanta, GA 30320 89	418	164,726	163,200	100.00%

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Investment	Company Address	Shares	Cost	Fair Value (in U.S. \$)	Percent of Class
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust	1030 Delta Boulevard				
Beneficial Interests (N957DL) <sup>(5),(6)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	417	165,755	163,880	100.00%
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust	1030 Delta Boulevard				
Beneficial Interests (N959DL) <sup>(5),(6)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	416	166,778	164,390	100.00%
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust	1030 Delta Boulevard				
Beneficial Interests (N960DL) <sup>(5),(6)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	412	171,075	169,660	100.00%
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust	1030 Delta Boulevard				
Beneficial Interests (N961DL) <sup>(5),(6)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	415	170,315	171,360	100.00%
Delta Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust	1030 Delta Boulevard				
Beneficial Interests (N976DL) <sup>(5),(6)</sup>	Atlanta, GA 30320	442	136,326	83,300	100.00%
United Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust	77 West Wacker Drive				
Beneficial Interests (N510UA) <sup>(2),(5)</sup>	Chicago, IL 60601	43	151,759	479,682	100.00%
United Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust	77 West Wacker Drive,				
Beneficial Interests (N512UA) <sup>(2),(5)</sup>	Chicago, IL 60601	43	148,561	473,761	100.00%
United Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust	77 West Wacker Drive,				
Beneficial Interests (N536UA) <sup>(2),(5)</sup>	Chicago, IL 60601	62	298,394	624,746	100.00%
United Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust	77 West Wacker Drive,				
Beneficial Interests (N545UA) <sup>(2),(5)</sup>	Chicago, IL 60601	52	267,249	616,897	100.00%
United Air Lines, Inc., Equipment Trust	77 West Wacker Drive,				
Beneficial Interests (N585UA) <sup>(2),(5)</sup>	Chicago, IL 60601	43	167,806	583,391	100.00%
United N659UA-767, LLC (N659UA) <sup>(5),(6)</sup>	77 West Wacker Drive,				
	Chicago, IL 60601	312	1,773,072	2,771,428	100.00%
United N661UA-767, LLC (N661UA) <sup>(5),(6)</sup>	77 West Wacker Drive,				
	Chicago, IL 60601	303	1,759,997	2,789,809	100.00%
Total Scheduled Air Transportation			6,112,809	9,761,594	
Semiconductor and Other Electronic					
Component Manufacturing					
AIP/IS Holdings, LLC, Membership Units <sup>(3),(5)</sup>	9660 SW Herman Road,				
•	Tualatin, OR 97062	352		68,922	3.40%
Support Activities for Mining					
DeepOcean Group Holdin BV, Common Stock	Stoltenberggt. 1, Postboks				
(Norway) <sup>(3),(5)</sup>	2144, Postterminalen,				
	5504, Haugesund, Norway	145,824	3,477,627	3,255,535	0.73%
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Investment	Company Address	Shares	Cost	Fair Value (in U.S. \$)	Percent of Class
Wired Telecommunications Carriers	• •			` '	
Integra Telecom, Inc., Common Stock <sup>(3),(5)</sup>	1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232	1,274,522	8,433,884	5,038,718	1.27%
Integra Telecom, Inc., Warrants <sup>(3),(5)</sup>	1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232	346,939	19,920	, ,	1.20%
V Telecom Investment S.C.A, Common Shares (Luxembourg <sup>3</sup> ).(4),(5)	115 I, Tsarigradsko Chaussee Blvd. Sofia, 1784, Bulgaria	1,393	3,236,256	3,273,095	0.51%
Total Wired Telecommunications Carriers			11,690,060	8,311,813	
<b>Total Equity Securities</b>			122,062,033	34,880,565	
<b>Total Investments</b>			609,070,368	517,683,087	
Cash and Cash Equivalents					
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents				18,035,189	
Total Cash and Investments				\$ 535,718,276	

## Notes to Statement of Investments:

- (1) Investments in bank debt generally are bought and sold among institutional investors in transactions not subject to registration under the Securities Act. Such transactions are generally subject to contractual restrictions, such as approval of the agent or borrower.
- Non-controlled affiliate as defined under the 1940 Act (ownership of between 5% and 25% of the outstanding voting securities of this issuer).
- (3) Non-income producing security.
- (4) Principal amount denominated in foreign currency. Amortized cost and fair value converted from foreign currency to US dollars.
- (5) Restricted security.
- (6) Controlled issuer as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (ownership of more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of this issuer).

Aggregate acquisitions and aggregate dispositions of investments, other than government securities, totaled \$359,020,926 and \$211,216,033, respectively for the year ended December 31, 2012. Aggregate acquisitions includes investment assets received as payment in kind. Aggregate dispositions includes principal paydowns on and maturities of debt investments. The total value of restricted securities and bank debt as of December 31, 2012 was \$507,680,996, or 94.8% of total cash and investments of the Company.

Swaps at December 31, 2012 were as follows:

InvestmentNotional AmountFair ValueEuro/US Dollar Cross-Currency Basis Swap, Pay Euros/Receive USD, Expires 5/16/14\$ 6,040,944\$ 179,364

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## MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY

#### General

Our board of directors (who, with our officers, are described in the SAI) has overall responsibility for the management of the Company. The board of directors decides upon matters of general policy and reviews the actions of the Advisor. The Holding Company and the Operating Company have entered into separate but substantially identical investment management agreements with the Advisor, under which the Advisor, subject to the overall supervision of our respective boards of directors, manages the day-to-day operations of, and provides investment advisory services to, the Holding Company and the Operating Company. In addition, pursuant to the Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement, the General Partner directs and executes the day-to-day operational activities of the Operating Company.

## The Advisor

The Advisor serves as our investment advisor. The Advisor is registered as an investment advisor under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Subject to the overall supervision of our board of directors, the Advisor manages the day-to-day operations of, and provides investment advisory and management services to, the Company. For providing these services, the Advisor receives a base management fee and, in addition, the Advisor or the General Partner may receive incentive compensation, as further described below under " Investment Management Agreements." The address of the Advisor is 2951 28th Street, Suite 1000, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

Certain employees and affiliates of the Advisor, including the voting members of the Investment Committee, as well as members of the Advisor's Board of Advisors, own an economic interest in the General Partner and receive from the General Partner distributions that equal approximately the amount of any incentive compensation attributable to any common stock owned by such persons. Under the terms of the Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement, distributions of incentive compensation to the General Partner are made prior to any distributions made to holders of our common stock.

## **Investment Committee**

The persons with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Company's portfolio are the Voting Members of the Investment Committee. The Voting Members of the Investment Committee are Todd R. Gerch, Mark K. Holdsworth, Michael E. Leitner, Howard M. Levkowitz, Michael E. Tennenbaum and Rajneesh Vig. Each of the Voting Members are members of the Investment Committee. Additionally, David A. Hollander and approximately 25 others are non-voting members of the Investment Committee. The number of Voting Members and non-voting members of the Investment Committee is subject to increase or decrease in the sole discretion of the Advisor.

Voting Members

Todd R. Gerch: Mr. Gerch is Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Mr. Gerch has been a Managing Director at the Advisor since 2009 and an investment professional at the Advisor since 2004. Mr. Gerch has been a director for Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Limited since 2010. Mr. Gerch has also been the Chairman of Revere Industries, LLC since 2009. Prior to joining the Advisor, Mr. Gerch worked in the Capital Markets Group of Ares Management where he focused on investments in the gaming/lodging/leisure, aerospace and defense, and automotive industries. He also worked as a generalist in investment banking at Credit Suisse First Boston where he was involved in mergers and acquisitions advisory, restructurings, and equity and debt financings across various industries. Mr. Gerch has an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a B.B.A. (high honors) from the University of Notre Dame in Finance and Business Economics.

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Mark K. Holdsworth: Prior to joining Mr. Tennenbaum in founding the Advisor, Mr. Holdsworth was a Vice President, Corporate Finance, of US Bancorp Libra, a high yield debt securities investment banking firm. He also worked as a generalist in corporate finance at Salomon Brothers, Inc., and as an Associate at a real estate advisory firm. Mr. Holdsworth currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of certain other Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC-advised funds, Chairman of WinCup, Inc., Vice Chairman of EP Management Corporation and as a Director of Parsons Corporation, one of the largest engineering, design and construction companies in the world. He received a B.A. in Physics from Pomona College, a B.S. with honors in Engineering and Applied Science (concentration in Mechanical Engineering) from the California Institute of Technology, and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Michael E. Leitner: Prior to joining the Advisor in 2005, Mr. Leitner served as Senior Vice President of Corporate Development for WilTel Communications. Prior to that, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of GlobeNet Communications, leading the company through a successful turnaround and sale. Prior to that, he was Vice President of Corporate Development of 360networks. Prior to that, he served as Senior Director of Corporate Development for Microsoft Corporation, where he managed corporate investments and acquisitions in the telecommunications, media, managed services, and business applications software sectors, completing over \$9 billion in software and communications infrastructure transactions globally. Prior to Microsoft, he was a Vice President in the M&A group at Merrill Lynch. He currently serves as a representative for Tennenbaum on the boards of Integra Telecom and Online Resources, and is a board observer to Primacom GmbH. Mr. Leitner is very active in community events, serving on several non-profit boards and committees. He received a B.A. in Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles and an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan

Howard M. Levkowitz: Prior to joining Mr. Tennenbaum in founding the Advisor, Mr. Levkowitz was an attorney specializing in real estate and insolvencies with Dewey Ballantine LLP. Mr. Levkowitz serves as President of the Advisor's Opportunity Funds and is Chairman of the Advisor's Management Committee. He has served as a director of both public and private companies. He has also served on a number of formal and informal creditor committees. Mr. Levkowitz serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. He received a B.A. in History (Magna Cum Laude) from the University of Pennsylvania, a B.S. in Economics (Magna Cum Laude, concentration in Finance) from The Wharton School, and a J.D. from the University of Southern California.

Michael E. Tennenbaum: Prior to founding the Advisor, Mr. Tennenbaum was a senior executive at Bear Stearns Company Inc., where he managed various departments, including Investment Banking, Risk Arbitrage and Options. Mr. Tennenbaum serves on the boards of a number of both public and private companies and charitable institutions, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, the Los Angeles Philharmonic Board of Overseers, the UCLA School of Medicine Board of Visitors, the Tennenbaum Interdisciplinary Center at the Neuropsychiatric Institute at UCLA, the Committee on University Resources (COUR) at Harvard University, the Georgia Institute of Technology Foundation, Inc., and the Tennenbaum Institute for Enterprise Transformation at the Georgia Tech School of Industrial and Systems Engineering. He holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Rajneesh Vig: Prior to joining the Advisor, Mr. Vig worked for Deutsche Bank in New York as a member of the bank's Principal Finance Group. Prior to that, Mr. Vig was a Director in the Technology Investment Banking group in San Francisco where he advised a broad range of growth and large cap technology companies on merger, acquisition and public/private financing transactions. Prior to his time at Deutsche Bank, Mr. Vig was a Manager in Price Waterhouse's Shareholder Value Consulting group, and he began his career in Arthur Andersen's Financial Markets/Capital Markets group. He currently

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serves on the board of Dialogic and is a board observer for GSI Group. Mr. Vig is also on the Los Angeles Advisory Board of the Posse Foundation, a non-profit organization that identifies, recruits and trains student leaders from public high schools for enrollment at top-tier universities. He received a B.A. with highest honors in Economics and Political Science from Connecticut College and an M.B.A. in Finance from New York University.

#### Certain Non-Voting Members

David Adler: Prior to joining the Advisor, Mr. Adler worked at Focus Capital Group, where he evaluated potential acquisitions and helped devise strategies for portfolio companies. Prior to that, he worked in the Alternative Investments Group at TCW. He is active in a non-profit organization that mentors and introduces at-risk youth to board sports. Mr. Adler is responsible for sourcing and initiating new investments as well as managing existing investments primarily in the retail, consumer products and oil production service sectors. He received his B.A. with high honors in Business/Economics from UCLA and his M.B.A. from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a CFA Charterholder.

David A. Hollander: Prior to joining the Advisor, Mr. Hollander was an attorney for 16 years at O'Melveny & Myers where he specialized in leveraged finance, insolvency, and mergers and acquisitions, and represented debtors and creditors in numerous multi-billion dollar transactions. He currently focuses on the firm's private placements and restructurings. Mr. Hollander has also represented boards of directors and has served on various creditor committees. He received a B.S. in Economics with highest honors from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Stanford Law School where he was an Associate Editor of the Stanford Law Review.

Philip M. Tseng: Prior to joining the Advisor, Mr. Tseng was a member of the Credit Suisse First Boston technology investment banking group focusing on technology and business services. While at CSFB, he advised on and executed M&A, public and private equity and structured debt transactions for a broad range of small and large cap companies. He also spent time covering technology services companies as an equity research analyst. Prior to that, he spent time in investment banking at Deutsche Banc Alex Brown, where he managed equity and debt offerings for telecommunications companies, both emerging and incumbent carriers. Mr. Tseng currently serves as a Director on the boards of First Advantage, Shopzilla Inc., Anacomp, Inc., and also as a Director on the board of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Southern California section. He received an A.B. in Economics Harvard College and an M.B.A from the Harvard Business School.

The voting members of the Advisor Investment Committee for each Other Advisor Account are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of such other Advisor Account. Messrs. Holdsworth, Leitner, Levkowitz, Vig and Tennenbaum are voting members of the Investment Committee for a majority of the Other Advisor Accounts. Mr. Hollander is a voting member of the Investment Committee for two of the Other Advisor Accounts. The advisory compensation of each of these accounts is based in part on the performance of the account during periods where such account meets minimum performance requirements.

Material conflicts of interest that may arise in connection with the Voting Members' management of the Company's investments, on the one hand, and the investments of the Other Advisor Accounts, on the other. See "Risks Risks related to our business We have limited operating history as a BDC, and if the Advisor is unable to manage our investments effectively, we may be unable to achieve our investment objective. In addition, the Advisor may face conflicts in allocating investment opportunities between us and certain other entities that could impact our investment returns."

Each Voting Member receives a fixed salary from the Advisor. Additionally, each Voting Member receives fixed periodic distributions from the Advisor. Further, each Voting Member receives periodic

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pro rata distributions of any profits of the Advisor based on his equity interest therein. Such distributions include performance fees paid to the Advisor by the other registered investment companies that pay performance fees. Performance allocations from the other registered investment companies that are limited partnerships, or the LPs, are paid to the general partner of the LPs, or the GP. Performance allocations from the other pooled investment vehicles are paid to the GP or the Advisor. Each Voting Member receives periodic pro rata distributions of any profits of the GP or the Advisor, based on his equity interests therein and his common equity interest in certain funds managed by the Advisor, including us. Each Voting Member is also eligible for a discretionary bonus paid by the Advisor based on an assessment by the Advisor of the Voting Member's relative contribution to the Advisor's overall activities.

The dollar range of equity securities in the Company beneficially owned at December 31, 2012 by each person who is a Voting Member is as follows:

Todd R. Gerch	\$ 10,001 \$ 50,000
Mark K. Holdsworth	\$500,001 \$1,000,000
Michael E. Leitner	\$ 50,001 \$ 100,000
Howard M. Levkowitz	Over \$1,000,000
Michael E. Tennenbaum	Over \$1,000,000
Raineesh Vig	\$100,001 \$ 500,000

## **Investment Management Agreements**

The Holding Company and the Operating Company have entered into separate but substantially identical investment management agreements with the Advisor, under which the Advisor, subject to the overall supervision of our respective boards of directors, manages the day-to-day operations of, and provides investment advisory services to, the Holding Company and the Operating Company. In addition, pursuant to the Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement, the General Partner directs and executes the day-to-day operational activities of the Operating Company. For providing these services, the Advisor receives a base management fee and, in addition, the Advisor or the General Partner may receive incentive compensation.

The base management fee is currently paid by the Operating Company to the Advisor and the incentive compensation, if any, is paid by the Operating Company to the General Partner or the Advisor. The Holding Company, therefore, indirectly bears these amounts, which are reflected in our consolidated financial statements. If the Operating Company is terminated or for any other reasons incentive compensation is not paid by the Operating Company, such amounts will be paid directly by the Holding Company to the Advisor pursuant to its investment management agreement with the Advisor.

Under the terms of our investment management agreements, the Advisor:

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); and

closes, monitors and administers the investments we make, including the exercise of any voting or consent rights.

The Advisor's services under the investment management agreements are not exclusive, and it is free to furnish similar services to other entities so long as its services to us are not impaired.

Pursuant to our investment management agreements, we pay the Advisor compensation for investment advisory and management services consisting of base management compensation and a two-part incentive compensation.

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Management Fee. The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 1.5% of the Holding Company's total assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents) payable quarterly in arrears. For purposes of calculating the base management fee, "total assets" is determined without deduction for any borrowings or other liabilities. The base management fee is calculated based on the value of our total assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents) at the end of the most recently completed calendar quarter. The base management fee for any partial quarter is appropriately pro rated.

*Incentive Compensation.* We also pay incentive compensation to the Advisor or the General Partner. Under the investment management agreements and the Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement, no incentive compensation was incurred until after January 1, 2013.

The incentive compensation is calculated as the sum of (1) 20% of all ordinary income since January 1, 2013 and (2) 20% of all net realized capital gains (net of any net unrealized capital depreciation) since January 1, 2013, with each component being subject to a total return requirement of 8% of contributed common equity annually. The incentive compensation initially is payable by making an equity allocation to the General Partner under the Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement. If the Operating Company is terminated or for any other reasons incentive compensation is not distributed by the Operating Company, it would be paid pursuant to the investment management agreement between the Holding Company and the Advisor.

The incentive compensation has two components, ordinary income and capital gains. Each component will be payable or distributable quarterly in arrears (or upon termination of the Advisor as the investment manager or the General Partner as the general partner of the Operating Company, as of the termination date) beginning January 1, 2013 and calculated as follows:

Each of the two components of incentive compensation is separately subject to a total return limitation. Thus, notwithstanding the following provisions, we are not obligated to pay or distribute any ordinary income incentive compensation or any capital gains incentive compensation if our cumulative total return does not exceed an 8% annual return on daily weighted average contributed common equity. The incentive compensation is subject to a total return limitation. That is, no incentive compensation is to be paid if our cumulative annual total return is less than 8% of our average contributed common equity. If our cumulative annual total return is above 8%, the total cumulative incentive compensation we pay will not be more than 20% of our cumulative total return, or, if lower, the amount of our cumulative total return that exceeds the 8% annual rate.

Subject to the above limitation, the ordinary income component is the amount, if positive, equal to 20% of the cumulative ordinary income before incentive compensation, less cumulative ordinary income incentive compensation previously paid or distributed.

Subject to the above limitation, the capital gains component is the amount, if positive, equal to 20% of the cumulative realized capital gains (computed net of cumulative realized losses and cumulative net unrealized capital depreciation), less cumulative capital gains incentive compensation previously paid or distributed. For assets held on January 1, 2013, capital gain, loss and depreciation will be measured on an asset by asset basis against the value thereof as of December 31, 2012. The capital gains component will be paid or distributed in full prior to payment or distribution of the ordinary income component.

Each of the ordinary income and capital gains components of the incentive compensation accrue as a liability for us each time we calculate the amounts we owe the Advisor based on net asset value. Further, for accounting purposes only, we are required under GAAP to accrue a theoretical capital gains incentive compensation based upon net realized capital gains and unrealized capital appreciation and depreciation on investments held at the end of each quarter when we determine net asset value. The accrual of this theoretical capital gains incentive compensation assumes all unrealized capital appreciation and depreciation is realized in order to reflect a theoretical capital gains incentive

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compensation that would be payable to the Advisor at each measurement date. It should be noted that a fee so calculated and accrued would not be payable under the Advisers Act and would not be paid based upon such computation of capital gains incentive fees in subsequent periods. Amounts actually paid to the Advisor will be consistent with the Advisers Act and the formula reflected in the investment management agreement which specifically excludes consideration of unrealized capital appreciation.

For purposes of the foregoing computations and the total return limitation, the following definitions apply:

"cumulative" means amounts for the period commencing January 1, 2013 and ending as of the applicable calculation date.

