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PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To prospectus dated March 29, 2012)

\$30,000,000

7.00% Senior Notes due 2019

We are an internally-managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio total return by generating current income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity-related investments.

We are offering \$30,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 7.00% senior notes due 2019, or the Notes. The Notes offered hereby will be a further issuance of, rank equally in right of payment with, and form a single series for all purposes under the indenture including, without limitation, waivers, amendments, consents, redemptions and other offers to purchase and voting, with the \$43,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 7.00% senior notes due 2019 initially issued by us on April 17, 2012, or the Existing Notes. The Notes will mature on April 30, 2019. We will pay interest on the Notes on January 30, April 30, July 30 and October 30 of each year, beginning on July 30, 2012. We may redeem the Notes in whole or in part at any time or from time to time on or after April 30, 2015, at the redemption price set forth under Specific Terms of the Notes and the Offering Optional redemption in this prospectus supplement. The Notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$25 and integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof.

The Notes will be our direct senior unsecured obligations and rank *pari passu* with all outstanding and future unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness issued by Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.

The Existing Notes are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, and trade on the NYSE under the symbol HTGZ. We intend to list the Notes offered hereby on the NYSE under the same trading symbol. The Notes are expected to trade flat, which means that purchasers in the secondary market will not pay, and sellers will not receive, any accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes that is not reflected in the trading

price.

An investment in the Notes involves risks that are described in the Supplementary Risk Factors section beginning on page S-14 in this prospectus supplement and the Risk Factors section beginning on page 16 of the accompanying prospectus.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain important information you should know before investing in the Notes. Please read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before investing and keep it for future reference. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information about us with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This information is available free of charge by contacting us at 400 Hamilton Avenue, Suite 310, Palo Alto, California 94301, or by telephone by calling collect at (650) 289-3060 or on our website at www.herculestech.com. The SEC also maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains such information. The information on the websites referred to herein is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

	Per Note	Total
Public offering price ⁽¹⁾	%	\$
Sales load (underwriting discounts and commissions)	%	\$
Proceeds to us (before expenses) ⁽²⁾	%	\$

⁽¹⁾ Plus accrued interest from April 17, 2012 (as if the Notes offered hereby had been issued on such date).

⁽²⁾ Before deducting expenses payable by us related to this offering, estimated at \$475,000.

The underwriters may also purchase up to an additional \$4,500,000 total aggregate principal amount of Notes offered hereby, to cover overallocments, if any, within 30 days of the date of this prospectus supplement. If the underwriters exercise this option in full, the total public offering price will be \$, the total sales load (underwriting discounts and commissions) paid by us will be \$, and total proceeds, before expenses, will be \$.

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

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

Delivery of the Notes in book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company will be made on or about , 2012.

Joint Book-Running Managers

Stifel Nicolaus Weisel

BB&T Capital Markets

Janney Montgomery Scott

Sterne Agee

Joint Lead Managers

Stephens Inc.

Wunderlich Securities

The date of this prospectus supplement is

, 2012.

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

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This prospectus supplement sets forth certain terms of the Notes that we are offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement and supplements the accompanying prospectus that is attached to the back of this prospectus supplement. On April 17, 2012, we and U.S. Bank National Association, or the Trustee, entered into the first supplemental indenture, or the First Supplemental Indenture, to the indenture, or the Indenture, between us and the Trustee, dated March 6, 2012, relating to our issuance, offer and sale of \$43.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.00% senior notes due 2019, the Existing Notes. We will issue the Notes offered hereby under the same First Supplemental Indenture. The Notes offered hereby will be a further issuance of, rank equally in right of payment with, and form a single series for all purposes under the Indenture, including, without limitation, waivers, amendments, consents, redemptions and other offers to purchase and voting, with the Existing Notes. Unless otherwise indicated, the Notes offered hereby and the Existing Notes are collectively referred to herein as the Notes. This section outlines the specific legal and financial terms of the Notes. You should read this section together with the more general description of the Notes in the accompanying prospectus under the heading Description of Our Debt Securities before investing in the Notes. Capitalized terms used in this prospectus supplement and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the accompanying prospectus or in the indenture governing the Notes.

Issuer	Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.
Title of the securities	7.00% Senior Notes due 2019
Initial aggregate principal amount being offered	\$30,000,000
Overallotment option	The underwriters may also purchase from us up to an additional \$4,500,000 aggregate principal amount of Notes to cover overallotments, if any, within 30 days of the date of this prospectus supplement.
Initial public offering price	% of the aggregate principal amount, plus accrued interest from April 17, 2012
Principal payable at maturity	100% of the aggregate principal amount; the principal amount of each Note will be payable on its stated maturity date at the office of the Paying Agent, Registrar and Transfer Agent for the Notes or at such other office in The City of New York as we may designate.
Type of Note	Fixed rate note
Listing	The Existing Notes are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, and trade on the NYSE under the symbol HTGZ. We intend to list the Notes offered hereby on the NYSE under the same trading symbol.
Interest rate	7.00% per year
Day count basis	360-day year of twelve 30-day months
Original issue date	, 2012
Stated maturity date	April 30, 2019
Date interest starts accruing	April 17, 2012
Interest payment dates	Each January 30, April 30, July 30 and October 30, commencing July 30, 2012. If an interest payment date falls on a non-business day, the applicable interest payment will be made on the next business day and no additional interest will accrue as a result of such delayed payment.

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Interest periods	The initial interest period will be the period from and including April 17, 2012, to, but excluding, the initial interest payment date, and the subsequent interest periods will be the periods from and including an interest payment date to, but excluding, the next interest payment date or the stated maturity date, as the case may be.
Regular record dates for interest	Each January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15.
Specified currency	U.S. Dollars
Place of payment	New York City
Ranking of Notes	<p>The Notes will be our direct unsecured obligations and will rank:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>pari passu</i> with our other outstanding and future senior unsecured indebtedness, including without limitation, the \$75 million 6.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2016 (the "Convertible Senior Notes");</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">senior to any of our future indebtedness that expressly provides it is subordinated to the Notes;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">effectively subordinated to all our existing and future secured indebtedness (including indebtedness that is initially unsecured to which we subsequently grant security), to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, including without limitation, borrowings under our credit facilities.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other obligations of any of our subsidiaries, including without limitation, the indebtedness of Hercules Technology II, L.P. and Hercules Technology III, L.P. and borrowings under our revolving senior secured credit facility with Wells Fargo Capital Finance (the "Wells Facility").</p>
Denominations	We will issue the Notes in denominations of \$25 and integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof.
Business day	Each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday that is not a day on which banking institutions in New York City are authorized or required by law or executive order to close.
Optional redemption	The Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at our option on or after April 30, 2015, upon not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days written notice by mail prior to the date fixed for redemption thereof, at a redemption price of 100% of the outstanding principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest payments otherwise payable for the then-current quarterly interest period accrued to but not including the date fixed for redemption.

