

GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION\DE

Form 10-K

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 10-K**

(Mark One)

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Commission file number 814-00704

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**GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**83-0423116**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 200**  
**McLean, Virginia**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**22102**  
(Zip Code)

**(703) 287-5800**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share**  
(Title of each class)

**NASDAQ Global Select Market**  
(Name of exchange on which registered)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. YES  NO

Indicate by check if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15 (d) of the Act. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES  NO

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check

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one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12 b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES  NO

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant on September 30, 2009, based on the closing price on that date of \$4.85 on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, was \$105,676,160. For the purposes of calculating this amount only, all directors and executive officers of the Registrant have been treated as affiliates. There were 22,080,133 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, outstanding as of May 21, 2010.

**Documents Incorporated by Reference.** Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement relating to the Registrant's 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K as indicated herein.

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

*All statements contained herein, other than historical facts, may constitute forward-looking statements. These statements may relate to, among other things, future events or our future performance or financial condition. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, might, believe, will, provided, anticipate, future, could, growth, plan, intend, expect, should, would, if, seek, possible, potential, likely or the negative of such terms or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others: (1) further adverse changes in the economy and the capital markets; (2) risks associated with negotiation and consummation of pending and future transactions; (3) the loss of one or more of our executive officers, in particular David Gladstone, Terry Lee Brubaker, George Stelljes III or David Dullum; (4) changes in our business strategy; (5) availability, terms and deployment of capital; (6) changes in our industry, interest rates, exchange rates or the general economy; (7) the degree and nature of our competition; and (8) those factors described in the Risk Factors section of this Form 10-K. We caution readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statement. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date of this Form 10-K.*

**PART I**

*In this Annual Report on Form 10-K, or Annual Report, the Company, we, us, and our refer to Gladstone Investment Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries unless the context otherwise indicates.*

**Item 1. Business**

**Overview**

We were established primarily for the purpose of investing in subordinated loans, mezzanine debt, preferred stock and warrants to purchase common stock of small and medium-sized companies in connection with buyouts and other recapitalizations. When we invest in buyouts we do so with the management team of the portfolio companies and with other buyout funds. We also sometimes invest in senior secured loans, common stock and, to a much lesser extent, senior and subordinated syndicated loans. Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital gains through these debt and equity instruments.

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Laws of the State of Delaware on February 18, 2005. On June 22, 2005 we completed an initial public offering and commenced operations. We operate as a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company and have elected to be treated as a business development company ( BDC ) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ). For federal income tax purposes, we have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company ( RIC ) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ). In order to continue to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes and obtain favorable RIC tax treatment, we must meet certain requirements, including certain minimum distribution requirements.

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We seek to achieve returns from current income from senior, subordinated and mezzanine debt, and capital gains from preferred stock and warrants to purchase common stock that we purchase in connection with buyouts and recapitalizations of small and mid-sized companies with established management teams. We seek to make investments that generally range between \$10 million and \$40 million each, although this investment size may vary proportionately as the size of our capital base changes. Typically, our investments mature in no more than seven years and accrue interest at fixed or variable rates with floors in place. We invest either by ourselves or jointly with other buyout funds and/or management of the portfolio company, depending on the opportunity. If we are participating in an investment with one or more co-investors, our investment is likely to be smaller than if we were to be investing alone.

We expect that our target portfolio over time will primarily include the following three categories of investments in private companies:

- *Subordinated Debt and Mezzanine Debt.* We anticipate that, over time, much of the capital that we invest will be in the form of subordinated or mezzanine debt. Most of our mezzanine and subordinated loans are collateralized by a subordinated lien on some or all of the assets of the borrower. We structure most of our mezzanine and subordinated loans with variable interest rates, but some are fixed rate loans. In either event, we structure the loans at relatively high rates of interest that provide us with significant current interest income. Our subordinated and mezzanine loans typically have maturities of five to seven years and provide for interest-only payments in the early years, with amortization of principal deferred to the later years of the mezzanine loans. In some cases, we may enter into loans that, by their terms, convert into equity or additional debt securities or defer payments of interest for the first few years after our investment.

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Our subordinated and mezzanine debt investments may include equity features, such as warrants or options to buy a significant common stock ownership interest in the portfolio company, or success fees if the business is sold. If a portfolio company appreciates in value, we may achieve additional investment returns from any equity interests we hold. If we are a minority interest holder, we may structure the warrants to provide provisions protecting our rights as a minority-interest holder, such as the right to sell the warrants back to the company upon the occurrence of specified events. In many cases, we also obtain registration rights in connection with these equity interests, which may include demand and co-registration rights.

- *Preferred and Common Stock.* We also acquire preferred or common stock, or both, in connection with a buyout or recapitalization. These investments are generally in combination with an investment in one of our debt products. With respect to preferred or common stock investments, we target an investment return substantially higher than our investments in loans. However, we can offer no assurance that we can achieve such a return with respect to any investment or our portfolio as a whole. The features of the preferred stock we receive vary by transaction but may include priority distribution rights, superior voting rights, redemption rights, liquidation preferences and other provisions intended to protect our interests. Generally speaking, common stock does not have any current income and its value is realized, if at all, upon the sale of the business or following the company's initial public offering.

- *Senior Secured Debt.* We may provide senior secured acquisition financing for some portfolio companies. We typically structure these senior secured loans to have terms of three to five years, and they may provide for limited principal payments in the first few years of the term of the loan. We generally obtain security interests in the assets of our portfolio companies that will serve as collateral in support of the repayment of these senior loans. This collateral usually takes the form of first priority liens on the assets of the portfolio company. The interest rates on our senior secured loans are generally variable rates based on the London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ).

*Investment Concentrations*

Approximately 45.6% of the aggregate fair value of our investment portfolio at March 31, 2010 was comprised of senior term debt, 34.4% was senior subordinated term debt, 9.9% was preferred equity securities and 10.1% was common equity securities. At March 31, 2010, we had investments in 16 portfolio companies with an aggregate fair value of \$206.9 million, of which A. Stucki Holding Corp., Chase II Holdings Corp. and Cavert II Holding Corp. collectively comprised approximately \$98.2 million, or 47.5% of our total investment portfolio, at fair value. The following table outlines our investments by type at March 31, 2010 and 2009:

| (in thousands)                | March 31, 2010    |                   | March 31, 2009    |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                               | Cost              | Fair Value        | Cost              | Fair Value        |
| Senior Term Debt              | \$ 102,446        | \$ 94,359         | \$ 224,261        | \$ 179,676        |
| Senior Subordinated Term Debt | 79,799            | 71,112            | 79,362            | 72,061            |
| Preferred Equity              | 40,728            | 20,425            | 40,728            | 40,043            |
| Common Equity/Equivalents     | 4,594             | 20,962            | 4,594             | 22,150            |
| <b>Total Investments</b>      | <b>\$ 227,567</b> | <b>\$ 206,858</b> | <b>\$ 348,945</b> | <b>\$ 313,930</b> |

Investments at fair value consisted of the following industry classifications at March 31, 2010 and 2009:

March 31, 2010

March 31, 2009

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| (dollars in thousands)           | Fair Value        | Percentage of     |            | Fair Value        | Percentage of     |            |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
|                                  |                   | Total Investments | Net Assets |                   | Total Investments | Net Assets |
| Machinery                        | \$ 60,692         | 29.3%             | 31.5%      | \$ 63,907         | 20.4%             | 29.7%      |
| Diversified/Conglomerate         |                   |                   |            |                   |                   |            |
| Manufacturing                    | 43,054            | 20.8              | 22.3       | 56,944            | 18.1              | 26.5       |
| Containers, Packaging and Glass  | 18,731            | 9.1               | 9.7        | 21,446            | 6.8               | 10.0       |
| Aerospace and Defense            | 17,099            | 8.3               | 8.9        | 22,436            | 7.2               | 10.4       |
| Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber   | 13,585            | 6.6               | 7.0        | 21,420            | 6.8               | 10.0       |
| Buildings and Real Estate        | 10,220            | 4.9               | 5.3        | 10,709            | 3.4               | 5.0        |
| Cargo Transport                  | 9,394             | 4.5               | 4.9        | 13,324            | 4.3               | 6.2        |
| Healthcare, Education and        |                   |                   |            |                   |                   |            |
| Childcare                        | 9,374             | 4.5               | 4.9        | 33,605            | 10.7              | 15.6       |
| Automobile                       | 9,040             | 4.4               | 4.7        | 14,436            | 4.6               | 6.7        |
| Telecommunications               | 7,831             | 3.8               | 4.1        | 9,139             | 2.9               | 4.3        |
| Oil and Gas                      | 4,943             | 2.4               | 2.6        | 6,171             | 2.0               | 2.9        |
| Printing and Publishing          | 2,895             | 1.4               | 1.5        | 3,158             | 1.0               | 1.5        |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Service |                   |                   |            | 23,585            | 7.5               | 11.0       |
| Electronics                      |                   |                   |            | 6,594             | 2.1               | 3.1        |
| Personal, Food, and              |                   |                   |            |                   |                   |            |
| Miscellaneous Services           |                   |                   |            | 3,552             | 1.1               | 1.6        |
| Broadcasting and Entertainment   |                   |                   |            | 1,934             | 0.6               | 0.9        |
| Beverage, Food and Tobacco       |                   |                   |            | 1,570             | 0.5               | 0.7        |
| <b>Total Investments</b>         | <b>\$ 206,858</b> | <b>100.0%</b>     |            | <b>\$ 313,930</b> | <b>100.0%</b>     |            |



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The investments at fair value were included in the following geographic regions of the United States at March 31, 2010 and 2009:

| (dollars in thousands)   | March 31, 2010    |                                       |            | March 31, 2009    |                                       |            |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
|                          | Fair Value        | Percentage of<br>Total<br>Investments | Net Assets | Fair Value        | Percentage of<br>Total<br>Investments | Net Assets |
| Mid-Atlantic             | \$ 88,501         | 42.8%                                 | 45.9%      | \$ 119,622        | 38.1%                                 | 55.7%      |
| Midwest                  | 68,802            | 33.3                                  | 35.6       | 105,945           | 33.7                                  | 49.3       |
| Southeast                | 25,493            | 12.3                                  | 13.2       | 40,512            | 12.9                                  | 18.9       |
| West                     | 16,124            | 7.8                                   | 8.4        | 30,326            | 9.7                                   | 14.1       |
| Northeast                | 7,938             | 3.8                                   | 4.1        | 17,525            | 5.6                                   | 8.1        |
| <b>Total Investments</b> | <b>\$ 206,858</b> | <b>100.0%</b>                         |            | <b>\$ 313,930</b> | <b>100.0%</b>                         |            |

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

**Our Investment Adviser and Administrator**

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

Our Adviser and Administrator also provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to our affiliates, Gladstone Commercial Corporation (Gladstone Commercial), a publicly traded real estate investment trust; Gladstone Capital Corporation (Gladstone Capital), a publicly traded BDC and RIC; Gladstone Lending Corporation (Gladstone Lending), a public, non-traded BDC and RIC; Gladstone Partners Fund, L.P., a private partnership fund formed primarily to co-invest with us and Gladstone Capital; and Gladstone Land Corporation, a private agricultural real estate company owned by David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer. The majority of our executive officers serve as either directors or executive officers, or both, of our Adviser, our Administrator, Gladstone Commercial, Gladstone Capital and Gladstone Lending. In the future, our Adviser and Administrator may provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to other funds, both public and private.

We have been externally managed by our Adviser pursuant to an investment advisory and administrative agreement since our inception. Our Adviser was organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware on July 2, 2002 and is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. Our Adviser is headquartered in McLean, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C., and has offices in New York, Illinois, New Jersey, Connecticut, Texas and Georgia.

**Investment Process**

*Overview of Investment and Approval Process*

To originate investments, our Adviser's investment professionals use an extensive referral network comprised primarily of private equity sponsors, venture capitalists, leveraged buyout funds, investment bankers, attorneys, accountants, commercial bankers and business brokers. Our Adviser's investment professionals review information received from these and other sources in search of potential financing opportunities. If a potential opportunity matches our investment objectives, the investment professionals will seek an initial screening of the opportunity from our Adviser's investment committee, which is composed of David Gladstone (our chairman and chief executive officer), Terry Lee Brubaker (our co-vice chairman and chief operating officer) and George Stelljes III (our co-vice chairman and chief investment officer). If the prospective portfolio company passes this initial screening, the investment professionals conduct a due diligence investigation and create a detailed profile summarizing the prospective portfolio company's historical financial statements, industry and management team and analyzing its conformity to our general investment criteria. The investment professionals then present this profile to our Adviser's investment committee, which must approve each investment. Further, each financing is available for review by the members of our Board of Directors, a majority of whom are not interested persons as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act.

*Prospective Portfolio Company Characteristics*

We have identified certain characteristics that we believe are important in identifying and investing in prospective portfolio companies. The criteria listed below provide general guidelines for our investment decisions, although not all of these criteria may be met by each portfolio company.

- *Value-and-Income Orientation and Positive Cash Flow.* Our investment philosophy places a premium on fundamental analysis from an investor's perspective and has a distinct value-and-income orientation. In seeking value, we focus on companies in which we can invest at relatively low multiples of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ( EBITDA ) and that have positive operating cash flow at the time of investment. In seeking income, we

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seek to invest in companies that generate relatively high and stable cash flow to provide some assurance that they will be able to service their debt and pay any required distributions on preferred stock. Typically, we do not expect to invest in start-up companies or companies with speculative business plans.

- *Experienced Management.* We generally require that our portfolio companies have experienced management teams. We also require the portfolio companies to have in place proper incentives to induce management to succeed and to act in concert with our interests as investors, including having significant equity or other interests in the financial performance of their companies.
- *Strong Competitive Position in an Industry.* We seek to invest in target companies that have developed strong market positions within their respective markets and that we believe are well-positioned to capitalize on growth opportunities. We seek companies that demonstrate significant competitive advantages versus their competitors, which we believe will help to protect their market positions and profitability.
- *Exit Strategy.* We seek to invest in companies that we believe will provide a stable stream of cash flow that is sufficient to repay the loans we make to them and to reinvest in their respective businesses. We expect that such internally generated cash flow, which will allow our portfolio companies to pay interest on, and repay the principal of, our investments, will be a key means by which we exit from our investments over time. In addition, we also seek to invest in companies whose business models and expected future cash flows offer attractive possibilities for capital appreciation on any equity interests we may obtain or retain. These capital appreciation possibilities include strategic acquisitions by other industry participants or financial buyers, initial public offerings of common stock, or other capital market transactions.
- *Liquidation Value of Assets.* The prospective liquidation value of the assets, if any, collateralizing loans in which we invest is an important factor in our investment analysis. We emphasize both tangible assets, such as accounts receivable, inventory, equipment, and real estate, and intangible assets, such as intellectual property, customer lists, networks, and databases, although the relative weight we place on these asset classes will vary by company and industry.

*Extensive Due Diligence*

Our Adviser conducts what we believe are extensive due diligence investigations of our prospective portfolio companies and investment opportunities. Our due diligence investigation of a prospective portfolio company may begin with a review of publicly available information and generally includes some or all of the following:

- a review of the prospective portfolio company's historical and projected financial information;
- visits to the prospective portfolio company's business site(s);

- interviews with the prospective portfolio company's management, employees, customers and vendors;
- review of all loan documents;
- background checks on the prospective portfolio company's management team; and
- research on the prospective portfolio company's products, services or particular industry.

Upon completion of a due diligence investigation and a decision to proceed with an investment in a buyout, recapitalization or other growth plan, our Adviser's investment professionals who have primary responsibility for the investment present the investment opportunity to our Adviser's investment committee, which consists of Messrs. Gladstone, Brubaker and Stelljes. The investment committee determines whether to pursue the potential investment. Additional due diligence of a potential investment may be conducted on our behalf by attorneys and independent accountants prior to the closing of the investment, as well as other outside advisers, as appropriate.

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

### *Investment Structure*

Once we have determined that a prospective acquisition, buyout or recapitalization meets our standards and investment criteria, we work with the management of that company and other capital providers to structure the transaction in a way that provides us the greatest opportunity to maximize our return on the investment, while providing appropriate incentives to management of the company. As we described in the Overview section above, the capital classes through which we typically structure a deal may include

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subordinated and mezzanine debt, senior secured debt and preferred and common equity. Through our risk management process, we seek to limit the downside risk of our investments by:

- making investments with an expected total return (including both interest and potential equity appreciation) that we believe compensates us for the credit risk of the investment;
- seeking collateral or superior positions in the portfolio company's capital structure where possible;
- incorporating put rights and call protection into the investment structure where possible; and
- negotiating covenants in connection with our investments that afford our portfolio companies as much flexibility as possible in managing their businesses, consistent with the preservation of our capital.

We expect to hold most of our investments in subordinated debt, mezzanine debt or equity interests until maturity or repayment, but we will sell our investments earlier if a liquidity event takes place, such as the sale or recapitalization of a portfolio company or, in the case of an equity investment in a company, its initial public offering. Occasionally, we may sell some or all of our subordinated debt, mezzanine debt or equity interests in a portfolio company to a third party, such as an existing investor in the portfolio company, through a privately negotiated transaction.

***Temporary Investments***

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

***Hedging Strategies***

Although it has not yet happened, nor do we expect this to happen in the near future, when one of our portfolio companies in which we hold equity investments goes public, we may undertake hedging strategies with regard to any equity interests that we may have in that company. We may mitigate risks associated with the volatility of publicly traded securities by, for instance, selling securities short or writing or buying call or put options. Hedging against a decline in the value of such investments in public companies would not eliminate fluctuations in the values of such investments or prevent losses if the values of such investments decline, but it would establish other investments designed to gain from those same developments. Therefore, by engaging in hedging transactions, we can moderate the decline in the value of our hedged investments in

public companies. However, such hedging transactions would also limit our opportunity to gain from an increase in the value of our investment in the public company. Pursuant to our line of credit, we have agreed to enter into hedging transactions, such as interest rate cap agreements, in connection with the borrowings that we make under our line of credit. To date, we hold two interest rate cap agreements. Hedging strategies can pose risks to us and our stockholders, but we believe that such activities are manageable because they will be limited to only a portion of our portfolio.

Section 12(a)(3) of the 1940 Act prohibits us from effecting a short sale of any security in contravention of such rules and regulations or orders as the SEC may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors . . . Though, to date, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) has not yet promulgated regulations under this statute, it is possible that such regulations could be promulgated in the future in a way that would require us to change any hedging strategies that we may adopt. Accordingly, we will only engage in hedging activities that comply with applicable law and regulations.

### **Competitive Advantages**

A large number of entities compete with us and make the types of investments that we seek to make in small and medium-sized, privately-owned businesses. Such competitors include private equity funds, leveraged buyout funds, venture capital funds, investment banks and other equity and non-equity based investment funds, and other financing sources, including traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks. Many of our competitors are substantially larger than we are and have considerably greater funding sources that are not available to us. In addition, certain of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments, which could allow them to consider a wider variety of investments, establish more relationships and build their market shares. Furthermore, many of these competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a business development company. However, we believe that we have the following competitive advantages over other providers of financing to small and mid-sized businesses:

### ***Management expertise***

David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, is also the chairman and chief executive officer of our Adviser and its affiliated companies (the Gladstone Companies), and has been involved in all aspects of the Gladstone Companies' investment activities, including serving as a member of our Adviser's investment committee. David Dullum is our president and has extensive

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experience in private equity investing in middle market companies. Terry Lee Brubaker is our co-vice chairman and chief operating officer and has substantial experience in acquisitions and operations of companies. George Stelljes III is our co-vice chairman and chief investment officer and has extensive experience in leveraged finance. Messrs. Gladstone, Dullum, Brubaker and Stelljes have principal management responsibility for our Adviser as its senior executive officers. These individuals dedicate a significant portion of their time to managing our investment portfolio. Our senior management has extensive experience providing capital to small and mid-sized companies and has worked together for more than 10 years. In addition, we have access to the resources and expertise of our Adviser's investment professionals and supporting staff that possess a broad range of transactional, financial, managerial, and investment skills.

***Increased access to investment opportunities developed through proprietary research capability and extensive network of contacts***

Our Adviser seeks to identify potential investments both through active origination and due diligence and through its dialogue with numerous management teams, members of the financial community and potential corporate partners with whom our Adviser's investment professionals have long-term relationships. We believe that our Adviser's investment professionals have developed a broad network of contacts within the investment, commercial banking, private equity and investment management communities, and that their reputation in investment management enables us to identify well-positioned prospective portfolio companies which provide attractive investment opportunities. Additionally, our Adviser expects to generate information from its professionals' network of accountants, consultants, lawyers and management teams of portfolio companies and other companies.

***Disciplined, value-and-income-oriented investment philosophy with a focus on preservation of capital***

In making its investment decisions, our Adviser focuses on the risk and reward profile of each prospective portfolio company, seeking to minimize the risk of capital loss without foregoing the potential for capital appreciation. We expect our Adviser to use the same value-and-income-oriented investment philosophy that its professionals use in the management of the other Gladstone Companies and to commit resources to management of downside exposure. Our Adviser's approach seeks to reduce risk in investments by using some or all of the following:

- focusing on companies with good market positions, established management teams and good cash flow;
- investing in businesses with experienced management teams;
- engaging in extensive due diligence from the perspective of a long-term investor;
- investing at low price-to-cash flow multiples; or

- adopting flexible transaction structures by drawing on the experience of the investment professionals of our Adviser and its affiliates.

*Longer investment horizon with attractive publicly traded model*

Unlike private equity and venture capital funds that are typically organized as finite-life partnerships, we are not subject to standard periodic capital return requirements. The partnership agreements of most private equity and venture capital funds typically provide that these funds may only invest investors' capital once and must return all capital and realized gains to investors within a finite time period, often seven to ten years. These provisions often force private equity and venture capital funds to seek returns on their investments by causing their portfolio companies to pursue mergers, public equity offerings, or other liquidity events more quickly than might otherwise be optimal or desirable, potentially resulting in both a lower overall return to investors and an adverse impact on their portfolio companies. We believe that our flexibility to make investments with a long-term view and without the capital return requirements of traditional private investment vehicles provides us with the opportunity to achieve greater long-term returns on invested capital.

*Flexible transaction structuring*

We believe our management team's broad expertise and ability to draw upon many years of combined experience enable our Adviser to identify, assess, and structure investments successfully across all levels of a company's capital structure and manage potential risk and return at all stages of the economic cycle. We are not subject to many of the regulatory limitations that govern traditional lending institutions such as banks. As a result, we are flexible in selecting and structuring investments, adjusting investment criteria and transaction structures, and, in some cases, the types of securities in which we invest. We believe that this approach enables our Adviser to identify attractive investment opportunities that will continue to generate current income and capital gain potential throughout the economic cycle, including during turbulent periods in the capital markets. One example of our flexibility is our ability to exchange our publicly-traded stock for the stock of an acquisition target in a tax-free reorganization under the Code. After completing an acquisition in such an exchange, we can restructure the capital of the small company to include senior and subordinated debt.



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***Leverage***

For the purpose of making investments other than temporary investments and to take advantage of favorable interest rates, we may issue senior debt securities up to the maximum amount permitted by the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act currently permits us to issue senior debt securities and preferred stock, which we refer to collectively as senior securities, in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least 200% after each issuance of senior securities. We may also incur such indebtedness to repurchase our common stock. As a result of issuing senior securities, we are exposed to the risks of leverage. Although borrowing money for investments increases the potential for gain, it also increases the risk of loss. A decrease in the value of our investments will have a greater impact on the value of our common stock to the extent that we have borrowed money to make investments. There is a possibility that the costs of borrowing could exceed the income we receive on the investments we make with such borrowed funds. In addition, our ability to pay distributions or incur additional indebtedness would be restricted if asset coverage is less than twice our indebtedness. If the value of our assets declines, we might be unable to satisfy that test. If this happens, we may find it necessary to liquidate a portion of our loan portfolio and repay a portion of our indebtedness at a time when a sale may be disadvantageous. Furthermore, any amounts that we use to service our indebtedness will not be available for distributions to our stockholders. Our Board of Directors is authorized to provide for the issuance of preferred stock with such preferences, powers, rights and privileges as it deems appropriate, provided that such an issuance adheres to the requirements of the 1940 Act. See Regulation as a Business Development Company Asset Coverage for a discussion of our leveraging constraints.

**Ongoing Relationships with and Monitoring of Portfolio Companies**

***Monitoring***

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

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

- Assessment of success in the portfolio company's overall adherence to its business plan and compliance with covenants;
- Attendance at and participation in meetings of the portfolio company's board of directors;
- Periodic contact, including formal update interviews with portfolio company management, and, if appropriate, the financial or strategic sponsor;

- Comparison with other companies in the portfolio company's industry; and
- Review of monthly and quarterly financial statements and financial projections for portfolio companies.

#### *Managerial Assistance and Services*

As a business development company, we make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies and provide other services to such portfolio companies. Neither we nor our Adviser currently receives fees in connection with managerial assistance. Our Adviser provides other services to our portfolio companies and receives fees for these other services, certain of which are credited by 50% against the investment advisory fees that we pay our Adviser.

#### *Valuation Process*

The following is a general description of the steps we take each quarter to determine the value of our investment portfolio. We value our investments in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act. We value securities for which market quotations are readily available at their market value. We value all other securities and assets at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. In determining the value of our investments, our Adviser has established an investment valuation policy (the Policy). The Policy has been approved by our Board of Directors, and each quarter the Board of Directors reviews whether our Adviser has applied the Policy consistently and votes whether or not to accept the recommended valuation of our investment portfolio. Due to the uncertainty inherent in the valuation process, such estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the values that would have been obtained had a ready market for the securities existed. Investments for which market quotations are readily available are recorded in our financial statements at such market quotations. With respect to any investments for which market quotations are not readily available or reliable, we perform the following valuation process each quarter:

- Our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially assessed by our Adviser's investment professionals responsible for the investment, using the Policy.
- Preliminary valuation conclusions are then discussed with our management, and documented, along with any independent opinions of value provided by Standard & Poor's Securities Evaluations, Inc. (SPSE), for review by our Board of Directors.

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- Our Board of Directors reviews this documentation and discusses the information provided by our Adviser, management, and the opinions of value provided by SPSE to arrive at a determination that the Policy has been followed for determining the aggregate fair value of our portfolio of investments.

Our valuation policies, procedures and processes are more fully described under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Policies Investment Valuation.

***Investment Advisory and Management Agreement***

We entered into an investment advisory and management agreement with our Adviser (the Advisory Agreement), which is controlled by our chairman and chief executive officer. In accordance with the Advisory Agreement, we pay the Adviser fees as compensation for its services, consisting of a base management fee and an incentive fee. On July 8, 2009, our Board of Directors approved the renewal of our Advisory Agreement with our Adviser through August 31, 2010.