"contributed common equity" means the value of net assets attributable to our common stock as of December 31, 2012 plus the proceeds to us of all issuances of common stock less (A) offering costs of any of our securities or leverage facilities, (B) all distributions by us representing a return of capital and (C) the total cost of all repurchases of our common stock by us, in each case after December 31, 2012 and through the end of the preceding calendar quarter in question, in each case as determined on an accrual and consolidated basis.

"ordinary income before incentive compensation" means our interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees, such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence, managerial assistance and consulting fees or other fees that we receive from portfolio companies) during the period, (i) minus our operating expenses during the period (including the base management fee, expenses payable under the administration agreement, any interest expense and any dividends paid on any issued and outstanding preferred stock), (ii) plus increases and minus decreases in net assets not treated as components of income, operating expense, gain, loss, appreciation or depreciation and not treated as contributions or distributions in respect of common equity, and (iii) without reduction for any incentive compensation and any organization or offering costs, in each case determined on an accrual and consolidated basis.

"total return" means the amount equal to the combination of ordinary income before incentive compensation, realized capital gains and losses and unrealized capital appreciation and depreciation of the Company for the period, in each case determined on an accrual and consolidated basis.

If our total return does not exceed the total return limitation, the limitation will not have the effect of eliminating the possibility of paying such incentive compensation, but rather will postpone any incentive compensation until our cumulative annual total return exceeds the 8% threshold. The nature of the total return limitation may also make it easier for the Advisor to earn incentive compensation in higher interest rate environments or if the Funds' net asset value has increased.

Total Return Limitation (based on cumulative annual total return)

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## Percentage of ordinary income and net realized capital gain separately payable at various levels of total return.

The financial highlights in the notes to our financial statements include a calculation of total return based on the change in the market value of our shares. The financial highlights in the notes to our financial statements may also include a calculation of total return based on the change in our net asset value from period to period. The total return limitation for purposes of the incentive compensation calculations is based on the stated elements of return: ordinary income before incentive compensation, realized capital gain and loss and unrealized capital appreciation and depreciation. It differs from the total return based on the market value or net asset value of our shares in that it is a cumulative measurement that is compared to our daily weighted-average contributed common equity rather than a periodic measurement that is compared to our net asset value or market value, and in that it excludes incentive compensation.

## **Examples of Incentive Compensation Calculation**

## **Example 1: Income Portion of Incentive Compensation:**

## Assumptions

Total return limitation  $^{(1)} = 8\%$ 

Management  $fee^{(2)} = 1.5\%$ 

Other expenses (legal, accounting, custodian, transfer agent, etc.) $^{(3)} = 1\%$ 

## Alternative 1

## **Additional Assumptions**

cumulative gross ordinary income (including interest, dividends, fees, etc.) = 11.5%

cumulative ordinary income before incentive compensation (gross ordinary income-(management fee + other expenses)) = 9%

cumulative annual total return = 7%

prior ordinary income incentive compensation = 0%

Cumulative total return does not exceed total return limitation, therefore there is no income incentive compensation.

## Alternative 2

#### **Additional Assumptions**

cumulative gross ordinary income (including interest, dividends, fees, etc.) = 11%

cumulative ordinary income before incentive compensation (gross ordinary income-(management fee + other expenses)) =

8.5%

cumulative annual total return = 9.5%

 $(1) \\ Represents~8.0\%~annualized~total~return~limitation.$ 

(2) Represents 1.5% annualized management fee, assuming no liabilities.

(3) Excludes organizational and offering costs.

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prior ordinary income incentive compensation = 0%

Cumulative ordinary income before incentive compensation is positive and the cumulative total return exceeds the total return limitation, therefore there is income incentive compensation.

Income incentive compensation =  $((20\% \times \text{ordinary income before incentive compensation})$  but not more than  $((100\% \times \text{(cumulative total return up to }10\%-8\% \text{ total return limitation})) + (20\% \times \text{cumulative total return above }10\%)))$ 

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= ((20\% \times 8.5\%) \text{ or, if less, } ((100\% \times (9.5\%-8\%) + (20\% \times 0\%)))
= 1.7\% \text{ or, if less, } 1.5\%
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## Alternative 3

## **Additional Assumptions**

cumulative gross ordinary income (including interest, dividends, fees, etc.) = 15.5%

cumulative ordinary income before incentive compensation (gross ordinary income-(management fee + other expenses)) = 13%

cumulative annual total return = 18%

prior ordinary income incentive compensation = 1%

Cumulative ordinary income before incentive compensation is positive and cumulative total return exceeds the total return limitation, therefore there is income incentive compensation.

Income incentive compensation =  $((20\% \times \text{ordinary income before incentive compensation})$  but not more than  $((100\% \times (\text{cumulative total return up to }10\%-8\% \text{ total return limitation})) + <math>(20\% \times \text{cumulative total return above }10\%)))$ , less income incentive compensation previously paid

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= ((20\% \times 13\%) \text{ or, if less, } ((100\% \times (10\%-8\%) + (20\% \times (18\%-10\%)))-1\%

= (2.6\% \text{ or, if less, } ((2\% + (20\% \times 8\%)))-1\%

= (2.6\% \text{ or, if less, } (2\% + 1.6\%))-1\%

= (2.6\% \text{ or, if less, } 3.6\%)-1\%

= 1.6\%
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Note that due to the priority of capital gains compensation over ordinary income compensation, had the  $5\%^{(4)}$  of cumulative unrealized capital gains been realized, the capital gains incentive compensation would have been 1% (i.e.  $20\% \times 5\%$ ) and would have reduced ordinary income compensation from 1.6% to 0.6%. Further, if there had been 1.6% or more of prior capital gains compensation, the ordinary income compensation payment would have been zero.

(4) 5% of cumulative unrealized capital gains = 18% cumulative annual total return-13% cumulative ordinary income before incentive compensation

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## **Example 2: Capital Gains Portion of Incentive Compensation:**

#### 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 sold for \$50 million and fair market value, or FMV, of Investment B determined to be \$32 million. Cumulative annual total return of 40%.
- Year 3: FMV of Investment B determined to be \$25 million. Cumulative annual total return of 15%.
- Year 4: Investment B sold for \$31 million. Cumulative annual total return of 10%.

The capital gains portion of the incentive compensation would be:

- Year 1: None
- Year 2: Capital gains incentive compensation of \$6 million (\$6 million = \$30 million realized capital gains on sale of Investment A multiplied by 20% and total return limitation satisfied)
- Year 3: None; no realized capital gains.
- Year 4: Capital gains incentive compensation of \$0.2 million (\$31 million cumulative realized capital gains multiplied by 20%, less \$6 million of capital gains incentive compensation paid in year 2 and total return limitation satisfied)

## 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")
- Year 2: Investment A sold for \$50 million, FMV of Investment B determined to be \$25 million and FMV of Investment C determined to be \$25 million. Cumulative annual total return of 15%.
- Year 3: FMV of Investment B determined to be \$27 million and Investment C sold for \$30 million. Cumulative annual total return of 7%.
- Year 4: FMV of Investment B determined to be \$35 million. Cumulative annual total return of 20%.

Year 5: Investment B sold for \$40 million. Cumulative annual total return of 20%.

The capital gains portion of the incentive compensation would be:

Year 1: None

Year 2: Capital gains incentive compensation of \$5 million; 20% multiplied by \$25 million (\$30 million realized capital gains on Investment A less \$5 million unrealized capital depreciation on Investment B, and the total return limitation is satisfied)

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Year 3: None as the total return limitation is not satisfied

Year 4: Capital gains incentive compensation of \$2 million (\$35 million cumulative realized capital gains (including \$5 million of realized capital gains from year 3 at a time when the total return limitation was not satisfied and no cumulative unrealized capital depreciation) multiplied by 20%, less \$5 million capital gains incentive compensation paid in year 2, and the total return limitation is satisfied).

Year 5: Capital gains incentive compensation of \$2 million (\$45 million cumulative realized capital gains multiplied by 20%, less \$7 million in capital gains incentive compensation paid in years 2 and 4, and the total return limitation is satisfied).

## Payment of our expenses

All investment professionals and staff of the Advisor, when and to the extent engaged in providing investment advisory and management services, and the compensation and routine overhead expenses of such personnel allocable to such services (including health insurance, 401(k) plan benefits, payroll taxes and other compensation related matters), are provided and paid for by the Advisor. We bear all other costs and expenses of our operations and transactions, including those relating to:

our organization;

calculating our net asset value and net asset value per share (including the cost and expenses of any independent valuation firm);

expenses, including travel expense, incurred by the Advisor or payable to third parties in performing due diligence on prospective portfolio companies, monitoring our investments and, if necessary, enforcing our rights;

interest payable on debt, if any, incurred to finance our investments;

the costs of this and all future offerings of common stock and other securities, if any;

the base management fee and any incentive management fee;

distributions on our shares;

administration fees payable under our administration agreement;

transfer agent and custody fees and expenses;

the allocated costs incurred by the General Partner as our Administrator in providing managerial assistance to those portfolio companies that request it;

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amounts payable to third parties relating to, or associated with, evaluating, making and disposing of investments;

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brokerage fees and commissions;
registration fees;
listing fees;
taxes;
director fees and expenses;
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costs of preparing and filing reports or other documents with the SEC;
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the costs of any reports, proxy statements or other notices to our stockholders, including printing costs;

costs of holding stockholder meetings;

our fidelity bond;

directors and officers/errors and omissions liability insurance, and any other insurance premiums;

litigation, indemnification and other non-recurring or extraordinary expenses;

direct costs and expenses of administration and operation, including audit and legal costs;

dues, fees and charges of any trade association of which we are a member; and

all other expenses reasonably incurred by us or the Administrator in connection with administering our business, such as the allocable portion of overhead under our administration agreement, including rent and other allocable portions of the cost of certain of our officers and their respective staffs.

From time to time, the Advisor may pay amounts owed by us to third party providers of goods or services. We will subsequently reimburse the Advisor for such amounts paid on our behalf.

Limitation of liability and indemnification

The investment management agreements provide that the Advisor and its officers, directors, employees and affiliates are not liable to us or any of our stockholders for any act or omission by it or its employees in the supervision or management of our investment activities or for any loss sustained by us or our stockholders, except that the foregoing exculpation does not extend to any act or omission constituting willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of its obligations under the investment management agreement. The investment management agreements also provide for indemnification by us of the Advisor's members, directors, officers, employees, agents and control persons for liabilities incurred by it in connection with their services to us, subject to the same limitations and to certain conditions.

Board and shareholder approval of the investment management agreements

Our board of directors held an in-person meeting on December 17, 2010, in order to consider and approve our investment management agreements. The investment management agreements were re-approved by the board of directors on April 27, 2012 for an additional one-year term. In its consideration of the investment management agreement, the board of directors focused on information it had received relating to, among other things: (a) the nature, quality and extent of the advisory and other services to be provided to us by the Advisor; (b) comparative data with respect to advisory fees or similar expenses paid by other business development companies with similar investment objectives; (c) our projected operating expenses and expense ratio compared to business development companies with similar investment objectives; (d) any existing and potential sources of indirect income to the Advisor from its relationships with us and the profitability of those relationships; (e) information about the services to be performed and the personnel performing such services under the investment management agreements; (f) the organizational capability and financial condition of the Advisor and its affiliates; (g) the Advisor's practices regarding the selection and compensation of brokers that may execute our portfolio transactions and the brokers' provision of brokerage and research services to our investment advisor; and (h) the possibility of obtaining similar services from other third party service providers or through an internally managed structure.

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Based on the information reviewed and the discussions, the board of directors, including a majority of the non-interested directors, concluded that the investment management fee rates are reasonable in relation to the services to be provided.

A majority of our currently existing shareholders have approved our investment management agreements. A discussion regarding the basis for our board of directors' approval of the investment management agreements is available in our consent solicitation statement filed with the SEC on April 8, 2011.

#### Duration and termination

The investment management agreements will remain in effect for a period of two years and thereafter from year to year if approved annually by our board of directors or by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities, including, in either case, approval by a majority of our directors who are not interested persons. The investment management agreements will automatically terminate in the event of its assignment. The investment management agreements may be terminated by either party without penalty upon not less than 60 days written notice to the other. Any termination by us must be authorized either by our board of directors or by vote of our stockholders. See "Risks Risks relating to our business and structure We are dependent upon senior management personnel of the Advisor for our future success, and if the Advisor is unable to hire and retain qualified personnel or if the Advisor loses any member of its senior management team, our ability to achieve our investment objective could be significantly harmed."

## **Administration Agreement**

We have entered into administration agreements with the Administrator, which we refer to as the administration agreement, under which the Administrator provides administrative services to us. The Administrator provides services including, but not limited to, the arrangement for the services of, and the overseeing of, custodians, depositories, transfer agents, dividend disbursing agents, other stockholder servicing agents, accountants, attorneys, underwriters, brokers and dealers, corporate fiduciaries, insurers, banks, stockholders and such other persons in any such other capacity deemed to be necessary or desirable. The Administrator also makes reports to the boards of its performance of obligations under the administration agreement and furnishes advice and recommendations with respect to such other aspects of our business and affairs that we determine to be desirable. The Administrator is responsible for our financial and other records that are required to be maintained and prepares all reports and other materials required by any agreement or to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory authority, including reports on Forms 8-K, 10-Q and periodic reports to stockholders, determining the amounts available for distribution as dividends and distributions to be paid by us to our stockholders, reviewing and implementing any share purchase programs authorized by the boards and maintaining or overseeing the maintenance of our books and records as required under the 1940 Act, maintaining (or overseeing maintenance by other persons) such other books and records required by law or for our proper operation. For providing these services, facilities and personnel, we reimburse the Administrator for expenses incurred by the Administrator in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including our allocable portion of overhead under the administration agreement and the cost of certain of our officers and the Administrator's administrative staff and providing, at our request and on our behalf, significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies to which we are required to provide such assistance. From time to time, the Administrator may pay amounts owed by us to third-party providers of goods or services. We subsequently reimburse the Administrator for such amounts paid on our behalf. Although the Administrator has waived these reimbursements through December 31, 2012, it may discontinue such waiver at any time.

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## **DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

The following description is based on relevant portions of the Delaware General Corporation Law and on our charter and bylaws and the 1940 Act. This summary is not necessarily complete, and we refer you to the Delaware General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws and the 1940 Act for a more detailed description of the provisions summarized below.

#### General

Under the terms of our certificate of incorporation, our authorized stock consists of 200,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share. We will only offer shares of our common stock under this prospectus. When we offer shares of our common stock under this prospectus, we will issue an appropriate prospectus supplement. Our common stock is traded on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the ticker symbol "TCPC." There are currently no outstanding options or warrants to purchase our stock. No stock has been authorized for issuance under any equity compensation plans. Under Delaware law, our stockholders generally are not personally liable for our debts or obligations.

The following are our outstanding classes of securities as of March 22, 2013:

(1) Title of Class	(2) Amount Authorized	(3) Amount Held by us or for Our Account	(4) Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Amounts Shown Under (3)
Common Stock	200,000,000		21,477,628
Preferred Stock	100,000,000		
Common stock			

Under the terms of our certificate of incorporation, holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. Holders of a plurality of the votes of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting to elect directors and entitled to vote on the election of directors may elect all of the directors standing for election. Holders of common stock are entitled to receive proportionately any dividends declared by our board of directors, subject to any preferential dividend rights of outstanding preferred stock. Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably our net assets available after the payment of all debts and other liabilities and subject to the prior rights of any outstanding preferred stock. Holders of common stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of common stock are subject to the rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock which we may designate and issue in the future. In addition, holders of our common stock may participate in our dividend reinvestment plan. Our common stock is junior to our indebtedness and other liabilities.

We own 100% of the common limited partner interests in the Operating Company and the Operating Company's common limited partner interests have one vote for each 0.01% of common limited partner interests owned. We will "pass-through" our votes to our common stockholders and vote all of our interests in the Operating Company in the same proportion and manner as our stockholders vote their common stock.

## Preferred stock

Under the terms of our certificate of incorporation, our board of directors is authorized to issue shares of preferred stock in one or more series without stockholder approval. The board has discretion

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to determine the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences of each series of preferred stock. The 1940 Act limits our flexibility as to certain rights and preferences of the preferred stock that our certificate of incorporation may provide and requires, among other things, that immediately after issuance and before any distribution is made with respect to common stock, we meet a coverage ratio of total assets to total senior securities, which include all of our borrowings and our preferred stock, of at least 200%, and 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 unpaid in an amount equal to two full years of dividends on the preferred stock until all arrears are cured. The features of the preferred stock will be further limited by the requirements applicable to regulated investment companies under the Code. The purpose of authorizing our board to issue preferred stock and determine its rights and preferences is to eliminate delays associated with a stockholder vote on specific issuances. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing desirable flexibility in connection with providing leverage for our investment program, possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or could discourage a third party from acquiring, a majority of our outstanding voting stock.

## **Long-Term Debt**

We are permitted, under specified conditions, to issue multiple classes of indebtedness if our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least equal to 200% immediately after each such issuance. In addition, while any publicly traded debt securities are outstanding, we must make provisions to prohibit any distribution to our stockholders or the repurchase of such securities unless we meet the applicable asset coverage ratios at the time of the distribution or repurchase. 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.

#### Delaware law and certain charter and bylaw provisions; anti-takeover measures

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, together with the rules of The Nasdaq Global Select Market, provide that:

the board of directors be organized in a single class with all directors standing for election each year

directors may be removed by the affirmative vote of the holders of 75% of the then outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote; and

subject to the rights of any holders of preferred stock, any vacancy on the board of directors, however the vacancy occurs, including a vacancy due to an enlargement of the board, may only be filled by vote of a majority of the directors then in office.

Our certificate of incorporation also provides that special meetings of the stockholders may only be called by our board of directors, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer or President.

Delaware's corporation law provides generally that the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares entitled to vote on any matter is required to amend a corporation's certificate of incorporation or bylaws, unless a corporation's certificate of incorporation or bylaws requires a greater percentage. Our certificate of incorporation permits our board of directors to amend or repeal the by-laws or adopt new by-laws at any time. Stockholders may amend or repeal the by-laws or adopt new by-laws with the affirmative vote of 80% of the then outstanding shares.

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## Limitations of liability and indemnification

Under our certificate of incorporation, we fully indemnify any person who was or is involved in any actual or threatened action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was one of our directors or officers; provided, however, that, except for proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification, we will not be obligated to indemnify any director or officer in connection with a proceeding initiated by such person unless such proceeding was authorized or consented to by our board of directors. So long as we are regulated under the 1940 Act, the above indemnification and limitation of liability is limited by the 1940 Act or by any valid rule, regulation or order of the SEC thereunder. The 1940 Act provides, among other things, that a company may not indemnify any director or officer against liability to it or its security holders to which he or she might otherwise be subject by reason of his or her willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office.

Delaware law also provides that indemnification permitted under the law shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the directors and officers may be entitled under the corporation's bylaws, any agreement, a vote of stockholders or otherwise.

We have obtained liability insurance for our officers and directors.

## Anti-takeover provisions

Our certificate of incorporation includes provisions that could have the effect of limiting the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of us or to change the composition of our board of directors. This could have the effect of depriving stockholders of an opportunity to sell their shares at a premium over prevailing market prices by discouraging a third party from seeking to obtain control over us. Such attempts could have the effect of increasing our expenses and disrupting our normal operation. A director may be removed from office only for cause by a vote of the holders of at least 75% of the shares then entitled to vote for the election of the respective director.

In addition, our certificate of incorporation requires the favorable vote of a majority of our board of directors followed by the favorable vote of the holders of at least 80% of our outstanding shares of each affected class or series, voting separately as a class or series, to approve, adopt or authorize certain transactions with 10% or greater holders of a class or series of shares and their associates, unless the transaction has been approved by at least 80% of our directors, in which case "a majority of the outstanding voting securities" (as defined in the 1940 Act) will be required. For purposes of these provisions, a 10% or greater holder of a class or series of shares, or a principal stockholder, refers to any person who, whether directly or indirectly and whether alone or together with its affiliates and associates, beneficially owns 10% or more of the outstanding shares of our voting securities.