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You may be prevented from exchanging or transferring the Notes when they are subject to redemption. In case any Notes are to be redeemed in part only, the redemption notice will provide that, upon surrender of such Note, you will receive, without a charge, a new Note or Notes of authorized denominations representing the principal amount of your remaining unredeemed Notes.

Any exercise of our option to redeem the Notes will be done in compliance with the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules, regulations and interpretations promulgated thereunder, which we collectively refer to as the 1940 Act, to the extent applicable.

If we redeem only some of the Notes, the Trustee or DTC, as applicable, will determine the method for selection of the particular Notes to be redeemed, in accordance with their standard operating procedures in accordance with the 1940 Act, to the extent applicable and in accordance with the rules of any national securities exchange or quotation system on which the Notes are listed. Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the date of redemption, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes called for redemption.

Under our credit facility with Union Bank, N.A. and Royal Bank of Canada (the Union Bank Facility), we currently would not be permitted to exercise our optional redemption right without the consent of the lenders.

Sinking fund

The Notes will not be subject to any sinking fund.

Repayment at option of Holders

Holder will not have the option to have the Notes repaid prior to the stated maturity date.

Defeasance and covenant defeasance

The Notes are subject to defeasance by us.

The Notes are subject to covenant defeasance by us.

Under the Union Bank Facility, we currently would be prohibited from defeasing the Notes or effecting covenant defeasance under the Notes without the consent of the lenders.

Form of Notes

The Notes will be represented by global securities that will be deposited and registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, or its nominee. Except in limited circumstances, you will not receive certificates for the Notes. Beneficial interests in the Notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Investors may elect to hold interests in the Notes through either DTC, if they are a participant, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in DTC.

Trustee, Paying Agent, Registrar and Transfer Agent

U.S. Bank National Association

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Other covenants

In addition to the covenants described in the prospectus attached to this prospectus supplement, the following covenants shall apply to the Notes:

We agree that for the period of time during which the Notes are outstanding, we will not violate Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the 1940 Act or any successor provisions, whether or not we continue to be subject to such provisions of the 1940 Act, but giving effect, in either case, to any exemptive relief granted to us by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). These provisions generally prohibit us from making additional borrowings, including through the issuance of additional debt or the sale of additional debt securities, unless our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% after such borrowings.

We agree that for the period of time during which the Notes are outstanding, we will not violate Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the 1940 Act or any successor provisions, giving effect to any exemptive relief granted to us by the SEC. These provisions generally prohibit us from declaring any cash dividend or distribution upon any class of our capital stock, or purchasing any such capital stock if our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is below 200% at the time of the declaration of the dividend or distribution or the purchase and after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution or purchase.

If, at any time, we are not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to file any periodic reports with the SEC, we agree to furnish to holders of the Notes and the Trustee, for the period of time during which the Notes are outstanding, our audited annual consolidated financial statements, within 90 days of our fiscal year end, and unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, within 45 days of our fiscal quarter end (other than our fourth fiscal quarter). All such financial statements will be prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable United States generally accepted accounting principles.

Modifications to events of default

The following event of default, as described in the prospectus attached to this prospectus supplement:

We do not pay the principal of, or any premium on, a debt security of the series on its due date, and do not cure this default within 5 days.

with respect to the Notes has been revised to read as follows:

We do not pay the principal of, or any premium on, any Note on its due date.

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Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures

Interests in the Notes will trade in DTC's Same Day Funds Settlement System, and any permitted secondary market trading activity in such Notes will, therefore, be required by DTC to be settled in immediately available funds. None of the issuer, the Trustee or the paying agent will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC or its participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

Use of Proceeds

We estimate that the net proceeds we receive from the sale of the \$ million aggregate principal amount of Notes in this offering will be approximately \$ million (or approximately \$ million if the underwriters fully exercise their overallotment option), after deducting the underwriting discount of \$ million (or approximately \$ million if the underwriters fully exercise their overallotment option) payable by us and estimated offering expenses of approximately \$475,000 payable by us. We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund investments in debt and equity securities in accordance with our investment objective and for other general corporate purposes.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The matters discussed in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as in future oral and written statements by management of Hercules Technology Growth Capital, that are forward-looking statements are based on current management expectations that involve substantial risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from the results expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements relate to future events or our future financial performance. We generally identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, will, should, expects, plans, anticipates, could, intends, target, project, believes, estimates, predicts, potential or continue or the negative of these terms or other similar words. Important assumptions include our ability to originate new investments, achieve certain margins and levels of profitability, the availability of additional capital, and the ability to maintain certain debt to asset ratios. In light of these and other uncertainties, the inclusion of a projection or forward-looking statement in this prospectus should not be regarded as a representation by us that our plans or objectives will be achieved. The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus include statements as to:

our future operating results;

our business prospects and the prospects of our prospective portfolio companies;

the impact of investments that we expect to make;

the impact of a protracted decline in the liquidity of credit markets on our business;

our informal relationships with third parties including in the venture capital industry;

the expected market for venture capital investments and our addressable market;

the dependence of our future success on the general economy and its impact on the industries in which we invest;

our ability to access debt markets and equity markets;

the ability of our portfolio companies to achieve their objectives;

our expected financings and investments;

our regulatory structure and tax status;

our ability to operate as a business development company, a small business investment company and a regulated investment company, or RIC;

the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital;

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

the timing, form and amount of any dividend distributions;

the impact of fluctuations in interest rates on our business;

the valuation of any investments in portfolio companies, particularly those having no liquid trading market; and

our ability to recover unrealized losses.

For a discussion of factors that could cause our actual results to differ from forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, please see the discussion under **Supplemental Risk Factors** in this prospectus supplement and **Risk Factors** in the accompanying prospectus. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements made in this prospectus relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made and are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933.

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Industry and Market Data

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain third-party estimates and data regarding valuations of venture capital-backed companies. This data was reported by Dow Jones VentureSource, an independent venture capital industry research company which we refer to as VentureSource. VentureSource is commonly relied upon as an information source in the venture capital industry. Although we have not independently verified any such data, we believe that the industry information contained in such releases and data tables and included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is reliable.