**Base Management Fee**

The base management fee is computed and payable quarterly and is assessed at an annual rate of 2.0% computed on the basis of the value of our average gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed quarters, which are total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings. Overall, the base management fee cannot exceed 2.0% of total assets (as reduced by cash and cash equivalents pledged to creditors) during any given fiscal year. In addition, the following three items are potential adjustments to the base management fee calculation.

- *Loan Servicing Fees*

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

- *Portfolio Company Fees*

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

- *Senior Syndicated Loan Fee Waiver*

Our Board of Directors accepted an unconditional and irrevocable voluntary waiver from the Adviser to reduce the annual 2.0% base management fee on senior syndicated loan participations to 0.5%, to the extent that proceeds resulting from borrowings were used to purchase such syndicated loan participations, for the years ended March 31, 2010 and 2009. Subsequently, our Board of Directors accepted an extension of this waiver from our Advisor for our year ending March 31, 2011, and any waived fees may not be recouped by our Advisor in the future.

### **Incentive Fee**

The incentive fee consists of two parts: an income-based incentive fee and a capital gains incentive fee. The income-based incentive fee rewards the Adviser if our quarterly net investment income (before giving effect to any incentive fee) exceeds 1.75% of our net assets (the hurdle rate). We will pay the Adviser an income incentive fee with respect to our pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows:

- no incentive fee in any calendar quarter in which its pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate (7.0% annualized);
- 100% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 2.1875% in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized); and
- 20% of the amount of our pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized).

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*Quarterly Incentive Fee Based on Net Investment Income*

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

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

The second part of the incentive fee is a capital gains incentive fee that is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each fiscal year (or upon termination of the Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), and equals 20% of our realized capital gains as of the end of the fiscal year. In determining the capital gains incentive fee payable to our Adviser, we calculate the cumulative aggregate realized capital gains and cumulative aggregate realized capital losses since our inception, and the aggregate unrealized capital depreciation as of the date of the calculation, as applicable, with respect to each of the investments in our portfolio. For this purpose, cumulative aggregate realized capital gains, if any, equals the sum of the differences between the net sales price of each investment, when sold, and the original cost of such investment since our inception. Cumulative aggregate realized capital losses equals the sum of the amounts by which the net sales price of each investment, when sold, is less than the original cost of such investment since our inception. Aggregate unrealized capital depreciation equals the sum of the difference, if negative, between the valuation of each investment as of the applicable calculation date and the original cost of such investment. At the end of the applicable year, the amount of capital gains that serves as the basis for our calculation of the capital gains incentive fee equals the cumulative aggregate realized capital gains less cumulative aggregate realized capital losses, less aggregate unrealized capital depreciation, with respect to our portfolio of investments. If this number is positive at the end of such year, then the capital gains incentive fee for such year equals 20.0% of such amount, less the aggregate amount of any capital gains incentive fees paid in respect of our portfolio in all prior years.

*Administration Agreement*

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

**Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations**

*Regulated Investment Company Status*

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

- **Business Development Company Status.** At all times during the taxable year, we must maintain our status as a business development company.
- **Income source requirements.** At least 90% of our gross income for each taxable year must be from dividends, interest, payments with respect to securities loans, gains from sales or other dispositions of securities or other income derived with respect to our business of investing in securities, and net income derived from an interest in a qualified publicly traded partnership.
- **Asset diversification requirements.** As of the close of each quarter of our taxable year: (1) at least 50% of the value of our assets must consist of cash, cash items, U.S. government securities, the securities of other regulated investment companies and other securities to the extent that (a) we do not hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of an issuer of such other securities and (b) such other securities of any one issuer do not represent more than 5% of our total assets, and (2) no more than 25% of the value of our total assets may be invested in the securities of one issuer (other than U.S. government securities or the securities of other regulated investment companies), or of two or more issuers that are controlled by us and are engaged in the same or similar or related trades or businesses or in the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships.

In the first quarter of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010, we sold 29 senior syndicated loans (collectively the, *Syndicated Loan Sales* ) that were held in our portfolio of investments at March 31, 2009 to various investors in the syndicated loan market to repay amounts outstanding under our prior line of credit with Deutsche Bank AG (the *Prior Credit Facility* ), which matured in April 2009

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and was not extended by Deutsche Bank AG. Such sales changed our asset composition in a manner that has affected our ability to meet the 50% threshold requirement of the asset diversification test applicable to RICs under the Code, which we refer to as the 50% threshold.

Failure to meet the 50% threshold alone will not result in our loss of RIC status. In circumstances where the failure to meet the quarterly 50% threshold is the result of fluctuations in the value of assets, including as a result of the sale of assets, we will still be deemed to have satisfied the asset diversification test and, therefore, maintain our RIC status, as long as we have not made any new investments, including additional investments in our portfolio companies (such as advances under outstanding lines of credit), since the time that we fell below the 50% threshold. At March 31, 2010, the fourth quarterly measurement date following the Syndicated Loan Sales, we satisfied the 50% threshold through the purchase of short-term qualified securities, which was funded primarily through a short-term loan agreement. Subsequent to the March 31st measurement date, the short-term qualified securities matured, and we repaid the short-term loan, at which time we again fell below the 50% threshold. As of the date of this filing, we remain below the 50% threshold. Thus, while we currently qualify as a RIC despite our current inability to meet the 50% threshold and potential inability to do so in the future, our RIC status will be threatened if we make a new or additional investment before regaining compliance with the 50% threshold. If we make such a new or additional investment and fail to regain compliance with the 50% threshold prior to the next quarterly measurement date following such investment, we will be in non-compliance with the RIC rules and will have thirty days to cure our failure of the asset diversification test to avoid our loss of RIC status. Potential cures for failure of the asset diversification test include raising additional equity or debt capital, and changing the composition of our assets, which could include full or partial divestitures of investments, such that we would once again meet or exceed the 50% threshold.

Until the composition of our assets is above the required 50% threshold, we will continue to seek to deploy similar purchases of qualified securities using short-term loans that would allow us to satisfy the 50% threshold, thereby allowing us to make additional investments. There can be no assurance, however, that we will be able to enter into such a transaction on reasonable terms, if at all. We also continue to explore a number of other strategies, including changing the composition of our assets, which could include full or partial divestitures of investments, and raising additional equity or debt capital, such that we would once again meet or exceed the 50% threshold. Our ability to implement any of these strategies will be subject to market conditions and a number of risks and uncertainties that are, in part, beyond our control.

*Failure to Qualify as a RIC.* If we are unable to qualify for treatment as a RIC, we will be subject to tax on all of our taxable income at regular corporate rates. We would not be able to deduct distributions to stockholders, nor would we be required to make such distributions. Distributions would be taxable to our stockholders as dividend income to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits. Subject to certain limitations under the Code, corporate distributees would be eligible for the dividends received deduction. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits would be treated first as a return of capital to the extent of the stockholder's tax basis, and then as a gain realized from the sale or exchange of property. If we fail to meet the RIC requirements for more than two consecutive years and then seek to requalify as a RIC, we would be required to recognize a gain to the extent of any unrealized appreciation on our assets unless we make a special election to pay corporate-level tax on any such unrealized appreciation recognized during the succeeding 10-year period. Absent such special election, any gain we recognized would be deemed distributed to our stockholders as a taxable distribution.

*Qualification as a RIC.* If we qualify as a RIC and distribute to stockholders each year in a timely manner at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, we will not be subject to federal income tax on the portion of our taxable income and gains we distribute to stockholders. We would, however, be subject to a 4% nondeductible federal excise tax if we do not distribute, actually or on a deemed basis, 98% of our income, including both ordinary income and capital gains.

The excise tax would apply only to the amount by which 98% of our income exceeds the amount of income we distribute, actually or on a deemed basis, to stockholders. We will be subject to regular corporate income tax, currently at rates up to 35%, on any undistributed income, including both ordinary income and capital gains. We intend to retain some or all of our capital gains, but to designate the retained amount as a deemed distribution. In that case, among other consequences, we will pay tax on the retained amount, each stockholder will be required to

include its share of the deemed distribution in income as if it had been actually distributed to the stockholder and the stockholder will be entitled to claim a credit or refund equal to its allocable share of the tax we pay on the retained capital gain. The amount of the deemed distribution net of such tax will be added to the stockholder's cost basis for its common stock. Since we expect to pay tax on any retained capital gains at our regular corporate capital gain tax rate, and since that rate is in excess of the maximum rate currently payable by individuals on long-term capital gains, the amount of tax that individual stockholders will be treated as having paid will exceed the tax they owe on the capital gain dividend and such excess may be claimed as a credit or refund against the stockholder's other tax obligations. A stockholder that is not subject to U.S. federal income tax or tax on long-term capital gains would be required to file a U.S. federal income tax return on the appropriate form in order to claim a refund for the taxes we paid. In order to utilize the deemed distribution approach, we must provide written notice to the stockholders prior to the expiration of 60 days after the close of the relevant tax year. We will also be subject to alternative minimum tax, but any tax preference items would be apportioned between us and our stockholders in the same proportion that distributions, other than capital gain dividends, paid to each stockholder bear to our taxable income determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction.



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If we acquire debt obligations that were originally issued at a discount, which would generally include loans we make that are accompanied by warrants, that bear interest at rates that are not either fixed rates or certain qualified variable rates or that are not unconditionally payable at least annually over the life of the obligation, we will be required to include in taxable income each year a portion of the original issue discount (OID) that accrues over the life of the obligation. Such OID will be included in our investment company taxable income even though we receive no cash corresponding to such discount amount. As a result, we may be required to make additional distributions corresponding to such OID amounts in order to satisfy the annual distribution requirement and to continue to qualify as a RIC or to avoid the 4% excise tax. In this event, we may be required to sell temporary investments or other assets to meet the RIC distribution requirements. Through March 31, 2010, we incurred no OID income.

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

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

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

If a stockholder participates in our dividend reinvestment plan, any dividends reinvested under the plan will be taxable to the stockholder to the same extent, and with the same character, as if the stockholder had received the dividend in cash. The stockholder will have an adjusted basis in the additional common shares purchased through the plan equal to the amount of the reinvested dividend. The additional shares will have a new holding period commencing on the day following the day on which the shares are credited to the stockholder's account.

***Sale of Our Shares.*** A U.S. stockholder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss if the U.S. stockholder sells or otherwise disposes of his, her or its shares of our common stock. Any gain arising from such sale or disposition generally will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. stockholder has held his, her or its shares for more than one year. Otherwise, it will be classified as short-term capital gain or loss. However, any capital loss arising from the sale or disposition of shares of our common stock held for six months or less will be treated as

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long-term capital loss to the extent of the amount of capital gain dividends received, or undistributed capital gain deemed received, with respect to such shares. Under the tax laws in effect as of the date of this filing, individual U.S. stockholders are subject to a maximum federal income tax rate of 15% on their net capital gain (*i.e.* the excess of realized net long-term capital gain over realized net short-term capital loss for a taxable year) including any long-term capital gain derived from an investment in our shares. Such rate is lower than the maximum rate on ordinary income currently payable by individuals. Corporate U.S. stockholders currently are subject to federal income tax on net capital gain at the same rates applied to their ordinary income (currently up to a maximum of 35%). Capital losses are subject to limitations on use for both corporate and non-corporate stockholders.

*Backup Withholding.* We may be required to withhold federal income tax, or backup withholding, currently at a rate of 28%, from all taxable distributions to any non-corporate U.S. stockholder (1) who fails to furnish us with a correct taxpayer identification number or a certificate that such stockholder is exempt from backup withholding, or (2) with respect to whom the Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) notifies us that such stockholder has failed to properly report certain interest and dividend income to the IRS and to respond to

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notices to that effect. An individual's taxpayer identification number is generally his or her social security number. Any amount withheld under backup withholding is allowed as a credit against the U.S. stockholder's federal income tax liability, provided that proper information is provided to the IRS.

**Regulation as a Business Development Company**

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

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

***Qualifying Assets***

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

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

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

(b) is not an investment company (other than a small business investment company wholly owned by the business development company or otherwise excluded from the definition of investment company); and

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

***Asset Coverage***

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 200% immediately after each such issuance. In addition, while senior 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 purposes. The 1940 Act requires, among other things, that (1) immediately after issuance and before any dividend or distribution is made with respect to our common stock or before any purchase of our common stock is made, the preferred stock, together with all other senior securities, must not exceed an amount equal to 50% of our total assets after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution or purchase price, as the case may be, and (2) the

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holders of shares of preferred stock, if any are issued, must be entitled as a class to elect two directors at all times and to elect a majority of the directors if dividends on the preferred stock are in arrears by two years or more.

***Significant Managerial Assistance***

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

***Investment Policies***

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

- We will at all times conduct our business so as to retain our status as a business development company. In order to retain that status, we may not acquire any assets (other than non-investment assets necessary and appropriate to our operations as a business development company) if, after giving effect to such acquisition, the value of our qualifying assets is less than 70% of the value of our total assets. We anticipate that the securities we seek to acquire, as well as temporary investments, will generally be qualifying assets.
- We will at all times endeavor to conduct our business so as to retain our status as a RIC under the Code. In order to do so, we must meet income source, asset diversification and annual distribution requirements. We may issue senior securities, such as debt or preferred stock, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act for the purpose of making investments, to fund share repurchases, or for temporary emergency or other purposes.

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

***Code of Ethics***

We and our Adviser have each adopted a code of ethics and business conduct applicable to our officers, directors and all employees of our Adviser and our Administrator that complies with the guidelines set forth in Item 406 of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ). As required by the 1940 Act, this code establishes procedures for personal investments, restricts certain transactions by our personnel and requires the reporting of certain transactions and holdings by our personnel. A copy of this code is available for review, free of charge, at our website at [www.GladstoneInvestment.com](http://www.GladstoneInvestment.com). We intend to provide any required disclosure of any amendments to or waivers of the provisions of this code by posting information regarding any such amendment or waiver to our website within four days of its effectiveness.

### *Compliance Policies and Procedures*

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

### **Staffing**

We do not currently have any employees and do not expect to have any employees in the foreseeable future. Currently, services necessary for our business are provided by individuals who are employees of our Adviser or our Administrator pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement, respectively. Excluding our chief financial officer, each of our executive officers is an employee or officer, or both, of our Adviser and our Administrator. No employee of our Adviser or our Administrator will dedicate all of his or her time to us. However, we expect that 25-30 full time employees of our Adviser and our Administrator will spend substantial time on our matters during the remainder of calendar year 2010 and all of calendar year 2011. To the extent we acquire more investments, we anticipate that the number of employees of our Adviser and our Administrator who devote time to our matters will increase.

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As of April 30, 2010, our Adviser and Administrator collectively had 51 full-time employees. A breakdown of these employees is summarized by functional area in the table below:

| Number of Individuals | Functional Area   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 11                    | Executive Management  |
| 31                    | Investment Management, Portfolio Management and Due Diligence               |
| 9                     | Administration, Accounting, Compliance, Human Resources, Legal and Treasury |

**Available Information:**

Copies of our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments, if any, to those reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) are available free of charge through our website at [www.gladstoneinvestment.com](http://www.gladstoneinvestment.com). A request for any of these reports may also be submitted to us by sending a written request addressed to Investor Relations Manager, Gladstone Investment Corporation, 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 200, McLean, VA 22102, or by calling our toll-free investor relations line at 1-866-366-5745. The public may read and copy materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

*An investment in our securities involves a number of significant risks and other factors relating to our structure and investment objectives. As a result, we cannot assure you that we will achieve our investment objectives. You should consider carefully the following information before making an investment in our securities.*

***Risks Related to the Economy***

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

The United States is beginning to recover from the recession that largely began in late 2007. Despite signs of economic improvement and stabilization in both the equity and debt markets, however, conditions within the global credit markets generally continue to experience dislocation and stress. As a result, we do not know if adverse conditions will again intensify, and we are unable to gauge the full extent to which the disruptions will affect us. The longer these uncertain conditions persist, the greater the probability that these factors could continue to increase our costs of, and significantly limit our access to, debt and equity capital and, thus, have an adverse effect on our operations and financial results. Many of the companies in which we have made or will make investments are also susceptible to these unstable economic

conditions, which may affect the ability of one or more of our portfolio companies to repay our loans or engage in a liquidity event, such as a sale, recapitalization or initial public offering. These unstable economic conditions could also disproportionately impact some of the industries in which we invest, causing us to be more vulnerable to losses in our portfolio, which could cause the number of our non-performing assets to increase and the fair market value of our portfolio to decrease. The unstable economic conditions may also decrease the value of collateral securing some of our loans as well as the value of our equity investments which would decrease our ability to borrow under our line of credit or raise equity capital, thereby further reducing our ability to make new investments.

The unstable economic conditions have affected the availability of credit generally and we have seen a reduction in committed funding under our line of credit from \$125.0 million to \$50.0 million and the withdrawal of Deutsche Bank AG as a committed lender. Moreover, during the first quarter of fiscal year 2010, we were forced to sell 29 of the 32 senior syndicated loans that were held in our portfolio of investments at March 31, 2009 in order to repay amounts outstanding under our Prior Credit Facility. The loans, in aggregate, had a cost value of approximately \$104.2 million, or 29.9% of the cost value of our total investments, and an aggregate fair market value of approximately \$69.8 million, or 22.2% of the fair market value of our total investments, at March 31, 2009. As a result of these sales, we received approximately \$69.2 million in net cash proceeds and recorded a realized loss of approximately \$34.6 million. Our current line of credit limits our distributions to stockholders, and, as a result, beginning in fiscal year 2010, we decreased our monthly cash distribution rate by 50.0% as compared to the prior year period in an effort to more closely align our distributions to our net investment income. We do not know when market conditions will fully stabilize, if adverse conditions will intensify or the full extent to which the disruptions will continue to affect us. Also, it is possible that persistent instability of the financial markets could have other unforeseen material effects on our business.



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

The majority of our portfolio companies are in industries that are directly impacted by inflation, such as manufacturing and consumer goods and services. Our portfolio companies may not be able to pass on to customers increases in their costs of production which could greatly affect their operating results, impacting their ability to repay our loans. In addition, any projected future decreases in our portfolio companies' operating results due to inflation could adversely impact the fair value of those investments. Any decreases in the fair value of our investments could result in future unrealized losses and therefore reduce our net assets resulting from operations.

***Risks Related to Our External Management***

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

We have no employees. Our chief executive officer, president and chief investment officer, chief operating officer and chief financial officer, and the employees of our Adviser, do not spend all of their time managing our activities and our investment portfolio. We are particularly dependent upon David Gladstone, George Stelljes III, Terry Lee Brubaker and David Dullum in this regard. Our executive officers and the employees of our Adviser allocate some, and in some cases a material portion, of their time to businesses and activities that are not related to our business. We have no separate facilities and are completely reliant on our Adviser, which has significant discretion as to the implementation and execution of our business strategies and risk management practices. We are subject to the risk of discontinuation of our Adviser's operations or termination of the Advisory Agreement and the risk that, upon such event, no suitable replacement will be found. We believe that our success depends to a significant extent upon our Adviser and that discontinuation of its operations could have a material adverse effect on our ability to achieve our investment objectives.

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

The management compensation structure that has been implemented under the Advisory Agreement may cause our Adviser to invest in high risk investments or take other risks. In addition to its management fee, our Adviser is entitled under the Advisory Agreement to receive incentive compensation based in part upon our achievement of specified levels of income. In evaluating investments and other management strategies, the opportunity to earn incentive compensation based on net income may lead our Adviser to place undue emphasis on the maximization of net income at the expense of other criteria, such as preservation of capital, maintaining sufficient liquidity, or management of credit risk or market risk, in order to achieve higher incentive compensation. Investments with higher yield potential are generally riskier or more speculative. This could result in increased risk to the value of our investment portfolio.

*We may be obligated to pay our Adviser incentive compensation even if we incur a loss.*

The Advisory Agreement entitles our Adviser to incentive compensation for each fiscal quarter in an amount equal to a percentage of the excess of our investment income for that quarter (before deducting incentive compensation, net operating losses and certain other items) above a

threshold return for that quarter. When calculating our incentive compensation, our pre-incentive fee net investment income excludes realized and unrealized capital losses that we may incur in the fiscal quarter, even if such capital losses result in a net loss on our statement of operations for that quarter. Thus, we may be required to pay our Adviser incentive compensation for a fiscal quarter even if there is a decline in the value of our portfolio or we incur a net loss for that quarter. For additional information on incentive compensation under the Advisory Agreement with our Adviser, see Business Investment Advisory and Management Agreement.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2009, based on the Advisory Agreement, our Adviser was entitled to an incentive fee of \$588 even though we incurred a loss of \$4.4 million for the quarter resulting primarily from a decline in the value of our portfolio. The Adviser's board of directors subsequently irrevocably waived and credited \$102 of the incentive fee, resulting in a net incentive fee for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010 of \$486.

*Our Adviser's failure to identify and invest in securities that meet our investment criteria or perform its responsibilities under the Advisory Agreement may adversely affect our ability for future growth.*

Our ability to achieve our investment objectives will depend on our ability to grow, which in turn will depend on our Adviser's ability to identify and invest in securities that meet our investment criteria. Accomplishing this result on a cost-effective basis will be largely a function of our Adviser's structuring of the investment process, its ability to provide competent and efficient services to us, and our access to financing on acceptable terms. The senior management team of our Adviser has substantial responsibilities under the Advisory Agreement. In order to grow, our Adviser will need to hire, train supervise and manage new employees successfully. Any failure to manage our future growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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

Our executive officers and directors, and the officers and directors of our Adviser, serve or may serve as officers, directors or principals of entities that operate in the same or a related line of business as we do or of investment funds managed by our affiliates. Accordingly, they may have obligations to investors in those entities, the fulfillment of which might not be in the best interests of us or our stockholders. For example, Mr. Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer, is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of our Adviser, Gladstone Capital and Gladstone Commercial and the sole stockholder of Gladstone Land. In addition, Mr. Brubaker, our co-vice chairman, chief operating officer and secretary is the vice chairman, chief operating officer and secretary of our Adviser, Gladstone Capital and Gladstone Commercial. Mr. Stelljes, our co-vice chairman and chief investment officer, is also the president and chief investment officer of our Adviser, Gladstone Capital and Gladstone Commercial. Mr. Dullum, our president and a director, is a senior managing director of our Adviser and a director of Gladstone Capital and Gladstone Commercial. Moreover, our Adviser may establish or sponsor other investment vehicles which from time to time may have potentially overlapping investment objectives with those of ours and accordingly may invest in, whether principally or secondarily, asset classes similar to those we target. For example, our Adviser recently filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a proposed initial public offering of common stock of Gladstone Lending Corporation, a proposed fund that would primarily invest in first and second lien term loans. While our Adviser generally has broad authority to make investments on behalf of the investment vehicles that it advises, our Adviser has adopted investment allocation procedures to address these potential conflicts and intends to direct investment opportunities to the Gladstone affiliate with the investment strategy that most closely fits the investment opportunity. Nevertheless, the management of our Adviser may face conflicts in the allocation of investment opportunities to other entities managed by our Adviser. As a result, it is possible that we may not be given the opportunity to participate in certain investments made by other members of our Adviser and its affiliated companies or investment funds managed by investment managers affiliated with our Adviser.

In certain circumstances, we may make investments in a portfolio company in which one of our affiliates has or will have an investment, subject to satisfaction of any regulatory restrictions and, where required, to the prior approval of our Board of Directors. As of March 31, 2010, our Board of Directors has approved the following types of co-investment transactions:

- Our affiliate, Gladstone Commercial, may lease property to portfolio companies that we do not control under certain circumstances. We may pursue such transactions only if (i) the portfolio company is not controlled by us or any of our affiliates, (ii) the portfolio company satisfies the tenant underwriting criteria of Gladstone Commercial, and (iii) the transaction is approved by a majority of our independent directors and a majority of the independent directors of Gladstone Commercial. We expect that any such negotiations between Gladstone Commercial and our portfolio companies would result in lease terms consistent with the terms that the portfolio companies would be likely to receive were they not portfolio companies of ours.
- We may invest simultaneously with our affiliate Gladstone Capital in senior syndicated loans whereby neither we nor any affiliate has the ability to dictate the terms of the loans.
- Additionally, pursuant to an exemptive order granted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, our Adviser may sponsor a private investment fund to co-invest with us and Gladstone Capital in accordance with the terms and conditions of the order.

Certain of our officers who are also officers of our Adviser may from time to time serve as directors of certain of our portfolio companies. If an officer serves in such capacity with one of our portfolio companies, such officer will owe fiduciary duties to all stockholders of the portfolio company, which duties may from time to time conflict with the interests of our stockholders.

In the course of our investing activities, we will pay management and incentive fees to our Adviser and will reimburse our Administrator for certain expenses it incurs. As a result, investors in our common stock will invest on a gross basis and receive distributions on a net basis after expenses, resulting in, among other things, a lower rate of return than one might achieve through our investors themselves making direct investments. As a result of this arrangement, there may be times when the management team of our Adviser has interests that differ from those of our stockholders, giving rise to a conflict.

*Our Adviser is not obligated to provide a waiver of the base management fee, which could negatively impact our earnings and our ability to maintain our current level of distributions to our stockholders.*

The Advisory Agreement provides for a base management fee based on our gross assets. Since our 2008 fiscal year, our Board of Directors has accepted on a quarterly basis voluntary, unconditional and irrevocable waivers to reduce the annual 2.0% base management fee on senior syndicated loan participations to 0.5% to the extent that proceeds resulting from borrowings were used to purchase such syndicated loan participations, and any waived fees may not be recouped by our Adviser in the future. However, our Adviser is not required to issue these or other waivers of fees under the Advisory Agreement, and to the extent our investment portfolio grows in the future, we expect these fees will increase. If our Adviser does not issue these waivers in future quarters, it could negatively impact our earnings and may compromise our ability to maintain our current level of distributions to our stockholders, which could have a material adverse impact on our stock price.

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

We are dependent upon informal relationships with investment bankers, business brokers and traditional lending institutions to provide us with deal flow. If we fail to maintain our relationship with such funds or institutions, or if we fail to establish strong referral relationships with other funds, we will not be able to grow our portfolio of loans and fully execute our business plan.

