

ARES CAPITAL CORP
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Guidance: Ares Capital Corporation

Guidance: T+262.5 area (+/- 12.5 bps)

Issuer: Ares Capital Corporation (ARCC)

Format: SEC Registered - Senior Unsecured

Ratings*: BBB/BBB (Negative/Stable)

Size: \$300m

Maturity: 5-year ([●], 2022)

Structure: 100% COC (See Red)

Active Bookrunners: BofAML/WFS/JPM/STRH

Passive Bookrunners: BARC/CITI/MS/BMO/DB/MIZ/RBC/SMBC

UOP: Repay outstanding indebtedness

Min Denoms: \$2k x \$1k

Optional Redemption: Make whole T+[] basis points and then par call one month prior to maturity

Settlement: T+3

Investors are advised to carefully consider the investment objective, risks, charges and expenses of Ares Capital before investing. The preliminary prospectus supplement dated September 14, 2016, together with an accompanying prospectus dated September 1, 2016, which have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, contain this and other information about Ares Capital and should be read carefully before investing.

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