We have compiled certain industry estimates presented in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus from internally generated information and data. While we believe our estimates are reliable, they have not been verified by any independent sources. The estimates are based on a number of assumptions, including increasing investment in venture capital and private equity-backed companies. Actual results may differ from projections and estimates, and this market may not grow at the rates projected, or at all. If this market fails to grow at projected rates, our business and the market price of our securities, including the Notes, could be materially adversely affected.

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This summary highlights some of the information in this prospectus supplement and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. For a more complete understanding of this offering, we encourage you to read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents that are referenced in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with any accompanying supplements. In this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires, the Company, Hercules Technology Growth Capital, we, us and our refer to Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. and our wholly-owned subsidiaries. On April 17, 2012, we and the Trustee entered into the First Supplemental Indenture to the Indenture, between us and the Trustee, dated March 6, 2012, relating to our issuance, offer and sale of the Existing Notes. We will issue the Notes offered hereby under the same First Supplemental Indenture. The Notes offered hereby will be a further issuance of, rank equally in right of payment with, and form a single series for all purposes with the Existing Notes. Unless otherwise indicated, the Notes offered hereby and the Existing Notes are collectively referred to herein as the Notes. The Notes offered hereby and the Existing Notes will be treated as a single series for all purposes under the Indenture including, without limitation, waivers, amendments, consents, redemptions and other offers to purchase and voting.

Our Company

We are a specialty finance company that provides debt and equity growth capital to technology-related companies at various stages of development from seed and emerging growth to expansion and established stages of development, which include select publicly listed companies and select lower middle market technology companies. Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio total return by generating current income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity-related investments. We are an internally-managed, non-diversified closed-end investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the 1940 Act.

As of March 31, 2012, our total assets were approximately \$763.4 million, of which, our investments comprised \$694.5 million at fair value and \$695.4 million at cost. Our investments at fair value were comprised of our debt investments, warrant portfolio and equity investments valued at approximately \$614.6 million, \$32.0 million and \$47.9 million, respectively, or 88.5%, 4.6% and 6.9% of total investments, respectively. At March 31, 2012, total investments at value in foreign companies were approximately \$13.1 million or 1.7% of total assets. During the three month period ended March 31, 2012 we made debt and equity commitments to new and existing portfolio companies, including restructured loans, totaling \$101.3 million. Debt commitments for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 included commitments of approximately \$42.6 million to six new portfolio companies and \$46.8 million to five existing companies. Equity commitments for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 included commitments of approximately \$9.6 million to one new portfolio company and \$2.3 million to two existing portfolio companies. Since inception through March 31, 2012, we have made debt and equity commitments of approximately \$2.8 billion to our portfolio companies.

We also make investments in qualifying small businesses through two wholly-owned, small business investment company (SBIC) subsidiaries, Hercules Technology II, L.P. (HT II) and Hercules Technology III, L.P. (HT III). As SBICs, HT II and HT III are subject to a variety of regulations concerning, among other things, the size and nature of the companies in which they may invest and the structure of those investments. As of March 31, 2012, we held investments in HT II in 54 companies with a fair value of approximately \$188.1 million. HT II s portfolio companies accounted for approximately 27.1% of our total portfolio at March 31, 2012. As of March 31, 2012, we held investments in HT III in 25 companies with a fair value of approximately \$129.0 million. HT III s portfolio accounted for approximately 18.6% of our total portfolio at March 31, 2012.

We primarily finance privately-held companies backed by leading venture capital and private equity firms and also may finance certain select publicly-traded companies that lack access to public capital or are sensitive to

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equity ownership dilution. As of March 31, 2012, our proprietary SQL-based database system included over 27,500 technology-related companies and approximately 7,000 venture capital, private equity sponsors/investors, as well as various other industry contacts. Our principal executive office is located in Silicon Valley, and we have additional offices in Boston, MA, Boulder, CO and McLean, VA. Our goal is to be the leading structured debt financing provider of choice for venture capital and private equity backed technology-related companies requiring sophisticated and customized financing solutions. Our strategy is to evaluate and invest in a broad range of technology-related companies including, clean technology, life science and select lower middle market technology companies and to offer a full suite of growth capital products up and down the capital structure. We invest primarily in structured debt with warrants and, to a lesser extent, in senior debt and equity investments. We use the term "structured debt with warrants" to refer to any debt investment, such as a senior or subordinated secured loan, that is coupled with an equity component, including warrants, options or rights to purchase common or preferred stock. Our structured debt with warrants investments will typically be secured by select or all of the assets of the portfolio company.

We focus our investments in companies active in technology industry sub-sectors characterized by products or services that require advanced technologies, including, but not limited to, computer software and hardware, networking systems, semiconductors, semiconductor capital equipment, information technology infrastructure or services, Internet consumer and business services, telecommunications, telecommunications equipment, renewable or alternative energy, media and life science. Within the life science sub-sector, we generally focus on medical devices, bio-pharmaceutical, drug discovery, drug delivery, health care services and information systems companies. Within the clean technology sub-sector, we focus on sustainable and renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency and monitoring technologies. We refer to all of these companies as "technology-related" companies and intend, under normal circumstances, to invest at least 80% of the value of our assets in such businesses.

Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio total return by generating current income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity-related investments. Our primary business objectives are to increase our net income, net operating income and net asset value by investing in structured debt with warrants and equity of venture capital and private equity backed technology-related companies with attractive current yields and the potential for equity appreciation and realized gains. Our structured debt investments typically include warrants or other equity interests, giving us the potential to realize equity-like returns on a portion of our investments. Our equity ownership in our portfolio companies may represent a controlling interest. In some cases, we receive the right to make additional equity investments in our portfolio companies including the right to convert some portion of our debt into equity in connection with future equity financing rounds. Capital that we provide directly to venture capital and private equity backed technology-related companies is generally used for growth and general working capital purposes as well as in select cases for acquisitions or recapitalizations.

Our portfolio is comprised of, and we anticipate that our portfolio will continue to be comprised of, investments in technology-related companies at various stages of development. Consistent with regulatory requirements, we invest primarily in United States based companies and to a lesser extent in foreign companies. See "Regulation Qualifying Assets" in the accompanying prospectus. Our investing emphasis has been primarily on private companies following or in connection with a subsequent institutional round of equity financing, which we refer to as expansion-stage companies and private companies in their later rounds of financing and certain public companies, which we refer to as established stage companies and lower middle market companies. We have also historically focused our investment activities in private companies following or in connection with the first institutional round of financing, which we refer to as emerging-growth companies.