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

*In recent years, creditors have significantly curtailed their lending to business development companies, including us. Because of the limited amount of committed funding under our line of credit, we will have limited ability fund new investments if we are unable to expand the facility.*

On April 13, 2010, through Business Investment, we entered into a third amended and restated credit agreement providing for a \$50.0 million revolving line of credit (the "Credit Facility") arranged by Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T") as administrative agent. Key Equipment Finance Company Inc. also joined the Credit Facility as a committed lender. Committed funding under the Credit Facility was reduced from the \$125.0 million under our Prior Credit Facility and Deutsche Bank AG, which was a committed lender under the Prior Credit Facility, elected not to participate in the Credit Facility and withdrew its commitment. The Credit Facility may be expanded up to \$125.0 million through the addition of other committed lenders to the facility. However, if additional lenders are unwilling to join the facility on its terms, we will be unable to expand the facility and thus will continue to have limited availability to finance new investments under our line of credit. The Credit Facility matures on April 13, 2012, and if the facility is not renewed or extended by this date, all principal and interest will be due and payable within one year of maturity. Between the maturity date and April 13, 2013, our lenders have the right to apply all interest income to amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility. As of May 21, 2010 we had \$37.6 million of borrowing capacity under the Credit Facility. There can be no guarantee that we will be able to renew, extend or replace the Credit Facility upon its maturity in 2012 on terms that are favorable to us, if at all. Our ability to expand the Credit Facility, and to obtain replacement financing at the time of its maturity, will be constrained by then-current economic conditions affecting the credit markets. In the event that we are not able to expand the Credit Facility, or to renew, extend or refinance the Credit Facility at the time of its maturity, this could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and ability to fund new investments, our ability to make distributions to our stockholders and our ability to qualify as a RIC under the Code.

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

Our business requires a substantial amount of cash to operate and grow. We may acquire such additional capital from the following sources:

- ***Senior Securities.*** We may issue debt securities, other evidences of indebtedness (including borrowings under our line of credit) and possibly preferred stock, up to the maximum amount permitted by the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act currently permits us, as a business development company, to issue debt securities, and preferred stock, which we refer to collectively as senior securities, in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least 200% after each issuance of senior securities. As a result of issuing senior securities, we will be exposed to the risks associated with leverage. Although borrowing money for investments increases the potential for gain, it also increases the risk of a loss. A decrease in the value of our investments will have a greater impact on the value of our common stock to the extent that we have

borrowed money to make investments. There is a possibility that the costs of borrowing could exceed the income we receive on the investments we make with such borrowed funds. In addition, our ability to pay distributions or incur additional indebtedness would be restricted if asset coverage is not at least twice our indebtedness. If the value of our assets declines, we might be unable to satisfy that test. If this happens, we may be required to liquidate a portion of our loan portfolio and repay a portion of our indebtedness at a time when a sale, to the extent possible given the limited market for many of our investments, may be disadvantageous. Furthermore, any amounts that we use to service our indebtedness will not be available for distributions to our stockholders.

- *Common Stock.* Because we are constrained in our ability to issue debt for the reasons given above, we are dependent on the issuance of equity as a financing source. If we raise additional funds by issuing more common stock or senior securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock, the percentage ownership of our stockholders at the time of the issuance would decrease and our common stock may experience dilution. In addition, any convertible or exchangeable securities that we issue in the future may have rights, preferences and privileges more favorable than those of our common stock. In addition, under the 1940 Act, we will generally not be able to issue additional shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value per share to purchasers, other than to our existing stockholders, through a rights offering without first obtaining the approval of our stockholders and our independent directors. If we were to sell shares of our common stock below our then current net asset value per share, such sales would result in an immediate dilution to the net asset value per share. This dilution would occur as a result of the sale of shares at a price below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock and a proportionately greater decrease in a stockholder's interest in our earnings and assets and voting interest in us than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance. For example, if we sell an additional 10% of our common stock at a 5% discount from net asset value, a stockholder who does not participate in that offering for its proportionate interest will suffer net asset value dilution of up to 0.5%

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or \$5 per \$1,000 of net asset value. This imposes constraints on our ability to raise capital when our common stock is trading at below net asset value, as it has for the last year.

*A change in interest rates may adversely affect our profitability and our hedging strategy may expose us to additional risks.*

We anticipate using a combination of equity and long-term and short-term borrowings to finance our investment activities. As a result, a portion of our income will depend upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we loan these funds. Higher interest rates on our borrowings will decrease the overall return on our portfolio.

Ultimately, we expect approximately 80% of the loans in our portfolio to be at variable rates determined on the basis of a LIBOR rate and approximately 20% to be at fixed rates. As of May 21, 2010, our portfolio had approximately 13.6% of the total of the loan cost value at variable rates, approximately 48.6% of the total loan cost value at variable rates with floors and approximately 37.8% of the total loan portfolio cost basis at fixed rates.

To date, we hold two interest rate cap agreements. While hedging activities may insulate us against adverse fluctuations in interest rates, they may also limit our ability to participate in the benefits of lower interest rates with respect to the hedged portfolio. Adverse developments resulting from changes in interest rates or any future hedging transactions could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our ability to receive payments pursuant to our interest rate cap agreement is linked to the ability of the counter-party to that agreement to make the required payments. To the extent that the counter-party to the agreement is unable to pay pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we may lose the hedging protection of the interest rate cap agreement.

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

We will have a continuing need for capital to finance our loans. In order to maintain RIC status, we will be required to distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our ordinary income and short-term capital gains on an annual basis. Accordingly, such earnings will not be available to fund additional loans. Therefore, we are party to the Credit Facility, which provides us with a revolving credit line facility of \$50.0 million, of which \$37.6 million was available for borrowings as of May 21, 2010. The Credit Facility permits us to fund additional loans and investments as long as we are within the conditions set out in the credit agreement. Current market conditions have forced us to write down the value of a portion of our assets as required by the 1940 Act and fair value accounting rules. These are not realized losses, but constitute adjustment in asset values for purposes of financial reporting and for collateral value for the Credit Facility. As assets are marked down in value, the amount we can borrow on the Credit Facility decreases.

As a result of the Credit Facility, we are subject to certain limitations on the type of loan investments we make, including restrictions on geographic concentrations, sector concentrations, loan size, dividend payout, payment frequency and status, and average life. The credit agreement also requires us to comply with other financial and operational covenants, which require us to, among other things, maintain certain financial ratios, including asset and interest coverage and a minimum net worth. As of March 31, 2010, we were in compliance with these covenants; however, our continued compliance with these covenants depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control. In

particular, depreciation in the valuation of our assets, which valuation is subject to changing market conditions which remain very volatile, affects our ability to comply with these covenants.

During the year ended March 31, 2010, net unrealized appreciation on our investments was \$14.3 million, which reflected the reversal of \$35.7 million in unrealized depreciation resulting from our realized losses. Excluding reversals, we had \$21.4 million in unrealized depreciation for the year ended March 31, 2010. During the year ended March 31, 2009, net unrealized depreciation on our investments was \$19.8 million. Given the continued instability in the capital markets, the cumulative unrealized depreciation in our portfolio may increase in future periods and threaten our ability to comply with the covenants under the Credit Facility. Accordingly, there are no assurances that we will continue to comply with these covenants. Under the Credit Facility, we are also required to maintain our status as a BDC under the 1940 Act and as a RIC under the Code. Because of recent changes in our asset portfolio, due to significant sales of Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments, there is a significant possibility that we may not meet the asset diversification threshold under the Code's rules applicable to a RIC as of our next quarterly testing date, June 30, 2010. Although this failure alone, in our current situation, will not cause us to lose our RIC status, it will be jeopardized if we make any new investments, including additional investments in our portfolio companies (such as advances under our outstanding lines of credit) our RIC status. For more information on our current RIC status, see Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Regulated Investment Company Status. Our failure to satisfy these covenants could result in foreclosure by our lenders, which would accelerate our repayment obligations under the facility and thereby have a material adverse effect on our business, liquidity, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay distributions to our stockholders.



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*Any inability to renew, extend or replace our line of credit on terms favorable to us, or at all, could adversely impact our liquidity and ability to fund new investments or maintain distributions to our stockholders.*

Availability under the Credit Facility will terminate on April 13, 2012 and if the facility is not renewed or extended by such date, all principal and interest will be due and payable on April 13, 2013, one year after the date of maturity. Between the maturity date and April 13, 2013, our lenders have the right to apply all interest income to amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility. As of May 21, 2010, there was approximately \$11.1 million of borrowings outstanding on the Credit Facility. There can be no guarantee that we will be able to renew, extend or replace the Credit Facility on terms that are favorable to us, or at all. Our ability to obtain replacement financing will be constrained by current economic conditions affecting the credit markets. Consequently, any renewal, extension or refinancing of the Credit Facility will likely result in significantly higher interest rates and related charges and may impose significant restrictions on the use of borrowed funds with regard to our ability to fund investments or maintain distributions to stockholders. If we are unable to secure replacement financing, we may be forced to sell certain assets on disadvantageous terms, which may result in realized losses and such realized losses could materially exceed the amount of any unrealized depreciation on these assets as of our most recent balance sheet date, which would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition to selling assets, or as an alternative, we may issue equity in order to repay amounts outstanding under the line of credit. Based on the recent trading prices of our stock, such an equity offering may have a substantial dilutive impact on our existing stockholders' interest in our earnings and assets and voting interest in us.

***Risks Related to Our Investments***

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

A large number of entities compete with us and make the types of investments that we seek to make in small and mid-sized companies. We compete with public and private buyout funds, commercial and investment banks, commercial financing companies, and, to the extent they provide an alternative form of financing, hedge funds. Many of our competitors are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical, and marketing resources than we do. For example, some competitors may have a lower cost of funds and access to funding sources that are not available to us. In addition, some of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments, which would allow them to consider a wider variety of investments and establish more relationships than us. Furthermore, many of our competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a business development company. The competitive pressures we face could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Also, as a result of this competition, we may not be able to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities from time to time, and we can offer no assurance that we will be able to identify and make investments that are consistent with our investment objective. We do not seek to compete based on the interest rates we offer, and we believe that some of our competitors may make loans with interest rates that will be comparable to or lower than the rates we offer. We may lose investment opportunities if we do not match our competitors' pricing, terms, and structure. However, if we match our competitors' pricing, terms, and structure, we may experience decreased net interest income and increased risk of credit loss.

*Our investments in small and medium-sized portfolio companies are extremely risky and could cause you to lose all or a part of your investment.*

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

- *Small and medium-sized businesses are likely to have greater exposure to economic downturns than larger businesses.* Our portfolio companies may have fewer resources than larger businesses, and thus the current recession, and any further economic downturns or recessions are more likely to have a material adverse effect on them. If one of our portfolio companies is adversely impacted by a recession, its ability to repay our loan or engage in a liquidity event, such as a sale, recapitalization or initial public offering would be diminished. Moreover, in light of our current near-term strategy of preserving capital, our inability to make additional investments in our portfolio companies at a time when they need capital may increase their exposure to the risks of the current recession and future economic downturns.
- *Small and medium-sized businesses may have limited financial resources and may not be able to repay the loans we make to them.* Our strategy includes providing financing to portfolio companies that typically is not readily available to them. While we believe that this provides an attractive opportunity for us to generate profits, this may make it difficult for the portfolio companies to repay their loans to us upon maturity. A borrower's ability to repay its loan may be adversely affected by numerous factors, including the failure to meet its business plan, a downturn in its industry or negative economic conditions. A deterioration in a borrower's financial condition and prospects usually will be accompanied by a deterioration in the value of any collateral and a reduction in the likelihood of us realizing on any guarantees we may have obtained from the borrower's management. Although we will sometimes seek to be the senior, secured lender to a borrower, in most of our loans we expect to be subordinated to a senior lender, and our interest in any collateral would, accordingly, likely be subordinate to another lender's security interest.
- *Small and medium-sized businesses typically have narrower product lines and smaller market shares than large businesses.* Because our target portfolio companies are smaller businesses, they will tend to be more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns. In addition, our portfolio companies

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may face intense competition, including competition from companies with greater financial resources, more extensive development, manufacturing, marketing and other capabilities and a larger number of qualified managerial and technical personnel.

- *There is generally little or no publicly available information about these businesses.* Because we seek to invest in privately owned businesses, there is generally little or no publicly available operating and financial information about our potential portfolio companies. As a result, we rely on our officers, our Adviser and its employees and consultants to perform due diligence investigations of these portfolio companies, their operations and their prospects. We may not learn all of the material information we need to know regarding these businesses through our investigations.
- *Small and medium-sized businesses generally have less predictable operating results.* We expect that our portfolio companies may have significant variations in their operating results, may from time to time be parties to litigation, may be engaged in rapidly changing businesses with products subject to a substantial risk of obsolescence, may require substantial additional capital to support their operations, to finance expansion or to maintain their competitive position, may otherwise have a weak financial position or may be adversely affected by changes in the business cycle. Our portfolio companies may not meet net income, cash flow and other coverage tests typically imposed by their senior lenders. A borrower's failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by senior lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, foreclosure on its senior credit facility, which could additionally trigger cross-defaults in other agreements. If this were to occur, it is possible that the borrower's ability to repay our loan would be jeopardized.
- *Small and medium-sized businesses are more likely to be dependent on one or two persons.* Typically, the success of a small or medium-sized business also depends on the management talents and efforts of one or two persons or a small group of persons. The death, disability or resignation of one or more of these persons could have a material adverse impact on our borrower and, in turn, on us.
- *Small and medium-sized businesses may have limited operating histories.* While we intend to target stable companies with proven track records, we may make loans to new companies that meet our other investment criteria. Portfolio companies with limited operating histories will be exposed to all of the operating risks that new businesses face and may be particularly susceptible to, among other risks, market downturns, competitive pressures and the departure of key executive officers.

*Because the loans we make and equity securities we receive when we make loans are not publicly traded, there is uncertainty regarding the value of our privately held securities that could adversely affect our determination of our net asset value.*

Our portfolio investments are, and we expect will continue to be, in the form of securities that are not publicly traded. The fair value of securities and other investments that are not publicly traded may not be readily determinable. Our Board of Directors has established an investment valuation policy and consistently applied valuation procedures used to determine the fair value of these securities quarterly. These procedures for the determination of value of many of our debt securities rely on the opinions of value submitted to us by SPSE or the use of internally developed discounted cash flow ( DCF ) methodologies or indicative bid price ( IBP ) offered by the respective originating syndication agent's trading desk, or secondary desk, specifically for our syndicated loans, or internal methodologies based on the total enterprise value ( TEV ) of the issuer used for certain of our equity investments. SPSE will only evaluate the debt portion of our investments for which we specifically request evaluation, and SPSE may decline to make requested evaluations for any reason in its sole discretion. However, to date, SPSE has accepted each of our requests for evaluation.

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Our use of these fair value methods is inherently subjective and is based on estimates and assumptions of each security. In the event that we are required to sell a security, we may ultimately sell for an amount materially less than the estimated fair value calculated by SPSE, or utilizing the TEV, IBP or the DCF methodology. During April and May of 2009, we completed the sale of 29 of the 32 senior syndicated loans that were held in our portfolio of investments at March 31, 2009 to various investors in the syndicated loan market. As a result of these sales, we received approximately \$69.2 million in net cash proceeds, which was approximately \$34.6 million less than the cost value of such investments recorded as of December 31, 2008.

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

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

Because such valuations, particularly valuations of private securities and private companies, are not susceptible to precise

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determination, may fluctuate over short periods of time, and may be based on estimates, our determinations of fair value may differ from the values that might have actually resulted had a readily available market for these securities been available.

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

*The lack of liquidity of our privately held investments may adversely affect our business.*

We will generally make investments in private companies whose securities are not traded in any public market. Substantially all of the investments we presently hold and the investments we expect to acquire in the future are, and will be, subject to legal and other restrictions on resale and will otherwise be less liquid than publicly traded securities. The illiquidity of our investments may make it difficult for us to quickly obtain cash equal to the value at which we record our investments if the need arises. This could cause us to miss important investment opportunities. In addition, if we are required to liquidate all or a portion of our portfolio quickly, we may record substantial realized losses upon liquidation. In addition, we may face other restrictions on our ability to liquidate an investment in a portfolio company to the extent that we, our Adviser, or our respective officers, employees or affiliates have material non-public information regarding such portfolio company.

Due to the uncertainty inherent in valuing these securities, our determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that could be obtained if a ready market for these securities existed. Our net asset value could be materially affected if our determinations regarding the fair value of our investments are materially different from the values that we ultimately realize upon our disposal of such securities.

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

Our total investment in companies may be significant individually or in the aggregate. As a result, if a significant investment in one or more companies fails to perform as expected, our financial results could be more negatively affected and the magnitude of the loss could be more significant than if we had made smaller investments in more companies. This risk is heightened as a result of our sale of the majority of senior syndicated loans in the quarter ended June 30, 2009. As a result of these sales and other exits, the total number of portfolio companies in which we hold investments decreased from 46 at March 31, 2009 to 16 at March 31, 2010. Our five largest investments represent 62.5% of the fair value of our total portfolio at March 31, 2010, compared to 48.7% at March 31, 2009. Additionally, they represent 53.0% of our total revenues for the year ended March 31, 2010, compared to 39.7% for the year ended March 31, 2009. Any disposition of a significant investment in one or more companies may negatively impact our net investment income and limit our ability to pay distributions.

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

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

*We typically invest in transactions involving acquisitions, buyouts and recapitalizations of companies, which will subject us to the risks associated with change in control transactions.*

Our strategy includes making debt and equity investments in companies in connection with acquisitions, buyouts and recapitalizations, which subjects us to the risks associated with change in control transactions. Change in control transactions often present a number of uncertainties. Companies undergoing change in control transactions often face challenges retaining key employees and maintaining relationships with customers and suppliers. While we hope to avoid many of these difficulties by participating in transactions where the management team is retained and by conducting thorough due diligence in advance of our decision to invest, if our portfolio companies experience one or more of these problems, we may not realize the value that we expect in connection with our investments which would likely harm our operating results and financial condition.

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*Prepayments of our investments by our portfolio companies could adversely impact our results of operations and reduce our return on equity.*

In addition to risks associated with delays in investing our capital, we are also subject to the risk that investments that we make in our portfolio companies may be repaid prior to maturity. We will first use any proceeds from prepayments to repay any borrowings outstanding on our line of credit. In the event that funds remain after repayment of our outstanding borrowings, then we will generally reinvest these proceeds in government securities, pending their future investment in new debt and/or equity securities. These government securities will typically have substantially lower yields than the debt securities being prepaid and we could experience significant delays in reinvesting these amounts. As a result, our results of operations could be materially adversely affected if one or more of our portfolio companies elects to prepay amounts owed to us. Additionally, prepayments could negatively impact our return on equity, which could result in a decline in the market price of our common stock.

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

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

*Our portfolio is concentrated in a limited number of companies and industries, which subjects us to an increased risk of significant loss if any one of these companies does not repay us or if the industries experience downturns.*

As of May 21, 2010, we had investments in 15 portfolio companies, of which there were three investments, A. Stucki Holding Corp., Chase II Holdings Corp. and Acme Cryogenics, Inc., that comprised approximately \$84.0 million or 38.7% of our total investment portfolio, at cost. A consequence of a limited number of investments is that the aggregate returns we realize may be substantially adversely affected by the unfavorable performance of a small number of such loans or a substantial write-down of any one investment. Beyond our regulatory and income tax diversification requirements, we do not have fixed guidelines for industry concentration and our investments could potentially be concentrated in relatively few industries. In addition, while we do not intend to invest 25% or more of our total assets in a particular industry or group of industries at the time of investment, it is possible that as the values of our portfolio companies change, one industry or a group of industries may comprise in excess of 25% of the value of our total assets. As of May 21, 2010, 30.9% of our total assets were invested in machinery companies, and 21.6% of our total assets were invested in diversified conglomerate manufacturing companies. As a result, a downturn in an industry in which we have invested a significant portion of our total assets could have a materially adverse effect on us.

*Our investments are typically long term and will require several years to realize liquidation events.*

Since we generally make five to seven year term loans and hold our loans and related warrants or other equity positions until the loans mature, you should not expect realization events, if any, to occur over the near term. In addition, we expect that any warrants or other equity positions that we receive when we make loans may require several years to appreciate in value and we cannot give any assurance that such appreciation will occur.

*The disposition of our investments may result in contingent liabilities.*

Currently, all of our investments involve private securities. In connection with the disposition of an investment in private securities, we may be required to make representations about the business and financial affairs of the underlying portfolio company typical of those made in connection with the sale of a business. We may also be required to indemnify the purchasers of such investment to the extent that any such representations turn out to be inaccurate or with respect to certain potential liabilities. These arrangements may result in contingent liabilities that ultimately yield funding obligations that must be satisfied through our return of certain distributions previously made to us.

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

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



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

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

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

When we make a subordinated loan, we may receive warrants to purchase stock issued by the borrower or other yield enhancements, such as success fees. Our goal is to ultimately dispose of these equity interests and realize gains upon our disposition of such interests. We expect that, over time, the gains we realize on these warrants and other yield enhancements will offset any losses we experience on loan defaults. However, any warrants we receive may not appreciate in value and, in fact, may decline in value and any other yield enhancements, such as success fees, may not be realized. Accordingly, we may not be able to realize gains from our equity interests or other yield enhancements and any gains we may recognize might not be sufficient to offset losses we experience on our loan portfolio.

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

As a business development company we are required to carry our investments at market value or, if no market value is ascertainable, at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our Board of Directors. Decreases in the market values or fair values of our investments will be recorded as unrealized depreciation. Since our inception, we have, at times, incurred a cumulative net unrealized depreciation of our portfolio. Any unrealized depreciation in our investment portfolio could result in realized losses in the future and ultimately in reductions of our income available for distribution to stockholders in future periods.

***Risks Related to Our Regulation and Structure***

*We currently do not meet the 50% threshold of the asset diversification test applicable to RICs under the Code. If we make any additional investment in the future, including advances under outstanding lines of credit to our portfolio companies, and remain below this threshold as of June 30, 2010, or any subsequent quarter end, we would lose our RIC status unless we are able to cure such failure within 30 days of the quarter end.*

In order to maintain RIC status under the Code, in addition to other requirements, as of the close of each quarter of our taxable year, we must meet the asset diversification test, which requires that at least 50% of the value of our assets consist of cash, cash items, U.S. government securities, the securities of other RICs and other securities to the extent such other securities of any one issuer do not represent more than 5% of our total assets or more than 10% of the voting securities of such issuer. As a result of changes in the value of our assets during April and May 2009, due to the Syndicated Loan Sales, we fell below the 50% threshold. At March 31, 2010, the fourth quarterly measurement date following the Syndicated Loan Sales, we satisfied the 50% threshold through the purchase of short-term qualified securities, which was funded

primarily through a short-term loan agreement. Subsequent to the March 31st measurement date, the short-term qualified securities matured, and we repaid the short-term loan, at which time we again fell below the 50% threshold. Until the composition of our assets is above the required 50% threshold, we will continue to seek to deploy similar purchases of qualified securities using short-term loans that would allow us to satisfy the asset diversification test, thereby allowing us to make new or additional investments. There can be no assurance, however, that we will be able to enter into such a transaction on reasonable terms, if at all. Failure to meet this threshold alone does not result in loss of our RIC status in our current situation. In circumstances where the failure to meet the 50% threshold as of a quarterly measurement date is the result of fluctuations in the value of assets, including in our case as a result of the sale of assets, we are still deemed under the rules to have satisfied the asset diversification test and, therefore, maintain our RIC status, as long as we have not made any new investments, including additional investments in our portfolio companies (such as advances under outstanding lines of credit), since the time that we fell below the 50% threshold. Thus, while we currently qualify as a RIC despite our current inability to meet the 50% threshold and potential inability to do so in the future, if we make any new or additional investments before regaining compliance with the asset diversification test, our RIC status will be threatened. Because, in most circumstances, we are contractually required to advance funds on outstanding lines of credit upon the request of our portfolio companies, we may have a limited ability to avoid adding to existing investments in a manner that would cause us to fail the asset diversification test as of June 30, 2010 or as of subsequent quarterly measurement dates.

If we were to make a new or additional investment before regaining compliance with the 50% threshold, and we did not regain compliance prior to the next quarterly measurement date following such investment, we would have thirty days to cure our failure to meet the 50% threshold to avoid our loss of RIC status. Potential cures for failure of the asset diversification test include raising additional equity or debt capital as we have done, or changing the composition of our assets, which could include full or partial divestitures of investments, such that we would once again meet or exceed the 50% threshold. Our ability to implement any of these cures would be subject to market conditions and a number of risks and uncertainties that would be, in part, beyond our control. Accordingly, we can not guarantee you that we would be successful in curing any failure of the asset diversification test, which would subject us to corporate level tax. For additional information about the consequences of failing to satisfy the RIC qualification, see We will be subject to corporate level tax if we are unable to satisfy Internal Revenue Code requirements for RIC qualification.

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*We will be subject to corporate-level tax if we are unable to satisfy Code requirements for RIC qualification.*

To maintain our qualification as a RIC, we must meet income source, asset diversification and annual distribution requirements. The annual distribution requirement is satisfied if we distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and short-term capital gains to our stockholders on an annual basis. Because we use leverage, we are subject to certain asset coverage ratio requirements under the 1940 Act and could, under certain circumstances, be restricted from making distributions necessary to qualify as a RIC. Warrants we receive with respect to debt investments will create original issue discount, which we must recognize as ordinary income, increasing the amounts we are required to distribute to maintain RIC status. Because such warrants will not produce distributable cash for us at the same time as we are required to make distributions in respect of the related original issue discount, we will need to use cash from other sources to satisfy such distribution requirements. The asset diversification requirements must be met at the end of each calendar quarter. If we fail to meet these tests, we may need to quickly dispose of certain investments to prevent the loss of RIC status. Since most of our investments will be illiquid, such dispositions, if even possible, may not be made at prices advantageous to us and, in fact, may result in substantial losses. If we fail to qualify as a RIC for any reason and become fully subject to corporate income tax, the resulting corporate taxes could substantially reduce our net assets, the amount of income available for distribution, and the actual amount distributed. Such a failure would have a material adverse effect on us and our shares. For additional information regarding asset coverage ratio and RIC requirements, see Business Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Regulated Investment Company Status.

From time to time, some of our debt investments may include success fees that would generate payments to us if the business is ultimately sold. Because the satisfaction of these success fees, and the ultimate payment of these fees, is uncertain, to date we have not recognized any of these success fees as income, either for financial accounting or tax purposes, until the time that the success fees have actually been paid. We have recently sought a determination from the IRS that it agrees with our tax treatment. If the IRS were to disagree with this approach, we would be required to accrue these amounts as investment company taxable income, including an immediate accrual of amounts related to success fees that were not accrued in prior periods. As a result, we would be required to distribute such amounts to our stockholders in order to maintain RIC status.