The 10% holder transactions subject to these special approval requirements are: the merger or consolidation of us or any subsidiary of ours with or into any principal stockholder; the issuance of any of our securities to any principal stockholder for cash, except pursuant to any automatic dividend reinvestment plan; the sale, lease or exchange of all or any substantial part of our assets to any principal stockholder, except assets having an aggregate fair market value of less than 5% of our total assets, aggregating for the purpose of such computation all assets sold, leased or exchanged in any series of similar transactions within a twelve-month period; or the sale, lease or exchange to us or any subsidiary of ours, in exchange for our securities, of any assets of any principal stockholder, except assets having an aggregate fair market value of less than 5% of our total assets, aggregating for purposes of such computation all assets sold, leased or exchanged in any series of similar transactions within a twelve-month period.

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To convert us to a closed-end or open-end investment company, to merge or consolidate us with any entity or sell all or substantially all of our assets to any entity in a transaction as a result of which the governing documents of the surviving entity do not contain substantially the same anti-takeover provisions as are provided in our certificate of incorporation or to liquidate and dissolve us other than in connection with a qualifying merger, consolidation or sale of assets or to amend certain of the provisions relating to these matters, our certificate of incorporation requires either (i) the favorable vote of a majority of our continuing directors followed by the favorable vote of the holders of a majority of our then outstanding shares of each affected class or series of our shares, voting separately as a class or series or (ii) the favorable vote of at least 80% of the then outstanding shares of our capital stock, voting together as a single class. As part of any such conversion to an open-end investment company, substantially all of our investment policies and strategies and portfolio would have to be modified to assure the degree of portfolio liquidity required for open-end investment companies. In the event of our conversion to an open-end investment company, the common stock would cease to be listed on any national securities exchange or market system. Stockholders of an open-end investment company may require the company to redeem their shares at any time, except in certain circumstances as authorized by or under the 1940 Act, at their net asset value, less such redemption charge, if any, as might be in effect at the time of a redemption. You should assume that it is not likely that our board of directors would vote to convert us to an open-end fund.

The 1940 Act defines "a majority of the outstanding voting securities" as the lesser of a majority of the outstanding shares and 67% of a quorum of a majority of the outstanding shares. For the purposes of calculating "a majority of the outstanding voting securities" under our certificate of incorporation, each class and series of our shares will vote together as a single class, except to the extent required by the 1940 Act or our certificate of incorporation, with respect to any class or series of shares. If a separate class vote is required, the applicable proportion of shares of the class or series, voting as a separate class or series, also will be required.

## **Operating Company**

The Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement provides that the Operating Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common interests. The common interests have no preference, preemptive, conversion, appraisal, exchange or redemption rights, and there are no sinking fund provisions applicable to the common interests. Each holder of common interests has one vote per common interest held by it on all matters subject to approval by the holders of the common interests. Further, holders of common interests have voting rights on the election of the board of directors of the Operating Company, which will be governed by plurality voting. No person has any liability for obligations of the Operating Company by reason of owning common interests. Holders of outstanding Preferred Interests, voting as a separate class, are entitled to elect two of the Operating Company's directors. The remaining directors are elected by holders of common interests and Preferred Interests, voting together as a single class.

The rights attached to the Operating Company's common interests are set forth in the Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement. The Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement may be amended by the Operating Company's board of directors without a vote of holders of common interests or Preferred Interests in any manner that does not materially and adversely affect the holders of the common interests or the Preferred Interests, by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the common interests and Preferred Interests outstanding and entitled to vote in the case of any amendment that does adversely and materially affect the holders of the common interests and the Preferred Interests and by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the outstanding common interests or Preferred Interests voting as a separate class in the event of any amendment that adversely and materially affects the contract rights of one class but not the other or affects one class

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materially differently than the other class. On any matter as to which the 1940 Act requires a vote, approval by plurality (in the case of elections of directors), a majority of interests present and voting on the matter in question or, where required by the 1940 Act, the lesser of a majority of the votes of the outstanding voting securities of the Operating Company or the votes of at least <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> of such outstanding voting securities, if a quorum of at least a majority of such voting securities is present, will be sufficient to approve such matter.

The Operating Company may merge or consolidate with any other entity, or sell, lease or exchange all or substantially all of the Fund's assets upon the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than two-thirds of the common interests and Preferred Interests.

The Operating Company's common limited partner interests have one vote for each 0.01% of common limited partner interests owned. The Holding Company owns 100% of the common limited partner interests in the Operating Company. However, the Holding Company will "pass-through" its votes to its common stockholders and vote all of its interests in the Operating Company in the same proportion and manner as such stockholders vote their common stock. Common stockholders of the Holding Company will be entitled to vote on any matter on which the holders of common interests in the Operating Company are required or requested to vote, through the use of "pass-through" voting, including in respect of the investment management arrangements of the Operating Company. The General Partner, with the approval of the board of directors, may issue additional securities of the Operating Company.

Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement, after July 31, 2016, the Operating Company may be dissolved upon approval of 80% of its board of directors and a majority of outstanding partnership interests, subject to any requirements under the 1940 Act. Prior to July 31, 2016, it may be dissolved upon approval of two-thirds of its board of directors and upon approval by interests having at least 75% of the votes of all of the interests outstanding on the record date, voting as a single class except to the extent required by the 1940 Act. On any such matter the Holding Company will "pass-through" its votes to its common stockholders and vote all of its interests in the Operating Company in the same proportion and the same manner as such stockholders vote their shares of the Holding Company.

SVOF/MM, LLC, an affiliate of the Advisor, serves as the General Partner of the Operating Company. In that capacity, it conducts the day-to-day operations of the Operating Company, including supervision of the Advisor and reporting to the board of directors of the Operating Company.

## Leverage Program

## Preferred Interests

At December 31, 2012, the Operating Company had 6,700 Preferred Interests issued and outstanding with a liquidation preference of \$20,000 per interest. The Preferred Interests are redeemable at the option of the Operating Company, subject to certain conditions. Additionally, under certain conditions, the Operating Company may be required to either redeem certain of the Preferred Interests or repay indebtedness, at the Operating Company's option. Such conditions would include a failure by the Operating Company to maintain adequate collateral as required by the Revolving Facility or by the Statement of Preferences of the Preferred Interests or a failure by the Operating Company to maintain sufficient asset coverage as required by the 1940 Act. As of December 31, 2012, the Operating Company was in full compliance with such requirements. The Preferred Interests accrue dividends at an annual rate equal to LIBOR plus 0.85%, subject to certain limitations and adjustments.

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## **Revolving Facility**

The Revolving Facility (the terms of which are set forth in the Credit Agreement) is a revolving credit facility of \$116 million and is secured by portfolio investments and other assets of the Operating Company. The aggregate amount of borrowings which may be outstanding at any time under the Revolving Facility, however, is limited to a discounted value of the collateral, which we refer to as the Over-Collateralization Test, determined under procedures described in the Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement requires that the market value of certain investments (as well as other excluded investments) be excluded from the calculation of the Over-Collateralization Test to the extent that the assets exceed the limits set forth therein. If the Over-Collateralization Test is not met, the Operating Company would be obligated to come into compliance or make sufficient principal payments on the outstanding borrowing under the Revolving Facility. Through the Over-Collateralization Test, the Credit Agreement in effect provides for various asset coverage, credit quality and diversification limitations on the fund investments.

The Credit Agreement contains affirmative covenants customary for facilities of this type, including a minimum net worth covenant for the Operating Company. The Credit Agreement also includes, among other negative covenants customary for facilities of this type, prohibitions on other borrowings by the Operating Company and limitations on the ability of the Operating Company to (i) issue equity, (ii) make changes in the Amended and Restated Partnership Agreement that would materially adversely affect the Operating Company, (iii) make material changes to certain other agreements; (iv) make distributions on or repurchases of common and preferred interests; (v) merge or consolidate with other persons; (vi) grant further liens on the collateral securing the Revolving Facility; (vii) enter into hedging and short sale transactions; and (viii) enter into transactions with affiliates.

The Credit Agreement has various events of default, including a default of the Operating Company in the observance or performance of the Over-Collateralization Test (including specified grace and cure periods), a default in the performance or breach of any covenant (including, without limitation, any covenants of payment), obligation, warranty or other agreement of the Operating Company contained in the Credit Agreement, the removal of the Advisor pursuant to the terms of the investment management agreements without a replacement investment manager being named within a specified time frame or certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Operating Company. In the event of a default under the Credit Agreement, the administrative agent with respect to the Revolving Facility, or the Administrative Agent, will, if directed by the lenders, terminate any additional commitments of the lenders to the Operating Company and the Operating Company would be required to repay principal of and interest on outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Facility to the extent provided in the Credit Agreement prior to paying certain liabilities and prior to redeeming or repurchasing any preferred or common securities.

In connection with the Revolving Facility, the Operating Company entered into a pledge and intercreditor agreement with the Custodian and the Administrative Agent, or the Pledge Agreement, pursuant to which all or a substantial portion of the assets of the Operating Company have been pledged to the secured parties representative to secure the repayment of any amounts borrowed by the Operating Company under the Revolving Facility and obligations of the Operating Company under certain other agreements, including secured hedging transactions and the Pledge Agreement. The Custodian will be required to take all actions that it is directed to take in accordance with the Pledge Agreement to preserve the rights of the secured parties under the Pledge Agreement with respect to the collateral, and in certain circumstances will be prevented from releasing any collateral if an event of default has occurred or is occurring under the Credit Agreement.

Under the Credit Agreement, we must maintain certain investment restrictions that are fundamental policies applicable to registered investment companies under 1940 Act even if we would

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not be required to maintain such policies as a business development company. For so long as required pursuant to the Credit Agreement, were are prohibited from:

- (1) borrowing money or issuing senior securities, except insofar as the foregoing would not violate the 1940 Act as applicable to registered investment companies;
- (2) making loans of money or property to any person, except insofar as the foregoing would not violate the 1940 Act as applicable to registered investment companies;
- underwriting the securities of other issuers, except to the extent that in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities or the sale of our its own shares or securities of its subsidiaries we may be deemed to be an underwriter;
- (4) purchasing real estate or interests therein, except to the extent that as a result of such investments we would not cease to be a regulated investment company under the Code;
- purchasing or selling commodities or commodity contracts for any purposes except to the extent permitted by applicable law without us becoming subject to registration with the Commodity Futures Trading Commissions as a commodity pool or a commodity pool operator; or
- (6) investing more than 25% of our assets in a single industry.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a percentage restriction on investment or use of assets set forth above is adhered to at the time a transaction is effected, later changes in percentage resulting from changing market values will not be considered a deviation from these restrictions.

The material terms of the Credit Agreement and Statement of Preferences of Preferred Interests are summarized in this prospectus. Prospective investors may also review the complete terms of the Credit Agreement and the Statement of Preferences of the Preferred Interests, copies of which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part for further detail regarding the extent of subordination of the common stock and the limitations on distributions, voting rights and other matters imposed by the terms of such other securities.

## Description of Potential Issuance of Warrants, Options or other Rights to Subscribe for, Convert to, or Purchase our Common Stock

Although we are only offering shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus, we are seeking the authority from our stockholders at our 2013 annual meeting to issue warrants, options or other rights to subscribe for, convert to, or purchase shares of our common stock, which may include convertible preferred stock and convertible debentures. Sections 18(d) and 61(a) of the 1940 Act restrict the ability of a BDC to issue warrants, options or other rights to subscribe for or convert to voting securities of the BDC, including by requiring, subject to certain exceptions set forth in the 1940 Act (such as short term rights offerings), that the authority must be approved by the stockholders of the BDC.

If our stockholders approve this authority any issuances of warrants, options or other rights to subscribe for, convert to, or purchase shares of our common stock would be made in accordance with Section 61(a)(3) of the 1940 Act, pursuant to which we would be permitted to issue securities that may be converted into or exercised for shares of our common stock at a conversion or exercise price per share not less than our current market price at the date of issuance. This conversion or exercise price may, however, be less than our NAV per share at the date such securities are issued or at the date such securities are converted into or exercised for shares of our common stock.

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The terms of such securities, including but not limited to the number of shares of common stock initially covered by such securities, any anti-dilutive adjustment provisions, the period during which and the price and the offer terms on which the rights conveyed by such securities are exercisable, will be determined by our board of directors prior to any issuance. Also, the nature and amount of consideration that would be received by us at the time of issuance and the use of any such consideration will be considered and approved by the board of directors at the time of issuance. Inasmuch we are not offering warrants, options or other rights to subscribe for, convert to or purchase shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus, it is impracticable to describe the material terms of any such securities.

If we publicly offer any warrants, options or other rights to subscribe for, convert to, or purchase shares of our common stock, the specific terms will be described in a prospectus supplement to the applicable prospectus relating to that issuance. The prospectus supplement will be filed with the SEC. For a complete description of the terms of a particular issuance of warrants, options or other rights to subscribe for, convert to, or purchase shares of our common stock, you should read both the applicable prospectus and the prospectus supplement relating to that particular issuance.

Conditions to Issuance. Each issuance of warrants, options or other rights to subscribe for, convert to or purchase shares of common stock that is subject to this authority will comply with Section 61(a) of the 1940 Act. Specifically, for subject issuances, Section 61(a) requires that (i) the exercise or conversion feature of the warrants, options or other rights must expire within 10 years of issuance, (ii) the exercise or conversion price for the warrants, options or other rights must not be less than the current market value of the common stock at the date of the issuance of the warrants, options or other rights and (iii) the individual issuances of warrants, options or other rights must be approved by a majority of our directors who are not "interested persons" of us as defined in the 1940 Act on the basis that such issuance is in our and our stockholders' best interests. If such securities are accompanied by other securities (such as convertible debt or preferred stock where the conversion element is the predominant element of the security or units where warrants, for example, are stapled to debt securities and may not be separately traded) when issued, the securities cannot be separately transferable unless no class of such securities and the other securities that accompany them has been publicly distributed.

In addition, Section 61(a) of the 1940 Act limits the number of warrants, options or other rights to subscribe for, convert to, or purchase our common stock that can be issued under the authority provided by this proposal. Specifically, the amount of voting securities that would result from the exercise or conversion of all of such warrants, options or other rights to subscribe for, convert to, or purchase our common stock at the time of issuance may not exceed 25% of our outstanding voting securities.

Certain Considerations and Risks. There are potentially dilutive effects of the issuance of warrants, options or other rights to subscribe for, convert to, or purchase shares of our common stock and the expenses associated with such issuances on the NAV per outstanding share of our common stock. Because the exercise or conversion price per share at the time of exercise or conversion could be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time of exercise or conversion, and because we, and therefore indirectly our common stockholders, would incur expenses in connection with any such issuance of warrants or convertible debt, as well as the expenses of maintaining and servicing any such outstanding warrants or convertible debt such exercise or conversion could result in a dilution of net asset value per share of our common stock at the time of such exercise. There is no limit to the dilution to the shares of common stock because there is no limit to the amount of growth in our NAV per share and therefore no limit to the amount by which our NAV per share at the time of the exercise would exceed the exercise price of such securities. In the event that we issue warrants, options or other rights to subscribe for, convert to, or purchase shares of our common stock that do not include an adjustment feature for reverse stock splits, and we in fact carry out a reverse stock split, such reverse stock split would increase the potential dilutive effect of the exercise of such rights to

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holders of our common shares. If approved, there is no limit to the number of offerings of warrants, options or rights to subscribe for, convert to, or purchase our common stock other than the previously described limit in Section 61(a) of the 1940 Act.

## Potential Sales Of Common Stock Below Net Asset Value

We will not offer any shares of our common stock pursuant to this registration statement at a price below our then current NAV per share. However, we are seeking the approval of our common stockholders so that we may, in one or more public or private offerings of our common stock, sell shares of our common stock at a price below our then current NAV per share, subject to certain conditions discussed below (including, without limitation, that the number of shares sold on any given date does not exceed 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to such sale). If approved, the authorization would be effective for a twelve month period expiring on the anniversary of the date of approval. There is no maximum level of discount from NAV at which we may sell shares pursuant to this authority. See below for a discussion and examples of the dilutive effect of the sale of shares below NAV.

#### Conditions to Sales Below NAV Per Share

If our stockholders approve authority for sales of our common stock below our then current NAV per share, we will only sell shares of our common stock pursuant to such authority at a price below NAV per share if the following conditions are met:

a majority of our independent directors and a majority of the Company's directors who have no financial interest in the sale have approved the sale as in our best interests and in the best interests of our stockholders;

a majority of such Directors, who are not interested persons of us, in consultation with the underwriter or underwriters of the offering if it is to be underwritten, or sales manager or sales managers, have determined in good faith, and as of a time immediately prior to the first solicitation by or on behalf of us of firm commitments to purchase such shares of our common stock or immediately prior to the issuance of such shares of our common stock, that the price at which such shares of our common stock are to be sold is not less than a price which closely approximates the market value of those shares of our common stock, less any underwriting commission or discount, which could be substantial; and

the number of shares to be sold on any given date pursuant to such authority does not exceed 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such sale.

## Examples of Dilutive Effect of the Issuance of Shares Below NAV Per Share

## Impact on Existing Stockholders Who Do Not Participate in the Offering

Our existing stockholders who do not participate in an offering below NAV per share or who do not buy additional shares in the secondary market at the same or lower price we obtain in the offering (after expenses and commissions) face the greatest potential risks. These stockholders will experience an immediate decrease (often called dilution) in the NAV of the shares they hold and their NAV per share. These stockholders will also experience a disproportionately greater decrease in their participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than the increase we will experience in our assets, potential earning power and voting interests due to the offering. These stockholders may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential increases and decreases in NAV. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increase. There is no maximum level of discount from NAV at which we may sell shares pursuant to this authority.

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The following table illustrates the level of net asset value dilution that would be experienced by a nonparticipating stockholder in four different hypothetical offerings of different sizes and levels of discount from net asset value per share, although it is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur in an actual offering. Actual sales prices and discounts may differ from the presentation below. There is no maximum level of discount from NAV at which we may sell shares pursuant to this authority.

The examples assume hypothetically that the issuer has 21,500,000 common shares outstanding, to \$550,000,000 in total assets and \$234,000,000 in total liabilities. The hypothetical NAV and NAV per share are thus \$316,000,000 and \$14.70. Using these hypothetical numbers, the chart below illustrates the dilutive effect on Stockholder A of (1) an offering of 1,075,000 shares of common stock (5% of the outstanding shares of common stock) at \$13.97 per share after offering expenses and commission (a 5% discount from NAV), (2) an offering of 2,150,000 shares of common stock (10% of the outstanding shares of common stock) at \$13.23 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 10% discount from NAV), (3) an offering of 5,375,000 shares of common stock (25% of the outstanding shares of common stock) at \$11.03 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 25% discount from NAV), and (4) an offering of 5,375,000 shares of common stock (25% of the outstanding shares of common stock) at \$0.00 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 100% discount from NAV).