As of March 31, 2012, our investment professionals, including Manuel A. Henriquez, our co-founder, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, are currently comprised of 29 professionals who have, on

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average, more than 15 years of experience in venture capital, structured finance, commercial lending or acquisition finance with the types of technology-related companies that we are targeting. We believe that we can leverage the experience and relationships of our management team to successfully identify attractive investment opportunities, underwrite prospective portfolio companies and structure customized financing solutions.

Our Market Opportunity

We believe that technology-related companies compete in one of the largest and most rapidly growing sectors of the U.S. economy and that continued growth is supported by ongoing innovation and performance improvements in technology products as well as the adoption of technology across virtually all industries in response to competitive pressures. We believe that an attractive market opportunity exists for a specialty finance company focused primarily on investments in structured debt with warrants in technology-related companies for the following reasons:

Technology-related companies have generally been underserved by traditional lending sources;

Unfulfilled demand exists for structured debt financing to technology-related companies as the number of lenders has declined due to the recent financial market turmoil; and

Structured debt with warrants products are less dilutive and complement equity financing from venture capital and private equity funds.

Technology-Related Companies are Underserved by Traditional Lenders. We believe many viable technology-related companies backed by financial sponsors have been unable to obtain sufficient growth financing from traditional lenders, including financial services companies such as commercial banks and finance companies, because traditional lenders have continued to consolidate and have adopted a more risk-averse approach to lending. More importantly, we believe traditional lenders are typically unable to underwrite the risk associated with financial sponsor-backed emerging-growth or expansion-stage companies effectively.

The unique cash flow characteristics of many technology-related companies include significant research and development expenditures and high projected revenue growth thus often making such companies difficult to evaluate from a credit perspective. In addition, the balance sheets of emerging-growth and expansion-stage companies often include a disproportionately large amount of intellectual property assets, which can be difficult to value. Finally, the speed of innovation in technology and rapid shifts in consumer demand and market share add to the difficulty in evaluating technology-related companies.

Due to the difficulties described above, we believe traditional lenders are generally refraining from entering the structured mezzanine marketplace, instead preferring the risk-reward profile of asset based lending. Traditional lenders generally do not have flexible product offerings that meet the needs of technology-related companies. The financing products offered by traditional lenders typically impose on borrowers many restrictive covenants and conditions, including limiting cash outflows and requiring a significant depository relationship to facilitate rapid liquidation.

Unfulfilled Demand for Structured Debt Financing to Technology-Related Companies. Private debt capital in the form of structured debt financing from specialty finance companies continues to be an important source of funding for technology-related companies. We believe that the level of demand for structured debt financing is a function of the level of annual venture equity investment activity. In the first three months of 2012, venture capital-backed companies received, in approximately 717 transactions, equity financing in an aggregate amount of approximately \$6.3 billion, as reported by Dow Jones VentureSource. In addition, overall, the median round size during the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 was approximately \$4.0 million. We believe the number of venture-backed companies receiving financing provides us an opportunity to provide debt financing to

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these companies. Overall, seed- and first-round deals made up 44% of the deal flow in the three months ended March 31, 2012 and later-stage deals made up roughly 54% of the deal activity in the quarter.

We believe that demand for structured debt financing is currently underserved, in part because of the credit market collapse in 2008 and the resulting exit of debt capital providers to technology-related companies. The venture capital market for the technology-related companies in which we invest has been active and is continuing to show signs of increased investment activity. Therefore, to the extent we have capital available, we believe this is an opportune time to be active in the structured lending market for technology-related companies.

Structured Debt with Warrants Products Complement Equity Financing From Venture Capital and Private Equity Funds. We believe that technology-related companies and their financial sponsors will continue to view structured debt securities as an attractive source of capital because it augments the capital provided by venture capital and private equity funds. We believe that our structured debt with warrants product provides access to growth capital that otherwise may only be available through incremental investments by existing equity investors. As such, we provide portfolio companies and their financial sponsors with an opportunity to diversify their capital sources. Generally, we believe technology-related companies at all stage of development target a portion of their capital to be debt in an attempt to achieve a higher valuation through internal growth. In addition, because financial sponsor-backed companies have potentially reached a more mature stage prior to reaching a liquidity event, we believe our investments provide the debt capital needed to grow or recapitalize companies during the extended period prior to liquidity events.

Our Business Strategy

Our strategy to achieve our investment objective includes the following key elements:

Leverage the Experience and Industry Relationships of Our Management Team and Investment Professionals. We have assembled a team of experienced investment professionals with extensive experience as venture capitalists, commercial lenders, and originators of structured debt and equity investments in technology-related companies. Our investment professionals have, on average, more than 15 years of experience as equity investors in, and/or lenders to, technology-related companies.

Mitigate Risk of Principal Loss and Build a Portfolio of Equity-Related Securities. We expect that our investments have the potential to produce attractive risk adjusted returns through current income, in the form of interest and fee income, as well as capital appreciation from equity-related securities. We believe that we can mitigate the risk of loss on our debt investments through the combination of loan principal amortization, cash interest payments, relatively short maturities, security interests in the assets of our portfolio companies, and, on select investments, covenants requiring prospective portfolio companies to have certain amounts of available cash and the continued support from a venture capital or private equity firm at the time we make our investment.

Provide Customized Financing Complementary to Financial Sponsors' Capital. We offer a broad range of investment structures and possess expertise and experience to effectively structure and price investments in technology-related companies. Unlike many of our competitors that only invest in companies that fit a specific set of investment parameters, we have the flexibility to structure our investments to suit the particular needs of our portfolio companies. We offer customized financing solutions ranging from senior debt to equity capital, with a focus on structured debt with warrants.

Invest at Various Stages of Development. We provide growth capital to technology-related companies at all stages of development, from emerging-growth companies, to expansion-stage companies, including select publicly listed companies and select lower middle market companies and established-stage companies.

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Benefit from Our Efficient Organizational Structure. We believe that the perpetual nature of our corporate structure enables us to be a long-term partner for our portfolio companies in contrast to traditional mezzanine and investment funds, which typically have a limited life. In addition, because of our access to the equity markets, we believe that we may benefit from a lower cost of capital than that available to private investment funds.

Deal Sourcing Through Our Proprietary Database. We have developed a proprietary and comprehensive structured query language-based (SQL) database system to track various aspects of our investment process including sourcing, originations, transaction monitoring and post-investment performance. As of March 31, 2012, our proprietary SQL-based database system included over 27,500 technology-related companies and over 7,000 venture capital, private equity sponsors/investors, as well as various other industry contacts. This proprietary SQL system allows us to maintain, cultivate and grow our industry relationships while providing us with comprehensive details on companies in the technology-related industries and their financial sponsors.