*Changes in laws or regulations governing our operations, or changes in the interpretation thereof, and any failure by us to comply with laws or regulations governing our operations may adversely affect our business.*

We and our portfolio companies are subject to regulation by laws at the local, state and federal levels. These laws and regulations, as well as their interpretation, may be changed from time to time. Accordingly, any change in these laws or regulations, or their interpretation, or any failure by us or our portfolio companies to comply with these laws or regulations may adversely affect our business. For additional information regarding the regulations to which we are subject, see Business Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Regulated Investment Company Status and Business Regulation as a Business Development Company.

*Provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law and of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws could restrict a change in control and have an adverse impact on the price of our common stock.*

We are subject to provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law that, in general, prohibit any business combination with a beneficial owner of 15% or more of our common stock for three years unless the holder's acquisition of our stock was either approved in advance by our Board of Directors or ratified by the Board of Directors and stockholders owning two-thirds of our outstanding stock not owned by the acquiring holder. Although we believe these provisions collectively provide for an opportunity to receive higher bids by requiring potential acquirers to negotiate with our Board of Directors, they would apply even if the offer may be considered beneficial by some stockholders.

We have also adopted other measures that may make it difficult for a third party to obtain control of us, including provisions of our certificate of incorporation classifying our Board of Directors in three classes serving staggered three-year terms, and provisions of our certificate of incorporation authorizing our Board of Directors to induce the issuance of additional shares of our stock. These provisions, as well as other provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, may delay, defer, or prevent a transaction or a change in control that might otherwise be in the best interests of our stockholders.

***Risks Related to an Investment in Our Common Stock***

*We may experience fluctuations in our quarterly and annual operating results.*

We may experience fluctuations in our quarterly and annual operating results due to a number of factors, including, among others, variations in our investment income, the interest rates payable on the debt securities we acquire, the default rates on such securities, the level of our expenses, variations in and the timing of the recognition of realized and unrealized gains or losses, the level of our expenses, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets, and general economic conditions, including the impacts of inflation. The majority of our portfolio companies are in industries that are directly impacted by inflation, such as manufacturing and consumer goods and services. Our portfolio companies may not be able to pass on to customers increases in their costs of production

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which could greatly affect their operating results, impacting their ability to repay our loans. In addition, any projected future decreases in our portfolio companies' operating results due to inflation could adversely impact the fair value of those investments. Any decreases in the fair value of our investments could result in future realized and unrealized losses and therefore reduce our net assets resulting from operations. As a result of these factors, results for any period should not be relied upon as being indicative of performance in future periods.

*There is a risk that you may not receive distributions.*

Our current intention is to distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and short-term capital gains to our stockholders on a quarterly basis by paying monthly distributions. We expect to retain net realized long-term capital gains to supplement our equity capital and support the growth of our portfolio, although our Board of Directors may determine in certain cases to distribute these gains. In addition, our line of credit restricts the amount of distributions we are permitted to make. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results or maintain a tax status that will allow or require any specified level of cash distributions.

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

Our Board of Directors declares monthly distributions based on estimates of net investment income for each fiscal year, which may differ, and in the past have differed, from actual results. Because our distributions are based on estimates of net investment income that may differ from actual results, future distributions payable to our stockholders may also include a return of capital. Moreover, to the extent that we distribute amounts that exceed our accumulated earnings and profits, these distributions constitute a return of capital. A return of capital represents a return of a stockholder's original investment in shares of our stock and should not be confused with a distribution from earnings and profits. Although return of capital distributions may not be taxable, such distributions may increase an investor's tax liability for capital gains upon the sale of our shares by reducing the investor's tax basis for such shares. Such returns of capital reduce our asset base and also adversely impact our ability to raise debt capital as a result of the leverage restrictions under the 1940 Act, which could have a material adverse impact on our ability to make new investments.

*The market price of our shares may fluctuate significantly.*

The trading price of our common stock may fluctuate substantially. Due to the extreme volatility and disruption that have affected the capital and credit markets for over a year, we have experienced greater than usual stock price volatility.

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

- general economic trends and other external factors;

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- price and volume fluctuations in the stock market from time to time, which are often unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies;
- significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of shares of RICs, business development companies or other companies in our sector, which is not necessarily related to the operating performance of these companies;
- changes in regulatory policies or tax guidelines, particularly with respect to RICs or business development companies;
- loss of business development company status;
- loss of RIC status;
- changes in our earnings or variations in our operating results;
- changes in the value of our portfolio of investments;
- any shortfall in our revenue or net income or any increase in losses from levels expected by securities analysts;
- departure of key personnel;
- operating performance of companies comparable to us;
- short-selling pressure with respect to our shares or business development companies generally;
- the announcement of proposed, or completed, offerings of our securities, including a rights offering; and
- loss of a major funding source.

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

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

In April 2008 we completed an offering of transferable rights to subscribe for additional shares of our common stock, or subscription rights. We determined to raise equity in this manner primarily because of the capital raising constraints applicable to us under the 1940 Act when our stock is trading below its net asset value per share, as it was at the time of the offering. In the event that we again issue subscription rights to our existing stockholders, there is a significant possibility that the rights offering will dilute the ownership interest and voting power of stockholders who do not fully exercise their subscription rights. Stockholders who do not fully exercise their subscription rights should expect that they will, upon completion of the rights offering, own a smaller proportional interest in the Company than would otherwise be the case if they fully exercised their subscription rights. In addition, because the subscription price of the rights offering is likely to be less than our most recently determined net asset value per share, our stockholders are likely to experience an immediate dilution of the per share net asset value of their shares as a result of the offer. As a result of these factors, any future rights offerings of our common stock, or our announcement of our intention to conduct a rights offering, could have a material adverse impact on the trading price of our common stock.

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

Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from net asset value. Since our inception, our common stock has at times traded above net asset value, and at times traded below net asset value. During the past year, our common stock has traded consistently, and at times significantly, below net asset value. Subsequent to March 31, 2010, our stock has traded at discounts of up to 40.4% of our net asset value as of March 31, 2010. This characteristic of shares of closed-end investment companies is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value per share will decline. As with any stock, the price of our shares will fluctuate with market conditions and other factors. If shares are sold, the price received may be more or less than the original investment. Whether investors will realize gains or losses upon the sale of our shares will not depend directly upon our net asset value, but will depend upon the market price of the shares at the time of sale. Since the market price of our shares will be affected by such factors as the relative demand for and supply of the shares in the market, general market and economic conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict whether the shares will trade at, below or above our net asset value. Under the 1940 Act, we are generally not able to issue additional shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value per share to purchasers other than our existing stockholders through a rights offering without first obtaining the approval of our stockholders and our independent directors. Additionally, at times when our stock is trading below its net asset value per share, our dividend yield may exceed the weighted average returns that we would expect to realize on new investments that would be made with the proceeds from the sale of such stock, making it unlikely that we would determine to issue additional shares in such circumstances. Thus, for as long as our common stock trades below net asset value we will be subject to significant constraints on our ability to raise capital through the issuance of common stock. Additionally, an extended period of time in which we are unable to raise capital may restrict our ability to grow and adversely impact our ability to increase or maintain our distributions.

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

At our most recent annual meeting, our stockholders approved a proposal designed to allow us to access the capital markets in a way that absent stockholder approval, we are generally unable to due to restrictions applicable to business development companies under the 1940 Act. Specifically, our stockholders approved a proposal that authorizes us to sell shares of our common stock below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock in one or more offerings for a period of one year. At the upcoming annual stockholders meeting scheduled for August 5, 2010, our stockholders will be asked to vote in favor of this proposal for another year. During the past year, our common stock has traded consistently, and at times significantly, below net asset value. Any decision to sell shares of our common stock below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock would be subject to the determination by our Board of Directors that such issuance is in our and our



stockholders' best interests.

If we were to sell shares of our common stock below net asset value per share, such sales would result in an immediate dilution to the net asset value per share. This dilution would occur as a result of the sale of shares at a price below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock and a proportionately greater decrease in a stockholder's interest in our earnings and assets and voting interest in us than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance. The greater the difference between the sale price and the net asset value per share at the time of the offering, the more significant the dilutive impact would be. Because the number of shares of common stock that could be so issued and the timing of any issuance is not currently known, the actual dilutive effect, if any, cannot be currently predicted. However, if, for example, we sold an additional 10% of our common stock at a 5% discount from net asset value, a stockholder who did not participate in that offering for its proportionate interest would suffer net asset value dilution of up to 0.5% or \$5 per \$1,000 of net asset value.

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**Other Risks**

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

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

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

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

**Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

**Item 2. Properties**

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

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

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

**PART II**

**Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol GAIN. The following table reflects, by quarter, the high and low closing prices per share of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market for each fiscal quarter during the last two fiscal years.

|                | Quarter Ended | High    | Low     |
|----------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| <b>FY 2010</b> | 6/30/09       | \$ 5.38 | \$ 3.52 |
|                | 9/30/09       | 5.37    | 4.02    |
|                | 12/31/09      | 5.11    | 4.41    |
|                | 3/31/10       | 6.23    | 4.61    |
| FY 2009        | 6/30/08       | \$ 9.78 | \$ 6.31 |
|                | 9/30/08       | 8.08    | 6.00    |
|                | 12/31/08      | 6.83    | 3.09    |
|                | 3/31/09       | 5.85    | 2.40    |

As of May 17, 2010 there were approximately 30 stockholders of record of our common stock; however, we believe there are approximately 10,000 more who hold our stock in the name of their broker which is called street name.

**Distributions**

We currently intend to distribute in the form of cash distributions a minimum of 90% of our ordinary income and short-term capital gains, if any, on a quarterly basis to our stockholders in the form of monthly distributions. Amounts presented for each fiscal quarter of 2010 and 2009 represent the cumulative amount of the distributions declared for the months composing such quarter. The following table reflects, by quarter, the distributions per share that we have declared on our common stock in the last two fiscal years:

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|                | Quarter<br>Ended | Cash<br>Distribution<br>Per Share |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>FY 2010</b> | <b>6/30/09</b>   | <b>\$ 0.120</b>                   |
|                | <b>9/30/09</b>   | <b>0.120</b>                      |
|                | <b>12/31/09</b>  | <b>0.120</b>                      |
|                | <b>3/31/10</b>   | <b>0.120</b>                      |
| <b>FY 2009</b> | 6/30/08          | \$ 0.240                          |
|                | 9/30/08          | 0.240                             |
|                | 12/31/08         | 0.240                             |
|                | 3/31/09          | 0.240                             |

**Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities and Purchases of Equity Securities**

We did not sell any unregistered shares of common stock or repurchase any shares of our common stock during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010.

**Item 6. Selected Financial Data**

The following selected financial data for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, and the period from June 22, 2005 (Commencement of Operations) through March 31, 2006 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. The data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included elsewhere in this report.

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## SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AND PER UNIT DATA)

|  | 2010        | Year Ended March 31, |            | 2007       | Period June 22, 2005<br>(Commencement of<br>Operations) through<br>March 31, 2006 |
|--|-------------|----------------------|------------|------------|---|
|  |             | 2009                 | 2008       |            |   |
| Statement of operations data:  |             |                      |            |            |   |
| Total investment income  | \$ 20,785   | \$ 25,812            | \$ 27,894  | \$ 17,262  | \$ 7,371  |
| Total expenses net of credits from<br>Adviser  | 10,187      | 12,424               | 14,842     | 6,114      | 1,487   |
| Net investment income  | 10,598      | 13,388               | 13,052     | 11,148     | 5,884   |
| Net (loss) gain on investments   | (21,669)    | (24,837)             | (13,993)   | (3,879)    | 170   |
| Net (decrease) increase in net assets<br>resulting from operations                                       | \$ (11,071) | \$ (11,449)          | \$ (941)   | \$ 7,269   | \$ 6,054  |
| Per share data(1):   |             |                      |            |            |   |
| Net (decrease) increase in net assets<br>resulting from operations per<br>common share basic and diluted | \$ (0.50)   | \$ (0.53)            | \$ (0.06)  | \$ 0.44    | \$ 0.37   |
| Net investment income before net<br>(loss) gain on investments per<br>common share basic and diluted     | 0.48        | 0.62                 | 0.79       | 0.67       | 0.36  |
| Cash distributions declared per share  | 0.48        | 0.96                 | 0.93       | 0.86       | 0.39  |
| Statement of assets and liabilities<br>data:   |             |                      |            |            |   |
| Total assets   | \$ 297,161  | \$ 326,843           | \$ 352,293 | \$ 323,590 | \$ 230,324  |
| Net assets   | 192,978     | 214,802              | 206,445    | 222,819    | 229,842   |
| Net asset value per share  | 8.74        | 9.73                 | 12.47      | 13.46      | 13.88   |
| Common shares outstanding  | 22,080,133  | 22,080,133           | 16,560,100 | 16,560,100 | 16,560,100  |
| Weighted common shares<br>outstanding basic and diluted  | 22,080,133  | 21,545,936           | 16,560,100 | 16,560,100 | 16,391,589  |
| Senior securities data:  |             |                      |            |            |   |
| Borrowings under line of credit (2)  | \$ 27,812   | \$ 110,265           | \$ 144,835 | \$ 100,000 |   |
| Short term loan(2)   | 75,000      |                      |            |            |   |
| Asset coverage ratio(3) (4)  | 281%        | 293%                 | 242%       | 323%       | N/A   |
| Asset coverage per unit(4)   | \$ 2,814    | \$ 2,930             | \$ 2,422   | \$ 3,228   | N/A   |
| Other data:  |             |                      |            |            |   |
| Number of portfolio companies  | 16          | 46                   | 52         | 47         | 22  |
| Average size of portfolio company<br>investment at cost  | \$ 14,223   | \$ 7,586             | \$ 6,746   | \$ 5,843   | \$ 6,967  |
| Principal amount of new<br>investments   | 4,788       | 53,002               | 175,255    | 182,953    | 160,646   |
| Proceeds from loan repayments and<br>investments sold  | 90,240      | 49,785               | 96,437     | 61,167     | 7,381   |
| Weighted average yield on<br>investments(5):   | 11.02%      | 8.22%                | 8.91%      | 8.72%      | 7.02%   |
| Total return(6)  | 79.80       | (51.65)              | (31.54)    | 4.36       | 3.39  |

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- (1) Per share data for net (decrease) increase in net assets resulting from operations is based on the weighted common stock outstanding for both basic and diluted.
- (2) See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for more information regarding our level of indebtedness.
- (3) As a business development company, we are generally required to maintain an asset coverage ratio of 200% of total consolidated assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, to total borrowings and guaranty commitments.
- (4) Asset coverage per unit is the asset coverage ratio expressed in terms of dollar amounts per one thousand of indebtedness.
- (5) Weighted average yield on investments equals interest income on investments divided by the annualized weighted average investment balance throughout the year.
- (6) Total return equals the (decrease) increase of the ending market value over the beginning market value plus monthly distributions divided by the monthly beginning market value.

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**Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

*The following analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and the notes thereto contained elsewhere in this Form 10-K. Except per share amounts, dollar amounts are in thousands unless otherwise indicated.*

**OVERVIEW**

**General**

We were incorporated under the General Corporation Laws of the State of Delaware on February 18, 2005. We were primarily established for the purpose of investing in subordinated loans, mezzanine debt, preferred stock and warrants to purchase common stock of small and medium-sized companies in connection with buyouts and other recapitalizations. We also invest in senior secured loans, common stock and, to a much lesser extent, senior and subordinated syndicated loans. Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital gains through these debt and equity instruments. We operate as a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company and have elected to be treated as a business development company ( "BDC" ) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act" ). In addition, for tax purposes, we have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company ( "RIC" ) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code" ).

**Business Environment**

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

The unstable economic conditions have affected the general availability of credit and, as a result, during the first quarter, we sold 29 senior syndicated loans that were held in our portfolio of investments at March 31, 2009 to various investors in the syndicated loan market (the "Syndicated Loan Sales" ) to repay amounts outstanding under our prior line of credit with Deutsche Bank AG (the "Prior Credit Facility" ), which matured in April 2009 and was not extended. These loans, in aggregate, had a cost value of approximately \$104.2 million, or 29.9% of the cost of our total investments, and an aggregate fair market value of approximately \$69.8 million, or 22.2% of the fair market value of our total investments, at March 31, 2009. As a result of the settlement of these loan sales, at March 31, 2010, we had two remaining senior syndicated loans, of which one was paid off in April 2010. See "Recent Developments - Syndicated Loans" for more information regarding this transaction. We plan to exit the remaining senior syndicated loan in the long-term future. Collectively, these sales have changed our asset composition in a manner that has affected our ability to satisfy certain elements of the Code's rules for maintenance of our RIC status. In order to maintain our

status as a RIC, in addition to other requirements, as of the close of each quarter of our taxable year, we must meet the asset diversification test, which requires that at least 50% of the value of our assets consist of cash, cash items, U.S. government securities or certain other qualified securities (the 50% threshold). During the quarter ended March 31, 2010, we fell below the required 50% asset diversification threshold.

Failure to meet the asset diversification test alone will not result in our loss of RIC status. In circumstances where the failure to meet the 50% threshold is the result of fluctuations in the value of assets, including as a result of the sale of assets, we will still be deemed under the Code's rules to have satisfied the asset diversification test and, therefore, maintain our RIC status, as long as we have not made any new investments, including additional investments in our portfolio companies (such as advances under outstanding lines of credit), since the time that we fell below the 50% threshold. At March 31, 2010, the fourth quarterly measurement date following the Syndicated Loan Sales, we satisfied the 50% threshold through the purchase of short-term qualified securities, which was funded primarily through a short-term loan agreement. Subsequent to the March 31st measurement date, the short-term qualified securities matured and we repaid the short-term loan, at which time we again fell below the 50% threshold. See Recent Developments Short-Term Loan for more information regarding this transaction. As of the date of this filing, we remain below the 50% threshold. Thus, while we currently qualify as a RIC despite our current inability to meet the 50% threshold and potential inability to do so in the future, if we make any new or additional investments before regaining compliance with the asset diversification test, our RIC status will be threatened. If we make a new or additional investment and fail to regain compliance with the 50% threshold on the next quarterly measurement date following such investment, we will be in non-compliance with the RIC rules and will have thirty days to cure our failure of the asset diversification test to avoid our loss of RIC status. Potential cures for failure of the asset diversification



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test include raising additional equity or debt capital, or changing the composition of our assets, which could include full or partial divestitures of investments, such that we would once again exceed the 50% threshold.

Until the composition of our assets is above the required 50% threshold, we will continue to seek to deploy similar purchases of qualified securities using short-term loans that would allow us to satisfy the asset diversification test, thereby allowing us to make additional investments. There can be no assurance, however, that we will be able to enter into such a transaction on reasonable terms, if at all. We also continue to explore a number of other strategies, including changing the composition of our assets, which could include full or partial divestitures of investments, and raising additional equity or debt capital, such that we would once again exceed the 50% threshold. Our ability to implement any of these strategies will be subject to market conditions and a number of risks and uncertainties that are, in part, beyond our control.

The Syndicated Loan Sales significantly changed the overall composition and reduced the total size of our portfolio. Because the Syndicated Loan Sales were from our Non-control/Non-Affiliate investment category, the fair value of our Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments decreased from 30.2% to 10.1% of our total portfolio as of March 31, 2009 and 2010, respectively. In addition, the size of our portfolio decreased because we exited \$110.6 million in investments, at cost, partially offset by \$4.8 million in disbursements to existing portfolio companies, during the year ended March 31, 2010. We expect the overall composition of our investment portfolio to continue to consist of primarily Control and Affiliate investments. In light of current economic conditions, constraints on our ability to access the capital markets and the restraints upon our investing activities required to maintain our RIC status, our near-term strategy will be focused on retaining capital and building the value of our existing portfolio companies. We will also, where prudent and possible, consider the sale of lower-yielding investments. This strategy has resulted, and may continue to result, in significantly reduced investment activity, as our ability to make new investments under these conditions is largely dependent upon availability of proceeds from the sale or exit of existing portfolio investments, events which may be beyond our control, and has impacted our ability to satisfy the asset diversification test under the Code. As our capital constraints and asset diversification improve, we intend to continue our strategy of making conservative investments in businesses that we believe will weather the current economic conditions and that are likely to produce attractive long-term returns for our stockholders.

On April 14, 2009, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Gladstone Business Investment, LLC ( Business Investment ), we entered into a second amended and restated credit agreement providing for a \$50.0 million revolving line of credit (the Credit Facility ) arranged by Branch Banking and Trust Company ( BB&T ) as administrative agent. Key Equipment Finance Company Inc. also joined the Credit Facility as a committed lender. Under the terms of the Credit Facility, committed funding was reduced from \$125.0 million under our prior facility to \$50.0 million. See

Liquidity and Capital Resources section below for further information. The Credit Facility also limits our distributions to stockholders and, as a result, we decreased our monthly cash distribution rate in April 2009 by 50% as compared to the prior year period. We do not know when market conditions will stabilize, if adverse conditions will intensify or the full extent to which the disruptions will continue to affect us. If market instability persists or intensifies, we may experience increasing difficulty in raising capital. On April 13, 2010, we renewed the Credit Facility through Business Investment by entering into a third amended and restated credit agreement providing for a \$50 million, two year revolving line of credit. As of May 21, 2010, approximately \$11.1 million was outstanding under the Credit Facility and \$37.6 million was available for borrowing due to certain limitations on our borrowing base.

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

Recent market conditions have also affected the trading price of our common stock and thus our ability to finance new investments through the issuance of equity. On May 21, 2010, the closing market price of our common stock was \$5.44, which price represented a 37.8% discount to our March 31, 2010 net asset value ( NAV ) per share. When our stock is trading below NAV, as it has consistently traded subsequent to September 30, 2008, our ability to issue equity is constrained by provisions of the 1940 Act which generally prohibit the issuance and sale of our common stock below NAV per share without stockholder approval other than through sales to our then-existing stockholders pursuant to a rights offering. At our annual meeting of stockholders held on August 13, 2009, our stockholders approved a proposal which authorizes us to sell shares of our common stock at a price below our then current NAV per share for a period of one year from the date of approval, provided that our Board of Directors makes certain determinations prior to any such sale.

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

We expect that, given these regulatory and contractual constraints in combination with current market conditions, debt and equity capital may be costly or difficult for us to access for some time. For so long as this is the case, we will continue to focus our near-term strategy primarily on retaining capital and building the value of our existing portfolio companies to increase the likelihood of maintaining potential future returns. We will also, where prudent and possible, continue to consider the sale of lower-yielding investments. This has resulted, and may continue to result, in significantly reduced investment activity, as our ability to make new investments under these conditions is largely dependent on availability of proceeds from the sale or exit of existing portfolio investments, which events may be beyond our control.

## **Investment Highlights**

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010, we extended approximately \$4.8 million of investments to existing portfolio companies through revolver draws or additions to term notes. Also, during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010, we sold 30 syndicated loans for aggregate proceeds of approximately \$74.7 million, and we received scheduled and unscheduled contractual principal repayments of approximately \$15.5 million, for total principal repayments of approximately \$90.2 million. Since our initial public offering in June 2005 through March 31, 2010, we have made 142 investments in 87 companies for a total of approximately \$582.9 million, before giving effect to principal repayments on investments and divestitures.

## **Recent Developments**

### *Renewal of Credit Facility with Branch Bank and Trust Company*

On April 13, 2010, we renewed the Credit Facility through Business Investment, by entering into a third amended and restated credit agreement providing for a \$50.0 million, two year revolving line of credit. The Credit Facility maturity date is April 13, 2012, and if it is not renewed or extended by then, all principal and interest will be due and payable on or before April 13, 2013. Advances under the Credit Facility were modified to generally bear interest at the 30 day LIBOR rate (subject to a minimum rate of 2.0%), plus 4.5% per annum, with a commitment fee of 0.50% per annum on undrawn amounts when advances outstanding are above 50.0% of the commitment and will be 1.0% on undrawn amounts if the advances outstanding are below 50.0% of the commitment. In connection with the Credit Facility renewal, we paid an upfront fee of 1.0%. Other significant changes to the Credit facility include a reduced minimum net worth covenant, which was modified to \$155.0 million plus 50.0% of all equity and subordinated debt raised after April 13, 2010 and to maintain asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness of at least 200%, in accordance with Section 18 of the 1940 Act.

*Short-Term Loan*

For fiscal year 2010, for each of June 30, 2009, September 30, 2009, December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010 (the measurement dates), we satisfied the 50% threshold through the purchase of short-term qualified securities, which was funded primarily through a short-term loan agreement. Subsequent to the measurement dates, the short-term qualified securities matured and we repaid the short-term loan, at which time we again fell below the 50% threshold. Therefore, for year end, on March 30, 2010, we purchased \$85.0 million of short-term United States Treasury securities through Jefferies & Company, Inc. ( Jefferies ). The securities were purchased with \$10.0 million in funds drawn on the Credit Facility and the proceeds from a \$75.0 million short-term loan from Jefferies, with an effective annual interest rate of approximately 0.67%. On April 1, 2010, when the securities matured, we repaid the \$75.0 million loan from Jefferies in full, and, on April 2, 2010, we repaid the \$10.0 million drawn on the Credit Facility for the transaction.

*Non-Proprietary Investment Activity*

*Senior Syndicated Loan Sales*

**During April and May 2009, we finalized the Syndicated Loan Sales. The loans, in the aggregate, had a cost value of approximately \$104.2 million, or 29.9% of the cost value of our total investments, and an aggregate fair market value of approximately \$69.8 million, or 22.2% of the fair market value of our total investments, at March 31, 2009. As a result of these sales, we received approximately \$69.2 million in net cash proceeds and recorded a realized loss of approximately \$34.6 million.**

In October 2009, we completed the sales of certain other syndicated loans (HMTBP Acquisition II Corp. and a portion of Interstate FiberNet, Inc.) and received approximately \$5.5 million in net cash proceeds and recorded a realized loss of approximately \$1.3 million.

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**Upon the settlement of these sales, the remaining non-proprietary loans in our investment portfolio had a fair value of approximately \$10.7 million, or 5.2% of our total investments at March 31, 2010.**

Subsequent to March 31, 2010, Interstate FiberNet, Inc. made full repayment of its senior term debt owed to us. This payoff reduced our remaining non-proprietary loan balance further to \$4.0 million based on fair value as of March 31, 2010.

***Proprietary Investment Activity***

During our fiscal year ended March 31, 2010, we executed the following transactions with certain of our portfolio companies:

- In April 2009, A. Stucki Holding Corp. ( Stucki ) refinanced a portion of its senior term debt by making principal repayments of approximately \$2.0 million, which represented the next three quarterly payments due under normal amortization on both their senior term A (\$1.6 million) and senior term B (\$412) loans.
  
- In April 2009, ASH Holdings Corp. ( ASH ) made a repayment of approximately \$1.1 million on its revolving line of credit, which reduced the then-outstanding balance to \$500.
  