	Prior to		Example 5% Offer at 5% Disc	ing	Example 2 10% Offering at 10% Discount					Example 25% Offer t 25% Disc	ring		Example 25% Offer at 100% Disc	ring	
	ale Below NAV	]	Following Sale	% Change	F	Following Sale	% Chai			llowing Sale	% Change	F	Following Sale	% Change	
Offering Price															
Price per Share to Public		\$	14.70		\$	13.93		\$		11.61		\$			
Net Proceeds per Share to Issuer		\$	13.97	:	\$	13.23		\$	5	11.03		\$			
Decrease to NAV															
Total Shares Outstanding	21,500,000		22,575,000	5.00%	2	23,650,000	10	.00%	26	,875,000	25.00%	1	26,875,000	25.00%	
NAV per Share	\$ 14.66	\$	14.66	(0.25)%	\$	14.56	(0	.92)% \$	5	13.96	(5.01)%	\$	11.76	(20.01)%	
Dilution to Stockholder															
Shares Held by Stockholder A	215,000		215,000			215,000				215,000			215,000		
Percentage Held by Stockholder A	1.09	'o	0.95%	(4.76)%		0.91%	6 (9.	.09)%		0.80%	(20.00)%		0.80%	(20.00)%	
<b>Total Asset Values</b>															
Total NAV Held by Stockholder A	\$ 3,160,500	\$	3,152,499	(0.25)%	\$	3,131,314	(0.	.92)% \$	3	,002,075	(5.01)%	\$	2,528,000	(20.01)%	
Total Investment by Stockholder A															
(Assumed to be \$14.70 per Share)	\$ 3,160,500	\$	3,160,500	:	\$	3,160,500		\$	3	,160,500		\$	3,160,500		
Total Dilution to Stockholder A															
(Total NAV Less Total Investment)		\$	(8,001)	:	\$	(29,186)		\$	5 (	(158,425)		\$	(632,5000)		
Per Share Amounts															
NAV per Share Held by															
Stockholder A		\$	14.66	:	\$	14.56		\$	5	13.96		\$	11.76		
Investment per Share Held by															
Stockholder A (Assumed to be															
\$14.70 per Share on Shares Held															
Prior to Sale)	\$ 14.70	\$	14.70	:	\$	14.70		\$	5	14.70		\$	14.70		
Dilution per Share Held by															
Stockholder A (NAV per Share Less															
Investment per Share)		\$	(0.04)	:	\$	(0.14)		\$	5	(0.74)		\$	(2.94)		
Percentage Dilution to Stockholder A			`												
(Dilution per Share Divided by															
Investment per Share)				(0.25)%			(0	.92)%			(5.01)%			(20.01)%	
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## Impact on Existing Stockholders Who Do Participate in the Offering

Our existing stockholders who participate in the offering or who buy additional shares in the secondary market at the same or lower price as we obtain in the offering (after expenses and commissions) will experience the same types of NAV per share dilution as the nonparticipating stockholders, albeit at a lower level, to the extent they purchase less than the same percentage of the discounted offering as their interest in our shares immediately prior to the offering. The level of NAV per share dilution will decrease as the number of shares such stockholders purchase increases. Existing stockholders who buy more than such percentage will experience NAV per share dilution on their existing shares but will, in contrast to existing stockholders who purchase less than their proportionate share of the offering, experience an increase (often called accretion) in average NAV per share over their investment per share and will also experience a disproportionately greater increase in their participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than our increase in assets, potential earning power and voting interests due to the offering. The level of accretion will increase as the excess number of shares such stockholder purchases increases. Even a stockholder who overparticipates will, however, be subject to the risk that we may make additional discounted offerings in which such stockholder does not participate, in which case such a stockholder will experience NAV per share dilution as described above in such subsequent offerings. These stockholders may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential decreases in NAV per share. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increases. There is no maximum level of discount from NAV at which we may sell shares pursuant to this authority.

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The following chart illustrates the level of dilution and accretion in the offering for a stockholder that acquires shares equal to (1) 50% of its proportionate share of the offering (i.e., 26,875 shares, which is 0.50% of the offering rather than its 1.0% proportionate share) and (2) 150% of such percentage (i.e., 80,625 shares, which is 1.5% of the offering rather than its 1.0% proportionate share). NAV has not been finally determined for any day after December 31, 2012. The table below is shown based upon the reported NAV of \$14.71 at December 31, 2012. The following example assumes a sale of 5,375,000 shares at a sales price to the public of \$11.61 with a 5% underwriting discount and commissions (\$11.03 per share net).

				50% Participation			150% Participa	ation	
	Prior to Sale Below NAV			Following	%		Following	%	
Offering Price	E	Selow NAV		Sale	Change		Sale	Change	
Price per Share to Public			\$	11.61		\$	11.61		
Net Proceeds per Share to Issuer			Ψ	11.03		Ψ	11.03		
Decrease/Increase to NAV				11.02			5,375,000		
Total Shares Outstanding		21,500,000		26,875,000	10.00%		26,875,000	10.00%	
NAV per Share	\$	14.70	\$	13.96	(0.92)%	\$	13.96	(0.92)%	
Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder									
Shares Held by Stockholder A		215,000		241,875	12.50%		295,625	37.5%	
Percentage Held by Stockholder A		1.00%	ó	0.90%	(10.00)%		1.10%	10.00%	
Total NAV Held by Stockholder A	\$	3,160,500	\$	3,377,334	6.9%	\$	4,127,853	30.6%	
Total Investment by Stockholder A (Assumed to be \$14.70 per									
Share held Prior to Sale)	\$	3,160,500	\$	3,472,391		\$	4,096,174		
Total Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder A (Total NAV Less									
Total Investment)			\$	(95,057)		\$	31,679		
NAV per Share Held by Stockholder A			\$	13.96		\$	13.96		
Investment per Share Held by Stockholder A (Assumed to be									
\$14.70 per Share on Shares Held Prior to Sale)	\$	14.70	\$	14.36		\$	13.86		
Dilution/Accretion per Share Held by Stockholder A (NAV per									
Share Less Investment per Share)			\$	(0.39)		\$	0.11		
Percentage Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder A									
(Dilution/Accretion per Share Divided by Investment per Share)					(2.74)%			0.77%	

## **Impact On New Investors**

Investors who are not currently stockholders and who participate in an offering below NAV but whose investment per share is greater than the resulting NAV per share due to selling compensation and expenses paid by the issuer will experience an immediate decrease, albeit small, in the NAV of their shares of common stock and their NAV per share compared to the price they pay for their shares of common stock. Investors who are not currently stockholders and who participate in an offering below NAV per share and whose investment per share is also less than the resulting NAV per share due to selling compensation and expenses paid by the issuer being significantly less than the discount per share will experience an immediate increase in the NAV of their shares of common stock and their NAV per share compared to the price they pay for their shares of common stock. These investors will

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experience a disproportionately greater participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than our increase in assets, potential earning power and voting interests. These investors will, however, be subject to the risk that we may make additional discounted offerings in which such new stockholder does not participate, in which case such new stockholder will experience dilution as described above in such subsequent offerings. These investors may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares of common stock, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential increases and decreases in NAV per share. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increases. There is no maximum level of discount from NAV at which we may sell shares pursuant to this authority.

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% 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 of common stock in the offering as Stockholder A in the prior examples held immediately prior to the offering. It is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur. Actual sales prices and discounts may differ from the presentation below. There is no maximum level of discount from NAV at which we may sell shares pursuant to the stockholder authority.

				Exampl 5% Offer at 5% Disc	ring		Example 10% Offer at 10% Disc	ring		Example 25% Offer at 25% Disc	ing	
		Prior to Sale Below NAV		Following Sale	% Change		Following Sale	% Change		Following Sale	% Change	
Offering Price	D	CIOWINA		Saic	Change		Saic	Change		Saic	Change	
Price per Share to Public			\$	14.70		\$	13.93		\$	11.61		
Net Proceeds per Share to Issuer			\$	13.97		\$	13.23		\$	11.03		
Decrease to NAV												
Total Shares Outstanding		21,500,000		22,575,000	5.00%		23,650,000	10.00%		26,875,000	25.00%	
NAV per Share	\$	14.70	\$	14.66	(0.25)%	\$	14.56	(0.92)%	\$	13.96	(5.01)%	
Dilution to Stockholder												
Shares Held by Stockholder A				10,750			21,500			53,750		
Percentage Held by Stockholder A		0.09	6	0.05%	ó		0.09%	)		0.20%		
Total Asset Values												
Total NAV Held by Stockholder A			\$	157,625		\$	313,131		\$	750,519		
Total Investment by Stockholder A (At Price to												
Public)			\$	158,025		\$	299,416		\$	623,783		
Total Dilution to Stockholder A (Total NAV												
Less Total Investment)			\$	(400)		\$	13,716		\$	126,736		
Per Share Amounts												
NAV per Share Held by Stockholder A			\$	14.66		\$			\$	13.96		
Investment per Share Held by Stockholder A			\$	14.70		\$	13.93		\$	11.61		
Dilution per Share Held by Stockholder A												
(NAV per Share Less Investment per Share)			\$	(0.04)		\$	0.64		\$	2.36		
Percentage Dilution to Stockholder A (Dilution												
per Share Divided by Investment per Share)					(0.25)%	,		4.58%			20.32%	

The tables above provide hypothetical examples of the impact that an offering at a price less than NAV per share may have on the NAV per share of existing stockholders who do and do not participate in such an offering. However, the tables above do not show and are not intended to show any potential changes in market price that may occur from an offering at a price less than NAV per share and it is not possible to predict any potential market price change that may occur from such an offering.

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## Certain Considerations and Risks

Although we will not sell any shares of our common stock below NAV pursuant to this prospectus, Stockholders should consider the potentially dilutive effect of the issuance of shares of our common stock at a price that is less than the NAV per share and the expenses associated with such issuance on the NAV per outstanding share of our common stock. Any sale of common stock at a price below NAV per share would result in an immediate dilution to existing common stockholders. This dilution would include reduction in the NAV per share as a result of the issuance of shares at a price below the NAV per share and a disproportionately greater decrease in a stockholder's interest in our earnings and assets and their voting interests than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance. Our board of directors will consider the potential dilutive effect of the issuance of shares at a price below the NAV per share and the level of offering expenses (which are indirectly borne by stockholders) when considering whether to authorize any such issuance. Our board of directors also will consider, among other things, the fact that sales of common stock at a discount to net asset value will benefit the Advisor as the Advisor will earn additional investment management fees on the proceeds of such offerings, as it would from the offering of any other securities of ours or from the offering of common stock at a premium to NAV per share. It should be noted that the maximum number of shares salable below NAV on any given date pursuant to this authority that could result in such dilution is limited to 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to such sale. However, pursuant to this authority, there is no limit on the number of offerings below NAV that we may make during the period this authorization is in effect. No further authorization from stockholders will be solicited even if the dilution resulting from any such offering or offerings is significant.

The 1940 Act establishes a connection between common stock sale price and NAV per share because, when stock is sold at a sale price below NAV per share, the resulting increase in the number of outstanding shares reduces NAV per share. Stockholders should also consider that they will have no subscription, preferential or preemptive rights to additional shares of the common stock proposed to be authorized for issuance, and thus any future issuance of common stock will dilute such stockholders' holdings of common stock as a percentage of shares outstanding to the extent stockholders do not purchase sufficient shares in the offering or otherwise to maintain their percentage interest. Further, if our current stockholders do not purchase sufficient shares to maintain their percentage interest, regardless of whether such offering is above or below the then current NAV per share, their voting power will be diluted.

In addition, if we are not successful with the proposal to sell shares of our common stock below our then current NAV, we may utilize a rights offering in order to access the equity markets if we trade below NAV per share. A rights offering may be at a greater discount to NAV per share than an offering of our common stock at a price below our NAV per share because, among other things, a rights offering requires a long marketing period which might result in greater share price erosion.

The possibility that our shares of common stock will trade at discounts from NAV or at premiums that are unsustainable over the long term is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that our NAV will decrease. It is not possible to predict whether the shares that may be offered pursuant to this approval will trade at, above, or below NAV.

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## MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX MATTERS

The following is a summary of material U.S. federal income tax consequences to a stockholder who purchases our common stock pursuant to a future offering. This summary is subject to change by legislative or administrative action, and any change may be retroactive. The discussion does not purport to deal with all of the U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to us, or which may be important to particular stockholders in light of their individual investment circumstances or to some types of stockholders subject to special tax rules, such as stockholders subject to the alternative minimum tax, financial institutions, broker-dealers, insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, partnerships or other pass-through entities, persons holding our common stock in connection with a hedging, straddle, conversion or other integrated transaction, persons engaged in a trade or business in the United States or persons who have ceased to be U.S. citizens or to be taxed as resident aliens or stockholders who contribute assets to us in exchange for our shares. This discussion assumes that the stockholders hold their common stock as capital assets for U.S. federal income tax purposes (generally, assets held for investment). No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of all U.S. federal income tax aspects affecting us and our stockholders, and the discussion set forth herein does not constitute tax advice. No ruling has been or will be sought from the Internal Revenue Service, which we refer to as the IRS, regarding any matter discussed herein. Tax counsel has not rendered any legal opinion regarding any tax consequences relating to us or our stockholders. Stockholders are urged to consult their own tax advisors to determine the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences to them of investing in our shares.

## Taxation of the company

We have elected, and we intend to continue, to qualify to be taxed as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. To continue to qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, (a) derive in each taxable year at least 90 percent of our gross income from dividends, interest (including tax-exempt interest), payments with respect to certain securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, other income (including but not limited to gain from options, futures and forward contracts) derived with respect to our business of investing in stock, securities or currencies, or net income derived from an interest in a "qualified publicly traded partnership" (a "QPTP"); and (b) diversify our holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of each taxable year (i) at least 50 percent of the market value of our total assets is represented by cash and cash items, U.S. Government securities, the securities of other regulated investment companies and other securities, with other securities limited, in respect of any one issuer, to an amount not greater than five percent of the value of our total assets and not more than 10 percent of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer (subject to the exception described below), and (ii) not more than 25 percent of the market value of our total assets is invested in the securities (other than U.S. Government securities and the securities of other regulated investment companies) (A) of any issuer, (B) of any two or more issuers that we control and that are determined to be engaged in the same business or similar or related trades or businesses, or (C) of one or more QPTPs. We may generate certain income that might not qualify as good income for purposes of the 90% annual gross income requirement described above. We will monitor our transactions to endeavor to prevent our disqualification as a RIC.

If we fail to satisfy the 90% annual gross income requirement or the asset diversification requirements discussed above 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 asset 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 corporate-level U.S. federal income tax as described below. We cannot provide assurance

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that we would qualify for any such relief should we fail the 90% annual gross income requirement or the asset diversification requirements discussed above.

As a RIC, in any taxable year with respect to which we timely distribute at least 90 percent of the sum of our (i) investment company taxable income (which includes, among other items, dividends, interest and the excess of any net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss and other taxable income (other than any net capital gain), reduced by deductible expenses) determined without regard to the deduction for dividends and distributions paid and (ii) net tax exempt interest income (which is the excess of our gross tax exempt interest income over certain disallowed deductions) (the "Annual Distribution Requirement"), we (but not our stockholders) generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on investment company taxable income and net capital gain (generally, net long-term capital gain in excess of short-term capital loss) that we distribute to our stockholders. We intend to distribute annually all or substantially all of such income on a timely basis. To the extent that we retain our net capital gain for investment or any investment company taxable income, we will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the regular corporate income tax rates. We may choose to retain our net capital gains for investment or any investment company taxable income, and pay the associated federal corporate income tax, including the federal excise tax described below.

Amounts not distributed on a timely basis in accordance with a calendar year distribution requirement are subject to a nondeductible four percent U.S. federal excise tax payable by us. To avoid this tax, we must distribute (or be deemed to have distributed) during each calendar year an amount equal to the sum of:

- (1) at least 98 percent of our ordinary income (not taking into account any capital gains or losses) for the calendar year;
- (2) at least 98.2 percent of the amount by which our capital gains exceed our capital losses (adjusted for certain ordinary losses) for a one-year period generally ending on October 31 of the calendar year (unless an election is made by us to use our taxable year); and
- (3) certain undistributed amounts from previous years on which we paid no U.S. federal income tax.

While we intend to distribute any income and capital gains in the manner necessary to minimize imposition of the four percent federal excise tax, sufficient amounts of our taxable income and capital gains may not be distributed to avoid entirely the imposition of the tax. In that event, we will be liable for the tax only on the amount by which we do not meet the foregoing distribution requirement.

If, in any particular taxable year, we do not satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement or otherwise were to fail to qualify as a RIC (for example, because we fail the 90% annual gross income requirement described above), and relief is not available as discussed above, all of our taxable income (including our net capital gains) will be subject to tax at regular corporate rates without any deduction for distributions to stockholders, and distributions generally will be taxable to the stockholders as ordinary dividends to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits.

We may decide to be taxed as a regular corporation even if we would otherwise qualify as a RIC if we determine that treatment as a corporation for a particular year would be in our best interests.

As a RIC, we are permitted to carry forward a net capital loss realized in a taxable year beginning before December 23, 2010 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 December 23, 2010 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 December 23, 2010 to offset capital gain indefinitely. For net capital losses realized in taxable years beginning on or after December 23, 2010, the excess of our net short-term capital loss over our net

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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 they are distributed to stockholders. Accordingly, we do not expect to distribute any such offsetting capital gain. A RIC cannot carry back or carry forward any net operating losses.

## **Company investments**

Certain of our investment practices are subject to special and complex U.S. federal income tax provisions that may, among other things, (i) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions, including the dividends received deduction, (ii) convert lower taxed long-term capital gain and qualified dividend income into higher taxed short-term capital gain or ordinary income, (iii) convert ordinary loss or a deduction into capital loss (the deductibility of which is more limited), (iv) cause us to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash, (v) adversely affect the time as to when a purchase or sale of stock or securities is deemed to occur, (vi) adversely alter the characterization of certain complex financial transactions and (vii) produce income that will not qualify as "good income" for purposes of the 90% annual gross income requirement described above. We will monitor our transactions and may make certain tax elections and may be required to borrow money or dispose of securities to mitigate the effect of these rules and prevent disqualification of us as a RIC.

Investments we make in securities issued at a discount or providing for deferred interest or PIK interest are subject to special tax rules that will affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to stockholders. For example, with respect to securities issued at a discount, we will generally be required to accrue daily as income a portion of the discount and to distribute such income on a timely basis each year to maintain our qualification as a RIC and to avoid U.S. federal income and excise taxes. Since in certain circumstances we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty making distributions in the amounts necessary to satisfy the requirements for maintaining RIC status and for avoiding U.S. federal income and excise taxes. 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 thereby be subject to corporate-level income tax.

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 may result in unusable capital losses and future non-cash income. Any such restructuring may also result in our recognition of a substantial amount of non-qualifying income for purposes of the 90% gross income requirement or our receiving assets that would not count toward the asset diversification requirements.

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.

In the event we invest in foreign securities, we may be subject to withholding and other foreign taxes with respect to those securities. Stockholders will generally not be entitled to claim a U.S. foreign tax credit or deduction with respect to foreign taxes paid by us.

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

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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 can elect to mark-to-market at the end of each taxable year our shares in a 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. Under either election, we may be required to recognize in a 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 the 4% excise tax.

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 are generally treated as ordinary income or loss. Similarly, gains or losses on foreign currency forward contracts and the disposition of debt denominated in a foreign currency, to the extent attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between the acquisition and disposition dates, are also 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. 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.

Even if we are authorized to borrow funds and to sell assets in order to satisfy distribution requirements, under the Investment Company Act, we are not permitted to make distributions to our stockholders while our debt obligations and senior securities are outstanding unless certain "asset coverage" tests are met. This may also jeopardize our qualification for taxation as a RIC or subject us to the 4% excise tax.

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 asset diversification requirements. If we dispose of assets to meet the Annual Distribution Requirement, the asset diversification requirements, or the 4% excise tax, we may make such dispositions at times that, from an investment standpoint, are not advantageous.

Some of the income that we might otherwise earn, such as lease income, management fees, or income recognized in a work-out or restructuring of a portfolio investment, may not satisfy the 90% gross income requirement. To manage the risk that such income might disqualify us as a RIC for a failure to satisfy the 90% gross income requirement, one or more of our subsidiaries treated as U.S. corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes may be employed to earn such income. Such corporations will be required to pay U.S. corporate income tax on their earnings, which ultimately will reduce the yield to investors on such income and fees.

#### Taxation of U.S. stockholders

For purposes of this discussion, a "U.S. stockholder" (or in this section, a "stockholder") is a holder or a beneficial holder of shares which is for U.S. federal income tax purposes (1) a person who is a citizen or resident of the United States, (2) a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any State thereof, or the District of Columbia, (3) an estate whose income is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source, or (4) a trust if (a) a U.S. court is able to exercise primary

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supervision over the trust's administration and one or more U.S. persons are authorized to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (b) the trust has in effect a valid election to be treated as a domestic trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If a partnership or other entity or arrangement classified as a partnership for U.S. tax purposes holds the shares, the tax treatment of the partnership and each partner generally will depend on the activities of the partnership and the activities of the partner. Partnerships acquiring shares, and partners in such partnerships, should consult their own tax advisors. **Prospective investors that are not U.S. stockholders should refer to the section "Non-U.S. Stockholders" below and are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in our shares, including the potential application of U.S. withholding taxes.** 

Distributions we pay to you from our ordinary income or from an excess of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss (together referred to hereinafter as "ordinary income dividends") are generally taxable to you as ordinary income to the extent of our earnings and profits. Due to our expected investments, in general, distributions will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction allowed to corporate stockholders and will not qualify for the reduced rates of tax for qualified dividend income allowed to individuals. Distributions made to you from an excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss ("capital gain dividends"), including capital gain dividends credited to you but retained by us, are taxable to you as long-term capital gain if they have been properly designated by us, regardless of the length of time you have owned our shares. For non-corporate stockholders, capital gains dividends are currently taxed at preferential rates. Generally, you will be provided with a written notice designating the amount of any (i) ordinary income dividends no later than 30 days after the close of the taxable year, and (ii) capital gain dividends or other distributions no later than 60 days after the close of the taxable year. Distributions in excess of our earnings and profits will first reduce the adjusted tax basis of your shares and, after the adjusted tax basis is reduced to zero, will constitute capital gain to you (assuming the shares are held as a capital asset).