Recent Developments

New Investments Since March 31, 2012

As of June 11, 2012, we have originated commitments of over \$100.0 million to new and existing portfolio companies, including over \$36.0 million in commitments to existing portfolio companies. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in this prospectus supplement for more information relating to our commitments. Our new investments included:

\$10.0 million commitment to AMSC (Nasdaq: AMSC), a global solutions provider serving wind and grid leaders.

\$10.0 million commitment to Bridgewave Communications, the leading supplier of wireless connectivity solutions.

\$50,000 commitment to CapLinked, a secure network for private investing.

\$1.5 million commitment to Eccentex, a leader in dynamic case management cloud solutions.

\$8.0 million commitment to Glori Energy, a leader in sustainable, enhanced oil recovery and provider of the AERO (Activated Environment for the Recovery of Oil) System.

\$4.0 million commitment to Hillcrest Labs, a market leader in multiplatform motion software and products.

\$15.0 million commitment to Intelliject, a specialty pharmaceutical company that develops drug/device combination products.

\$1.5 million commitment to Just.me, a company that will shortly launch the You! network!.

\$5.0 million commitment to a company that is a performance leader in flash-based storage class memory solutions.

\$10.0 million commitment to a company, a leader in high-end consumer electronics trade-ins.

Principal Repayments

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As of June 11, 2012, we received approximately \$60.0 million in principal repayments, of which approximately \$43.0 million were unscheduled early repayments.

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Signed Term Sheets

As of June 11, 2012, we had approximately \$80.0 million of signed non-binding term sheets subject to completion of definitive documentation with prospective portfolio companies, which generally convert to contractual commitments within approximately 45 to 60 days. Non-binding term sheets are subject to completion of our due diligence, investment committee approval, legal review, and negotiation of definitive documentation. Not all signed non-binding term sheets are expected to close and do not necessarily represent any future cash requirements.

Filed IPOs

As of June 11, 2012, we had warrants or equity positions in two portfolio companies which had filed Form S-1 Registration Statements with the SEC in contemplation of a potential IPO. There can be no assurances that these companies will complete their respective IPOs in a timely manner or at all.

NYSE Listing

In April 2012, we transferred the listing of our common stock from The NASDAQ Global Select Market to the NYSE and began trading our common stock on the NYSE on April 30, 2012 under the ticker symbol HTGC.

New BDC Legislation

On June 8, 2012, legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives intended to revise certain regulations applicable to business development companies, or BDCs. The legislation provides for (i) increasing the amount of funds BDCs may borrow by reducing asset to debt limitations from 2:1 to 3:2, (ii) permitting BDCs to file registration statements with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that incorporate information from already-filed reports by reference, (iii) utilizing other streamlined registration processes afforded to operating companies, and (iv) allowing BDCs to own investment adviser subsidiaries.

There are no assurances as to when the legislation will be enacted by Congress, if at all, or, if enacted, what final form the legislation would take.

SBIC

On May 30, 2012, we received approval from the SBA to borrow \$24,250,000 under a new capital commitment under HT III.

General Information

Our principal executive offices are located at 400 Hamilton Avenue, Suite 310, Palo Alto, California 94301, and our telephone number is (650) 289-3060. We also have offices in Boston, Massachusetts, Boulder, Colorado and McLean, Virginia. We maintain a website on the Internet at www.herculestech.com. Information contained in our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and you should not consider that information to be part of this prospectus.

We file annual, quarterly and current periodic reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which we refer to as the Exchange Act. This information is available at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information about the operation of the SEC's public reference room by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090. In addition, the SEC maintains an Internet website, at www.sec.gov, that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including us, who file documents electronically with the SEC.

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Investing in our securities involves a number of significant risks. Before you invest in our securities, you should be aware of various risks, including those described below and those set forth in the accompanying prospectus. You should carefully consider these risk factors, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, before you decide whether to make an investment in our securities. The risks set out below and in the accompanying prospectus are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or not presently deemed material by us may also impair our operations and performance. If any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected which could materially adversely affect our ability to repay principal and interest on the Notes. In addition, the market price of the Notes and our net asset value could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment. The risk factors described below, together with those set forth in the accompanying prospectus, are the principal risk factors associated with an investment in our securities, including the Notes, as well as those factors generally associated with an investment company with investment objectives, investment policies, capital structure or trading markets similar to ours.

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

The Notes will not be secured by any of our assets or any of the assets of our subsidiaries. As a result, the Notes are effectively subordinated to any secured indebtedness we or our subsidiaries have currently incurred and may incur in the future (or any indebtedness that is initially unsecured to which we subsequently grant security) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. In any liquidation, dissolution, bankruptcy or other similar proceeding, the holders of any of our existing or future secured indebtedness and the secured indebtedness of our subsidiaries may assert rights against the assets pledged to secure that indebtedness in order to receive full payment of their indebtedness before the assets may be used to pay other creditors, including the holders of the Notes. As of March 31, 2012, we had no borrowings outstanding under our Union Bank Facility, which is secured by debt investments in our portfolio companies and related assets or our Wells Facility, which is secured by loans in the borrowing base for the Wells Facility.

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

The Notes are obligations exclusively of Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. and not of any of our subsidiaries. None of our subsidiaries is a guarantor of the Notes and the Notes are not required to be guaranteed by any subsidiaries we may acquire or create in the future. A significant portion of the indebtedness required to be consolidated on our balance sheet is held through our SBIC subsidiaries. For example, as of March 31, 2011, HT II had issued \$100.7 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures and HT III had issued \$100.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures. The assets of such subsidiaries are not directly available to satisfy the claims of our creditors, including holders of the Notes. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources in the accompanying prospectus for more detail on the SBA-guaranteed debentures.

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

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As of March 31, 2012, we had no borrowings outstanding under our Wells Facility and \$200.7 million of indebtedness outstanding incurred by our SBIC subsidiaries, HT II and HT III. All of such indebtedness would be structurally senior to the Notes. In addition, our subsidiaries may incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future, all of which would be structurally senior to the Notes.

The indenture under which the Notes will be issued will contain limited protection for holders of the Notes.