- In April 2009, we entered into an agreement to reduce the available credit limit on Mathey Investment, Inc. s ( Mathey ) revolving line of credit from \$2.0 million to \$1.0 million. This was a non-cash transaction.
  
- In April 2009, we made an investment disbursement to Cavert II Holding Corp. ( Cavert ) for approximately \$850 on its revolving line of credit, and the proceeds were used to make the next four quarterly payments due under normal amortization for both its senior term A and senior term B loans in a non-cash transaction. Subsequently, on April 17, 2009, Cavert repaid the outstanding \$850 in principal plus accrued interest on its revolving line of credit. The revolving line of credit was then sold to a third party for a nominal fee.
  
- In April 2009, we entered into an agreement to reduce the available credit limit on Chase II Holdings Corp. s ( Chase ) revolving line of credit from \$4.5 million to \$3.5 million. This was a non-cash transaction.
  
- In September, we agreed to an early termination of our revolving line of credit to B-Dry, LLC, which had an original maturity date of October 2009. The revolving line of credit was fully repaid at such time.

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- In October 2009, we refinanced our revolving line of credit with Chase to a third party and the outstanding balance of \$3.5 million, plus accrued interest, was repaid in full.
- In October 2009, one of our portfolio companies entered into an agreement with a third party to act as an advisor in looking at strategic investment alternatives.
- In October 2009, Stucki declared and, in November 2009, paid accrued dividends on its preferred stock, of which we received approximately \$953.
- In October 2009, we entered into an agreement with Stucki to waive all quarterly principal payments due on its Term Loan A and Term Loan B notes for the period from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. This was a non-cash transaction.
- In November 2009, we entered into an agreement to reduce the available credit limit on Danco Acquisition Corp.'s revolving line of credit from \$3.0 million to \$1.5 million. This was a non-cash transaction.
- In December 2009, we assumed 100% ownership of Mathey, previously an Affiliate investment, exercising our right after certain defaults on the part of Mathey and subsequent expiration of a forbearance period granted by us. We disbursed approximately \$282 to buy out the previous stockholders of Mathey and to pay for related legal expenses incurred in the process. Our investment in Mathey was reclassified from an Affiliate to a Control investment in the third quarter of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010 and is shown as a Control investment on the consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2010.
- In January 2010, we entered into an agreement with Noble Logistics, Inc. to extend the maturity of its revolving credit facility to May 2010.
- In February 2010, we executed a guaranty of a wholesale financing facility agreement between Agricredit Acceptance, LLC ( Agricredit ) and Country Club Enterprise, LLC, one of our Control Investments. Refer to Note 11, Commitments and Contingencies, for further information regarding this guaranty.
- Effective February 2010, the senior LOT note to Mathey was restructured into two separate notes, Term Loan B and Term Loan C, with face values of \$3.5 million and \$3.7 million, respectively.
- In March 2010, we invested \$870 in Stucki in the form of additional debt to the existing senior subordinated term debt for Stucki's acquisition of the assets of Midland Reclamation Company ( Midland ). Midland, located in Jerseyville, IL, is a reconitioner of freight car and locomotive couplers and supplier of freight car components. The investment carries the same



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terms as the original senior subordinated term debt facility. Our equity securities and ownership position did not change as a result of this transaction.

- In March 2010, we entered into agreements with ASH to extend the maturity dates of both their revolving line of credit and their senior subordinated term debt to March 2013. This was a non-cash transaction.
- In March 2010, we disbursed \$1.5 million to ASH under its revolving line of credit, the proceeds of which were used to pay off a facility due to the senior lender of ASH.

Refer to Note 14, Subsequent Events, for further investment activity occurring subsequent to March 31, 2010.

*Registration Statement*

On July 21, 2009, we filed a registration statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-160720) that was amended on October 2, 2009. The Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) declared the registration statement effective on October 8, 2009, and such registration statement will permit us to issue, through one or more transactions, an aggregate of \$300.0 million in securities, consisting of common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights, debt securities and warrants to purchase common stock, or a combination of these securities.

**Investment Strategy**

We expect that our target portfolio over time will include mostly subordinated loans, mezzanine debt, preferred stock, and warrants to buy common stock. Structurally, subordinated loans and mezzanine loans usually rank lower in priority of payment to senior debt, such as senior bank debt, and may be unsecured. However, subordinated debt and mezzanine loans rank senior to common and preferred equity in a borrower's capital structure. Typically, subordinated debt and mezzanine loans have elements of both debt and equity instruments, offering returns in the form of interest payments associated with senior debt, while providing lenders an opportunity to participate in the capital appreciation of a borrower, if any, through an equity position. Due to its higher risk profile and often less restrictive covenants as compared to senior debt, mezzanine debt generally earns a higher return than senior secured debt. Any warrants associated with mezzanine loans are typically detachable, which allows lenders to receive repayment of their principal on an agreed amortization schedule while retaining their equity interest in the borrower. Mezzanine debt also may include a put feature, which permits the holder to sell its equity interest back to the borrower at a price determined through a pre-determined formula.

Our primary investment focuses are situations involving buyouts and recapitalizations of small and mid-sized companies with established management teams. We expect that our investments will generally range between \$10 million and \$40 million each, although this investment size may vary proportionately as the size of our capital base changes. Typically, our investments mature in no more than seven years and accrue interest at fixed or variable rates. We intend to invest either by ourselves or jointly with other buyout funds and/or management of the portfolio company, depending on the opportunity. If we are participating in an investment with one or more co-investors, then our investment is likely to



be smaller than if we were investing alone.

Certain loan investments may have a form of interest that is not paid currently but is accrued and added to the loan balance and paid at the end of the term. This interest is called paid in kind ( PIK ) interest. We generally seek investments that do not generate PIK interest as we have to pay out this accrued interest as distributions to our stockholders and we may have to borrow money or raise additional capital in order to meet the tax test for RICs by having to pay out at least 90% of our income. As of March 31, 2010, none of our investments bore PIK interest.

Because the majority of our portfolio loans consist of term debt of private companies who typically cannot or will not expend the resources to have their debt securities rated by a credit rating agency, we expect that several of the debt securities we acquire will be unrated. We cannot accurately predict what ratings these loans might receive if they were rated, and thus cannot determine whether or not they could be considered investment grade quality.

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

Original issue discount ( OID ) arises when we extend a loan and receive an equity interest in the borrower at the same time. To the extent that the price paid for the equity is not at market value, we must allocate part of the price paid for the loan to the value of the equity. Then the amount allocated to the equity, the OID, must be amortized over the life of the loan. As with PIK interest, the amortization of OID also produces income that must be recognized for purposes of satisfying the distribution requirements for a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, whereas the cash is received, if at all, when the equity instrument is sold. We seek to avoid OID with all potential investments under review, and as of March 31, 2010, we did not hold any investments with OID income.

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In addition, as a business development company under the 1940 Act, we are required to make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. Our investment adviser, Gladstone Management Corporation, or our Adviser, provides these services on our behalf through its officers, who are also our officers. Currently, neither we nor our Adviser charges a fee for managerial assistance; however, if our Adviser does receive fees for such managerial assistance, our Adviser will credit the managerial assistance fees to the base management fee due from us to our Adviser.

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

Our Adviser also receives fees for monitoring and reviewing portfolio company investments. These fees are generally paid annually or quarterly in advance to our Adviser throughout the life of the investment. Fees of this nature are recorded as revenue by our Adviser when earned and are not credited against the base management fee.

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

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

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

**Our Adviser and Administrator**

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Our Adviser is led by a management team which has extensive experience in our lines of business. Our Adviser is controlled by David Gladstone, our chairman and chief executive officer. Mr. Gladstone is also the chairman and chief executive officer of our Adviser. David Dullum is our president and has extensive experience in private equity investing in middle market companies. Terry Lee Brubaker is our co-vice chairman and has substantial experience in acquisitions and operations of companies. George Stelljes III is our co-vice chairman and chief investment officer and has extensive experience in leveraged finance. One affiliate of our Adviser is Gladstone Administration, LLC (our Administrator ), which employs our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, treasurer, internal counsel and their respective staffs.

Our Adviser and Administrator also provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to our affiliates, Gladstone Commercial Corporation ( Gladstone Commercial ), a publicly traded real estate investment trust; Gladstone Capital Corporation ( Gladstone Capital ), a publicly traded BDC and RIC; Gladstone Lending Corporation ( Gladstone Lending ), a public non-traded BDC and RIC; Gladstone Partners Fund, L.P., a private partnership fund formed primarily to co-invest with us and Gladstone Capital; and Gladstone Land Corporation, a private agricultural real estate company. The majority of our executive officers serve as either directors or executive officers, or both, of our Adviser, our Administrator, Gladstone Commercial, Gladstone Capital and Gladstone Lending. In the future, our Adviser and Administrator may provide investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, to other funds, both public and private.

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

Under the amended and restated investment advisory and management agreement with our Adviser (the Advisory Agreement ), we pay our Adviser an annual base management fee of 2% of our average gross assets, which is defined as total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings, valued at the

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end of the two most recently completed quarters and appropriately adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the current quarter.

We also pay our Adviser a two-part incentive fee under the Advisory Agreement. The first part of the incentive fee is an income-based incentive fee which rewards our Adviser if our quarterly net investment income (before giving effect to any incentive fee) exceeds 1.75% of our net assets (the hurdle rate). The second part of the incentive fee is a capital gains-based incentive fee that is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each fiscal year (or upon termination of the Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), and equals 20% of our realized capital gains as of the end of the fiscal year. In determining the capital gains-based incentive fee payable to our Adviser, we will calculate the cumulative aggregate realized capital gains and cumulative aggregate realized capital losses since our inception, and the aggregate unrealized capital depreciation as of the date of the calculation, as applicable, with respect to each of the investments in our portfolio. The Adviser did not earn the capital gains portion of the incentive fee for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010.

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

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

The Adviser services our loan portfolio pursuant to a loan servicing agreement with Business Investment in return for a 2.0% annual fee, based on the monthly aggregate outstanding loan balance of the loans pledged under our line of credit.

On July 8, 2009, our Board of Directors approved the renewal of the Advisory Agreement with our Adviser through August 31, 2010. We expect that the Board of Directors will approve a further one year renewal in July 2010.

**Administration Agreement**

We have entered into an administration agreement with our Administrator (the Administration Agreement), whereby we pay separately for administrative services. The Administration Agreement provides for payments equal to our allocable portion of our Administrator's overhead expenses in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement including, but not limited to, rent for employees of our Administrator, and our allocable portion of the salaries and benefits expenses of our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, internal counsel, treasurer and their respective staffs. Our allocable portion of expenses is derived by multiplying our Administrator's total expenses by the percentage of our average assets (the total assets at the beginning of each quarter) in comparison to the average total assets of all companies managed by our Adviser under similar agreements. On July 8, 2009, our Board of Directors approved the renewal of this Administration Agreement with our Administrator through August 31, 2010. We expect that the Board of Directors will approve a further one year renewal in July 2010.



Table of Contents**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share amounts or unless otherwise indicated)***Comparison of the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2010 to the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2009*

|   | 2010        | For the fiscal year ended March 31, |            | % Change |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|
|   |             | 2009                                | \$ Change  |          |
| <b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>                                  |             |                                     |            |          |
| Interest income   | \$ 19,817   | \$ 25,245                           | \$ (5,428) | (21.5)%  |
| Other income  | 968         | 567                                 | 401        | 70.7     |
| Total investment income                                   | 20,785      | 25,812                              | (5,027)    | (19.5)   |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>   |             |                                     |            |          |
| Loan servicing fee  | 3,747       | 5,002                               | (1,255)    | (25.1)   |
| Base management fee                                       | 737         | 1,699                               | (962)      | (56.6)   |
| Incentive fee   | 588         |                                     | 588        | NM       |
| Administration fee  | 676         | 821                                 | (145)      | (17.7)   |
| Interest expense  | 1,988       | 5,349                               | (3,361)    | (62.8)   |
| Amortization of deferred financing fees                   | 1,618       | 323                                 | 1,295      | 400.9    |
| Other   | 1,659       | 1,704                               | (45)       | (2.6)    |
| Expenses before credits from Adviser                      | 11,013      | 14,898                              | (3,885)    | (26.1)   |
| Credits to fees   | (826)       | (2,474)                             | 1,648      | (66.6)   |
| Total expenses net of credits to fee                      | 10,187      | 12,424                              | (2,237)    | (18.0)   |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME                                     | 10,598      | 13,388                              | (2,790)    | (20.8)   |
| <b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED (LOSS) GAIN ON:</b>            |             |                                     |            |          |
| Net realized loss on investments                          | (35,923)    | (5,023)                             | (30,900)   | 615.2    |
| Net realized loss on other                                | (53)        |                                     | (53)       | NM       |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | 14,305      | (19,814)                            | 34,119     | NM       |
| Net unrealized appreciation on other                      | 2           |                                     | 2          | NM       |
| Net loss on investments, derivatives and borrowings       | (21,669)    | (24,837)                            | 3,168      | (12.8)   |
| NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS      | \$ (11,071) | \$ (11,449)                         | \$ 378     | (3.3)%   |

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*NM = Not Meaningful*

**Investment Income**

Total investment income decreased by 19.5% for the year ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the prior year. This decrease was due mainly to a decrease in the size of our loan portfolio, specifically the senior syndicated loans, as well as continuing decreases in the London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ), as compared to the year ended March 31, 2009.

Interest income from our investments in debt securities decreased for the year ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the prior year several reasons. The level of interest income from investments is directly related to the balance, at cost, of the interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the period multiplied by the weighted average yield. The weighted average yield varies from period to period based on the current stated interest rate on interest-bearing investments and the amounts of loans for which interest is not accruing. The weighted average cost basis of our interest-bearing investment portfolio during the year ended March 31, 2010 was approximately \$179.2 million, compared to approximately \$297.5 million for the prior year, due primarily to the aggregate senior syndicated loan sales that occurred during the current fiscal year ended March 31, 2010. The weighted average cost basis of loans on non-accrual for the years ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$6.6 million and \$12.0 million, respectively. The decrease in the non-accrual amount is due to the write-off of two additional loans in the prior year that were on non-accrual during fiscal year 2009. As of March 31, 2010, one loan, ASH Holdings Corp., was on non-accrual.

Also contributing to the decrease in our interest income from investments in debt securities was a decrease in the average LIBOR between the two fiscal years, which was approximately 0.28% for the year ended March 31, 2010, as compared to 1.96% for the prior year.

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

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| Company                                  | As of March 31, 2010 |                | Year Ended March 31, 2010 |                     |
|--|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|  | Fair Value           | % of Portfolio | Revenues                  | % of Total Revenues |
| A. Stucki Holding Corp.                  | \$ 50,379            | 24.3%          | \$ 3,246                  | 15.6%               |
| Chase II Holdings Corp.                  | 29,101               | 14.1           | 2,545                     | 12.2                |
| Cavert II Holding Corp.                  | 18,731               | 9.1            | 1,204                     | 5.8                 |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corp.                | 17,099               | 8.3            | 2,361                     | 11.4                |
| Danco Acquisition Corp.                  | 13,953               | 6.7            | 1,661                     | 8.0                 |
| <b>Subtotal five largest investments</b> | <b>129,263</b>       | <b>62.5</b>    | <b>11,017</b>             | <b>53.0</b>         |
| Other portfolio companies                | 77,595               | 37.5           | 9,768                     | 47.0                |
| <b>Total investment portfolio</b>        | <b>\$ 206,858</b>    | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>\$ 20,785</b>          | <b>100.0%</b>       |

| Company                                  | As of March 31, 2009 |                | Year Ended March 31, 2009 |                     |
|--|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|  | Fair Value           | % of Portfolio | Revenues                  | % of Total Revenues |
| A. Stucki Holding Corp.                  | \$ 49,431            | 15.8%          | \$ 2,716                  | 10.5%               |
| Chase II Holdings Corp.                  | 40,880               | 13.0           | 2,811                     | 10.9                |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corp.                | 22,437               | 7.2            | 1,436                     | 5.6                 |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.                    | 21,420               | 6.8            | 1,691                     | 6.6                 |
| Cavert II Holding Corp.                  | 18,632               | 5.9            | 1,587                     | 6.1                 |
| <b>Subtotal five largest investments</b> | <b>152,800</b>       | <b>48.7</b>    | <b>10,241</b>             | <b>39.7</b>         |
| Other portfolio companies                | 161,130              | 51.3           | 15,571                    | 60.3                |
| <b>Total investment portfolio</b>        | <b>\$ 313,930</b>    | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>\$ 25,812</b>          | <b>100.0%</b>       |

The annualized weighted average yield on our portfolio, excluding cash and cash equivalents, for the year ended March 31, 2010 was 11.02%, compared to 8.22% for the prior year. The weighted average yield varies from period to period based on the current stated interest rate on interest-bearing investments and the amounts of loans for which interest is not accruing. The increase in the weighted average yield for the current year ended March 31, 2010 resulted primarily from our sales of lower interest-bearing senior syndicated loans subsequent to March 31, 2009. The composition of our investment portfolio is primarily Control and Affiliate investments as of March 31, 2010.

Other income increased for the year ended March 31, 2010, as compared the prior year, due to the receipt of approximately \$953 of dividends from our preferred equity investment in Stucki. The prior year balance was due to dividends received during the restructuring of our investment in Quench Holdings Corp. The remaining balance in other income is comprised of other miscellaneous income amounts.

**Operating Expenses**

Total operating expenses, excluding any voluntary and irrevocable credits to the base management and incentive fees, decreased for the year ended March 31, 2010, primarily due to a reduction in interest expense associated with the Credit Facility, as well as an overall decrease in the amount of fees due to our Adviser, partially offset by an increase in deferred financing fees related to the Credit Facility entered into in April 2009, as compared to the prior year.

Loan servicing fees decreased for the year ended March 31, 2010, as compared to the prior year. These fees were incurred in connection with a loan servicing agreement between Business Investment and our Adviser, which is based on the value of the aggregate outstanding balance of eligible loans in our portfolio, and were directly credited against the amount of the base management fee due to our Adviser. The decrease in fees is a result of the reduced size of our pledged loan portfolio, caused primarily by the Syndicated Loan Sales.



The base management fee decreased for the year ended March 31, 2010, as compared to the prior year, which is reflective of fewer total assets held during the 2010 fiscal year when compared to the prior year. Likewise, due to the liquidation of the majority of our syndicated loans, the credit received against the gross base management fee for investments in syndicated loans has also been reduced. The base management fee is computed quarterly, as described under *Investment Advisory and Management Agreement* in Note 4 of the notes to the accompanying consolidated financial statements and is summarized in the table below:

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|  | Year Ended March 31, |            |
|--|----------------------|------------|
|  | 2010                 | 2009       |
| <b>Average total assets subject to base management fee(1)</b>                                      | \$ 224,200           | \$ 335,050 |
| Multiplied by annual base management fee of 2%   | 2%                   | 2%         |
| <b>Unadjusted base management fee</b>  | <b>4,484</b>         | 6,701      |
| Reduction for loan servicing fees(2)   | (3,747)              | (5,002)    |
| <b>Base management fee(2)</b>  | <b>\$ 737</b>        | \$ 1,699   |
| <i>Credits to base management fee from Adviser:</i>  |                      |            |
| Fee reduction for the waiver of 2.0% fee on senior syndicated loans to 0.5%                        | (291)                | (1,613)    |
| Credit for fees received by Adviser from the portfolio companies                                   | (433)                | (861)      |
| <b>Credit to base management fee from Adviser</b>  | <b>(724)</b>         | (2,474)    |
| <b>Net base management fee</b>   | <b>\$ 13</b>         | \$ (775)   |
| <b>Incentive fee(2)</b>  | <b>\$ 588</b>        | \$         |
| Credit from voluntary, irrevocable waiver issued by Adviser's board of directors                   | (102)                |            |
| <b>Net incentive fee</b>   | <b>\$ 486</b>        | \$         |
| <b>Total credits to fees:</b>  |                      |            |
| Fee reduction for the voluntary, irrevocable waiver of 2.0% fee on senior syndicated loans to 0.5% | \$ (291)             | \$ (1,613) |
| Credit for fees received by Adviser from portfolio companies                                       | (433)                | (861)      |
| Incentive fee credit   | (102)                |            |
| <b>Credit to base management and incentive fees from Adviser(2)</b>                                | <b>\$ (826)</b>      | \$ (2,474) |

(1) Average total assets subject to the base management fee is defined as total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings, valued at the end of the four most recently completed quarters and appropriately adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the current year.

(2) Reflected as a line item on the consolidated statement of operations located elsewhere in this report.

For the first time since our inception, an incentive fee was earned by the Adviser during the third quarter of the year ended March 31, 2010, due in part to a one-time dividend received from Stucki.

The administration fee decreased for the year ended March 31, 2010, as compared the prior year. This decrease was also a result of fewer total assets held during the year ended March 31, 2010 in relation to the other funds administered by our Administrator, as compared to the prior year. The calculation of the administration fee is described in detail under *Administration Agreement* in Note 4 of the notes to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Interest expense decreased for the year ended March 31, 2010, as compared to the prior year primarily due to decreased borrowings under the Credit Facility, partially offset by increased borrowing costs, during the year ended March 31, 2010. The weighted average balance outstanding on our line of credit during the year ended March 31, 2010 was approximately \$25.8 million, as compared to \$107.4 million in the prior year, a decrease of 76.0%. The effective interest rate, excluding the impact of deferred financing fees, charged on our borrowings increased under our

Credit Facility during the year ended March 31, 2010 to 7.59%, up from 4.98% under our Prior Credit Facility utilized during the prior fiscal year.

We incurred significant one-time costs related to the termination of our Prior Credit Facility and transition to our Credit Facility, resulting in increased amortization of deferred financing fees during the year ended March 31, 2010 when compared to the prior year.

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

##### *Realized Losses*

During the year ended March 31, 2010, we exited 30 senior syndicated loans and a portion of another senior syndicated loan for aggregate proceeds of approximately \$74.7 million in cash and recorded a realized loss of approximately \$35.9 million. For the year ended March 31, 2009, we recognized a net loss on ten sales and three early exits of senior syndicated loans in the aggregate amount of approximately \$5.0 million. The increase in realized losses is attributable to the Syndicated Loan Sales, which resulted from the liquidity needs associated with the repayment of amounts outstanding under our Prior Credit Facility that matured in April 2009.

##### *Unrealized Appreciation and Depreciation*

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments is the net change in the fair value of our investment portfolio during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains and losses are actually realized. During the year ended March 31, 2010, we recorded net unrealized appreciation of investments in the aggregate

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amount of \$14.3 million, which included the reversal of \$35.7 million in unrealized depreciation related to sales during the year. Excluding reversals, we had \$21.4 million in net unrealized depreciation for the year ended March 31, 2010. During the prior year, we had net unrealized depreciation of investments in the aggregate amount of \$19.8 million. The unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the year ended March 31, 2010 was as follows:

| Portfolio Company                     | Year Ended March 31, 2010   |  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
|                                       | Investment Classification   | Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) |
| Aggregate Non-Proprietary Investments | Non-Control / Non-Affiliate | \$ 37,997 <sup>(1)</sup>                   |
| Cavert II Holding Corp.               | Control                     | 3,162                                      |
| A.Stucki Holding Corp.                | Control                     | 2,773                                      |
| Quench Holdings Corp.                 | Affiliate                   | 1,032                                      |
| B-Dry, LLC                            | Non-Control / Non-Affiliate | 370  |
| ASH Holdings Corp.                    | Control                     | (684)                                      |
| Mathey Investments, Inc.              | Control                     | (838) <sup>(2)</sup>                       |
| Tread Corp.                           | Affiliate                   | (1,227)                                    |
| Danco Acquisition Corp.               | Affiliate                   | (1,875)                                    |
| Noble Logistics, Inc.                 | Affiliate                   | (2,251)                                    |
| Country Club Enterprises, LLC         | Control                     | (3,856)                                    |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corp.             | Control                     | (5,338)                                    |
| Chase II Holdings Corp.               | Control                     | (7,124)                                    |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.                 | Control                     | (7,836)                                    |
| <b>Total:</b>                         |                             | <b>\$ 14,305</b>                           |

(1) Includes the reversal of approximately \$35.7 million of previously-recorded unrealized depreciation relating to loans sold during the year ended March 31, 2010, as well as the net unrealized appreciation experienced during the year on Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments held at March 31, 2010.

(2) Investment was reclassified from an Affiliate investment to a Control investment in the third quarter of the year ended March 31, 2010. Net unrealized depreciation of \$838 includes \$260 of unrealized appreciation recorded while classified as an Affiliate investment and \$1,098 of unrealized depreciation recorded while classified as a Control investment.

The primary driver of our net unrealized appreciation for the year ended March 31, 2010 was the reversal of previously-recorded unrealized depreciation on our senior syndicated loan sales. Significant appreciation was also experienced in our equity holdings of Cavert and Stucki, as well as in our debt position of Interstate FiberNet. Substantial depreciation occurred in our equity holdings of several Control and Affiliate investments, most notably Chase, Acme Cryogenics, Galaxy Tool, and Country Club Enterprises. The unrealized depreciation recognized on our portfolio investments was due predominantly to a reduction in certain comparable multiples and, to a lesser extent, the performance of some of our portfolio companies used to estimate the fair value of our investments.

The unrealized appreciation (depreciation) across our investments for the year ended March 31, 2009 was as follows:

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| Portfolio Company                        | Investment<br>Classification   | Net Unrealized<br>Appreciation<br>(Depreciation) |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| A.Stucki Holding Corp.                   | Control                        | \$ 4,339   |
| Chase II Holdings Corp.                  | Control                        | 2,874  |
| ASH Holdings Corp.                       | Control                        | 1,101  |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corp.                | Control                        | 1,027  |
| Tread Corp.                              | Affiliate                      | 418  |
| Quench Holdings Corp.                    | Affiliate                      | 392(1)   |
| Cavert II Holding Corp.                  | Control                        | 384  |
| Mathey Investments, Inc.                 | Affiliate                      | (260)  |
| B-Dry, LLC                               | Non-Control /<br>Non-Affiliate | (617)  |
| Danco Acquisition Corp.                  | Affiliate                      | (1,908)  |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.                    | Control                        | (4,143)  |
| Noble Logistics, Inc.                    | Affiliate                      | (7,620)  |
| Aggregate Non-Proprietary<br>Investments | Non-Control /<br>Non-Affiliate | (15,801)   |
| <b>Total:</b>                            |                                | <b>\$ (19,814)</b>                               |

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(1) Investment was reclassified from a Control investment to an Affiliate investment in the second quarter of fiscal year 2009. Net unrealized appreciation of \$392 includes \$3,447 of unrealized depreciation recorded while classified as a Control investment and \$3,055 of unrealized appreciation recorded while classified as an Affiliate investment.