In the event that we retain any net capital gain, we may designate the retained amounts as undistributed capital gain in a notice to our stockholders. If a designation is made, stockholders would include in income, as long-term capital gain, their proportionate share of the undistributed amounts, but would be allowed a credit or refund, as the case may be, for their proportionate share of the corporate tax paid by us. A 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 addition, the tax basis of shares owned by a stockholder would be increased by an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount included in the stockholder's income as long-term capital gain and (ii) the stockholder's proportionate share of the corporate tax paid by us.

Dividends and other taxable distributions are taxable to you even though they are reinvested in additional shares of our common stock. 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 (which portion can be as low as 10% for dividends paid on or before December 31, 2012 with respect to any taxable year ending on or before December 31, 2011) 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 dividend in the same manner as a cash dividend, even though most of the dividend was paid in shares of our stock.

If we pay you a dividend in January which was declared in the previous October, November or December to stockholders of record on a specified date in one of these months, then the dividend will be treated for tax purposes as being paid by us and received by you on December 31 of the year in which the dividend was declared.

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A stockholder will recognize gain or loss on the sale or exchange of our common stock in an amount equal to the difference between the stockholder's adjusted basis in the shares sold or exchanged and the amount realized on their disposition. Generally, gain recognized by a stockholder on the sale or other disposition of our common stock will result in capital gain or loss to you, and will be a long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than one year at the time of sale. Any loss upon the sale or exchange of our shares held for six months or less will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any capital gain dividends received (including amounts credited as an undistributed capital gain dividend) by you. A loss realized on a sale or exchange of our shares will be disallowed if other substantially identical shares are acquired (whether through the automatic reinvestment of dividends or otherwise) within a 61-day period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the date that the shares are disposed of. In this case, the basis of the shares acquired will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss. Present law taxes both long-term and short-term capital gains of corporations at the rates applicable to ordinary income.

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, noncorporate stockholders are, in general, scheduled to become subject to an additional tax on their "net investment income," which ordinarily includes taxable distributions from us and taxable gain on the disposition of our common stock.

We may be required to withhold U.S. federal income tax ("backup withholding"), from all taxable distributions to any non-corporate 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 that such stockholder has failed to properly report certain interest and dividend income to the IRS and to respond to notices to that effect. An individual's taxpayer identification number is his or her social security number. Any amount withheld under backup withholding is allowed as a credit against the 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.

After December 31, 2013, withholding at a rate of 30% will be required on dividends in respect of, and after December 31, 2016, withholding at a rate of 30% will be required on gross proceeds from the sale of shares of our common stock held by or through foreign accounts or foreign intermediaries if certain disclosure requirements related to U.S. accounts or ownership are not satisfied. We will not pay any additional amounts in respect to any amounts withheld.

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 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.

Stockholders should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the U.S. federal income tax and withholding tax, and state, local and foreign tax consequences of an investment in our shares.

## Taxation of non-U.S. stockholders

The following discussion only applies to non-U.S. stockholders. A "non-U.S. stockholder" is a holder, other than a partnership (or other entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes), that is not a U.S. stockholder for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Whether an investment in the shares is appropriate for a non-U.S. stockholder will depend upon that

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person's particular circumstances. An investment in the shares by a non-U.S. stockholder may have adverse tax consequences. Non-U.S. stockholders should consult their tax advisors before investing in our shares.

Distributions of ordinary income dividends to non-U.S. stockholders, subject to the discussion below, will generally be subject to withholding of U.S. federal tax at a 30% rate (or lower rate provided by an applicable treaty) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits. Different tax consequences may result if the non-U.S. stockholder is engaged in a trade or business in the United States or, in the case of an individual, is present in the United States for 183 days or more during a taxable year and certain other conditions are met. Special certification requirements apply to a non-U.S. stockholder that is a foreign partnership or a foreign trust, and such entities are urged to consult their own tax advisors.

Actual or deemed distributions of our net capital gain to a non-U.S. stockholder, and gain recognized by a non-U.S. stockholder upon the sale of our common stock, generally will not be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax and will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax unless the distributions or gain, 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) or, in the case of an individual, is present in the United States for 183 days or more during a taxable year.

Under certain legislation, 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. Unless the provision is renewed, it will not apply to dividends with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013. Even if the provision is renewed, no assurance can be given that we will distribute any interest-related or short-term capital gain dividends.

If we distribute our net capital gains 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 stockholder's allocable share of the tax we pay on the capital gains deemed to have been distributed. In order to obtain the refund, the non-U.S. stockholder must obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number and file a federal income tax return even if the non-U.S. stockholder is not otherwise required to obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number or file a federal income tax return. For a corporate non-U.S. stockholder, distributions (both actual and deemed), and gains realized upon the sale of our common stock that are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business (or, where an applicable treaty applies, are attributable to a permanent establishment in the United States) may, under certain circumstances, be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a 30% rate (or at a lower rate if provided for by an applicable tax treaty). Accordingly, investment in the shares may not be appropriate for certain non-U.S. stockholders.

Under certain provisions of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder, unless certain non-U.S. persons comply with reporting requirements about their direct and indirect U.S. owners, a 30% withholding tax will be imposed on certain payments, including payments of U.S.-source dividends paid after December 31, 2013 and gross proceeds from the sale of common stock that can produce U.S.-source dividends that are paid after December 31, 2016, to certain non-U.S. financial institutions, investment funds and other non-U.S. persons. Non-U.S. stockholders are encouraged to consult with their tax advisors regarding the possible application of this withholding tax to their investment in our common stock in their individual circumstances.

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Backup Withholding. A non-U.S. stockholder who is a non-resident alien individual, and who is otherwise subject to withholding of federal income tax, may be subject to backup withholding of 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. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld from payments made to you may be refunded or credited against your U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS. Non-U.S. stockholders may also be subject to information reporting.

#### Failure to Qualify as a RIC

If we were unable to qualify for treatment as a RIC, and relief is 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 nor would we be required to make distributions for tax purposes. Distributions would generally be taxable to our stockholders as ordinary dividend income eligible for the 15% maximum rate (for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2013) 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 to seek 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.

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#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus and a prospectus supplement in any of three ways (or in any combination): (a) through underwriters or dealers; (b) directly to a limited number of purchasers or to a single purchaser; or (c) through agents. Any underwriter or agent involved in the offer and sale of shares of our common stock will also be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. Shares of our common stock may be sold "at-the-market" to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market for the securities, on an exchange or otherwise, although we do not intend at-the-market sales of our shares pursuant to this prospectus to exceed \$25 million. The prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of the offering of such securities, including:

the name or names of any underwriters or agents and the amounts of shares of our common stock underwritten or placed by each of them;

the offering price of the shares of our common stock and the proceeds to us and any discounts, commissions or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to underwriters or agents; and

any securities exchanges on which the shares of our common stock may be listed.

In addition, we may enter into registration rights agreements or other similar agreements in the future pursuant to which certain of our stockholders may resell shares of our common stock under this prospectus and as described in any related prospectus supplement.

We may use shares of our common stock to acquire investments in companies, the terms of which will be further disclosed in a prospectus supplement if such stock is issued in an offering hereunder.

Any offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to underwriters or agents may be changed from time to time.

We may sell up to 25% of our then outstanding shares of our common stock at a price below the current net asset value of our common stock in certain circumstances, including if (i)(1) the holders of a majority of our shares (or, if less, at least 67% of a quorum consisting of a majority of our shares) and a similar majority of the holders of our shares who are not affiliated persons of us approve the sale of our common stock at a price that is less than the current net asset value, and (2) a majority of our directors who have no financial interest in the transaction and a majority of our independent directors (a) determine that such sale is in our and our stockholders' best interests 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, or immediately prior to the issuance of such shares, that the price at which such shares are to be sold is not less than a price which closely approximates the market value of such shares, less any distributing commission or discount or if (ii) a majority of the number of the beneficial holders of our common stock entitled to vote at the annual meeting, without regard to whether a majority of such shares are voted in favor of the proposal, approve the sale of our common stock at a price that is less than the current net asset value per share.

If underwriters are used in the sale of any shares of our common stock, shares of our common stock acquired by the underwriters for their own account may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Shares of our common stock may be either offered to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters, or directly by underwriters. Generally, any obligations by the underwriters to purchase shares of our common stock will be subject to certain conditions precedent.

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In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the maximum compensation to the underwriters or dealers in connection with the sale of our shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus and the accompanying supplement to this prospectus may not exceed 8% of the aggregate offering price of the shares of our common stock as set forth on the cover page of the supplement to this prospectus.

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 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 Select Market may engage in passive market making transactions in our common stock on The Nasdaq Global Select 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 shares of our common stock through agents from time to time. The prospectus supplement will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of shares of our common stock and any commissions we pay to them. Generally, any agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

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

Agents, dealers and underwriters may be entitled to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act or to contribution with respect to payments which the agents or underwriters may be required to make in respect thereof. Agents, dealers and underwriters may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

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We may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell shares of our common stock outside of 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 shares of our common stock covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use shares of our common stock 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 party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and, if not identified in this prospectus, will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment). We or one of our affiliates may loan or pledge shares of our common stock to a financial institution or other third party that in turn may sell the securities using this prospectus. Such financial institution or third party may transfer its short position to investors in shares of our common stock or in connection with a simultaneous offering of other shares of our common stock offered by this prospectus or otherwise.

Shares of our common stock sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement will be listed on The Nasdaq Global Select Market, or another exchange on which our common stock is traded.

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

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#### **CUSTODIAN**

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association provides custodian services to us pursuant to a custodian services agreement. For the services provided to us by the Custodian, the Custodian is entitled to fees as agreed upon from time to time. The address of Wells Fargo Bank, National Association is 9062 Old Annapolis Rd., Columbia, MD 21045-1951.

#### TRANSFER AGENT

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association provides transfer agency support to us and serves as our dividend paying agent under a transfer agency agreement. The address of Wells Fargo Bank, National Association is 161 North Concord Exchange, South Saint Paul, MN 55075.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the common stock will be passed upon for us by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York. New York.

#### INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Ernst & Young LLP, or EY, is our independent registered public accounting firm. The address of EY is 725 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California 90017.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement with the SEC on Form N-2, including amendments, relating to the shares we are offering, and the SAI. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement, including any exhibits and schedules it may contain. For further information concerning us or the shares we are offering, please refer to the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to describe the material terms thereof but are not necessarily complete and in each instance reference is made to the copy of any contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement. Each statement is qualified in all respects by this reference.

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 Securities Exchange Act of 1934. You may inspect and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information, as well as the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and the related exhibits and schedules, at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Copies of these reports, proxy and information statements and other information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing the SEC's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549-0102. In addition, the SEC maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information filed electronically by us with the SEC at http://www.sec.gov.

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#### PRIVACY PRINCIPLES

We are committed to maintaining the privacy of stockholders and to safeguarding our 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 nonpublic personal information relating to our stockholders, although certain nonpublic personal information of our stockholders may become available to us. We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our stockholders or former stockholders to anyone, except as permitted by law or as is necessary in order to service stockholder accounts (for example, to a transfer agent or third party administrator).

We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about our stockholders to the Advisor's employees and advisors with a legitimate business need for the information. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards designed to protect the nonpublic personal information of our stockholders.

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An SAI dated as of , 2013, has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. An SAI may be obtained without charge by writing to us at Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC, c/o Investor Relations, 2951 28th Street, Suite 1000, Santa Monica, California 90405 or by calling us at (310) 566-1094. The Table of Contents of the SAI is as follows:

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#### STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE AND MAY BE CHANGED. THE COMPANY MAY NOT SELL THESE SECURITIES UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IS EFFECTIVE. THIS STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NOT AN OFFER TO SELL THESE SECURITIES AND IT IS NOT SOLICITING AN OFFER TO BUY THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE WHERE THE OFFER OR SALE IS NOT PERMITTED.

We are a holding company (the "Holding Company") with no direct operations of our own, and currently our only business and sole asset is our ownership of all of the limited partner interests in Special Value Continuation Partners, LP (the "Operating Company") We and the Operating Company are externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment companies that have elected to be treated as business development companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"). Our and the Operating Company's investment objective is to achieve high total returns through current income and capital appreciation, with an emphasis on principal protection. Both we and the Operating Company seek to achieve this investment objective primarily through investments in debt securities of middle-market companies. The primary investment focus will be the investment in and origination of leveraged loans to performing middle-market companies. For the purposes of this Statement of Additional Information (the "SAI"), the term "leveraged loans" refers to senior debt investments that rank ahead of subordinated debt and that generally have the benefit of security interests in the assets of the borrower.

Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC (the "Advisor") serves as our and the Operating Company's investment advisor. The Advisor is a leading investment manager and specialty lender to middle-market companies that had in excess of \$4.5 billion in committed capital under management as of December 31, 2012, approximately 12% of which consists of our committed capital. SVOF/MM, LLC, an affiliate of the Advisor, is the Operating Company's general partner and provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

This SAI does not constitute a prospectus, but should be read in conjunction with the Company's prospectus relating thereto dated , 2013, and as it may be supplemented. This SAI does not include all information that a prospective investor should consider before investing in the Company's shares of common stock, and investors should obtain and read the Company's prospectus prior to purchasing such shares of common stock. A copy of the Company's Registration Statement, including the prospectus and any supplement, may be obtained from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") upon payment of the fee prescribed, or inspected at the SEC's office or via its website (www.sec.gov) at no charge.

This Statement of Additional Information is dated , 2013.

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#### THE COMPANY

Throughout this SAI, unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to:

"Holding Company" refers to Special Value Continuation Fund, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, for the periods prior to the consummation of the Conversion described elsewhere in this SAI and to TCP Capital Corp. for the periods after the consummation of the Conversion;

"Operating Company" refers to Special Value Continuation Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership;

"Advisor" refers to Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and the investment manager; and

"General Partner" and "Administrator" refer to SVOF/MM, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the general partner of the Operating Company and an affiliate of the Advisor and administrator of the Holding Company and the Operating Company.

For simplicity, this SAI uses the term "Company," "we," "us" and "our" to include the Holding Company and, where appropriate in the context, the Operating Company, on a consolidated basis. For example, (i) although all or substantially all of the net proceeds from the offerings will be invested in the Operating Company and all or substantially all of the Holding Company's investments will be made through the Operating Company, this SAI generally refers to the Holding Company's investments through the Operating Company as investments by the "Company," and (ii) although the Operating Company and not the Holding Company has entered into the Leverage Program (defined below), this SAI generally refers to the Operating Company's use of the Leverage Program as borrowings by the "Company," in all instances in order to make the operations and investment strategy easier to understand. The Holding Company and the Operating Company have the same investment objective and policies and the assets, liabilities and results of operations of the Holding Company are consolidated with those of the Operating Company as described in our prospectus dated

, 2013 under "Prospectus Summary" Operating and Regulatory Tax Structure."

On April 2, 2012, we completed a conversion under which TCP Capital Corp. succeeded to the business of Special Value Continuation Fund, LLC and its consolidated subsidiaries, and the members of Special Value Continuation Fund, LLC became stockholders of TCP Capital Corp. In this SAI, we refer to such transactions as the "Conversion." Unless otherwise indicated, the disclosure in this SAI gives effect to the Conversion.

Together, the Advisor Partners have invested approximately \$11.0 billion in over 250 companies since the Advisor's inception, through multiple business and credit cycles, across all segments of the capital structure through a broad set of credit-oriented strategies including leveraged loan origination, secondary investments of discounted debt securities, and distressed and control opportunities.

We refer to the Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC-advised funds that invest, through multiple business and credit cycles, across all segments of the capital structure through a broad set of credit-oriented strategies including leveraged loan origination, secondary investments of discounted debt securities, and distressed and control opportunities within the Advisor's platform as the Opportunity Funds.

#### The Company

We are an externally managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company, or BDC, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the 1940 Act. Our investment objective is to achieve high total returns through current income and capital appreciation, with an emphasis on principal protection. We seek to achieve our investment objective primarily through investments in debt securities of middle-market companies, which we typically define as those with enterprise values between \$100 million and

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\$1.5 billion. While we intend to primarily focus on privately negotiated investments in debt of middle-market companies, we may make investments of all kinds and at all levels of the capital structure, including in equity interests such as preferred or common stock and warrants or options received in connection with our debt investments. Our investment activities will benefit from what we believe are the competitive advantages of the Advisor, including its diverse in-house skills, proprietary deal flow, and consistent and rigorous investment process focused on established, middle-market companies. We expect to generate returns through a combination of the receipt of contractual interest payments on debt investments and origination and similar fees, and, to a lesser extent, equity appreciation through options, warrants, conversion rights or direct equity investments. Substantially all of our operating history and performance results have been achieved through our predecessor, Special Value Continuation Fund, LLC, which was a registered investment company but was neither a business development company nor a publicly traded company. There are no material operating differences between us and our predecessor, however, as a BDC we are deemphasizing distressed debt investments.

We have no employees of our own and currently our only business and sole asset is the ownership of all of the common limited partner interests of the Operating Company. We expect that our investment activities will continue to be externally managed by the Advisor, a leading investment manager with in excess of \$4.5 billion in committed capital from investors ("committed capital") under management, approximately 12% of which consists of the Holding Company's committed capital under management as of December 31, 2012, and a primary focus on providing financing to middle-market companies. Additionally, the Holding Company expects that it will continue to seek to qualify as a regulated investment company, or RIC, under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code, or the Code.

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#### MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY

#### **Board of Directors**

Our business and affairs are managed under the direction of our board of directors. Our board of directors currently consists of four members, three of whom are not "interested persons" of our company or of the Advisor as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act and are "independent," as determined by our board of directors, consistent with the rules of The Nasdaq Global Select Market. We refer to these individuals as our independent directors. Our board of directors appoints our executive officers, who serve at the discretion of the board of directors. Our board of directors currently intends to nominate for election a fourth director at our 2012 annual meeting of stockholders, who will be an independent director, in order to comply with certain listing requirements of The Nasdaq Global Select Market. Information regarding our board of directors is as follows:

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Name, Address and Year of Birth Non-Interested Directors	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Year	Number of Advisor-Advised Registered Investment Companies ("RICs") Consisting of Investment Portfolios ("Portfolios") Overseen*	Other Public Company or Investment Company Directorships Held by Director**
Eric J. Draut 2951 28th Street, Suite 1000 Santa Monica, California 90405 1957	Director, Audit Committee Chair, Governance Committee Member and Joint Transactions Committee Member	2013; 2011 to present	From 2011 to present, Director, Audit Committee Chairman, Governance Committee Member and Joint Transactions Committee Member. From 2001 to 2010 Mr. Draut was Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and a Director of Unitrin Inc. (renamed Kemper Corporation in 2011). From 2006 to 2008, he was Treasurer and Director of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. From 2008 to 2010 and again from 2012 to present, Mr. Draut was and is Chairman of the Board of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. From 2007 to 2008, Mr. Draut was Co-Chair of the Finance Committee of the Executive Club of Chicago. From 2004 to 2012, Mr. Draut was a member of the Steering Committee for the Office of Risk Management and Insurance Research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Also, from 2008 to present, Mr. Draut has been a Director of Intermec, Inc., where he currently also serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee.  SAI-5	2 RICs consisting of 1 Portfolio	Intermec, Inc. (Other Information Services)

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Name, Address and Year of Birth Franklin R. Johnson 2951 28th Street, Suite 1000 Santa Monica, California 90405	Position(s) Held with Fund Director, Governance Committee Chair, Audit Committee Member and Joint Transactions Committee Member	Term of Office and Length of Time Served 2013; 2006 to present	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Year  Since inception, Director, and from 2011 Chairman of the Governance Committee, Audit Committee Member and Joint Transactions Committee Member. Mr. Johnson currently serves on the board of directors and nominating and governance committee of Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co., where he also serves as chair of the audit committee. Until July of 2006, he served as a director and chair of the audit committee of Special Value Opportunities Fund, LLC, a registered investment company managed by the Advisor. Before becoming a business consultant in 2000, he was Chief Financial Officer of Rysher Entertainment, a producer and distributor of theatrical films and television programming and syndicator of television programming, where he worked for three years. Prior to that, he was at Price Waterhouse, an international public accounting and consulting firm where he was the Managing Partner of their Century City office and Managing Partner of their Entertainment and Media Practice.	Number of Advisor-Advised Registered Investment Companies ("RICs") Consisting of Investment Portfolios ("Portfolios") Overseen* 2 RICs consisting of 1 Portfolio
Peter E. Schwab 2951 28th Street, Suite 1000 Santa Monica, California 90405 1936	Director, Audit Committee Member and Joint Transactions Committee Member	2013; 2012 to present	From 2012 to present, Director, and Audit Committee Member and Joint Transactions Committee Member. Mr. Schwab currently serves on the board of advisors for the Entrepreneurial Studies Center at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Business, is a board member for the Cardiovascular Research Foundation of Southern California, a board member of Gibraltar Business Capital, a board member of West Coast Sports Associates and a board member of Brentwood Country Club. Mr. Schwab has 39 years of experience in the asset-based lending industry, most recently as chairman and chief executive officer of Wells Fargo Capital Finance, a unit of Wells Fargo Capital Finance (and its predecessor firm Foothill Capital Corporation), he was vice president of business development with Aetna Business Credit (now known as Barclaysamerican Business Credit). He	2 RICs consisting of 1 Portfolio

Other Public Company or Investment Company Directorships Held by Director\*\* Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co. (Metal Fabrication)

started his career as business development officer at the National Acceptance Company of California.