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

issue securities or otherwise incur additional indebtedness or other obligations, including (1) any indebtedness or other obligations that would be equal in right of payment to the Notes, (2) any indebtedness or other obligations that would be secured and therefore rank effectively senior in right of payment to the Notes to the extent of the values of the assets securing such debt, (3) indebtedness of ours that is guaranteed by one or more of our subsidiaries and which therefore is structurally senior to the Notes and (4) securities, indebtedness or obligations issued or incurred by our subsidiaries that would be senior to our equity interests in our subsidiaries and therefore rank structurally senior to the Notes with respect to the assets of our subsidiaries, in each case other than an incurrence of indebtedness or other obligation that would cause a violation of Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the 1940 Act or any successor provisions, whether or not we continue to be subject to such provisions of the 1940 Act, but giving effect, in either case, to any exemptive relief granted to us by the SEC (these provisions generally prohibit us from making additional borrowings, including through the issuance of additional debt or the sale of additional debt securities, unless our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% after such borrowings);

pay dividends on, or purchase or redeem or make any payments in respect of, capital stock or other securities ranking junior in right of payment to the Notes, in each case other than dividends, purchases, redemptions or payments that would cause a violation of Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the 1940 Act or any successor provisions giving effect to any exemptive relief granted to us by the SEC (these provisions generally prohibit us from declaring any cash dividend or distribution upon any class of our capital stock, or purchasing any such capital stock if our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is below 200% at the time of the declaration of the dividend or distribution or the purchase and after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution or purchase);

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

enter into transactions with affiliates;

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

make investments; or

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

In addition, the indenture will not require us to offer to purchase the Notes in connection with a change of control or any other event.

Furthermore, the terms of the indenture and the Notes do not protect holders of the Notes in the event that we experience changes (including significant adverse changes) in our financial condition, results of operations or

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credit ratings, as they do not require that we or our subsidiaries adhere to any financial tests or ratios or specified levels of net worth, revenues, income, cash flow, or liquidity.

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

Certain of our current debt instruments include more protections for their holders than the indenture and the Notes. See **Risk Factors**. In addition to regulatory restrictions that restrict our ability to raise capital, the Wells Facility, the Union Bank Facility and the Convertible Senior Notes contain various covenants which, if not complied with, could accelerate repayment under the facility or require us to repurchase the Convertible Senior Notes, thereby materially and adversely affecting our liquidity, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay dividends in the accompanying prospectus. In addition, other debt we issue or incur in the future could contain more protections for its holders than the indenture and the Notes, including additional covenants and events of default. The issuance or incurrence of any such debt with incremental protections could affect the market for and trading levels and prices of the Notes.

Pending legislation may allow us to incur additional leverage.

As a business development company, under the 1940 Act generally we are not permitted to incur indebtedness unless immediately after such borrowing we have an asset coverage for total borrowings of at least 200% (i.e., the amount of debt may not exceed 50% of the value of our assets). We have agreed in the covenant in the indenture governing the Notes not to violate this section of the 1940 Act, whether or not we continue to be subject to such provision, but giving effect, in either case, to any exemptive relief granted to us by the SEC. Recent legislation introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, if passed, would modify this section of the 1940 Act and increase the amount of debt that business development companies may incur by modifying the percentage from 200% to 150%. See **Prospectus Supplement Summary Recent Developments New BDC Legislation** for more information with respect to this legislation. As a result, we may be able to incur additional indebtedness in the future and therefore your risk of an investment in the Notes may increase.

An active trading market for the Notes may not develop or be maintained, which could limit the market price of the Notes or your ability to sell them.

Although the Existing Notes are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol **HTGZ**, and we intend to list the Notes offered hereby under the same trading symbol, we cannot provide any assurances that an active trading market will develop or be maintained for the Notes or that you will be able to sell your Notes. If the Notes are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, our credit ratings, general economic conditions, our financial condition, performance and prospects and other factors. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the Notes, but they are not obligated to do so. The underwriters may discontinue any market-making in the Notes at any time at their sole discretion. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that a liquid trading market will develop or be maintained for the Notes, that you will be able to sell your Notes at a particular time or that the price you receive when you sell will be favorable. To the extent an active trading market does not develop or is not maintained, the liquidity and trading price for the Notes may be harmed. Accordingly, you may be required to bear the financial risk of an investment in the Notes for an indefinite period of time.

If we Default on our obligations to pay our other indebtedness, we may not be able to make payments on the Notes.

Any default under the agreements governing our indebtedness, including a default under the Wells Facility, the Union Bank Facility and the Convertible Senior Notes or other indebtedness to which we may be a party that is not waived by the required lenders or holders, and the remedies sought by the holders of such indebtedness

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could make us unable to pay principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes and substantially decrease the market value of the Notes. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow and are otherwise unable to obtain funds necessary to meet required payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness, or if we otherwise fail to comply with the various covenants, including financial and operating covenants, in the instruments governing our indebtedness, we could be in default under the terms of the agreements governing such indebtedness. In the event of such default, the holders of such indebtedness could elect to declare all the funds borrowed thereunder to be due and payable, together with accrued and unpaid interest, the lenders under the Wells Facility and the Union Bank Facility or other debt we may incur in the future could elect to terminate their commitments, cease making further loans and institute foreclosure proceedings against our assets, and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation. If our operating performance declines, we may in the future need to seek to obtain waivers from the required lenders under the Wells Facility or Union Bank Facility or the required holders of our Convertible Senior Notes or other debt that we may incur in the future to avoid being in default. If we breach our covenants under the Wells Facility or Union Bank Facility or the Convertible Senior Notes or other debt and seek a waiver, we may not be able to obtain a waiver from the required lenders or holders. If this occurs, we would be in default under the Wells Facility or Union Bank Facility or the Convertible Senior Notes or other debt, the lenders or holders could exercise their rights as described above, and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation. If we are unable to repay debt, lenders having secured obligations, including the lenders under the Wells Facility and the Union Bank Facility, could proceed against the collateral securing the debt. Because the Wells Facility, the Union Bank Facility and the Convertible Senior Notes have, and any future credit facilities will likely have, customary cross-default provisions, if the indebtedness under the Notes, the Wells Facility, Union Bank Facility, the Convertible Senior Notes or under any future credit facility is accelerated, we may be unable to repay or finance the amounts due. See Description of the Notes.

It is likely that the terms of any long-term or revolving credit or warehouse facility we may enter into in the future could constrain our ability to grow our business.

In August 2008, we entered into the Wells Facility, which we renewed on June 20, 2011. Under this three-year senior secured facility, Wells Fargo Capital Finance has made commitments of \$75.0 million. The facility contains an accordion feature, in which we can increase the credit line up to an aggregate of \$300.0 million, funded by additional lenders and with the agreement of Wells Fargo Capital Finance and subject to other customary conditions. We expect to continue discussions with various other potential lenders to join the new facility; however, there can be no assurances that additional lenders will join the Wells Facility.