The primary driver of our net unrealized depreciation the year ended March 31, 2009 was the decline in value of our senior syndicated loans, which depreciated by \$14.9 million, as well as significant decreases in value of our equity holdings in Acme and our overall investment in Noble Logistics. Partially offsetting these declines were sizeable appreciations in our equity holdings of Stucki, Chase, and Quench.

Over our entire investment portfolio, we recorded an aggregate of approximately \$35.1 million of net unrealized appreciation on our debt positions for the year ended March 31, 2010, while our equity holdings experienced an aggregate of approximately \$20.8 million of net unrealized depreciation. At March 31, 2010, the fair value of our investment portfolio was less than the cost basis of our portfolio by approximately \$20.7 million, as compared to \$35.0 million at March 31, 2009, representing net unrealized appreciation of \$14.3 million for the period. We believe that our aggregate investment portfolio was valued at a depreciated value due primarily to the general instability of the loan markets and resulting decrease in market multiples. Due to the continued devaluations over the past year on our equity investments, our entire portfolio was fair valued at 90.9% of cost as of March 31, 2010. The unrealized depreciation of our investments does not have an impact on our current ability to pay distributions to stockholders; however, it may be an indication of future realized losses, which could ultimately reduce our income available for distribution.

**Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations**

For the year ended March 31, 2010, we recorded a net decrease in net assets resulting from operations of \$11.1 million as a result of the factors discussed above. For the year ended March 31, 2009, we recorded a net decrease in net assets resulting from operations of \$11.4 million. Our net decrease in net assets resulting from operations per basic and diluted weighted average common share for the years ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 were \$0.50 and \$0.53, respectively.

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|  | 2009        | For the fiscal year ended March 31, |             |  |          |
|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|----------|
|  |             | 2008                                | \$ Change   |  | % Change |
| <b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>                             |             |                                     |             |  |          |
| Interest income                                      |             |                                     |             |  |          |
| Interest income                                      | \$ 25,245   | \$ 27,894                           | \$ (2,649)  |  | (9.5)%   |
| Other income   | 567         |                                     | 567         |  | NM       |
| Total investment income                              | 25,812      | 27,894                              | (2,082)     |  | (7.5)    |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                      |             |                                     |             |  |          |
| Loan servicing fee                                   | 5,002       | 5,014                               | (12)        |  | (0.2)    |
| Base management fee                                  | 1,699       | 1,803                               | (104)       |  | (5.8)    |
| Administration fee                                   | 821         | 855                                 | (34)        |  | (4.0)    |
| Interest expense                                     | 5,349       | 7,733                               | (2,384)     |  | (30.8)   |
| Amortization of deferred financing fees              | 323         | 734                                 | (411)       |  | (56.0)   |
| Other  | 1,704       | 1,512                               | 192         |  | 12.7     |
| Expenses before credits from Adviser                 | 14,898      | 17,651                              | (2,753)     |  | (15.6)   |
| Credits to fees                                      | (2,474)     | (2,809)                             | 335         |  | (11.9)   |
| Total expenses net of credits to fee                 | 12,424      | 14,842                              | (2,418)     |  | (16.3)   |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME                                | 13,388      | 13,052                              | 336         |  | 2.6      |
| <b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED (LOSS) GAIN ON:</b>       |             |                                     |             |  |          |
| Realized loss on investments                         | (5,023)     | (2,412)                             | (2,611)     |  | 108.3    |
| Net unrealized depreciation on investments           | (19,814)    | (11,528)                            | (8,286)     |  | 71.9     |
| Net unrealized depreciation on other                 |             | (53)                                | 53          |  | NM       |
| Net loss on investments and derivatives              | (24,837)    | (13,993)                            | (10,844)    |  | 77.5     |
| NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS | \$ (11,449) | \$ (941)                            | \$ (10,508) |  | NM       |

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NM = Not Meaningful

**Investment Income**

Investment income decreased for the year ended March 31, 2009, as compared to the year ended March 31, 2008, due mainly to a reduction in the size of our loan portfolio, as well as decreases in LIBOR over the respective periods.

Interest income from our investments in debt securities decreased for the year ended March 31, 2009, as compared to the prior year for several reasons. The level of interest income from investments is directly related to the balance, at cost, of the interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the period multiplied by the weighted average yield. The weighted average yield varies from period to period based on the current stated interest rate on interest-bearing investments and the amounts of loans for which interest is not accruing. The decline in interest income from our debt securities was primarily due to the decrease in the weighted average yield of our portfolio, attributable mainly to a reduction in the average LIBOR during the comparable time periods, which was approximately 1.96% for the year ended March 31, 2009, compared to 4.74% in the prior year.

Interest income from Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments decreased for the year ended March 31, 2009, as compared to the prior year. This decrease was the result of an overall decrease in the number of Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments held at March 31, 2009 compared to the prior year, primarily due to sales and settlements of syndicated loans subsequent to March 31, 2008. This decrease was further accentuated by drops in LIBOR, due to the instability and tightening of the credit markets.

Interest income from Control investments increased slightly for the year ended March 31, 2009 compared to the prior year. The increase is attributable to the acquisition of two additional Control investments, Galaxy Tool Holding Corp. and Country Club Enterprises, LLC, purchased during the year ended March 31, 2009 as compared to the prior year; however, this increase was partially offset by the reclassification of Quench, a Control investment at March 31, 2008, as an Affiliate investment in the second quarter of fiscal year 2009. Decreases in LIBOR during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009 played a minimal role in interest income from our proprietary deals, as the majority of them include interest rate floors to protect against such circumstances.

Interest income from Affiliate investments also increased for the year ended March 31, 2009, as compared to the prior year. This increase was due mainly to the reclassification of Quench Holdings Corp. as an Affiliate investment, as noted above, and the additional interest income accrued under the Affiliate investments classification as a result.



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The interest-bearing investment portfolio had an average cost basis of approximately \$297.5 million for the year ended March 31, 2009, as compared to an average cost basis of \$292.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2008. The following table lists the interest income from investments for the five largest portfolio company investments at fair value during the respective periods:

| Company                                  | As of March 31, 2009 |                | Year Ended March 31, 2009 |                     |
|--|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|  | Fair Value           | % of Portfolio | Revenues                  | % of Total Revenues |
| A. Stucki Holding Corp.                  | \$ 49,431            | 15.8%          | \$ 2,716                  | 10.5%               |
| Chase II Holdings Corp.                  | 40,880               | 13.0           | 2,811                     | 10.9                |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corp.                | 22,437               | 7.2            | 1,436                     | 5.6                 |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.                    | 21,420               | 6.8            | 1,691                     | 6.6                 |
| Cavert II Holding Corp.                  | 18,632               | 5.9            | 1,587                     | 6.1                 |
| <b>Subtotal five largest investments</b> | <b>152,800</b>       | <b>48.7</b>    | <b>10,241</b>             | <b>39.7</b>         |
| Other portfolio companies                | 161,130              | 51.3           | 15,571                    | 60.3                |
| <b>Total investment portfolio</b>        | <b>\$ 313,930</b>    | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>\$ 25,812</b>          | <b>100.0%</b>       |

| Company                                  | As of March 31, 2008 |                | Year Ended March 31, 2008 |                     |
|--|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|  | Fair Value           | % of Portfolio | Revenues                  | % of Total Revenues |
| A. Stucki Holding Corp.                  | \$ 44,687            | 13.3%          | \$ 3,377                  | 12.1%               |
| Chase II Holdings Corp.                  | 39,151               | 11.7           | 3,026                     | 10.8                |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.                    | 25,563               | 7.6            | 1,695                     | 6.1                 |
| Cavert II Holding Corp.                  | 21,348               | 6.4            | 740                       | 2.7                 |
| Noble Logistics, Inc.                    | 18,532               | 5.5            | 1,518                     | 5.4                 |
| <b>Subtotal five largest investments</b> | <b>149,281</b>       | <b>44.5</b>    | <b>10,356</b>             | <b>37.1</b>         |
| Other portfolio companies                | 186,324              | 55.5           | 17,538                    | 62.9                |
| <b>Total investment portfolio</b>        | <b>\$ 335,604</b>    | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>\$ 27,894</b>          | <b>100.0%</b>       |

The annualized weighted average yield on our portfolio, excluding cash and cash equivalents, for the year ended March 31, 2009 was 8.22%, compared to 8.91% for the prior year. The decrease in the weighted average yield resulted primarily from a reduction in the average LIBOR, due to the instability and tightening of the credit markets.

Interest income from invested cash and cash equivalents decreased for the year ended March 31, 2009 as compared to the prior year. This decrease is a result of lower interest rates offered by banks, as this income is derived mainly from interest earned on overnight sweeps of cash held at financial institutions, in addition to us using the proceeds from repayments on outstanding loans during the year to pay down our line of credit.

Other income increased for the year ended March 31, 2009, as compared to the prior year period, due to dividends received during the restructuring of our investment in Quench Holdings Corp. during August 2008.

**Operating Expenses**

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Total operating expenses, excluding any voluntary and irrevocable credits to the base management fee and incentive fees, decreased for the year ended March 31, 2009 as compared to the prior year, primarily due to a reduction in interest costs associated with our line of credit, as well as a decrease in the amount of deferred financing costs that were fully amortized during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009.

Loan servicing fees remained relatively flat for the year ended March 31, 2009 when compared to the prior year. These fees were incurred in connection with a loan servicing agreement between Business Investment and our Adviser, which is based on the value of the aggregate outstanding portfolio pledged against the credit facilities. These fees were directly credited against the amount of the base management fee due to our Adviser. The consistency in loan servicing fees is the result of similar balances in our portfolio of loans being serviced by our Adviser during the comparable years.

The base management fee decreased for the year ended March 31, 2009, as compared to the prior year period, which is reflective of fewer total assets held during the year ended March 31, 2009 when compared to the prior fiscal year. The base management fee is computed quarterly, as described under *Investment Advisory and Management Agreement* in Note 4 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements and is summarized in the table below:

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|   | Year Ended March 31, |            |
|---|----------------------|------------|
|   | 2009                 | 2008       |
| <b>Average total assets subject to base management fee(1)</b>               | \$ 335,050           | \$ 340,850 |
| Multiplied by annual base management fee of 2%                              | 2%                   | 2%         |
| <b>Unadjusted base management fee</b>                                       | 6,701                | 6,817      |
| Reduction for loan servicing fees(2)  | (5,002)              | (5,014)    |
| <b>Base management fee(2)</b>   | 1,699                | 1,803      |
| <i>Credits to base management fee from Adviser:</i>                         |                      |            |
| Fee reduction for the waiver of 2.0% fee on senior syndicated loans to 0.5% | (1,613)              | (1,764)    |
| Credit for fees received by Adviser from the portfolio companies            | (861)                | (1,045)    |
| <b>Credit to base management fee from Adviser(2)</b>                        | (2,474)              | (2,809)    |
| <b>Net base management fee</b>  | \$ (775)             | \$ (1,006) |

(1) Average total assets subject to the base management fee is defined as total assets, including investments made with proceeds of borrowings, less any uninvested cash or cash equivalents resulting from borrowings, valued at the end of the four most recently completed quarters and appropriately adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the current year.

(2) Reflected as a line item on the consolidated statement of operations located elsewhere in this report.

The administration fees payable to our Administrator decreased slightly for the year ended March 31, 2009 as compared to the prior year period. This fee consists of our allocable portion of our Administrator's rent and other overhead expenses, and our allocable portion of the salaries and benefits of our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, treasurer, and their respective staffs. Our allocable portion of expenses is derived by multiplying the total expenses by the percentage of our average assets (the assets at the beginning of each quarter) in comparison to the average assets of all companies managed by our Adviser that are under similar administration agreements with our Administrator. This decrease was attributable to a modest decrease in our total assets in relation to the other funds serviced by our Administrator during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008.

Interest expense decreased for the year ended March 31, 2009 as compared to the prior year as a direct result of decreased borrowings under our line of credit during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009 as compared to the prior fiscal year. While there was an increase in the interest rate margin charged on the outstanding borrowings upon renewing the facility during October 2009, the overall LIBOR base rate decrease during the period offset this interest rate margin increase.

Other operating expenses for the year ended March 31, 2009 (including amortization of deferred financing fees, professional fees, stockholder related costs, insurance expense, directors' fees, and other direct expenses) decreased slightly over the prior year, driven primarily by lower deferred financing fee amortization than in the prior year, as amortization of costs incurred in connection with the previous line of credit were fully realized by October 2008.

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

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For the year ended March 31, 2009, we recognized a net loss on ten sales and three premature exits of senior syndicated loans in the aggregate amount of \$5.0 million, and we recorded net unrealized depreciation of investments in the aggregate amount of \$19.8 million. At March 31, 2008, we recognized a net loss on the sale of 17 syndicated loans in the aggregate amount of \$2.4 million, and we recorded net unrealized depreciation of investments in the aggregate amount of \$11.5 million.

At March 31, 2009, the fair value of our investment portfolio was less than the cost basis of our portfolio by approximately \$35.0 million, as compared to \$15.2 at March 31, 2008, representing net unrealized depreciation of \$19.8 million for the year. The majority of our unrealized depreciation for the year occurred in our senior syndicated loans, which decreased in value by \$14.9 million during the fiscal year, primarily as a result of the pending consummation of the Syndicated Loan Sales. The most significant losses occurred in Interstate FiberNet, LVI Services, Generac, CRC Health Group, PTS Acquisition Corp., and Network Solutions, all of which were sold subsequent to March 31, 2009. Our Affiliate investments also experienced an overall devaluation, driven primarily by losses on Noble Logistics and on our debt and equity portions of Quench and Danco, respectively. Slightly offsetting this was an appreciation in the value of our equity held in Quench. We valued the debt portion of bundled debt and equity investments in non-controlled companies in accordance with board approved valuation policies, which valued the debt securities through the use of a liquidity waterfall approach. Consistent with our Board of Directors' ongoing review and analysis of appropriate valuation policies, and in conjunction with our adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, on April 1, 2008, the Board of Directors modified our valuation procedures so that the debt portion of bundled investments in non-controlled companies is valued by Standard & Poor's Securities Evaluations, Inc. (SPSE), which change had a positive impact on net unrealized appreciation in the amount of approximately \$8.5 million for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009. Our Control investments, however, performed quite well, appreciating in value by an aggregate of approximately \$5.6 million during the fiscal year. This increase was led by our equity positions in Stucki, Chase and Galaxy Tools, as well as an increase in the fair market value

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of the debt portion of ASH, which previously had no fair value. Countering this appreciation in value was an unrealized loss in the equity of Acme Cryogenics, which depreciated in fair value by approximately \$4.1 million.

Although our investment portfolio had depreciated, our entire portfolio was fair valued at 90.0% of the cost of the investments as of March 31, 2009. We believe that the depreciation was due primarily to the general instability of the loan markets. The unrealized depreciation of our investments does not have an impact on our current ability to pay distributions to stockholders; however, it may be an indication of future realized losses, which could ultimately reduce our income available for distribution. The Syndicated Loan Sales, for example, resulted in a realized loss of approximately \$34.6 million.

**Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations**

For the year ended March 31, 2009, we recorded a net decrease in net assets resulting from operations of \$11.4 million as a result of the factors discussed above. Our net decrease in net assets resulting from operations per basic and diluted weighted average common share for the years ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 were \$0.53 and \$0.06, respectively. For the year ended March 31, 2008, we recorded a net decrease in net assets resulting from operations of \$0.9 million. We will continue to incur base management fees, which are likely to increase to the extent our investment portfolio grows, and we may begin to incur incentive fees. The administrative fee payable to our Administrator is also likely to grow during future periods to the extent our average total assets grow in comparison to prior periods and as the expenses incurred by our Administrator to support our operations increase.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share amounts or unless otherwise indicated)**

**Operating Activities**

Net cash provided by operating activities for the year ended March 31, 2010 was approximately \$99.3 million and consisted primarily of proceeds received from the Syndicated Loan Sales and the net loss realized on those sales and principal payments received from existing investments, partially offset by the unrealized appreciation experienced throughout our loan portfolio during the year ended March 31, 2010. Net cash provided by operating activities for the year ended March 31, 2009 was approximately \$13.6 million and consisted primarily of principal loan repayments, proceeds from the sale of existing portfolio investments, and net unrealized depreciation of our investments. These cash inflows were partially offset by the purchases of two new Control investments, one new Affiliate investment and other disbursements to existing portfolio companies.

At March 31, 2010, we had investments in equity of, loans to, or syndicated participations in, 16 private companies with an aggregate cost basis of approximately \$227.6 million. At March 31, 2009, we had investments in equity of, loans to or syndicated participations in 46 private companies with an aggregate cost basis of approximately \$348.9 million. The following table summarizes our total portfolio investment activity during the years ended March 31, 2010 and 2009:

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|  | Year Ended March 31, |                   |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2010                 | 2009              |
| Beginning investment portfolio at fair value     | \$ 313,930           | \$ 335,604        |
| New investments                                  | 4,788                | 53,002            |
| Principal repayments                             | (15,534)             | (35,871)          |
| Proceeds from sales                              | (74,706)             | (13,914)          |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)(1)    | 14,305               | (19,814)          |
| Net realized loss                                | (35,923)             | (5,023)           |
| Amortization of premiums and discounts           | (2)                  | (54)              |
| <b>Ending investment portfolio at fair value</b> | <b>\$ 206,858</b>    | <b>\$ 313,930</b> |

(1) Includes the reversal of unrealized depreciation due to investment exits for the years ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 of \$35.7 and \$6.1 million, respectively.

During the years ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, the following investment activity occurred during each quarter of the respective fiscal year:

| Quarter Ended                 | Investment Disbursements (1) | Principal Repayments (2) | Proceeds from Sales/Exits (3) | Net Loss on Disposal |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>June 30, 2009</b>          | \$ 1,500(a)                  | \$ 7,575(a)              | \$ 69,222                     | \$ (34,605)          |
| <b>September 30, 2009</b>     | 318                          | 2,757                    |                               |                      |
| <b>December 31, 2009</b>      | 595                          | 4,496                    | 5,484                         | (1,318)              |
| <b>March 31, 2010</b>         | 2,375                        | 706                      |                               |                      |
| <b>Total fiscal year 2010</b> | <b>\$ 4,788</b>              | <b>\$ 15,534</b>         | <b>\$ 74,706</b>              | <b>\$ (35,923)</b>   |
| June 30, 2008                 | \$ 8,980                     | \$ 3,493                 | \$ 13,227                     | \$ (1,718)           |
| September 30, 2008            | 27,632                       | 18,841                   |                               | (2,498)              |
| December 31, 2008             | 11,043                       | 4,469                    |                               |                      |
| March 31, 2009                | 5,347(b)                     | 9,068(b)                 | 687                           | (807)                |
| <b>Total fiscal year 2009</b> | <b>\$ 53,002</b>             | <b>\$ 35,871</b>         | <b>\$ 13,914</b>              | <b>\$ (5,023)</b>    |

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(a) Includes a non-cash transaction whereby a portfolio company, Cavert II Holdings Corp., drew \$850 on its revolving line of credit and immediately used the proceeds to pay down its senior term A and senior term B loans. No cash was disbursed in this transaction, as it was simply a transfer of balance. The \$850 drawn on the credit line was subsequently paid off in full, and the line was sold to a third party for a nominal fee.

(b) Includes a non-cash assumption of \$3,043 worth of senior notes received from American Greetings Corporation for our agreement to the RPG bankruptcy settlement in which we received the aforementioned notes and \$909 in cash and recognized a loss on the settlement of approximately \$601.

**(1) Investment Disbursements:**

| Quarter Ended      | New Investments |             |           | Disbursements to Existing<br>Portfolio Companies |           | Total<br>Disbursements |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|--|-----------|------------------------|
|                    | Companies       | Investments |           |  |           |                        |
| June 30, 2009      | 0               | \$          | \$        | 1,500(a)   | \$        | 1,500(a)               |
| September 30, 2009 | 0               |             |           | 318  |           | 318                    |
| December 31, 2009  | 0               |             |           | 595  |           | 595                    |
| March 31, 2010     | 0               |             |           | 2,375  |           | 2,375                  |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>0</b>        | <b>\$</b>   | <b>\$</b> | <b>4,788</b>                                     | <b>\$</b> | <b>4,788</b>           |

| Quarter Ended      | New Investments |             |               | Disbursements to Existing<br>Portfolio Companies |               | Total<br>Disbursements |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--|---------------|------------------------|
|                    | Companies       | Investments |               |  |               |                        |
| June 30, 2008      | 1               | (b) \$      | 5,753         | \$   | 3,227         | \$ 8,980               |
| September 30, 2008 | 1               | (c)         | 21,410        |  | 6,222         | 27,632                 |
| December 31, 2008  | 1               | (d)         | 10,725        |  | 318           | 11,043                 |
| March 31, 2009     | 1               | (e)         | 3,043(e)      |  | 2,304         | 5,347(e)               |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>4</b>        | <b>\$</b>   | <b>40,931</b> | <b>\$</b>  | <b>12,071</b> | <b>\$ 53,002</b>       |

(a) See note (a) in previous table.

(b) Tread Corporation.

(c) Galaxy Tool Corporation

(d) Country Club Enterprises, LLC.

(e) See note (b) in previous table.

**(2) Principal Repayments:**

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| Quarter Ended      | Scheduled Principal Repayments | Unscheduled Principal Repayments(a) | Total Principal Repayments |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| June 30, 2009      | \$ 2,004                       | \$ 5,571(b)                         | \$ 7,575                   |
| September 30, 2009 | 387                            | 2,370(c)                            | 2,757                      |
| December 31, 2009  | 396                            | 4,100(d)                            | 4,496                      |
| March 31, 2010     | 506                            | 200                                 | 706                        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$ 3,293</b>                | <b>\$ 12,241</b>                    | <b>\$ 15,534</b>           |

| Quarter Ended      | Scheduled Principal Repayments | Unscheduled Principal Repayments (a) | Total Principal Repayments |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| June 30, 2008      | \$ 2,516                       | \$ 977                               | \$ 3,493                   |
| September 30, 2008 | 3,294                          | 15,547(e)                            | 18,841                     |
| December 31, 2008  | 2,018                          | 2,451                                | 4,469                      |
| March 31, 2009     | 1,920                          | 7,148(f)                             | 9,068                      |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$ 9,748</b>                | <b>\$ 26,123</b>                     | <b>\$ 35,871</b>           |

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(a) Includes principal repayments due to excess cash flows, covenant trips, exits, refinancing, etc.

(b) Includes principal payments received in connection with the refinancing of Stucki and Cavert.

(c) Includes \$2.0 million voluntary prepayment from Cavert on its Senior Term Debt.

(d) Includes full repayment of Chase line of credit in the amount of \$3.5 million.

(e) Includes early payoff of Hudson in the amount of \$6.0 million and principal proceeds of \$7.0 million received in connection with the Quench Holdings Corp. restructuring.

(f) Includes the receipt of approximately \$4.0 million in consideration from the RPG settlement (\$3.1 million in American Greetings Corp. senior notes and \$900 cash), as well as \$996 in unscheduled principal payments from various senior syndicated loans.



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| Quarter Ended      | Number of<br>Investments Exited | Proceeds<br>Received | Position<br>Exited | Unamortized<br>Loan Costs(a) | Net Loss on<br>Exit |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| June 30, 2009      | 29 (b)                          | \$ 69,222            | \$ 103,772         | \$ 55                        | \$ (34,605)         |
| September 30, 2009 | 0                               |                      |                    |                              |                     |
| December 31, 2009  | 1                               | 5,484(c)             | 6,810(c)           | (8)(c)                       | (1,318)(c)          |
| March 31, 2010     | 0                               |                      |                    |                              |                     |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>30</b>                       | <b>\$ 74,706</b>     | <b>\$ 110,582</b>  | <b>\$ 47</b>                 | <b>\$ (35,923)</b>  |

| Quarter Ended      | Number of<br>Investments Exited | Proceeds<br>Received | Position<br>Exited | Unamortized<br>Loan Costs (a) | Net Loss on<br>Exit |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| June 30, 2008      | 6                               | \$ 13,227(d)         | \$ 14,926(d)       | \$ 19(d)                      | \$ (1,718)(d)       |
| September 30, 2008 | 2 (e)                           |                      | 2,480              | 18                            | (2,498)             |
| December 31, 2008  | 0                               |                      |                    |                               |                     |
| March 31, 2009     | 2 (f)                           | 687                  | 1,492              | 2                             | (807)               |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>10</b>                       | <b>\$ 13,914</b>     | <b>\$ 18,898</b>   | <b>\$ 39</b>                  | <b>\$ (5,023)</b>   |

(a) Includes the balance of premiums, discounts, acquisition costs, and deferred compensation unamortized at time of exit.

(b) One syndicated loan (Critical Homecare Solutions) was sold in two separate installments.

(c) Includes the partial sale of Interstate FiberNet, Inc.

(d) Includes the partial sale of three syndicated loans still held subsequent to June 30, 2008 (CRC Health Group, Graham Packaging and Pinnacle Foods). One syndicated loan (NPC International) was sold in two separate installments.

(e) Includes the write-off of Lexicon and early payoff of Hudson.

(f) Includes the write-off of RPG (cost basis in excess of consideration received in settlement) and the sale of Hargray.

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

| Fiscal Year Ending March 31,            | Amount            |
|---|-------------------|
| 2011                                    | \$ 29,280         |
| 2012                                    | 50,701            |
| 2013                                    | 22,122            |
| 2014                                    | 55,817            |
| 2015                                    | 21,291            |
| Thereafter                              | 3,043             |
| <b>Total Contractual Repayments</b>     | <b>\$ 182,254</b> |
| Investment in equity securities         | 45,322            |
| Unamortized premiums on debt securities | (9)               |



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In order to qualify as a RIC and to avoid corporate level tax on the income we distribute to our stockholders, we are required, under Subchapter M of the Code, to distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and short-term capital gains to our stockholders on an annual basis. In accordance with these requirements, we declared and paid monthly cash distributions of \$0.04 per common share during each month of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009, we declared and paid monthly cash distributions of \$0.08 per common share for each month.

For the year ended March 31, 2010, our distribution payments of approximately \$10.6 million equaled our net investment income of approximately \$10.6 million. We declared these distributions based on our estimates of net investment income for the fiscal year. Additionally, our covenants in our Credit Facility restrict the amount of distributions that we can pay out to be no greater than our net investment income.