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Name, Address and Year of Birth Interested Directors	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Year	Number of Advisor-Advised Registered Investment Companies ("RICs") Consisting of Investment Portfolios ("Portfolios") Overseen*	Other Public Company or Investment Company Directorships Held by Director**
Howard M. Levkowitz 2951 28th Street, Suite 1000 Santa Monica, California 90405	Director and Chief Executive Officer	2013; 2006 to present	Since inception, Mr. Levkowitz has been a Director and the President of the Company. In 2012, Mr. Levkowitz became Chief Executive Officer and was succeeded as President, a position he held from inception through February 2012, by Rajneesh Vig. Mr. Levkowitz serves as President of six other funds managed by the Advisor, and is Chairman of the Advisor's Management Committee. From 1999 to 2004 he was a Portfolio Manager at the Advisor. From 2005 to present, he has been a Managing Partner at the Advisor.	6 RICs consisting of 4 Portfolios	None.
Executive officers who are not directors					
Paul L. Davis 2951 28th Street, Suite 1000 Santa Monica, California 90405	Chief Financial Officer	N/A; 2008 to present	Mr. Davis has been the Chief Financial Officer of the Company since 2008. From 2004 to August 2008, Mr. Davis was Chief Compliance Officer and Vice President of Finance at the Advisor; from August 2010 to present, he has been Chief Financial Officer of the Advisor and Mr. Davis is Chief Financial Officer of six other funds managed by the Advisor.	N/A	N/A
Elizabeth Greenwood 2951 28th Street, Suite 1000 Santa Monica, California 90405 1963	Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer	N/A; 2007 to present as Secretary; 2008 to present as Chief Compliance Officer	Ms. Greenwood became Secretary of the Company in 2007 and Chief Compliance Officer of the Company in 2008. From 2005 to 2006, she was General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer at Strome Investment Management, LLC; from 2007 to 2008, she was Associate General Counsel at the Advisor; from 2008 to present, she has been General Counsel of the Advisor; from August 2008 to present, she has been Chief Compliance Officer of the Advisor and Ms. Greenwood is Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer of six other funds managed by the Advisor. SAI-7	N/A	N/A

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Name, Address and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Year	Number of Advisor-Advised Registered Investment Companies ("RICs") Consisting of Investment Portfolios ("Portfolios") Overseen*	Other Public Company or Investment Company Directorships Held by Director**
Rajneesh Vig*** 2951 28th Street,	President and Chief	2012 to present	In 2013, Mr. Vig became the Chief Operating Officer of the Company. In	N/A	N/A
Suite 1000	Operating		2012, Mr. Vig became President of the		
Santa Monica,	Officer		Company. Since 2011, Mr. Vig has been a		
California 90405			Managing Partner of the Advisor. From		
1971			2009 to 2010, he was a Partner of the Advisor. From 2006 to 2008, he was a Managing Director of the Advisor. Since 2007, Mr. Vig has been a Director of Dialogic Inc., and its predecessor entity, Dialogic Corporation.		

For purposes of this chart, "RICs" refers to registered investment companies and "Portfolios" refers to the investment programs of the Funds. Some of the RICs have the same investment program because they invest through a master-feeder structure, which results in the smaller number of Portfolios than RICs.

Directorships disclosed under this column do not include directorships disclosed under the column "Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years."

Mr. Vig was nominated to serve as an interested director, subject to shareholder approval at our 2013 annual meeting.

Mr. Levkowitz is an "interested person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company by virtue of his current position with the Advisor.

#### **Biographical information**

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The board of directors has adopted procedures for evaluating potential director candidates against the knowledge, experience, skills, expertise and diversity that it believes are necessary and desirable for such candidates. The board believes that each director satisfied, at the time he or she was initially elected or appointed a director, and continues to satisfy, the standards contemplated by such procedures. Furthermore, in determining that a particular director was and continues to be qualified to serve as a director, the board has considered a variety of criteria, none of which, in isolation, was controlling. The board believes that, collectively, the directors have balanced and diverse experience, skills, attributes and qualifications, which allow the board to operate effectively in governing the Company and protecting the interests of stockholders. Among the attributes common to all directors are their ability to review critically, evaluate, question and discuss information provided to them, to interact effectively with the Advisor and other service providers, counsel and independent auditors, and to exercise effective business judgment in the performance of their duties as directors. Each director's ability to perform his or her duties effectively is evidenced by his or her educational background or professional training; business, consulting, public service or academic positions; experience from service as a board member of the Company, other investment companies, public companies, or non-profit entities or other organizations; ongoing commitment and participation in board and committee meetings, as well as his or her leadership of standing committees; or other relevant life experiences. Information about the specific experience, skills, attributes and qualifications of each director, which in each case led to the board's conclusion that the director should serve as a director of the Company, is provided in below, in "Biographical information." Our directors have been divided into two groups interested

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Interested directors are interested persons as defined in the 1940 Act. Howard M. Levkowitz is an interested director by virtue of his employment with the Advisor. In part because the Company is an externally-managed investment company, the board believes having an interested chairperson that is familiar with the Company's portfolio companies, its day-to-day management and the operations of the Advisor, greatly enhances, among other things, its understanding of the Company's investment portfolio, business, finances and risk management efforts. In addition, the board believes that Mr. Levkowitz's employment with the Advisor allows for the efficient mobilization of the Advisor's resources at the board's behest and on its behalf. The board of directors does not have a lead independent director. The board of directors believes its relatively small size and the composition and leadership of its committees allow each director to enjoy full, accurate and efficient communication with the Company, the Advisor and management, and facilitates the timely transmission of information among such parties.

#### Director Independence

On an annual basis, each member of our board of directors is required to complete an independence questionnaire designed to provide information to assist the board of directors in determining whether the director is independent. Our board of directors has determined that each of our directors, other than Mr. Levkowitz, is independent under the 1940 Act.

#### Interested director

Howard M. Levkowitz: Mr. Levkowitz is Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Levkowitz serves as President of several funds advised by the Advisor, including its Opportunity Funds, and is Chairman of the Advisor's Management Committee. The board benefits from Mr. Levkowitz's experience at the Advisor and his intimate knowledge of the decision process used by the Advisor's Investment Committee. In addition to overseeing the Company, Mr. Levkowitz has served as a director of both public and private companies and has served on a number of formal and informal creditor committees. The board also benefits from Mr. Levkowitz's past experience as an attorney specializing in real estate and insolvencies with Dewey Ballantine. Mr. Levkowitz received a B.A. in History (Magna Cum Laude) from the University of Pennsylvania, a B.S. in Economics (Magna Cum Laude, concentration in finance) from The Wharton School, and a J.D. from the University of Southern California. Mr. Levkowitz's current service as Chief Executive Officer and longstanding service as director and president of the Company, President of other funds advised by the Advisor, and Chairman of the Advisor's Management Committee provide him with a specific understanding of the Company, its operation, and the business and regulatory issues facing the Company.

#### Independent directors

Eric Draut: Mr. Draut is a Director, Chairman of the Company's Audit Committee, member of the Governance Committee and member of the Joint Transactions Committee. The Board benefits from Mr. Draut's nearly thirty year career in accounting. Mr. Draut recently completed a twenty year career at Unitrin, Inc. (renamed Kemper Corporation in 2011) in 2010, serving the last nine years as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and a member of its board of directors. Mr. Draut also held positions at Unitrin, Inc. as Group Executive, Treasurer and Corporate Controller. Unitrin, Inc. currently owns 7.16% of the Company's common shares outstanding. Prior to joining Unitrin, Inc., Mr. Draut was Assistant Corporate Controller at Duchossois Industries, Inc. and at AM International, Inc. Mr. Draut began his career at Coopers and Lybrand. Mr. Draut is a Certified Public Accountant, received an M.B.A. in finance and operations from J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and a B.S. in accountancy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, graduating with High Honors. Mr. Draut currently serves as a Director and Chairman of the audit committee of Intermec, and volunteers with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

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where he currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors and recently served as Treasurer of its Board of Directors. Mr. Draut's knowledge of financial and accounting matters, and his independence from the Company and the Advisor, qualifies him to serve as a member of the Company's Audit Committee.

Franklin R. Johnson: Mr. Johnson is a Director and Chairman of the Company's Governance Committee, member of the Audit Committee and a member of the Joint Transactions Committee. Mr. Johnson has a wealth of leadership, business and financial experience. He currently serves on the board of directors and nominating and governance committee of Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co., where he also serves as chair of the audit committee. Until July of 2006, he served as a director and chair of the audit committee of Special Value Opportunities Fund, LLC, a registered investment company managed by the Advisor. Before becoming a business consultant in 2000, he was Chief Financial Officer of Rysher Entertainment, a producer and distributor of theatrical films and television programming and syndicator of television programming, where he worked for three years. Prior to that, he was at Price Waterhouse, an international public accounting and consulting firm where he was the Managing Partner of their Century City office and Managing Partner of their Entertainment and Media Practice. Mr. Johnson's knowledge of financial and accounting matters qualifies him to serve as the Chairman of the Company's Audit Committee.

Peter E. Schwab: Mr. Schwab is a Director, and Audit Committee Member and Joint Transactions Committee Member. Mr. Schwab currently serves on the board of advisors for the Entrepreneurial Studies Center at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Business, is a board member for the Cardiovascular Research Foundation of Southern California, a board member of Gibraltar Business Capital, a board member of West Coast Sports Associates and a board member of Brentwood Country Club. Mr. Schwab received a B.S. in education from California State University, Northridge and his master's degree in education administration from California State University, Northridge. He has 39 years of experience in the asset-based lending industry, most recently as chairman and chief executive officer of Wells Fargo Capital Finance, a unit of Wells Fargo & Company. Prior to joining Wells Fargo Capital Finance (and its predecessor firm Foothill Capital Corporation), he was vice president of business development with Aetna Business Credit (now known as Barclaysamerican Business Credit). He started his career as business development officer at the National Acceptance Company of California. Executive officers who are not directors

#### Officers

Paul L. Davis: Mr. Davis is the Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Mr. Davis also serves as Chief Financial Officer of the Advisor. Prior to being appointed CFO, he served for four years as Chief Compliance Officer of the Company and as Chief Compliance Officer and Vice President, Finance of the Advisor. He was formerly employed as Controller of a publicly traded securities brokerage firm, following employment at Arthur Andersen, LLP as an auditor. He received a B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) in Business-Economics from the University of California at Los Angeles, and is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of California.

Elizabeth Greenwood: Ms. Greenwood is the Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer of the Company. Ms. Greenwood also serves as General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of the Advisor. She has a diverse legal background, including extensive in-house investment advisor and private equity experience. She formerly served as General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer at Strome Investment Management, L.P. ("Strome"). Prior to Strome, Ms. Greenwood worked at portfolio companies funded by Pacific Capital Group and Ridgestone Corporation, including acting as Assistant General Counsel of Global Crossing Ltd., and began her legal career as an associate at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP. Ms. Greenwood is a founding member of the West Coast Chapter of 100 Women in Hedge Funds and currently serves on the Board of the Association of Women in Alternative

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Investing. Ms. Greenwood received a J.D. from Stanford Law School and a Bachelor of Business Administration with highest honors from The University of Texas at Austin.

Rajneesh Vig: Mr. Vig is the Chief Operating Officer and President of the Company. Since 2011, Mr. Vig has been a Managing Partner of the Advisor. From 2009 to 2010, he was a Partner of the Advisor. From 2006 to 2008, he was a Managing Director of the Advisor. Prior to joining the Advisor, Mr. Vig worked for Deutsche Bank in New York as a member of the bank's Principal Finance Group. Prior to that, Mr. Vig was a Director in the Technology Investment Banking group in San Francisco where he advised a broad range of growth and large cap technology companies on merger, acquisition and public/private financing transactions. Prior to his time at Deutsche Bank, Mr. Vig was a Manager in Price Waterhouse's Shareholder Value Consulting group, and he began his career in Arthur Andersen's Financial Markets/Capital Markets group. He currently serves on the board of Dialogic and is a board observer for GSI Group. Mr. Vig is also on the Los Angeles Advisory Board of the Posse Foundation, a non-profit organization that identifies, recruits and trains student leaders from public high schools for enrollment at top-tier universities. He received a B.A. with highest honors in Economics and Political Science from Connecticut College and an M.B.A. in Finance from New York University.

#### Committees of the Board of Directors

Our board of directors currently has three committees: an Audit Committee, a Governance Committee and a Joint Transaction Committee. During 2012, the board of directors held 12 formal meetings, the Audit Committee held four formal meetings, the Governance Committee held one formal meeting and the Joint Transaction Committee held 10 formal meetings.

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to a charter approved by our board of directors. The Audit Committee currently holds regular meetings on a quarterly basis and special meetings as needed. The charter sets forth the responsibilities of the Audit Committee. The primary function of the Audit Committee is to serve as an independent and objective party to assist the board of directors in fulfilling its responsibilities for overseeing all material aspects of our accounting and financial reporting processes, monitoring the independence and performance of our independent registered public accounting firm, providing a means for open communication among our independent accountants, financial and senior management and the Board, and overseeing our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee is presently composed of Messrs. Draut (Chairperson), Johnson and Schwab, each of whom is considered independent for purposes of the 1940 Act and The Nasdaq Global Select Market listing standards. Our board of directors has determined that each member of our Audit Committee is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined under Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In addition, each member of our Audit Committee meets the current independence and experience requirements of Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and, in addition, is not an "interested person" of the Company or of the Advisor as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act.

*Joint Transaction Committee.* The Joint Transaction Committee is comprised of Messrs. Draut, Johnson and Schwab and operates to approve the allocation of certain private placement transactions in which we participate with the Other Advisor Accounts in accordance with our exemptive order obtained from the SEC. See "Exemptive Order" below.

Governance Committee. The Governance Committee operates pursuant to a charter approved by our board of directors. The charter sets forth the responsibilities of the Governance Committee, including making nominations for the appointment or election of independent directors, personnel training policies and administering the provisions of the code of ethics applicable to the independent directors. The Governance Committee consists of Messrs. Draut, Johnson (Chairperson) and Schwab,

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each of whom is considered independent for purposes of the 1940 Act and The Nasdaq Global Select Market listing standards.

The Governance Committee seeks to identify individuals to serve on the board who have a diverse range of viewpoints, qualifications, experiences, backgrounds and skill sets so that the board will be better suited to fulfill its responsibility of overseeing the Company's activities. In so doing, the Governance Committee reviews the size of the board and the knowledge, experience, skills, expertise and diversity of the directors in light of the issues facing the Company in determining whether one or more new directors should be added to the board.

The 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 150 days nor fewer than 120 days in advance of 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 nor later than 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.

Compensation Committee. We do not and will not have a compensation committee because our executive officers will not receive any direct compensation from us. However, the compensation payable to the Advisor pursuant to the investment management agreements is separately approved by a majority of our independent directors in accordance with Nasdaq Rule 5605(d).

Day-to-day risk management with respect to the Company is the responsibility of the Advisor or other service providers (depending on the nature of the risk) subject to the supervision of the Advisor. The Company is subject to a number of risks, including investment, compliance, operational and valuation risks, among others. While there are a number of risk management functions performed by the Advisor and the other service providers, as applicable, it is not possible to eliminate all of the risks applicable to the Company. Risk oversight is part of the board's general oversight of the Company and is addressed as part of various board and committee activities. The board, directly or through a committee, also reviews reports from, among others, management, the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company and internal accounting personnel for the Advisor, as appropriate, regarding risks faced by the Company and management's or the service provider's risk functions. The committee system facilitates the timely and efficient consideration of matters by the directors, and facilitates effective oversight of compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and of the Company's activities and associated risks. Our Chief Compliance Officer oversees the implementation and testing of the Company's compliance program and reports to the board regarding compliance matters for the Company and its service providers. The independent directors have engaged independent legal counsel to assist them in performing their oversight responsibilities.

#### **Compensation of Directors**

The Company is authorized to pay each independent director the following amounts for serving as a director: (i) \$50,000 a year; (ii) \$5,000 for each meeting of the board of directors or a committee thereof physically attended by such director; (iii) \$5,000 for each regular meeting of the board of directors or a committee thereof attended via telephone by such director; and (iv) \$1,000 for each special meeting of the board of directors or a committee thereof attended via telephone by such director. The Chairman of the Audit Committee receives an additional \$5,000 per year. Each director is also entitled to reimbursement for all out-of-pocket expenses of such person in attending each meeting of the board of directors and any committee thereof.

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#### Equity securities owned by directors

The following table sets out the dollar range of our equity securities beneficially owned by each of our directors as of December 31, 2012. We are not part of a "family of investment companies," as that term is defined in the 1940 Act.

	Dollar Range of Equity
Name of Director	Securities in Company <sup>(1)</sup>
Interested Director:	
Howard M. Levkowitz	Over \$100,000
Independent Directors:	
Eric Draut <sup>(2)</sup>	Over \$100,000
Franklin R. Johnson	Over \$100,000
Peter E. Schwab	None

- (1) Dollar ranges are as follows: none, \$1 \$10,000, \$10,001 \$50,000, \$50,001 \$100,000, or over \$100,000.
- (2)
  Mr. Draut has a capital commitment of \$750,000 in Tennenbaum Opportunities Fund VI, LLC, a fund advised by the Advisor. Such interest is less than one percent of the class of securities.

#### **Staffing and Compensation**

We do not currently have any employees and do not expect to have any employees. Accordingly, none of our officers receive direct compensation from us. Services necessary for our business are provided by the Advisor and the Administrator, pursuant to the terms of the investment management agreements and the administration agreement. Each of our executive officers described under "Management" is an employee of the Advisor and the Administrator. Our day-to-day investment operations are managed by the Advisor. The services necessary for the origination and administration of our investment portfolio are provided by investment professionals employed by the Advisor. The Advisor's investment professionals focus on origination and transaction development and the ongoing monitoring of our investments. See "Management of the Company Investment Management Agreements" in our SAI. In addition, we reimburse the Administrator for our allocable portion of expenses incurred by it in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including our allocable portion of the Administrator's cost for the administrative activities of persons who serve as our officers and their respective staffs. To the extent that the Administrator outsources any of its functions, we pay the fees associated with such functions on a direct basis without profit to the Administrator. Although the Administrator has waived these reimbursements through December 31, 2012, it may discontinue such waiver at any time. See "Management of the Company Administration Agreement" in our SAI.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

We have entered into investment management agreements with the Advisor and an administration agreement with the Administrator. Our executive officers hold equity interests in the Advisor. In addition, the Advisor and its affiliates, employees and associates currently do and in the future may manage Other Advisor Accounts. Other Advisor Accounts invest in assets that are also eligible for purchase by us. Our investment policies, compensation arrangements and other circumstances may vary from those of Other Advisor Accounts. Accordingly, conflicts may arise regarding the allocation of investments or opportunities among us and Other Advisor Accounts. In general, except as described below, the Advisor and its affiliates will allocate investment opportunities pro rata among us and Other Advisor Accounts (assuming the investment satisfies the objectives of each) based on the amount of committed capital each then has available and under management by the Advisor and its affiliates.