Borrowings under the Wells Facility will generally bear interest at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 3.50%, with a floor of 5.00% and an advance rate of 50% against eligible loans. The Wells Facility is secured by loans in the borrowing base. The Wells Facility requires the monthly payment of a non-use fee of 0.3% for each payment date on or before September 1, 2011. The monthly payment of a non-use fee thereafter shall depend on the average balance that was outstanding on a scale between 0.0% and 0.75%. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2012, this non-use fee was approximately \$137,000. On June 20, 2011 we paid an additional \$1.1 million in structuring fees in connection with the Wells Facility which is being amortized through June 2014. In January 2012, we repaid the entire principal balance outstanding as of December 31, 2011 under the Wells Facility of approximately \$10.2 million. At March 31, 2012, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Wells Facility.

The Wells Facility includes various financial and operating covenants applicable to us and our subsidiaries, in addition to those applicable to Hercules Funding II, LLC. These covenants require us to maintain certain financial ratios and a minimum tangible net worth in an amount, when added to outstanding subordinated indebtedness, that is in excess of \$314.0 million plus 90% of the cumulative amount of equity raised after March 31, 2011. In addition, the tangible net worth covenant will increase by 90 cents on the dollar for every dollar of equity capital subsequently raised by us. As of March 31, 2012, the minimum tangible net worth covenant has increased to \$357.2 million as a result of the January 2012 follow-on public offering of 5.0 million shares of common stock for proceeds of approximately \$48.05 million. The Wells Facility provides for

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customary events of default, including, but not limited to, payment defaults, breach of representations or covenants, bankruptcy events and change of control.

On February 10, 2010, we entered into the Union Bank Facility. On November 2, 2011, we renewed and amended the Union Bank Facility and added a new lender under the Union Bank Facility. Union Bank and RBC Capital Markets have made commitments of \$30.0 million and \$25.0 million, respectively. The Union Bank Facility contains an accordion feature, in which we can increase the credit line up to an aggregate of \$150.0 million, funded by additional lenders and with the agreement of Union Bank and subject to other customary conditions. We expect to continue discussions with various other potential lenders to join the new facility; however, there can be no assurances that additional lenders will join the Union Bank Facility. At March 31, 2012, we had no borrowings outstanding under the Union Bank Facility.

Borrowings under the Union Bank Facility will generally bear interest at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 2.25% with a floor of 4.0%. At March 31, 2012, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Union Bank Facility. The Union Bank Facility requires the payment of a non-use fee of 0.50% annually. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2012, this non-use fee was approximately \$70,000. The Union Bank Facility is collateralized by debt investments in our portfolio companies, and includes an advance rate equal to 50.0% of eligible loans placed in the collateral pool. The Union Bank Facility generally requires payment of interest on a monthly basis. All outstanding principal is due upon maturity.

The Union Bank Facility contains various financial and operating covenants. These covenants require us to maintain certain financial ratios and a minimum tangible net worth in an amount, when added to outstanding subordinated indebtedness, that is in excess of \$314.0 million plus 90% of the amount of net cash proceeds received from the sale of common stock after March 31, 2011. As of March 31, 2012, the minimum tangible net worth covenant has increased to \$356.5 million as a result of the January 2012 follow-on public offering of 5.0 million shares of common stock for net proceeds of approximately \$47.2 million. The Union Bank Facility will mature on November 1, 2014, approximately three years from the date of issuance, revolving through the first 24 months with a term out provision for the remaining 12 months. The Union Bank Facility also provides for customary events of default, including, but not limited to, payment defaults, breach of representations or covenants, bankruptcy events and change of control. On March 30, 2012 the Company entered into an amendment to the Union Bank Facility which permitted the Company to issue the Existing Notes and permits the Company to issue the Notes offered hereby. We were in compliance with all covenants at March 31, 2012.

The current lenders under the Wells Facility and the Union Bank Facility have, and any future lender or lenders will have, fixed dollar claims on our assets that are senior to the claims of our stockholders and, thus, will have a preference over our stockholders with respect to our assets in the collateral pool. In addition, we may grant a security interest in our assets in connection with any such borrowing. These facilities contain customary default provisions such as a minimum net worth amount, a profitability test, and a restriction on changing our business and loan quality standards. In addition, such facilities require or are expected to require the repayment of all outstanding debt on the maturity which may disrupt our business and potentially, the business our portfolio companies that are financed through the facilities. An event of default under these facilities would likely result, among other things, in termination of the availability of further funds under that facility and an accelerated maturity date for all amounts outstanding under the facility, which would likely disrupt our business and, potentially, the business of the portfolio companies whose loans we financed through the facility. This could reduce our revenues and, by delaying any cash payment allowed to us under our facility until the lender has been paid in full, reduce our liquidity and cash flow and impair our ability to grow our business and maintain our status as a RIC.

The terms of future available financing may place limits on our financial and operating flexibility. If we are unable to obtain sufficient capital in the future, we may:

be forced to reduce or discontinue our operations;

not be able to expand or acquire complementary businesses; and

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not be able to develop new services or otherwise respond to changing business conditions or competitive pressures.

There is no assurance that HT II or HT III will be able to draw up to the maximum limit available under the SBIC program.

On September 27, 2006, HT II received a license to operate as a SBIC under the SBIC program and is able to borrow funds from the SBA against eligible investments and additional contributions to regulatory capital. As of March 31, 2012, HT II had the potential to borrow up to \$125.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures under the SBIC program. With our net investment of \$75.0 million in HT II as of March 31, 2012, HT II has the capacity to issue a total of \$125.0 million of SBA guaranteed debentures, subject to SBA approval, of which \$100.7 million is outstanding as of March 31, 2012.

On May 26, 2010, HT III received a license to operate as a SBIC under the SBIC program and is able to borrow funds from the SBA against eligible investments and additional contributions to regulatory capital. As of March 31, 2012, HT III had the potential to borrow up to \$100.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures under the SBIC program. With our net investment of \$50.0 million in HT III as of March 31, 2012, HT III has the capacity to issue a total of \$100.0 million of SBA guaranteed debentures, subject to SBA approval, of which \$100.0 million was outstanding as of March 31, 2012.

As of March 31, 2012, there was \$200.7 million principal amount of indebtedness outstanding incurred by our SBIC subsidiaries. Access to the remaining leverage is subject to SBA approval and compliance with SBA regulations.

There is no assurance that HT II or HT III will be able to draw up to the maximum limit available under the SBIC program.