*Section 19(a) Disclosure*

Our Board of Directors estimates the source of the distributions at the time of their declaration as required by Section 19(a) of the 1940 Act. On a monthly basis, if required under Section 19(a), the Company posts a Section 19(a) notice through the Depository Trust Company's Legal Notice System and also sends to its registered stockholders a written Section 19(a) notice along with the payment of distributions for any payment which includes a distribution estimated to be paid from any other source other than net investment income. The estimates of the source of the distribution are interim estimates based on GAAP that are subject to revision, and the exact character of the distributions for tax purposes cannot be determined until the final books and records of the Company are finalized for the calendar year. Following the calendar year end, after definitive information has been determined by the Company, if the Company has made distributions of taxable income (or return of capital), the Company will deliver a Form 1099-DIV to its stockholders specifying such amount and the tax characterization of such amount. Therefore, these estimates are made solely in order to comply with the requirements of Section 19(a) of the 1940 Act and should not be relied upon for tax reporting or any other purposes and could differ significantly from the actual character of distributions for tax purposes.

The following GAAP estimates were made by the Board of Directors during the quarter ended March 31, 2010:

| <b>Payment Date</b> | <b>Ordinary Income</b> |       | <b>Return of Capital</b> |         | <b>Total Distribution</b> |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| January 29, 2010    | \$                     | 0.042 | \$                       | (0.002) | \$ 0.040                  |
| February 26, 2010   |                        | 0.035 |                          | 0.005   | 0.040                     |
| March 31, 2010      |                        | 0.045 |                          | (0.005) | 0.040                     |

Because the Board of Directors declares distributions at the beginning of a quarter, it is difficult to estimate how much of the Company's monthly distributions, based on GAAP, will come from ordinary income, capital gains and returns of capital. Subsequent to the year ended March 31, 2010, the following corrections were made to the above listed estimates for that quarter:

| <b>Payment Date</b> | <b>Ordinary Income</b> |       | <b>Return of Capital</b> |         | <b>Total Distribution</b> |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| January 29, 2010    | \$                     | 0.041 | \$                       | (0.001) | \$ 0.040                  |

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|                   |       |         |       |
|-------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| February 26, 2010 | 0.036 | 0.004   | 0.040 |
| March 31, 2010    | 0.045 | (0.005) | 0.040 |

For distributions declared subsequent to quarter end, the following estimates, based on GAAP, have been made pursuant to Section 19(a) of the 1940 Act:

| Payment Date   | Ordinary Income | Return of Capital | Total Distribution |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| April 30, 2010 | \$ 0.040        | \$ 0.000          | \$ 0.040           |
| May 28, 2010   | 0.047           | (0.007)           | 0.040              |
| June 30, 2010  | 0.046           | (0.006)           | 0.040              |

### Issuance of Equity

On July 21, 2009, we filed a registration statement (the Registration Statement) with the SEC that was amended on October 2, 2009. The Registration Statement, declared effective on October 8, 2009, permits us to issue, through one or more transactions, up to an aggregate of \$300.0 million in securities, consisting of common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights, debt securities, warrants to purchase common stock, or a combination of these securities. To date, we have incurred approximately \$155 of costs in connection with the Registration Statement.

We anticipate issuing equity securities to obtain additional capital in the future. However, we cannot determine the terms of any future equity issuances or whether we will be able to issue equity on terms favorable to us, or at all. Additionally, when our common stock is trading below net asset value, we will have regulatory constraints under the 1940 Act on our ability to obtain additional capital in this manner. At March 31, 2010, our stock closed trading at \$5.98, representing a 31.6% discount to our net asset value of \$8.74 per share. Generally, the 1940 Act provides that we may not issue stock for a price below net asset value per share, without first obtaining the approval of our stockholders and our independent directors or through a rights offering.

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We raised additional capital within these regulatory constraints in April 2008 through an offering of transferable subscription rights to purchase additional shares of common stock (the Rights Offering). Pursuant to the Rights Offering, we sold 5,520,033 shares of our common stock at a subscription price of \$7.48 per share, which represented a purchase price equal to 93.0% of the weighted average closing price of our stock in the last five trading days of the subscription period. Net proceeds of the offering, after offering expenses borne by us, were approximately \$40.4 million and were used to repay outstanding borrowings under our line of credit. Should our common stock continue to trade below its net asset value per share, we may seek to conduct similar offerings in the future in order to raise additional capital, although there can be no assurance that we will be successful in our efforts to raise capital.

**Future Capital Resources**

At our 2009 annual stockholders meeting, our stockholders approved a proposal that allows us to sell shares of our common stock at a price below our then current net asset value per share should we choose to do so. This proposal is in effect until our next annual stockholders meeting, currently scheduled for August 5, 2010, at which time we will ask our stockholders to vote in favor of this proposal for another year.

**Revolving Credit Facility**

On April 14, 2009, we entered into the Credit Facility, providing for a \$50.0 million revolving line of credit arranged by BB&T as administrative agent, replacing Deutsche Bank, AG which served as administrative agent under our Prior Credit Facility. Key Equipment Finance Company Inc. also joined the Credit Facility as a committed lender. In connection with our entry into the Credit Facility, we borrowed \$43.8 million under the Credit Facility to repay in full all amounts outstanding under the Prior Credit Facility. The Credit Facility may be expanded up to \$125.0 million through the addition of other committed lenders to the facility. The Credit Facility was renewed for two years on April 13, 2010 (see Subsequent Renewal of Revolving Credit Facility below), which extended the maturity date to April 13, 2012, and, if the facility is not renewed or extended by this date, all unpaid principal and interest will be due and payable within one year of the maturity date. Advances under the Credit Facility will generally bear interest at the 30 day LIBOR rate (subject to a minimum rate of 2.0%), plus 5.0% per annum, with a commitment fee of 0.75% per annum on undrawn amounts. Interest is payable monthly during the term of the Credit Facility. Available borrowings are subject to various constraints imposed under the Credit Facility, based on the aggregate loan balance pledged by Business Investment. As of March 31, 2010, we had approximately \$27.8 million of principal outstanding with approximately \$20.9 million of availability under the Credit Facility.

The Credit Facility contains covenants that require Business Investment to maintain its status as a separate legal entity; prohibit certain significant corporate transactions (such as mergers, consolidations, liquidations or dissolutions); and restrict material changes to our credit and collection policies without lenders consent. The facility also limits payments on distributions to the aggregate net investment income for the prior twelve months preceding April 2010. We are also subject to certain limitations on the type of loan investments we can make, including restrictions on geographic concentrations, sector concentrations, loan size, dividend payout, payment frequency and status, average life and lien property. The Credit Facility also requires us to comply with other financial and operational covenants, which require us to, among other things, maintain certain financial ratios, including asset and interest coverage a minimum net worth, and a minimum number of obligors required in the borrowing base of the credit agreement. Additionally, we are subject to a performance guaranty that requires us to maintain a minimum net worth of \$169.0 million plus 50% of all equity and subordinated debt raised after April 14, 2009, to maintain asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness of at least 200%, in accordance with Section 18 of the 1940 Act, and to maintain its status as a BDC under the 1940 Act and as a RIC under the Code. As of March 31, 2010, we were in compliance with all covenants.

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During May 2009, we cancelled our interest rate cap agreement with Deutsche Bank AG and entered into a new interest rate cap agreement for a notional amount of \$45.0 million that will effectively limit the interest rate on a portion of the borrowings under the Credit Facility. We incurred a premium fee of approximately \$39 in conjunction with this agreement.

The administrative agent also requires that any interest or principal payments on pledged loans be remitted directly by the borrower into a lockbox account with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A as custodian. BB&T is also the trustee of the account and once a month remits the collected funds to us. At May 21, 2010, the amount due from the custodian was approximately \$302.

The Adviser services the loans pledged under the Credit Facility. As a condition to this servicing arrangement, we executed a performance guaranty pursuant to which it guaranteed that the Adviser would comply fully with all of its obligations under the Credit Facility. The loan documents require us to maintain a minimum net worth of \$169.0 million plus 50% of all equity and subordinated debt raised after April 14, 2009 and to maintain asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness of at least 200%, in accordance with Section 18 of the 1940 Act. As of May 21, 2010, we were in compliance with the covenants under the performance guaranty.

Our continued compliance with these covenants, however, depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control. In particular, depreciation in the valuation of our assets, which valuation is subject to changing market conditions that are presently very

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volatile, affects our ability to comply with these covenants. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010, net unrealized depreciation and net realized losses on our investments was approximately \$21.6 million, compared to \$24.8 million during the prior fiscal year. Given the unstable capital markets, net unrealized depreciation in our portfolio may increase in future periods and threaten our ability to comply with the covenants under our Credit Facility. Accordingly, there are no assurances that we will continue to comply with these covenants. Failure to comply with these covenants would result in a default which, if we are unable to obtain a waiver from the lenders, could accelerate our repayment obligations under the Credit Facility and thereby have a material adverse impact on our liquidity, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay distributions to our stockholders as more fully described below.

The Credit Facility matures on April 13, 2012, and, if the facility is not renewed or extended by this date, all unpaid principal and interest will be due and payable within one year of maturity. There can be no guarantee that we will be able to renew, extend or replace the Credit Facility on terms that are favorable to us, or at all. Our ability to obtain replacement financing will be constrained by current economic conditions affecting the credit markets. If we are not able to renew, extend or refinance the Credit Facility, this would likely have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and ability to fund new investments or pay distributions to our stockholders. Our inability to pay distributions could result in it failing to qualify as a RIC. Consequently, any income or gains could become taxable at corporate rates. If we are unable to secure replacement financing, we may be forced to sell certain assets on disadvantageous terms, which may result in realized losses such as those recorded in connection with the Syndicated Loan Sales, which resulted in a realized loss of approximately \$34.6 million during the quarter ended June 30, 2009. Such realized losses could materially exceed the amount of any unrealized depreciation on these assets as of our most recent balance sheet date, which would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition to selling assets, or as an alternative, we may issue equity in order to repay amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility. Based on the recent trading prices of our stock, such an equity offering may have a substantial dilutive impact on our existing stockholders' interest in our earnings and assets and voting interest in us.

*Subsequent Renewal of Revolving Credit Facility*

On April 13, 2010, we renewed the Credit Facility through Business Investment, by entering into a third amended and restated credit agreement providing for a \$50.0 million, two year revolving line of credit. The Credit Facility maturity date is April 13, 2012, and if it is not renewed or extended by then, all principal and interest will be due and payable on or before April 13, 2013. Advances under the Credit Facility were modified to generally bear interest at the 30 day LIBOR rate (subject to a minimum rate of 2.0%), plus 4.5% per annum, with a commitment fee of 0.50% per annum on undrawn amounts when advances outstanding are above 50.0% of the commitment and will be 1.0% on undrawn amounts if the advances outstanding are below 50.0% of the commitment. In connection with the Credit Facility renewal, we paid an upfront fee of 1.0%. Other significant changes to the Credit facility include a reduced minimum net worth covenant, which was modified to \$155.0 million plus 50% of all equity and subordinated debt raised after April 13, 2010 and to maintain asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness of at least 200%, in accordance with Section 18 of the 1940 Act.

In April 2010, we entered into a forward interest rate cap agreement, effective May 2011 and expiring in May 2012, for a notional amount of \$45.0 million that will effectively limit the interest rate on a portion of the borrowings under the line of credit pursuant to the terms of the Credit Facility. We incurred a premium fee of approximately \$41 in conjunction with this agreement.

**Short-Term Note**

For fiscal year 2010, for each of June 30, 2009, September 30, 2009, December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010 (the measurements dates), we satisfied the 50% threshold through the purchase of short-term qualified securities, which was funded primarily through a short-term loan

agreement. Subsequent to the measurement dates, the short-term qualified securities matured and we repaid the short-term loan, at which time we again fell below the 50% threshold. Therefore, for year end, on March 30, 2010, we purchased \$85.0 million of short-term United States Treasury securities through Jefferies. The securities were purchased with \$10.0 million in funds drawn on the Credit Facility and the proceeds from a \$75.0 million short-term loan from Jefferies, with an effective annual interest rate of approximately 0.67%. On April 1, 2010, when the securities matured, we repaid the \$75.0 million loan from Jefferies in full, and, on April 2, 2010, we repaid the \$10.0 million drawn on the Credit Facility for the transaction.

#### **Contractual Obligations and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We were not a party to any signed term sheets for potential investments as of March 31, 2010. However, we have certain lines of credit with our portfolio companies that have not been fully drawn. Since these lines of credit have expiration dates and we expect many will never be fully drawn, the total line of credit commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. We estimate the fair value of these unused line of credit commitments as of March 31, 2010 and 2009 to be nominal.

In October 2008, we executed a guaranty of a vehicle finance facility agreement (the Finance Facility ) between Ford Motor Credit Company ( FMC ) and ASH, one of our Control investments. The Finance Facility provides ASH with a line of credit of up to \$250 for component Ford parts used by ASH to build truck bodies under a separate contract. Title and ownership of the parts is retained by Ford. The guaranty of the Finance Facility will expire upon termination of the separate parts supply contract with Ford or upon our replacement as guarantor. The Finance Facility is secured by all of the assets of Business Investment. As of March 31, 2010, we have



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not been required to make any payments on the guaranty of the Finance Facility, and we consider the credit risk to be remote and the fair value of the guaranty to be minimal.

In February 2010, we executed a guaranty of a wholesale financing facility agreement (the Floor Plan Facility ) between Agricredit Acceptance, LLC ( Agricredit ) and Country Club Enterprise, LLC ( CCE ), one of our Control Investments. The Floor Plan Facility provides CCE with financing of up to \$2.0 million to bridge the time and cash flow gap between the order and delivery of golf cars to customers. The guaranty will expire in February 2011 unless it is renewed by us, CCE and Agricredit. In connection with this guaranty, we received a premium of \$84 from CCE which approximates fair value. As of March 31, 2010, we have not been required to make any payments on the guaranty of the Floor Plan Facility, and we consider the credit risk to be remote.

In accordance with GAAP, the unused portions of these commitments are not recorded on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The following table summarizes the nominal dollar balance of unused line of credit commitments and guarantees as of March 31, 2010 and 2009:

|                        | As of March 31, |       |      |       |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------|------|-------|
|                        | 2010            |       | 2009 |       |
| Unused lines of credit | \$              | 1,814 | \$   | 8,868 |
| Guarantees             |                 | 2,250 |      | 500   |

The following table shows our contractual obligations as of March 31, 2010:

| Contractual Obligations(1) | Payments Due by Period |                  |           |               |           | Total          |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
|                            | Less than 1 Year       | 1-3 Years        | 4-5 Years | After 5 Years |           |                |
| <i>Borrowings:</i>         |                        |                  |           |               |           |                |
| Short-term loan(2)         | \$ 75,000              | \$               | \$        | \$            | \$        | 75,000         |
| Line of credit(3)          |                        | 27,812           |           |               |           | 27,812         |
| <b>Total borrowings</b>    | <b>\$ 75,000</b>       | <b>\$ 27,812</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>\$</b>     | <b>\$</b> | <b>102,812</b> |

(1) Excludes the unused commitments to extend credit to our customers of \$1.8 million, as discussed above.

(2) On April 1, 2010, we repaid the entire short-term loan.

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

**Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ( GAAP ) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported consolidated amounts of assets and liabilities, including disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the period

reported. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. We have identified our investment valuation process, which was modified during the quarter ended September 30, 2009, as our most critical accounting policy.

### Investment Valuation

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

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

We adopted ASC 820 on April 1, 2008. In part, ASC 820 defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about assets and liabilities measured at fair value. The new guidance provides a consistent definition of fair value that focuses on exit price in the principal, or most advantageous, market and prioritizes, within a measurement of fair value, the use of market-based inputs over entity-specific inputs. The guidance also establishes the following three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date.

- Level 1 inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Level 2 inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Level 2 inputs are in those markets for which there are few transactions, the prices are not current, little public information exists or instances where prices vary substantially over time or among brokered market makers; and
- Level 3 inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs are those inputs that reflect our own assumptions that market participants would use to price the asset or liability based upon the best available information.

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

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

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

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

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

*Valuation Methods:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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In the case of Non-Public Debt Securities, we have engaged SPSE to submit opinions of value for our debt securities that are issued by portfolio companies in which we own no equity, or equity-like securities. SPSE's opinions of value are based on the valuations prepared by our portfolio management team as described below. We request that SPSE also evaluate and assign values to success fees when we determine that there is a reasonable probability of receiving a success fee on a given loan. SPSE will only evaluate the debt portion of our investments for which we specifically request evaluation, and may decline to make requested evaluations for any reason at its sole discretion. Upon completing our collection of data with respect to the investments (which may include the information described below under Credit Information, the risk ratings of the loans described below under Loan Grading and Risk Rating and the factors described hereunder), this valuation data is forwarded to SPSE for review and analysis. SPSE makes its independent assessment of the data that we have assembled and assesses its independent data to form an opinion as to what they consider to be the market values for the securities. With regard to its work, SPSE has issued the following paragraph:

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

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

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

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

- the issuer's ability to make payments;

- the earnings of the issuer;
- recent sales to third parties of similar securities;
- the comparison to publicly traded securities; and
- DCF or other pertinent factors.

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

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(3) **Portfolio investments in non-controlled companies comprised of a bundle of investments, which can include debt and equity**

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

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

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

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

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

*Credit Information:* Our Adviser monitors a wide variety of key credit statistics that provide information regarding our portfolio companies to help us assess credit quality and portfolio performance. We and our Adviser participate in the periodic board meetings of our portfolio companies in which we hold Control and Affiliate investments and also require them to provide annual audited and monthly unaudited financial statements. Using these statements or comparable information and board discussions, our Adviser calculates and evaluates the credit statistics.

*Loan Grading and Risk Rating:* As part of our valuation procedures above, we risk rate all of our investments in debt securities. For syndicated loans that have been rated by an NRSRO (as defined in Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act), we use the NRSRO's risk rating for such security. For all other debt securities, we use a proprietary risk rating system. Our risk rating system uses a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being the lowest probability of default. This system is used to estimate the probability of default on debt securities and the probability of loss if there is a default. These types of systems are referred to as risk rating systems and are used by banks and rating agencies. The risk rating system covers both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the business and the securities we hold. During the three months ended March 31, 2010, we modified our risk rating model to incorporate additional factors in our qualitative and quantitative analysis. While the overall process did not change, we believe the additional factors enhance the quality of the risk ratings of our investments. No adjustments were made to prior periods as a result of this modification.

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



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determinants that we believe are not used in the NRSRO rating. It is our understanding that most debt securities of medium-sized companies do not exceed the grade of BBB on an NRSRO scale, so there would be no debt securities in the middle market that would meet the definition of AAA, AA or A. Therefore, our scale begins with the designation 10 as the best risk rating which may be equivalent to a BBB from an NRSRO, however, no assurance can be given that a 10 on our scale is equal to a BBB on an NRSRO scale.

| Company's System | First NRSRO | Second NRSRO | Gladstone Investment's Description(a)  |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| >10              | Baa2        | BBB          | Probability of Default (PD) during the next ten years is 4% and the Expected Loss (EL) is 1% or less |
| 10               | Baa3        | BBB-         | PD is 5% and the EL is 1% to 2%  |
| 9                | Ba1         | BB+          | PD is 10% and the EL is 2% to 3%   |
| 8                | Ba2         | BB           | PD is 16% and the EL is 3% to 4%   |
| 7                | Ba3         | BB-          | PD is 17.8% and the EL is 4% to 5%   |
| 6                | B1          | B+           | PD is 22% and the EL is 5% to 6.5%   |
| 5                | B2          | B            | PD is 25% and the EL is 6.5% to 8%   |
| 4                | B3          | B-           | PD is 27% and the EL is 8% to 10%  |
| 3                | Caa1        | CCC+         | PD is 30% and the EL is 10% to 13.3%   |
| 2                | Caa2        | CCC          | PD is 35% and the EL is 13.3% to 16.7%   |
| 1                | Caa3        | CC           | PD is 65% and the EL is 16.7% to 20%   |
| 0                | N/A         | D            | PD is 85% or there is a payment of default and the EL is greater than 20%                            |

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

The above scale gives an indication of the probability of default and the magnitude of the loss if there is a default. Our policy is to stop accruing interest on an investment if we determine that interest is no longer collectible. As of March 31, 2010 and 2009, one Control investment, ASH Holdings Corp., was on non-accrual with a fair value of approximately \$2.2 million and \$2.6 million, respectively, which represented 1.0% and 0.8% of the fair value of all loans held in our portfolio at March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Additionally, we do not risk rate our equity securities.

The following table lists the risk ratings for all non-syndicated loans in our portfolio as of March 31, 2010 and 2009, representing approximately 93.3% and 59.3%, respectively, of all loans in our portfolio at the end of each period:

| Rating           | As of March 31, |      |
|------------------|-----------------|------|
|                  | 2010            | 2009 |
| Highest          | 9.0             | 7.0  |
| Average          | 5.3             | 5.5  |
| Weighted Average | 5.5             | 5.1  |
| Lowest           | 2.0             | 2.0  |

The following table lists the risk ratings for syndicated loans in our portfolio that were not rated by an NRSRO as of March 31, 2010 and 2009, representing approximately 1.3% and 11.9%, respectively, of all loans in our portfolio at the end of each period:

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| Rating           | As of March 31, |      |
|------------------|-----------------|------|
|                  | 2010            | 2009 |
| Highest          | 9.0             | 9.0  |
| Average          | 9.0             | 8.0  |
| Weighted Average | 9.0             | 8.0  |
| Lowest           | 9.0             | 7.0  |

For syndicated loans that are currently rated by an NRSRO, we risk rate such loans in accordance with the risk rating systems of major risk rating organizations, such as those provided by an NRSRO. The following table lists the risk ratings for all syndicated loans in our portfolio that were rated by an NRSRO as of March 31, 2010 and 2009, representing approximately 6.4% and 28.8%, respectively, of all loans in our portfolio at the end of each period:

| Rating           | As of March 31, |         |
|------------------|-----------------|---------|
|                  | 2010            | 2009    |
| Highest          | B+/Ba3          | BB/Ba2  |
| Average          | B/B2            | B/B2    |
| Weighted Average | B/B2            | B/B2    |
| Lowest           | B-/B3           | CCC+/B3 |

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**Tax Status**

*Federal Income Taxes*

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

In an effort to avoid certain excise taxes imposed on RICs, we currently intend to distribute during each calendar year, an amount at least equal to the sum of (1) 98% of our ordinary income for the calendar year, (2) 98% of our capital gains in excess of capital losses for the one-year period ending on October 31 of the calendar year, and (3) any ordinary income and net capital gains for preceding years that were not distributed during such years.

**Revenue Recognition**

*Interest and Dividend Income Recognition*

Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premiums and acquisition costs and for the accretion of discounts, is recorded on the accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. Generally, when a loan becomes 90 days or more past due, or if our qualitative assessment indicates that the debtor is unable to service its debt or other obligations, we will place the loan on non-accrual status and cease recognizing interest income on that loan until the borrower has demonstrated the ability and intent to pay contractual amounts due. However, we remain contractually entitled to this interest. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment. Non-accrual loans are restored to accrual status when past due principal and interest is paid or as a result of a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible, and in management's judgment, are likely to remain current. At March 31, 2010, one Control investment, ASH Holdings Corp., was on non-accrual with a fair value of approximately \$2.2 million, or 1.0% of the fair value of all loans held in our portfolio at March 31, 2010. At March 31, 2009, one Control investment, ASH Holdings Corp., was on non-accrual with a fair value of approximately \$2.6 million, or 0.8% of the fair value of all loans held in our portfolio at March 31, 2009. Currently, we do not have investments that have paid-in-kind, or PIK, interest.

Success fees are recorded upon receipt and are contractually due upon a change of control in a portfolio company. To date, we have not recorded any success fees. Dividend income on preferred equity securities is accrued to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected and that we have the option to collect such amounts in cash. During the year ended March 31, 2010, we recorded and collected approximately \$953 of dividends on preferred shares of A. Stucki Holding Corp. During the year ended March 31, 2009, we recorded \$567 of dividends on preferred shares of Quench Holdings Corp. Otherwise, we have not accrued for any other such dividend income.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report for a description and our application of recent accounting pronouncements. Our adoption of these recent accounting pronouncements did not have a material effect on our financial position and results of operations.

**Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

Market risk includes risks that arise from changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices, equity prices and other market changes that affect market sensitive instruments. The primary risk we believe we are exposed to is interest rate risk. While we expect that ultimately approximately 20% of the loans in our portfolio will be made at fixed rates, with approximately 80% made at variable rates or variables rates with a floor mechanism. All of our variable-rate loans have rates associated with either the current LIBOR or Prime Rate. At March 31, 2010, our portfolio, at cost, consisted of the following breakdown in relation to all outstanding debt:

|               |                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 16.5%         | Variable rates              |
| 48.0          | Variable rates with a floor |
| 35.5          | Fixed rates                 |
| <b>100.0%</b> | <b>Total</b>                |

The United States is beginning to recover from the recession that largely began in late 2007. Despite signs of economic improvement, however, unstable economic conditions could adversely affect the financial position and results of operations of certain of the middle-

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market companies in our portfolio, which ultimately could lead to difficulty in meeting debt service requirements and an increase in defaults. During the year ended March 31, 2010, we experienced write-downs across our portfolio, most of which were due to reductions in comparable multiples and market pricing and to a lesser extent reductions in the performance of certain portfolio companies used to estimate the fair value of our investments. There can be no assurance that the performance of our portfolio companies will not be further impacted by economic conditions, which could have a negative impact on our future results.

In April 2009, we entered into a revolving line of credit with BB&T for up to \$50.0 million. Subsequently, we renewed the facility in April 2010 for an additional two years. Advances under the line of credit will generally bear interest at the 30-day LIBOR rate (subject to a minimum rate of 2.0%), plus 4.5% per annum, with a commitment fee of 0.50% per annum on undrawn amounts when advances outstanding are above 50.0% of the commitment and will be 1.0% on undrawn amounts if the advances outstanding are below 50.0% of the commitment. In connection with the facility, we paid an upfront fee of 1.0%.

In May 2009, we entered into an interest rate cap agreement in connection with our line of credit. We purchased this interest rate cap agreement, which expires in May 2011 and has a notional amount of \$45.0 million, for a one-time, up-front payment of \$39. Additionally, in April 2010, we entered into a forward interest rate cap agreement, effective May 2011 and expiring in May 2012, in connection with our April 2010 renewal of the line of credit. We paid a one-time, up-front fee of \$41 for the forward interest rate cap agreement which has a notional amount of \$45.0 million. Collectively, we have an interest rate cap agreement in place continuously through May 2012.