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Allocation of certain investment opportunities in orginated private placements is subject to independent director approval pursuant to the terms of the co-investment exemptive order applicable to us and described below. In certain cases, investment opportunities may be made other than on a pro rata basis. For example, we may desire to retain an asset at the same time that one or more Other Advisor Accounts desire to sell it. The Advisor and its affiliates intend to allocate investment opportunities to us and Other Advisor Accounts in a manner that they believe in their judgment and based upon their fiduciary duties to be appropriate given the investment objectives, size of transaction, investable assets, alternative investments potentially available, prior allocations, liquidity, maturity, expected holding period, diversification, lender covenants and other limitations of us and the Other Advisor Accounts. All of the foregoing procedures could in certain circumstances affect adversely the price paid or received by us or the availability or size of a particular investment purchased or sold by us.

There may be situations in which Other Advisor Accounts and the Company might invest in different securities issued by the same portfolio company. It is possible that if the portfolio company's financial performance and condition deteriorates such that one or both investments are or could be impaired, the Advisor might face a conflict of interest given the difference in seniority of the respective investments. In such situations, the Advisor would review the conflict on a case-by-case basis and implement procedures consistent with its fiduciary duty to enable it to act fairly to the Other Advisor Accounts and the Company in the circumstances. Any steps by the Advisor will take into consideration the interests of each of the affected clients, the circumstances giving rise to the conflict, the procedural efficacy of various methods of addressing the conflict and applicable legal requirements.

Pursuant to the administration agreement, the Administrator furnishes us with the facilities and administrative services necessary to conduct our day-to-day operations, including equipment, clerical, bookkeeping and recordkeeping services at such facilities. In addition, the Administrator assists us in connection with the determination and publishing of our respective net asset values, the preparation and filing of tax returns and the printing and dissemination of reports to our stockholders. We reimburse the Administrator for its allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by it in performing its obligations under the administration agreement. Although the Administrator has waived these reimbursements through December 31, 2012, it may discontinue such waiver at any time. See "Management of the Company Administration Agreement" in this SAI. This contract may be terminated by us or the Administrator without penalty upon 60 days' written notice to the other.

We have entered into a license agreement with the Advisor under which the Advisor has granted to us a non-exclusive, personal, revocable worldwide non-transferable license to use the Advisor trade name and service mark, for specified purposes in connection with our respective businesses. This license agreement is royalty-free, which means we will not be charged a fee for our use of the trade name and service mark Tennenbaum. The license agreement is terminable either in its entirety or with respect to us by the Advisor at any time in its sole discretion upon 60 days prior written notice. Other than with respect to the limited rights contained in the license agreement, we have no right to use, or other rights in respect of, the Advisor name and mark.

#### **Exemptive Order**

The Advisor and we believe that, in certain circumstances, it may be in our best interests to be able to co-invest with registered and unregistered funds managed now or in the future by the Advisor and its affiliates in order to be able to participate in a wider range of transactions. Currently, SEC regulations and interpretations would permit us to co-invest with registered and unregistered funds that are affiliated with the Advisor in publicly traded securities and also in private placements where (i) the Advisor negotiates only the price, interest rate and similar price-related terms of the securities and not matters such as covenants, collateral or management rights and (ii) each relevant account acquires and sells the securities at the same time in pro rata amounts (subject to exceptions approved by compliance personnel after considering the reasons for the requested exception). Such regulations and

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interpretations also permit us to co-invest in other private placements with registered investment funds affiliated with the Advisor in certain circumstances, some of which would require certain findings by our independent directors and the independent directors of each other eligible registered fund. However, current SEC regulations and interpretations would not permit co-investment by us with unregistered funds affiliated with the Advisor in private placements where the Advisor negotiates non-pricing terms such as covenants, collateral and management rights. Accordingly, under current SEC regulations, in the absence of an exemption we may be prohibited from co-investing in certain private placements with any unregistered fund or account managed now or in the future by the Advisor or its affiliates.

The Advisor and the funds managed by the Advisor have received an exemption from such regulations. Under the SEC order granting such exemption, each time the Advisor proposes that an unregistered fund or registered fund acquire private placement securities that are suitable for us, the Advisor will prepare a recommendation as to the proportion to be allocated to us taking into account a variety of factors such as the investment objectives, size of transaction, investable assets, alternative investments potentially available, prior allocations, liquidity, maturity, expected holding period, diversification, lender covenants and other limitations. Our independent directors will review the proposed transaction and may authorize co-investment by us of up to our pro rata amount of such securities based on our total available capital if a majority of them conclude that: (i) the transaction is consistent with our investment objective and policies; (ii) the terms of co-investment are fair to us and our stockholders and do not involve overreaching; and (iii) participation by us would not disadvantage us or be on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of the participating unregistered accounts and other registered funds. The directors may also approve a lower amount or determine that we should not invest. The directors may also approve a higher amount to the extent that other accounts managed by the Advisor decline to participate. In addition, follow-on investments and disposition opportunities must be made available in the same manner on a pro rata basis and no co-investment (other than permitted follow-on investments) is permitted where we, on the one hand, or any other account advised by the Advisor or an affiliate, on the other hand, already hold securities of the issuer.

The Advisor and its affiliates may spend substantial time on other business activities, including investment management and advisory activities for entities with the same or overlapping investment objectives, investing for their own account with us or any investor us, financial advisory services (including services for entities in which we invest), and acting as directors, officers, creditor committee members or in similar capacities. Subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Advisor and its affiliates and associates intend to engage in such activities and may receive compensation from third parties for their services. Subject to the same requirements, such compensation may be payable by entities in which we invest in connection with actual or contemplated investments, and the Advisor may receive fees and other compensation in connection with structuring investments which they will share.

The Advisor and its partners, officers, directors, stockholders, members, managers, employees, affiliates and agents may be subject to certain potential or actual conflicts of interest in connection with the activities of, and investments by, us. Affiliates and employees of the Advisor are equity investors in us.

### **Control Persons and Principal Stockholders**

The following table sets out certain ownership information with respect to our common stock for those persons who directly or indirectly own, control or hold with the power to vote 5% or more of our

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outstanding common stock and all officers and directors as a group. As of the date of this SAI, all directors and officers as a group owned less than 1% of the outstanding common stock.

Title of Class	Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
Common Stock	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company <sup>(1)</sup> 1500 Main Street, 22nd Floor Springfield, MA 01115	1,603,372	7.47%
Common Stock	Kemper Corporation <sup>(2)</sup> One East Wacker Drive, Tenth Floor Chicago, IL 60601	1,537,683	7.16%
Common Stock	Merkin, Dick, Dr. <sup>(3)</sup> 3115 Ocean Front Walk, Suite 301 Marina del Rey, CA 90292	1,243,670	5.8%

- (1) Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, parent of Babson Capital Management, LLC, owns 1,603,372 shares and is located at 1500 Main Street, 22nd Floor, Springfield, MA 01115.
- Trinity Universal Insurance Company owns 741,225 shares, United Insurance Company of America owns 741,225 shares and Kemper Corporation Master Retirement Trust owns 55,233 shares; each of which is either a subsidiary or an affiliate of Kemper Corporation and each is located at One East Wacker Drive, Tenth Floor, Chicago, IL 60601.
- Central Valley Administrators, Inc. owns 189,984 shares, Heritage New York Medical Group owns 127,067 shares, Heritage Provider Network, Inc. owns 674,618 shares, Oasis Independent Medical Associates, Inc. owns 214,189 shares and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. FBO Merkin, Richard DIR IRA owns 37,812; each of which are affiliates of Merkin, Richard, Dr. and each are located at 3115 Ocean Front Walk, Suite 301, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and its affiliates disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held by Mr. Merkin through his IRA.

#### DISTRIBUTIONS

We intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders out of assets legally available for distribution. The timing and amount of our quarterly distributions, if any, are determined by our board of directors. Any distributions to our stockholders are declared out of assets legally available for distribution. We intend to pay quarterly distributions to our stockholders in an amount, and on a timely basis, sufficient to obtain and maintain our status as a RIC. There can be no assurances that the Holding Company will have sufficient funds to pay distributions to our stockholders in the future to maintain our status as a RIC.

We are a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. To continue to obtain RIC tax benefits, we generally must distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and net short-term capital gain in excess of net long-term capital loss, if any, out of the assets legally available for distribution. In order to avoid certain excise taxes imposed on RICs, we currently intend to distribute during each calendar year an amount at least equal to the sum of (1) 98% of our ordinary income (not taking into account any capital gains or losses) for the calendar year, (2) 98.2% of the amount by which our capital gains exceed our capital losses (adjusted for certain ordinary losses) for the one-year period generally ending on October 31 of the calendar year and (3) certain undistributed amounts from previous years on which we paid no U.S. federal income tax. In addition, although we currently intend to distribute net capital gain (i.e., net long-term capital gain in excess of short-term capital loss), if any, at least

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annually, out of the assets legally available for such distributions, we may in the future decide to retain such capital gain for investment. In such event, the consequences of our retention of net capital gain are as described under "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Matters." We can offer no assurance that the Operating Company will achieve results that will permit the payment of any cash distributions to our stockholders. In addition, the Leverage Program prohibits us from making distributions if doing so would cause us to fail to maintain the asset coverage ratios stipulated by the 1940 Act or the Leverage Program. See "Regulation," "Material Federal Income Tax Considerations" and "Senior Securities" in the prospectus.

We maintain an "opt in" dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders. As a result, if we declare a cash dividend or other distribution, stockholders that have not "opted in" to our dividend reinvestment plan will receive cash dividends, rather than having their dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock. Stockholders who receive distributions in the form of shares of common stock will be subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as if they received cash distributions, but will not have received cash from us with which to pay such taxes. Further, reinvested dividends will increase the gross assets of the Holding Company and the Operating Company on which a management fee and potentially an incentive management fee are payable to the Advisor and the General Partner. See "Dividend Reinvestment Plan" in our SAI.

#### DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The net asset value per share of our outstanding shares of common stock is determined quarterly by dividing the fair value of our total assets minus liabilities by the total number of shares of our common stock outstanding at the date as of which the determination is made. The net asset value per share of the Company's common stock is determined on a quarterly basis. The valuation procedures of the Company are described below.

In calculating the value of our total assets, we value our portfolio investments at fair value based upon the principles and methods of valuation set forth in policies adopted by our board of directors. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Market participants are buyers and sellers in the principal (or most advantageous) market for the asset that (i) are independent of us, (ii) are knowledgeable, having a reasonable understanding about the asset based on all available information (including information that might be obtained through due diligence efforts that are usual and customary), (iii) are able to transact for the asset, and (iv) are willing to transact for the asset or liability (that is, they are motivated but not forced or otherwise compelled to do so).

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at such market quotations unless the quotations are deemed not to represent fair value. We generally obtain market quotations from recognized exchanges, market quotation systems, independent pricing services or one or more broker-dealers or market makers. However, short term debt investments with remaining maturities within 60 days are generally valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Debt and equity securities for which market quotations are not readily available or for which market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors. Because we expect that there will not be a readily available market value for many of the investments in our portfolio, we expect to value many of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors using a consistently applied valuation process in accordance with a documented valuation policy that has been reviewed and approved by our board of directors. Due to the inherent uncertainty and subjectivity of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a readily available market value existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that we may ultimately realize. In addition, changes in the market environment and other events may have differing impacts on the market

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quotations used to value some of our investments than on the fair values of our investments for which market quotations are not readily available. Market quotations may be deemed not to represent fair value in certain circumstances where we believe that facts and circumstances applicable to an issuer, a seller or purchaser, or the market for a particular security cause current market quotations to not reflect the fair value of the security. Examples of these events could include cases where a security trades infrequently causing a quoted purchase or sale price to become stale, where there is a "forced" sale by a distressed seller, where markets quotations vary substantially among market makers, or where there is a wide bid-ask spread or significant increase in the bid-ask spread.

The valuation process adopted by our board of directors with respect to investments for which market quotations are not readily available or for which market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value is as follows:

The investment professionals of the Advisor provide recent portfolio company financial statements and other reporting materials to independent valuation firms engaged by our board of directors.

Such firms evaluate this information along with relevant observable market data to conduct independent appraisals each quarter, and their preliminary valuation conclusions are documented and discussed with senior management of the Advisor.

The board of directors reviews the valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of the Advisor, the respective independent valuation firms and the audit committee.

However, smaller investments aggregating less than 5% of our total capitalization may be valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the board of directors based on valuations provided by the Advisor without the employment of an independent valuation firm.

Those investments for which market quotations are not readily available or for which market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value are valued utilizing a market approach, an income approach, or both approaches, as appropriate. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities (including a business). The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts (for example, cash flows or earnings) to a single present amount (discounted). The measurement is based on the value indicated by current market expectations about those future amounts. In following these approaches, the types of factors that we may take into account in determining the fair value of our investments include, as relevant and among other factors: available current market data, including relevant and applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and multiples, security covenants, call protection provisions, information rights, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments, its earnings and discounted cash flows, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public, merger and acquisition comparables, our principal market (as the reporting entity) and enterprise values.

When valuing all of our investments, we strive to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of us. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect our assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. See "Risks Risks related to our business A substantial portion of our portfolio investments may be recorded at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the

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direction of our board of directors and, as a result, there may be uncertainty regarding the value of our portfolio investments" in our prospectus.

Our investments may be categorized based on the types of inputs used in their valuation. The level in the GAAP valuation hierarchy in which an investment falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation of the investment in its entirety. Investments are classified by GAAP into the three broad levels as follows:

- Level 1 Investments valued using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.
- Level 2 Investments valued using other unadjusted observable market inputs, e.g. quoted prices in markets that are not active or quotes for comparable instruments.
- Level 3 Investments that are valued using quotes and other observable market data to the extent available, but which also take into consideration one or more unobservable inputs that are significant to the valuation taken as a whole.

Determination of fair value involves subjective judgments and estimates. Accordingly, the notes to our financial statements incorporated by reference into this SAI express the uncertainty with respect to the possible effect of such valuations, and any change in such valuations, on our financial statements.

Except to the extent interpretations of the requirements of GAAP change, if for periods after January 1, 2013 we experience cumulative net realized capital gains and unrealized capital appreciation in respect of which incentive compensation has not been paid and cumulative total return in excess of 8%, we would accrue an amount, which would be reflected in our net asset value per share, for the incremental incentive compensation that would be payable to the Advisor or the General Partner if all of such net unrealized capital appreciation were realized.

#### **Determinations in connection with offerings**

In connection with certain offerings of shares of our common stock, our board of directors or one of its committees may be required to make the determination that we are not selling shares of our common stock at a price below the then current net asset value of our common stock at the time at which the sale is made. Our board of directors or the applicable committee will consider the following factors, among others, in making any such determination:

the net asset value of our common stock most recently disclosed by us in the most recent periodic report that we filed with the SEC;

the Advisor's assessment of whether any material change in the net asset value of our common stock has occurred (including through the realization of gains on the sale of our portfolio securities) during the period beginning on the date of the most recently disclosed net asset value of our common stock and ending no earlier than two days prior to the date of the sale of our common stock; and

the magnitude of the difference between the net asset value of our common stock most recently disclosed by us and the Advisor's assessment of any material change in the net asset value of our common stock since that determination, and the offering price of the shares of our common stock in the proposed offering.

This determination will not require that we calculate the net asset value of our common stock in connection with each offering of shares of our common stock, but instead it will involve the determination by our board of directors or a committee thereof that we are not selling shares of our common stock at a price below the then current net asset value of our common stock at the time at which the sale is made or otherwise in violation of the 1940 Act.

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These processes and procedures are part of our compliance policies and procedures. Records will be made contemporaneously with all determinations described in this section and these records will be maintained with other records that we are required to maintain under the 1940 Act.

#### DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

We have adopted an "opt in" dividend reinvestment plan. As a result, if we declare a dividend or other distribution payable in cash, each stockholder that has not "opted in" to our dividend reinvestment plan will receive such dividends in cash, rather than having their dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock.

To enroll in the dividend reinvestment plan, each stockholder must notify Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, or Wells Fargo, a Delaware corporation, the plan administrator, in writing so that notice is received by the plan administrator prior to the record date. The plan administrator will then automatically reinvest any dividends in additional shares of our common stock. The plan administrator will set up an account for shares acquired through the plan for each stockholder who has elected to participate in the plan and may hold such shares in non-certificated form under the plan administrator's name or that of its nominee. The number of shares to be issued to a stockholder participating in the plan will be calculated by reference to all shares of common stock owned by such stockholder, whether held in such stockholder's plan account or elsewhere. The plan administrator will confirm to each participant each acquisition made for such participant pursuant to the plan as soon as practicable but not later than 10 business days after the date thereof; provided all shares have been purchased. Upon request by a stockholder participating in the plan received in writing not less than three days prior to the record date, the plan administrator will, instead of crediting shares to and/or carrying shares in the participant's account, issue, without charge to the participant, a certificate registered in the participant's name for the number of whole shares of our common stock payable to the participant and a check for any fractional share. Although each participant may from time to time have an undivided fractional interest (computed to three decimal places) in a share of our common stock, no certificates for a fractional share will be issued. However, dividends and distributions on fractional shares will be credited to each participant's account.

We will use primarily newly issued shares to implement the plan, whether our shares are trading at a premium or at a discount to net asset value. However, we reserve the right to purchase shares in the open market in connection with our implementation of the plan at a price per share equal to the average price for all shares purchased on the open market pursuant to the plan, including brokerage commissions. The number of shares to be issued to a stockholder is 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 valuation date fixed by our board of directors for such dividend. Market price per share on that date will be the closing price for such shares on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on the last preceding date on which trading took place. 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. Stockholders who do not elect to receive dividends in shares of common stock may experience accretion to the net asset value of their shares if our shares are trading at a premium at the time we issue new shares under the plan and dilution if our shares are trading at a discount. The level of accretion or dilution would depend on various factors, including the proportion of our stockholders who participate in the plan, the level of premium or discount at which our shares are trading and the amount of the dividend payable to a stockholder.

There will be no brokerage charges to stockholders with respect to shares of common stock issued directly by us. However, each participant will pay the brokerage commissions incurred in connection

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with open-market purchases. The plan administrator's fees under the plan will be paid by us. If a participant elects by written notice to the plan administrator 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 \$15.00 transaction fee plus a \$0.10 per share brokerage commissions from the proceeds. There is a \$5.00 transaction fee for the net sale proceeds to be direct deposited to a U.S. bank checking or savings account. If you have shares held through a broker, you should contact your broker to participate in the plan.

Stockholders who receive dividends in the form of 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 basis for determining gain or loss upon the sale of stock received in a dividend from us will be equal to the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to the stockholder. Any stock received in a dividend will have a new holding period for U.S. federal income tax purposes commencing on the day following the day on which the shares are credited to the U.S. stockholder's account.

Participants may terminate their accounts under the plan by notifying the plan administrator via its website at www.shareowneronline.com, by filling out the transaction request form located at bottom of their statement and sending it to the plan administrator at Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, P.O. Box 64856, St. Paul, MN 55164-0856 or by calling the plan administrator at (800) 468-9716. Such termination will be effective immediately if the participant's notice is received by the plan administrator at least three days prior to any record date; otherwise, such termination will be effective only with respect to any subsequent dividend.

The 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 plan should be directed to the plan administrator by mail at Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, P.O. Box 64856, St. Paul, MN 55164-0856 or by telephone at (800) 468-9716.

The plan administrator will at all times act in good faith and use its best efforts within reasonable limits to ensure its full and timely performance of all services to be performed by it under the plan and to comply with applicable law, but assumes no responsibility and shall not be liable for loss or damage due to errors unless such error is caused by the plan administrator's negligence, bad faith, or willful misconduct or that of its employees or agents.

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#### REGULATION

We have filed an election to be regulated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act contains prohibitions and restrictions relating to transactions between BDCs and their affiliates (including any investment advisors or co-advisors), principal underwriters and affiliates of those affiliates or underwriters and requires that a majority of the directors be persons other than "interested persons," as that term is defined in the 1940 Act. In addition, the 1940 Act provides that we may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or to withdraw our election as, a BDC unless approved by "a majority of our outstanding voting securities", which is defined in the 1940 Act as the lesser of a majority of the outstanding voting securities or 67% or more of the securities voting if a quorum of a majority of the outstanding voting securities is present.

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 of 1933, or the Securities Act. We do not intend to acquire securities issued by any investment company that exceed the limits imposed by the 1940 Act. Under these limits, except for registered money market funds we generally cannot acquire more than 3% of the voting stock of any investment company, 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 more than one investment company. With regard to that portion of our portfolio invested in securities issued by investment companies, it should be noted that such investments might indirectly subject our stockholders to additional expenses as they will indirectly be responsible for the costs and expenses of such companies. None of our investment policies are fundamental and any may be changed without stockholder approval. Pursuant to the 1940 Act, our investment in the Operating Company is not subject to these limits because, among other reasons, (i) the Operating Company is our sole investment and (ii) we "pass-through" our votes on Operating Company matters to our stockholders and vote all of our interests in the Operating Company in the same proportion and manner as our stockholders vote their common stock on such matters.

#### Qualifying assets

Under the 1940 Act, a BDC may not acquire any asset other than assets of the type listed in section 55(a) of the 1940 Act, which are referred to as qualifying assets, unless, at the time the acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the company's total assets. The principal categories of qualifying assets relevant to our proposed business are the following:

Securities purchased in transactions not involving any public offering from the issuer of such securities, which issuer (subject to certain limited exceptions) 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 1940 Act as any issuer which:

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

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 1940 Act; and

satisfies either of the following:

has a market capitalization of less than \$250 million or does not have any class of securities listed on a national securities exchange; or

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is controlled by a BDC or a group of companies including a BDC, the BDC actually exercises a controlling influence over the management or policies of the eligible portfolio company, and, as a result thereof, the BDC has an affiliated person who is a director of the eligible portfolio company.

Securities of any eligible portfolio company which we control.

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.

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.

Securities received in exchange for or distributed on or with respect to securities described above, or pursuant to the exercise of warrants or rights relating to such securities.

Cash, cash equivalents, 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

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 "Regulation Qualifying assets" above. However, in order to count portfolio securities as qualifying assets for the purpose of the 70% test, the BDC must either control the issuer of the securities or must offer to make available to the issuer of the securities significant managerial assistance. Where the BDC purchases such securities in conjunction with one or more other persons acting together, the BDC will satisfy this test if one of the other persons in the group makes available such managerial assistance, although reliance on other investors may not be the sole method by which the BDC satisfies the requirement to make available managerial assistance. Making available managerial assistance means, among other things, any arrangement whereby the BDC, through its investment manager, directors, officers or employees, offers to provide, and, if accepted, does so provide, significant guidance and counsel concerning the management, operations or business objectives and policies of a portfolio company.

#### **Temporary investments**

Pending investment in other types of "qualifying assets," as described above, our investments may consist of cash, cash equivalents, 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 highly rated commercial paper, U.S. Government agency notes, U.S. Treasury bills or in repurchase agreements relating to such securities that 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 which is greater than the purchase price by an amount that reflects an agreed-upon interest rate. Consequently, repurchase agreements are functionally similar to loans. There is no percentage restriction on the proportion of our assets that may be invested in such repurchase agreements. However, the 1940 Act and certain diversification tests in order to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes will typically require us to limit the amount we invest with any one

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counterparty. The Advisor will monitor the creditworthiness of the counterparties with which we enter into repurchase agreement transactions.

#### 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, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least equal to 200% immediately after each such issuance. In addition, while any preferred stock or publicly traded debt securities are 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. 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 "Risks" Risks related to our operations as a BDC" in our prospectus.

#### Code of ethics

The Holding Company and the Operating Company have each adopted a code of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 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. You may read and copy the code of ethics at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090. In addition, the code of ethics is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this SAI is a part, and is available on the IDEA Database on the SEC's Internet site at http://www.sec.gov. You may also obtain copies of the code of ethics, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing the SEC's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549.

#### Proxy voting policies and procedures

We have delegated our proxy voting responsibility to the Advisor. The Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures of the Advisor are set forth below. The guidelines are reviewed periodically by the Advisor and our independent directors, and, accordingly, are subject to change.

### Introduction

As an investment advisor registered under the Advisers Act, the Advisor has a fiduciary duty to act solely in our best interests and in the best interests of our stockholders. As part of this duty, the Advisor recognizes that it must vote client securities in a timely manner free of conflicts of interest and in our best interests and the best interests of our stockholders. The Advisor's Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures have been formulated to ensure decision-making consistent with these fiduciary duties.

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

#### Proxy policies

The Advisor evaluates routine proxy matters, such as proxy proposals, amendments or resolutions on a case-by-case basis. Routine matters are typically proposed by management and the Advisor will normally support such matters so long as they do not measurably change the structure, management control, or operation of the corporation and are consistent with industry standards as well as the corporate laws of the state of incorporation.

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The Advisor also evaluates non-routine matters on a case-by-case basis. Non-routine proposals concerning social issues are typically proposed by stockholders who believe that the corporation's internally adopted policies are ill-advised or misguided. If the Advisor has determined that management is generally socially responsible, the Advisor will generally vote against these types of non-routine proposals. Non-routine proposals concerning financial or corporate issues are usually offered by management and seek to change a corporation's legal, business or financial structure. The Advisor will generally vote in favor of such proposals provided the position of current stockholders is preserved or enhanced. Non-routine proposals concerning stockholder rights are made regularly by both management and stockholders. They can be generalized as involving issues that transfer or realign board or stockholder voting power. The Advisor typically would oppose any proposal aimed solely at thwarting potential takeovers by requiring, for example, super-majority approval. At the same time, the Advisor believes stability and continuity promote profitability. The Advisor's guidelines in this area seek a middle road and individual proposals will be carefully assessed in the context of their particular circumstances.

### Proxy voting records

You may obtain information about how we voted proxies by making a written request for proxy voting information to:

Chief Compliance Officer Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC 2951 28th Street, Suite 1000 Santa Monica, California 90405

### No-Action Relief from Registration as a Commodity Pool Operator.

The Holding Company and the Operating Company each are relying on a no-action letter (the "No-Action Letter") issued by the staff of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") as a basis to avoid registration with the CFTC as a commodity pool operator ("CPO"). The No-Action Letter allows an entity to engage in CFTC-regulated transactions ("commodity interest transactions") that are "bona fide hedging" transactions (as that term is defined and interpreted by the CFTC and its staff), but prohibit an entity from entering into commodity interest transactions if they are non-bona fide hedging transactions, unless immediately after entering such non-bona fide hedging transaction (a) the sum of the amount of initial margin deposits on the entity's existing futures or swaps positions and option or swaption premiums does not exceed 5% of the market value of the entity's liquidating value, after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such transactions, or (b) the aggregate net notional value of the entity's commodity interest transactions would not exceed 100% of the market value of the entity's liquidating value, after taking into account unrealized losses on any such transactions. Both the Holding Company and the Operating Company are required to operate pursuant to these trading restrictions if they intend to continue to rely on the No-Action Letter as a basis to avoid CPO registration.

### Other

We are not generally able to issue and sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share. We may, however, issue and sell our common stock, at a price below the current net asset value of the common stock, or issue and sell warrants, options or rights to acquire such common stock, at a price below the current net asset value of the common stock if our board of directors determines that such sale is in our best interest and in the best interests of our stockholders, and our stockholders have approved our policy and practice of making such sales within the preceding 12 months. In any such case, the price at which our securities are to be issued and sold may not be less than a price which, in the determination of our board of directors, closely approximates the market value of such securities.

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We may also be prohibited under the 1940 Act from knowingly participating in certain transactions with our affiliates without the prior approval of our board of directors who are not interested persons and, in some cases, prior approval by the SEC.

We are subject to periodic examination by the SEC for compliance with the 1940 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 us 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.

#### BROKERAGE ALLOCATIONS AND OTHER PRACTICES

Subject to the supervision of the board of directors, decisions to buy and sell securities and bank debt for the Company and decisions regarding brokerage commission rates are made by the Advisor. Transactions on stock exchanges involve the payment by the Company of brokerage commissions. In certain instances the Company may make purchases of underwritten issues at prices which include underwriting fees.

In selecting a broker to execute each particular transaction, the Advisor will take the following into consideration: the best net price available; the reliability, integrity and financial condition of the broker; the size and difficulty in executing the order, and the value of the expected contribution of the broker to the investment performance of the Company on a continuing basis. Accordingly, the cost of the brokerage commissions to the Company in any transaction may be greater than that available from other brokers if the difference is reasonably justified by other aspects of the portfolio execution services offered. The aggregate amount of brokerage commission paid by the Company over the previous three fiscal years was \$0.3 million. The extent to which the Advisor makes use of statistical, research and other services furnished by brokers may be considered by the Advisor in the allocation of brokerage business, but there is not a formula by which such business is allocated. The Advisor does so in accordance with its judgment of the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

One or more of the other investment funds or accounts which the Advisor manages may own from time to time some of the same investments as the Company. When two or more companies or accounts seek to purchase or sell the same securities, the securities actually purchased or sold and any transaction costs will be allocated among the companies and accounts on a good faith equitable basis by the Advisor in its discretion in accordance with the accounts' various investment objectives, subject to the allocation procedures adopted by the board of directors related to privately placed securities (including an implementation of any co-investment exemptive relief obtained by the Company and the Advisor). In some cases, this system may adversely affect the price or size of the position obtainable for the Company. In other cases, however, the ability of the Company to participate in volume transactions may produce better execution for the Company. It is the opinion of the board of directors that this advantage, when combined with the other benefits available due to the Advisor's organization, outweighs any disadvantages that may be said to exist from exposure to simultaneous transactions.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Prior to our initial public offering in April 2012, TCP Capital Corp. and Special Value Continuation Partners, LP were non-diversified, closed-end management investment companies registered under the 1940 Act, and were operating as Special Value Continuation Fund, LLC (a Delaware limited liability company) and Special Valuation Continuation Partners, LP (a Delaware Limited Partnership), respectively. In connection with our initial public offering in April 2012, Special Value Continuation Fund, LLC and Special Value Continuation Partners, LP elected to become business development companies under the 1940 Act, and Special Value Continuation Fund, LLC

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converted to a corporation and changed its name to TCP Capital Corp. The consolidated audited financial statements of TCP Capital Corp., successor to Special Value Continuation Fund, LLC, for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, together with the report of Ernst & Young LLP for each respective year, and the audited financial statements of Special Value Continuation Partners, LP for years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, together with the report of Ernst & Young LLP for each respective year, are incorporated herein by reference to each company's annual reports to shareholders. All other portions of the annual report to shareholders are not incorporated herein by reference and are not part of the registration statement.

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#### PART C OTHER INFORMATION

#### ITEM 25. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

#### (1) Financial Statements

The following statements of the Company are incorporated by reference into Part B of this Registration Statement:

#### TCP Capital Corp.

(successor to Special Value Continuation Fund, LLC)

#### **Audited Financial Statements**

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, 2012 and 2011

Consolidated Statements of Investments as of December 31, 2012 and 2011

Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Consolidated Schedules of Changes in Investments in Affiliates as of December 31, 2012 and 2011

Consolidated Schedules of Restricted Securities of Unaffiliated Issuers as of December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### Special Value Continuation Partners, LP

#### **Audited Financial Statements**

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Statements of Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, 2012 and 2011

Statements of Investments as of December 31, 2012 and 2011

Statements of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010

Statements of Changes in Net Assets for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010

Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010

Notes to Financial Statements

Schedules of Changes in Investments in Affiliates as of December 31, 2012 and 2011

Schedules of Restricted Securities of Unaffiliated Issuers as of December 31, 2012 and 2011

(2) Exhibits

The agreements included or incorporated by reference as exhibits to this registration statement contain representations and warranties by each of the parties to the applicable agreement. These representations and warranties were made solely for the benefit of the other parties to the applicable agreement and (i) were not intended to be treated as categorical statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating the risk to one of the parties if those statements prove to be inaccurate; (ii) may have been qualified in such agreement by disclosures that were made to the other party in connection with the negotiation of the applicable agreement; (iii) may apply contract standards of "materiality" that are different from "materiality" under the applicable securities laws; and (iv) were made only as of the date of the applicable agreement or such other date or dates as may be specified in the agreement.

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The Company acknowledges that, notwithstanding the inclusion of the foregoing cautionary statements, it is responsible for considering whether additional specific disclosures of material information regarding material contractual provisions are required to make the statements in this registration statement not misleading.

Exhibit N	o. Description
(a)	Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant(2)
(b)	Bylaws of the Registrant(3)
(c)	Not Applicable
(d)(1)	Not Applicable
(e)	Form of Dividend Reinvestment Plan(8)
(f)	Not Applicable
(g)	Form of Investment Management Agreement By and Between Registrant and Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC(7)
(h)(1)	Form of Underwriting Agreement(10)
(i)	Not Applicable
(j)	Custodial Agreement dated as of July 31, 2006(4)
(k)(1)	Form of Administration Agreement of the Registrant(7)
(k)(2)	Form of Transfer Agency and Registrar Services Agreement(8)
(k)(3)	Form of License Agreement(8)
(k)(4)	Credit Agreement dated July 31, 2006(5)
(k)(5)	First Amendment to Credit Agreement dated February 28, 2011(6)
(k)(6)	Form of Amended and Restated Partnership Agreement of Special Value Continuation Partners, LP(7)
(k)(7)	Statement of Preferences of Preferred Interests of Special Value Continuation Partners, LP(7)
(k)(8)	Form of Amended and Restated Investment Management Agreement By and Between Special Value Continuation Partners, LP and Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC(7)
(k)(9)	Form of Administration Agreement of Special Value Continuation Partners, LP(7)
(1)(1)	Opinion and Consent of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP counsel for Registrant(10)
(m)	Not Applicable
(n)(1)	Consent of independent registered public accounting firm(1)
(n)(2)	Power of Attorney(9)
(n)(3)	Report of independent registered public accounting firm on "Senior Securities" table(1)
(o)	Not Applicable
(p)	Not Applicable
(q)	Not Applicable
(r)(1)	Consolidated Code of Ethics of the Registrant and the Advisor(8)
99.1	Form of Preliminary Prospectus Supplement for Common Stock Offerings(1)
(1)	Filed herewith.
	rned nerewith.
(2)	
	Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit (a)(2) to the Registrant's Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (File
	No. 333-172669), on Form N-2, filed on May 13, 2011.
(3)	
	Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit (b)(2) to the Registrant's Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (File
	No. 333-172669), on Form N-2, filed on May 13, 2011.
(4)	
	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Form 10-12G of Special Value Continuation Partners, LP (File No. 000-54393), filed
	May 6, 2011.

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- (5) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Form 10-12G of Special Value Continuation Partners, LP (File No. 000-54393), filed May 6, 2011.
- (6) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Form 10-12G of Special Value Continuation Partners, LP (File No. 000-54393), filed May 6, 2011.
- (7)
  Incorporated by reference to the corresponding exhibit number to the Registrant's Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (File No. 333-172669), on Form N-2, filed on May 13, 2011.
- (8) Incorporated by reference to the corresponding exhibit number to the Registrant's Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (File No. 333-172669), on Form N-2, filed on March 5, 2012.
- (9) Incorporated by reference to the corresponding exhibit number to the Registrant's Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (File No. 333-185319), on Form N-2, filed on December 7, 2012.
- (10) To be filed by amendment.

#### ITEM 26. MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS

The information contained under the heading "Plan of Distribution" on this Registration Statement is incorporated herein by reference and any information concerning any underwriters will be contained in the accompanying prospectus supplement, if any.

### ITEM 27. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION\*\*

Commission registration fee	\$ 20,460
Nasdaq Global Select Additional Listing Fees	65,000
FINRA filing fee	23,000
Accounting fees and expenses	100,000
Legal fees and expenses	200,000
Printing and engraving	150,000
Miscellaneous fees and expenses	80,000
Total	\$ 638,460

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These amounts (other than the commission registration fee, Nasdaq fee and FINRA fee) are estimates.

All of the expenses set forth above shall be borne by the Company.

#### ITEM 28. PERSONS CONTROLLED BY OR UNDER COMMON CONTROL

The Registrant owns 100% of the common limited partnership interests in the Operating Company, a Delaware limited partnership.

### ITEM 29. NUMBER OF HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

The following table sets forth the number of record holders of our common stock at March 22, 2013.

Title of Class	Number of Record Holders
Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share	46

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#### ITEM 30. INDEMNIFICATION

The information contained under the heading "Description of Securities" is incorporated herein by reference.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions described above, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person in the successful defense of an action suit or proceeding) is asserted by a director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is again public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The Registrant carries liability insurance for the benefit of its directors and officers (other than with respect to claims resulting from the willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office) on a claims-made basis.

The Registrant has agreed to indemnify the underwriters against specified liabilities for actions taken in their capacities as such, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

#### ITEM 31. BUSINESS AND OTHER CONNECTIONS OF INVESTMENT ADVISOR

For information as to the business, profession, vocation or employment of a substantial nature of each of the officers and directors of the Advisor, reference is made to the Advisor's Form ADV, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and incorporated herein by reference upon filing.

### ITEM 32. LOCATION OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

All accounts, books and other documents required to be maintained by Section 31(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, and the rules thereunder are maintained at the offices of:

- (1) the Registrant, 2951 28th Street, Suite 1000, Santa Monica, CA 90405;
- (2) the Transfer Agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, 161 North Concord Exchange, South Saint Paul, MN 55075;
- (3) the Custodian, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, 9062 Old Annapolis Rd., Columbia, MD 21045-1951; and
- (4) the Advisor, 2951 28th Street, Suite 1000, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The Advisor's telephone number is (310) 566-1094, and its facsimile number is (310) 566-1010.

#### ITEM 33. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Not Applicable.

#### ITEM 34. UNDERTAKINGS

1. The Registrant undertakes to suspend the offering of shares until the prospectus is amended if (1) subsequent to the effective date of its registration statement, the net asset value declines more than

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ten percent from its net asset value as of the effective date of the registration statement; or (2) the net asset value increases to an amount greater than the net proceeds as stated in the prospectus.

### 2. The Registrant undertakes:

- (a) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to the registration statement:
  - (1) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act;
  - (2) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement; and
  - (3) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;
- (b) that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the 1933 Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of those securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof;
- (c) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering;
- (d) that, for the purpose of determining liability under the 1933 Act to any purchaser, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 497(b), (c), (d) or (e) under the 1933 Act as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A under the 1933 Act, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use; and
- (e) that, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the 1933 Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of securities: The undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to the purchaser: (1) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 497 under the 1933 Act; (2) the portion of any advertisement pursuant to Rule 482 under the 1933 Act relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and (3) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form N-2 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Santa Monica, in the State of California, on the 25th day of March 2013.

### TCP CAPITAL CORP.

/s/ HOWARD M. LEVKOWITZ

Howard M. Levkowitz

Chief Executive Officer and Director

Title

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement on Form N-2 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the 25th day of March 2013. This document may be executed by the signatories hereto on any number of counterparts, all of which constitute one and the same instrument.

Signature /s/ HOWARD M. LEVKOWITZ Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer) Howard M. Levkowitz /s/ ERIC DRAUT\* Director Eric Draut /s/ FRANKLIN R. JOHNSON\* Director Franklin R. Johnson /s/ PETER E. SCHWAB\* Director Peter E. Schwab /s/ PAUL L. DAVIS Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer) Paul L. Davis \*By: /s/ HOWARD M. LEVKOWITZ Howard M. Levkowitz, as Attorney-in-Fact

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(n)(3)	Report of independent registered public accounting firm on "Senior Securities" table(1)
99.1	Form of Preliminary Prospectus Supplement for Common Stock Offerings(1)
(1)	Filed herewith