The interest rate cap agreement and the forward interest rate cap agreement entitle us to receive payments, if any, equal to the amount by which interest payments on the current notional amount at the one month LIBOR exceed the payments on the current notional amount at 6.5% and 6.0%, respectively. These agreements effectively cap our interest payments on our line of credit borrowings, up to the notional amount of the interest rate cap over the next two years. This mitigates our exposure to increases in interest rates on our borrowings on our line of credit, which are at variable rates. At March 31, 2010, the interest rate cap agreement had a nominal fair market value.

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

| (dollars in thousands)<br>Basis Point Change(a) | Increase in<br>Interest Income | Increase in<br>Interest Expense | Net Increase in<br>Net Assets Resulting from<br>Operations |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Up 300 basis points                             | \$ 719                         | \$ 111                          | \$ 608   |
| Up 200 basis points                             | 468                            | 22                              | 446  |
| Up 100 basis points                             | 234                            | 0                               | 234  |

(a) As of March 31, 2010, our effective average LIBOR was 0.25%; thus, a 100 basis point decrease could not occur.

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

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

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**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

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**Report of Management on Internal Controls**

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

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

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

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, we assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2010, using the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control Integrated Framework. Based on its assessment, management has concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of March 31, 2010.

Our management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2010 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is included herein.

**May 24, 2010**





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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

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

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated statements of assets and liabilities, including the schedules of investments, and the related statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gladstone Investment Corporation (the Company) and its subsidiaries at March 31, 2010 and 2009, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2010, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(2) presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. Also, in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2010, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedule, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements, on the financial statement schedule, and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

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

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

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

McLean, VA

May 24, 2010

May 24, 2010

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## GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

|   | 2010              | March 31, | 2009           |
|---|-------------------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                   |           |                |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 87,717         | \$        | 7,236          |
| Investments at fair value   |                   |           |                |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments (Cost of \$22,674 and \$134,836, respectively)  | 20,946            |           | 94,740         |
| Control investments (Cost of \$152,166 and \$150,081, respectively)   | 148,248           |           | 166,163        |
| Affiliate investments (Cost of \$52,727 and \$64,028, respectively)   | 37,664            |           | 53,027         |
| Total investments (Cost of \$227,567 and \$348,945, respectively)   | 206,858           |           | 313,930        |
| Interest receivable   | 1,234             |           | 1,500          |
| Due from Custodian  | 935               |           | 2,706          |
| Deferred financing fees   | 83                |           | 1,167          |
| Prepaid assets  | 221               |           | 172            |
| Other assets  | 113               |           | 132            |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>   | <b>\$ 297,161</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>326,843</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>  |                   |           |                |
| Borrowings at fair value(1)   |                   |           |                |
| Short-term loan (Cost of \$75,000 and \$0, respectively)  | \$ 75,000         | \$        |                |
| Line of credit (Cost of \$27,800 and \$110,265, respectively)   | 27,812            |           | 110,265        |
| Total borrowings (Cost of \$102,800 and \$110,265, respectively)  | 102,812           |           | 110,265        |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses   | 206               |           | 1,283          |
| Fee due to Administrator(2)   | 149               |           | 179            |
| Fees due to Adviser(2)  | 721               |           | 187            |
| Other liabilities   | 295               |           | 127            |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>  | <b>104,183</b>    |           | <b>112,041</b> |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>   | <b>\$ 192,978</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>214,802</b> |
| <b>ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS:</b>  |                   |           |                |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 22,080,133 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2010 and 2009 | \$ 22             | \$        | 22             |
| Capital in excess of par value  | 257,206           |           | 257,361        |
| Net unrealized depreciation of investment portfolio   | (20,710)          |           | (35,015)       |
| Net unrealized depreciation of derivative   | (39)              |           | (53)           |
| Net unrealized appreciation of borrowings under line of credit  | (12)              |           |                |
| Accumulated net realized investment loss  | (43,489)          |           | (7,513)        |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>   | <b>\$ 192,978</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>214,802</b> |
| <b>NET ASSETS PER SHARE</b>   | <b>\$ 8.74</b>    | <b>\$</b> | <b>9.73</b>    |

(1) Beginning the quarter ended June 30, 2009, the Company elected to apply ASC 825, Financial Investments, which allows for the Company to fair value its borrowings. The March 31, 2009 borrowing amounts are at cost.

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

*THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.*

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## GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

|   | 2010               | Year Ended March 31,<br>2009 | 2008            |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>  |                    |                              |                 |
| Interest income   |                    |                              |                 |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments   | \$ 2,393           | \$ 8,494                     | \$ 14,612       |
| Control investments   | 11,745             | 11,306                       | 10,779          |
| Affiliate investments   | 5,677              | 5,378                        | 2,286           |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 2                  | 67                           | 217             |
| Total interest income   | 19,817             | 25,245                       | 27,894          |
| Other income  | 968                | 567                          |                 |
| Total investment income   | 20,785             | 25,812                       | 27,894          |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>   |                    |                              |                 |
| Loan servicing fee(1)   | 3,747              | 5,002                        | 5,014           |
| Base management fee(1)  | 737                | 1,699                        | 1,803           |
| Incentive fee(1)  | 588                |                              |                 |
| Administration fee(1)   | 676                | 821                          | 855             |
| Interest expense  | 1,988              | 5,349                        | 7,733           |
| Amortization of deferred financing fees   | 1,618              | 323                          | 734             |
| Professional fees   | 626                | 532                          | 416             |
| Stockholder related costs   | 295                | 485                          | 268             |
| Insurance expense   | 262                | 222                          | 231             |
| Directors fees  | 196                | 194                          | 232             |
| Other expenses  | 280                | 271                          | 365             |
| Expenses before credits from Adviser  | 11,013             | 14,898                       | 17,651          |
| Credits to fees from Adviser(1)   | (826)              | (2,474)                      | (2,809)         |
| Total expenses net of credits to fees   | 10,187             | 12,424                       | 14,842          |
| <b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b>  | <b>10,598</b>      | <b>13,388</b>                | <b>13,052</b>   |
| <b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED (LOSS) GAIN ON:</b>                                      |                    |                              |                 |
| Realized loss on sale of Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments                      | (35,923)           | (5,023)                      | (2,412)         |
| Realized loss on termination of derivative  | (53)               |                              |                 |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments | 38,367             | (16,418)                     | (23,278)        |
| Net unrealized (depreciation) appreciation of Control investments                   | (20,001)           | 9,029                        | 10,339          |
| Net unrealized (depreciation) appreciation of Affiliate investments                 | (4,061)            | (12,425)                     | 1,411           |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of derivative                            | 14                 |                              | (53)            |
| Net unrealized appreciation of borrowings   | (12)               |                              |                 |
| Net loss on investments, derivative and borrowings                                  | (21,669)           | (24,837)                     | (13,993)        |
| <b>NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b>                         | <b>\$ (11,071)</b> | <b>\$ (11,449)</b>           | <b>\$ (941)</b> |
| <b>NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS PER COMMON SHARE:</b>       |                    |                              |                 |
| Basic and diluted   | \$ (0.50)          | \$ (0.53)                    | \$ (0.06)       |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK  
OUTSTANDING:

|   |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Basic and diluted weighted average shares | 22,080,133 | 21,545,936 | 16,560,100 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|

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

*THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART TO THESE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.*

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**GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**

|  | 2010       | Year Ended March 31,<br>2009 | 2008       |
|--|------------|------------------------------|------------|
| <i>Operations:</i>   |            |                              |            |
| Net investment income  | \$ 10,598  | \$ 13,388                    | \$ 13,052  |
| Realized loss on sale of investments                               | (35,923)   | (5,023)                      | (2,412)    |
| Realized loss on termination of derivative                         | (53)       |                              |            |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investment portfolio | 14,305     | (19,814)                     | (11,528)   |
| Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of derivative               | 14         |                              | (53)       |
| Unrealized appreciation of borrowings                              | (12)       |                              |            |
| Net decrease in net assets from operations                         | (11,071)   | (11,449)                     | (941)      |
| <i>Capital transactions:</i>                                       |            |                              |            |
| Issuance of common stock   |            | 41,290                       |            |
| Shelf offering registration costs                                  | (155)      | (728)                        | (32)       |
| Net (decrease) increase in net assets from capital transactions    | (155)      | 40,562                       | (32)       |
| <i>Distributions to stockholders from:</i>                         |            |                              |            |
| Net investment income  | (10,598)   | (13,388)                     | (13,052)   |
| Tax return on capital  |            | (7,368)                      | (2,349)    |
| Net decrease in net assets from distributions to stockholders      | (10,598)   | (20,756)                     | (15,401)   |
| Total (decrease) increase in net assets                            | (21,824)   | 8,357                        | (16,374)   |
| Net assets at beginning of year                                    | 214,802    | 206,445                      | 222,819    |
| Net assets at end of year  | \$ 192,978 | \$ 214,802                   | \$ 206,445 |

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

|   | 2010             | Year Ended March 31,<br>2009 | 2008            |
|---|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>   |                  |                              |                 |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations  | \$ (11,071)      | \$ (11,449)                  | \$ (941)        |
| Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets resulting from operations to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: |                  |                              |                 |
| Purchase of investments   | (4,788)          | (49,959)                     | (175,255)       |
| Principal repayments on investments   | 15,534           | 32,828                       | 64,240          |
| Proceeds from sales of investments  | 74,706           | 13,914                       | 32,197          |
| Net realized loss on sales of investments   | 35,923           | 5,023                        | 2,412           |
| Net realized loss on termination of derivative  | 53               |                              |                 |
| Net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investment portfolio  | (14,305)         | 19,814                       | 11,528          |
| Net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of derivative  | (14)             |                              | 53              |
| Net unrealized appreciation of borrowings   | 12               |                              |                 |
| Net amortization of premiums and discounts  | 2                | 54                           | 222             |
| Amortization of deferred financing fees   | 1,618            | 323                          | 734             |
| Decrease (increase) in interest receivable  | 266              | 162                          | (356)           |
| Decrease in due from custodian  | 1,771            | 1,693                        | 8,296           |
| (Increase) decrease in prepaid assets   | (49)             | 308                          | (367)           |
| Decrease (increase) in other assets   | 19               | 244                          | (337)           |
| (Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses  | (1,077)          | 371                          | 192             |
| (Decrease) increase in administration fee payable to Administrator(2)   | (30)             | (29)                         | 46              |
| Increase (decrease) in base management fee payable to Adviser(2)  | 130              | 269                          | (80)            |
| Increase in incentive fee payable to Adviser(2)   | 486              |                              |                 |
| (Decrease) increase in loan servicing fee payable to Adviser(2)   | (82)             | 7                            | 11              |
| Increase in other liabilities   | 168              | 38                           | 4               |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities   | 99,272           | 13,611                       | (57,401)        |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>  |                  |                              |                 |
| Net (cost) proceeds from the issuance of common stock   | (155)            | 40,562                       | (32)            |
| Borrowings from the line of credit  | 107,500          | 123,850                      | 222,850         |
| Repayments of the line of credit  | (189,965)        | (158,420)                    | (178,015)       |
| Proceeds from short term borrowings   | 290,000          |                              |                 |
| Repayments on short term borrowings   | (215,000)        |                              |                 |
| Purchase of derivative  | (39)             |                              |                 |
| Deferred financing fees   | (534)            | (971)                        | (430)           |
| Distributions paid  | (10,598)         | (20,756)                     | (15,401)        |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities   | (18,791)         | (15,735)                     | 28,972          |
| <b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>   |                  |                              |                 |
|   | 80,481           | (2,124)                      | (28,429)        |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>   | <b>7,236</b>     | <b>9,360</b>                 | <b>37,789</b>   |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</b>   | <b>\$ 87,717</b> | <b>\$ 7,236</b>              | <b>\$ 9,360</b> |
| <b>CASH PAID DURING PERIOD FOR INTEREST</b>   | <b>\$ 2,182</b>  | <b>\$ 5,428</b>              | <b>\$ 7,615</b> |
| <b>CASH PAID DURING PERIOD FOR TAXES</b>  |                  |                              |                 |

**NON-CASH ACTIVITIES (1)**

**850**

3,043

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- (1) 2010: Non-cash activities represent an investment disbursement to Cavert II Holding Corp. for approximately \$850 on their revolving line of credit, which proceeds were used to make the next four quarterly payments due under normal amortization for both their senior term A and senior term B loans in a non-cash transaction.
- 2009: Non-cash activities represent the assumption of senior term notes from American Greetings Corporation in exchange for a settlement agreement related to RPG, a senior syndicated loan.
- (2) Refer to Note 4 *Related Party Transactions* for additional information.

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**GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULES OF INVESTMENTS**

**MARCH 31, 2010**

**(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)**

| Company(1)   | Industry   | Investment(2)                                     | Cost             | Fair Value       |
|--|--|---|------------------|------------------|
| <b>NON-CONTROL/NON-AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS:</b>  |  |   |                  |                  |
| <i>Senior Syndicated Loans:</i>  |  |   |                  |                  |
| Interstate FiberNet, Inc.  | Service provider of voice and data telecommunications services | Senior Term Debt (4.3%, Due 7/2013)(8)            | \$ 6,743         | \$ 6,762         |
| Survey Sampling, LLC   | Service telecommunications-based sampling                      | Senior Term Debt (9.5%, Due 5/2011)(3)            | 2,385            | 1,069            |
| <i>Subtotal - Syndicated Loans</i>   |  |   | \$ 9,128         | \$ 7,831         |
| <i>Non-syndicated Loans:</i>   |  |   |                  |                  |
| American Greetings Corporation   | Manufacturing and design greeting cards                        | Senior Notes (7.4%, Due 6/2016)(3)                | \$ 3,043         | \$ 2,895         |
| B-Dry, LLC   | Service basement waterproofer                                  | Senior Term Debt (10.5%, Due 5/2014)(5)           | 6,613            | 6,596            |
|  |  | Senior Term Debt (10.5%, Due 5/2014)(5)           | 3,590            | 3,581            |
|  |  | Common Stock Warrants(4)                          | 300              | 43               |
|  |  |   | 10,503           | 10,220           |
| <b>Total Non-Control/Non-Affiliate Investments (represents 10.1% of total investments at fair value)</b> |  |   | <b>\$ 22,674</b> | <b>\$ 20,946</b> |
| <b>CONTROL INVESTMENTS:</b>  |  |   |                  |                  |
| A. Stucki Holding Corp.  | Manufacturing railroad freight car products                    | Senior Term Debt (4.7%, Due 3/2012)               | \$ 9,101         | \$ 9,101         |
|  |  | Senior Term Debt (7.0%, Due 3/2012)(6)            | 9,900            | 9,900            |
|  |  | Senior Subordinated Term Debt (13.0%, Due 3/2014) | 9,456            | 9,456            |
|  |  | Preferred Stock                                   | 4,387            | 4,529            |
|  |  | Common Stock(4)                                   | 130              | 17,393           |
|  |  |   | 32,974           | 50,379           |
| Acme Cryogenics, Inc.  | Manufacturing manifolds and pipes for industrial gasses        | Senior Subordinated Term Debt (11.5%, Due 3/2012) | 14,500           | 13,585           |
|  |  | Preferred Stock(4)                                | 6,984            |                  |
|  |  | Common Stock(4)                                   | 1,045            |                  |

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|                                  |                                       |                        | Common Stock<br>Warrants(4)   |        |        |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------|--------|
|                                  |                                       |                        |   | 22,553 | 13,585 |
| ASH Holdings Corp.               | Retail and Service<br>buses and parts | school                 | Revolver, \$496<br>available (non-accrual,<br>Due 3/2013)(5)        | 1,504  | 421    |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Senior Subordinated<br>Term Debt<br>(non-accrual, Due<br>3/2013)(5) | 6,250  | 1,750  |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Preferred Stock(4)  | 2,500  |        |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Common Stock<br>Warrants(4)   | 4      |        |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Guaranty (\$250)  |        |        |
|                                  |                                       |                        |   | 10,258 | 2,171  |
| Cavert II Holdings Corp.         | Manufacturing                         | bailing wire           | Senior Term Debt<br>(8.3%, Due<br>10/2012)(10)                      | 2,875  | 2,875  |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Senior Term Debt<br>(10.0%, Due<br>10/2012)(6)                      | 2,700  | 2,700  |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Senior Subordinated<br>Term Debt (13.0%, Due<br>10/2014)            | 4,671  | 4,671  |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Preferred Stock(4)  | 4,110  | 4,959  |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Common Stock(4)   | 69     | 3,526  |
|                                  |                                       |                        |   | 14,425 | 18,731 |
| Chase II Holdings Corp.          | Manufacturing                         | traffic doors          | Senior Term Debt<br>(8.8%, Due 3/2011)                              | 7,700  | 7,700  |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Senior Term Debt<br>(12.0%, Due 3/2011)(6)                          | 7,520  | 7,520  |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Senior Subordinated<br>Term Debt (13.0%, Due<br>3/2013)             | 6,168  | 6,168  |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Preferred Stock(4)  | 6,961  | 7,713  |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Common Stock(4)   | 61     |        |
|                                  |                                       |                        |   | 28,410 | 29,101 |
| Country Club Enterprises,<br>LLC | Service                               | golf cart distribution | Senior Subordinated<br>Term Debt (16.7%, Due<br>11/2014)(5)         | 7,000  | 6,869  |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Preferred Stock(4)  | 3,725  |        |
|                                  |                                       |                        | Guaranty (\$2,000)  |        |        |
|                                  |                                       |                        |   | 10,725 | 6,869  |

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**CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULES OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**MARCH 31, 2010**

**(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)**

| Company(1)   | Industry  | Investment(2)  | Cost              | Fair Value        |
|--|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>CONTROL INVESTMENTS</b>   |   |  |                   |                   |
| <i>(Continued):</i>  |   |  |                   |                   |
| Galaxy Tool Holding Corp.  | Manufacturing aerospace and plastics                  | Senior Subordinated Term Debt (13.5%, Due 8/2013)(5)               | \$ 17,250         | \$ 17,099         |
|  |   | Preferred Stock(4)   | 4,112             |                   |
|  |   | Common Stock(4)  | 48                |                   |
|  |   |  | 21,410            | 17,099            |
| Mathey Investments, Inc. (7)   | Manufacturing pipe-cutting and pipe-fitting equipment | Revolving Credit Facility, \$718 available (10.0%, Due 3/2011)(5)  | 1,032             | 1,011             |
|  |   | Senior Term Debt (10.0%, Due 3/2013)(5)                            | 2,375             | 2,328             |
|  |   | Senior Term Debt (17.0%, Due 3/2014)(5) (6) (9)                    | 7,227             | 6,974             |
|  |   | Common Stock(4)  | 500               |                   |
|  |   | Common Stock Warrants(4)   | 277               |                   |
|  |   |  | 11,411            | 10,313            |
| <b>Total Control Investments (represents 71.7% of total investments at fair value)</b> |   |  | <b>\$ 152,166</b> | <b>\$ 148,248</b> |
| <b>AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS:</b>  |   |  |                   |                   |
| Danco Acquisition Corp.  | Manufacturing machining and sheet metal work          | Revolving Credit Facility, \$600 available (10.0%, Due 10/2010)(5) | \$ 900            | \$ 893            |
|  |   | Senior Term Debt (10.0%, Due 10/2012)(5)                           | 4,163             | 4,131             |
|  |   | Senior Term Debt (12.5%, Due 4/2013)(5)                            | 9,053             | 8,929             |
|  |   | Preferred Stock(4)   | 2,500             |                   |
|  |   | Common Stock Warrants(4)   | 2                 |                   |
|  |   |  | 16,618            | 13,953            |
| Noble Logistics, Inc.  | Service aftermarket auto parts delivery               | Revolving Credit Facility, \$0 available (4.2%, Due 5/2010)(5)     | 2,000             | 1,210             |
|  |   | Senior Term Debt (9.3%, Due 12/2011)(5)                            | 6,227             | 3,767             |
|  |   | Senior Term Debt (10.5%, Due 12/2011)(5) (6)                       | 7,300             | 4,417             |

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|  |  |  |                   |                   |
|--|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|
|  |  | Preferred Stock(4)                                   | 1,750             |                   |
|  |  | Common Stock(4)                                      | 1,682             |                   |
|  |  |  | 18,959            | 9,394             |
| Quench Holdings Corp.  | Service sales, installation and service of water coolers | Senior Subordinated Term Debt (10.0%, Due 8/2013)(5) | 8,000             | 6,150             |
|  |  | Preferred Stock(4)                                   | 2,950             | 3,224             |
|  |  | Common Stock(4)                                      | 447               |                   |
|  |  |  | 11,397            | 9,374             |
| Tread Corp.  | Manufacturing storage and transport equipment            | Senior Subordinated Term Debt (12.5%, Due 5/2013)(5) | 5,000             | 4,943             |
|  |  | Preferred Stock(4)                                   | 750               |                   |
|  |  | Common Stock & Debt Warrants(4)                      | 3                 |                   |
|  |  |  | 5,753             | 4,943             |
| <b>Total Affiliate Investments (represents 18.2% of total investments at fair value)</b> |  |  | <b>\$ 52,727</b>  | <b>\$ 37,664</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS(11)</b>   |  |  | <b>\$ 227,567</b> | <b>\$ 206,858</b> |

- (1) Certain of the listed securities are issued by affiliate(s) of the indicated portfolio company.
- (2) Percentage represents the weighted average interest rates in effect at March 31, 2010, and due date represents the contractual maturity date.
- (3) Valued based on the indicative bid price on or near March 31, 2010, offered by the respective syndication agent's trading desk or secondary desk.
- (4) Security is non-income producing.
- (5) Fair value based on opinions of value submitted by Standard & Poor's Securities Evaluations, Inc. at March 31, 2010.
- (6) Last Out Tranche of senior debt, meaning if the portfolio company is liquidated, the holder of the Last Out Tranche is paid after the other senior debt and before the senior subordinated debt.
- (7) Restructured in December 2009, resulting in the Company owning 100% of Mathey Investments, Inc. and thus reclassifying it as a Control Investment.
- (8) Security was paid off, at par, subsequent to March 31, 2010 and was valued based on the pay off.
- (9) Loan was restructured into two separate term loans with face values of \$3.7 million and \$3.5 million effective February 2010.
- (10) Loan was repaid, in full, subsequent to March 31, 2010.
- (11) Aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for federal income tax purposes is \$43,465; aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for federal income tax purposes is \$22,756. Net unrealized depreciation is \$20,709 based on a tax cost of \$227,567.

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**MARCH 31, 2009**

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| Company(1)                                   | Industry   | Investment(2)                           | Cost     | Fair Value |
|--|--|---|----------|------------|
| <b>NON-CONTROL/NON-AFFILIATE INVESTMENTS</b> |  |   |          |            |
| <i>Senior Syndicated Loans:</i>              |  |   |          |            |
| Activant Solutions, Inc.                     | Service - enterprise software and services                       | Senior Term Debt (3.4%, Due 5/2013)(7)  | \$ 1,658 | \$ 904     |
| Advanced Homecare Holdings, Inc.             | Service - home health nursing services                           | Senior Term Debt (4.3%, Due 8/2014)(7)  | 2,947    | 2,019      |
| Aeroflex, Inc.                               | Service - provider of highly specialized electronic equipment    | Senior Term Debt (4.5%, Due 8/2014)(7)  | 1,892    | 1,083      |
| Compsych Investments Corp.                   | Service - employee assistance programs                           | Senior Term Debt (3.8%, Due 2/2012)(7)  | 3,083    | 2,405      |
| CRC Health Group, Inc.                       | Service - substance abuse treatment                              | Senior Term Debt (3.5%, Due 2/2012)(7)  | 7,772    | 5,026      |
| Critical Homecare Solutions, Inc.            | Service - home therapy and respiratory treatment                 | Senior Term Debt (3.8%, Due 1/2012)(7)  | 4,359    | 3,632      |
| Generac Acquisition Corp.                    | Manufacturing - standby power products                           | Senior Term Debt (3.0%, Due 11/2013)(7) | 6,799    | 3,820      |
| Graham Packaging Holdings Company            | Manufacturing - plastic containers                               | Senior Term Debt (3.6%, Due 10/2011)(7) | 3,348    | 2,813      |
| HMTBP Acquisition II Corp.                   | Service - aboveground storage tanks                              | Senior Term Debt (3.5%, Due 5/2014)(3)  | 3,838    | 2,942      |
| Huish Detergents, Inc.                       | Manufacturing - household cleaning products                      | Senior Term Debt (2.3%, Due 4/2014)(7)  | 1,966    | 1,690      |
| Hyland Software, Inc.                        | Service - provider of enterprise content management software     | Senior Term Debt (3.6%, Due 7/2013)(7)  | 3,912    | 2,990      |
| Interstate Fibernet, Inc.                    | Service - provider of voice and data telecommunications services | Senior Term Debt (5.2%, Due 7/2013)(3)  | 9,804    | 6,698      |
| KIK Custom Products, Inc.                    | Manufacturing - consumer products                                | Senior Term Debt (2.8%, Due 5/2014)(7)  | 3,941    | 1,862      |
| Kronos, Inc.                                 | Service - workforce management solutions                         | Senior Term Debt (3.5%, Due 6/2014)(7)  | 1,899    | 1,291      |
| Local TV Finance, LLC                        | Service - television station operator                            | Senior Term Debt (2.5%, Due 5/2013)(7)  | 985      | 359        |
| LVI Services, Inc.                           | Service - asbestos and mold remediation                          | Senior Term Debt (4.5%, Due 11/2010)(7) | 5,916    | 2,673      |
| MedAssets, Inc.                              | Service - pharmaceuticals and healthcare GPO                     | Senior Term Debt (5.1%, Due 10/2013)(7) | 3,517    | 3,129      |
| Network Solutions, LLC                       | Service - internet domain solutions                              | Senior Term Debt (3.2%, Due 3/2014)(7)  | 8,672    | 5,506      |
| Open Solutions, Inc.                         | Service - software outsourcing for financial institutions        | Senior Term Debt (3.3%, Due 1/2014)(7)  | 2,648    | 1,206      |

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|                               |  |  |       |       |
|-------------------------------|--|--|-------|-------|
| Ozburn-Hessey Holding Co. LLC | Service - third party logistics                          | Senior Term Debt (4.4%, Due 8/2012)(7) | 7,523 | 5,975 |
| Pinnacle Foods Finance, LLC   | Manufacturing - branded food products                    | Senior Term Debt (3.2%, Due 4/2014)(7) | 1,950 | 1,570 |
| PTS Acquisition Corp.         | Manufacturing - drug delivery and packaging technologies | Senior Term Debt (2.8%, Due 4/2014)(7) | 6,877 | 4,264 |
| QTC Acquisition, Inc.         | Service - outsourced disability evaluations              |  |       |       |