In addition to regulatory restrictions that restrict our ability to raise capital, the Wells Facility, the Union Bank Facility and the Convertible Senior Notes and Existing Notes contain various covenants which, if not complied with, could accelerate repayment under the facility or require us to repurchase the Convertible Senior Notes, thereby materially and adversely affecting our liquidity, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay dividends.

The credit agreements governing the Wells Facility and the Union Bank Facility and the Convertible Senior Notes and Existing Notes require us to comply with certain financial and operational covenants. These covenants require us to, among other things, maintain certain financial ratios, including asset coverage, debt to equity and interest coverage. Our ability to continue to comply with these covenants in the future depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control. There are no assurances that we will be able to comply with these covenants. Failure to comply with these covenants would result in a default which, if we were unable to obtain a waiver from the lenders under the Wells Facility and the Union Bank Facility or the trustee or holders under the Convertible Senior Notes and Existing Notes, could accelerate repayment under the facilities or the Convertible Senior Notes and thereby have a material adverse impact on our liquidity, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay dividends. In addition, holders of the Convertible Senior Notes will have the right to require us to repurchase the Convertible Senior Notes upon the occurrence of a fundamental change at a repurchase price equal to 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. We may not have enough available cash or be able to obtain financing at the time we are required to make repurchases. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition Borrowings.

Depending on funding requirements, we may need to raise additional capital to meet our unfunded commitments either through equity offerings or through additional borrowings.

As of March 31, 2012, we had unfunded commitments of approximately \$125.4 million. Approximately \$40.1 million of these unfunded debt commitments are dependent upon the portfolio company reaching certain

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milestones before the debt commitment becomes available. These commitments will be subject to the same underwriting and ongoing portfolio maintenance. Since these commitments may expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amount does not necessarily represent future cash requirements. Closed commitments generally fund 70-80% of the committed amount in aggregate over the life of the commitment. We intend to use cash flow from normal and early principal repayments, SBA debentures, our Wells Facility, our Union Bank Facility and proceeds from the Convertible Senior Notes and the Notes to fund these commitments. However, there can be no assurance that we will have sufficient capital available to fund these commitments as they come due.

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. The following table shows the fair value of the totals of investments held in portfolio companies at March 31, 2012 that represent greater than 5% of net assets:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2012	
	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
BrightSource Energy, Inc.	\$ 36,189	7.5%
Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 29,378	6.1%
Women s Marketing, Inc.	\$ 29,033	6.0%
Box.net, Inc.	\$ 28,699	5.9%
Tectura Corporation	\$ 26,544	5.5%
Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 26,140	5.4%
Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 24,895	5.1%

Brightsource Energy, Inc. designs, develops and sells solar thermal power systems that deliver reliable, clean energy to utilities and industrial companies.

Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the discovery and development of new, targeted cancer therapeutics.

Women s Marketing, Inc. is a media solutions company, delivering premium media at value pricing across all platforms.

Box.Net, Inc. is an online storage and sharing service that gives users access to their files from anywhere.

Tectura Corporation is an IT services firm that specializes in Microsoft Business Solutions applications.

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is an emerging specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the development, commercialization and manufacture of new pharmaceutical products.

Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing products to treat serious diseases, including cardiovascular and autoimmune diseases.

Our financial results could be negatively affected if these portfolio companies or any of our other significant portfolio companies encounter financial difficulty and fail to repay their obligations or to perform as expected.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds we will receive from the sale of the \$ million aggregate principal amount of Notes in this offering will be approximately \$ million (or approximately \$ million if the underwriters fully exercise their overallotment option), after deducting the underwriting discount of \$ million (or approximately \$ million if the underwriters fully exercise their overallotment option) payable by us and estimated offering expenses of approximately \$475,000 payable by us.

We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund investments in debt and equity securities in accordance with our investment objective and for other general corporate purposes.

We intend to seek to invest the net proceeds received in this offering as promptly as practicable after receipt thereof consistent with our investment objective. We anticipate that substantially all of the net proceeds from any offering of our securities will be used as described above within three to six months, depending on market conditions. We anticipate that the remainder will be used for working capital and general corporate purposes, including potential payments or distributions to shareholders. Pending such use, we will invest a portion of the net proceeds of this offering in short-term investments, such as cash and cash equivalents, which we expect will earn yields substantially lower than the interest income that we anticipate receiving in respect of investments in accordance with our investment objective.

The amount of net proceeds may be more or less than the amount described in the preliminary prospectus supplement depending on the amount of Notes we sell in the offering, which will be determined at pricing. To the extent that we receive more than the amount described in this preliminary prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds for investment in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective and strategies and for working capital and general corporate purposes. To the extent we receive less, the amount we have available for such purposes will be reduced.

Table of Contents**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

For the quarter ended March 31, 2012 and for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007, our ratio of earnings to fixed charges, computed as set forth below, were as follows:

	For the quarter ended March 31, 2012	For the year ended December 31, 2011	For the year ended December 31, 2010	For the year ended December 31, 2009	For the year ended December 31, 2008	For the year ended December 31, 2007
Earnings to Fixed Charges ⁽¹⁾	3.44	2.95	0.51	1.20	1.33	7.45

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

- (1) Earnings include net realized and unrealized gains or losses. Net realized and unrealized gains or losses can vary substantially from period to period.

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The following table sets forth (i) our actual capitalization as of March 31, 2012, and (ii) our capitalization as adjusted to give effect to the sale of \$30.0 million aggregate principal amount of Notes in this offering (assuming no exercise of the overallotment option), after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions of \$ payable by us and estimated offering expenses of approximately \$475,000 payable by us. You should read this table together with the Use of Proceeds section and our statement of assets and liabilities included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement.

	As of March 31, 2012	
	Actual (in thousands)	As Adjusted ⁽¹⁾ (in thousands)
Investments at fair value	\$ 694,464	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 48,433	\$
Debt:		
Wells Facility		
Union Bank Facility		
Long-term SBA debentures	200,750	
Convertible Senior Notes	75,000	
Notes offered hereby		
Total debt ⁽²⁾	\$ 275,750	\$
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 49,721,356 shares issued and outstanding	\$ 50	\$
Capital in excess of par value	\$ 532,951	\$
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(578)	
Accumulated realized gains (losses) on investments	(40,165)	
Distributions in excess of investment income		
	(6,811)	
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 485,447	
Total capitalization	\$ 761,197	\$

(1) Does not include the initial purchaser's overallotment option or interest accrued on the Notes offered hereby since April 17, 2012.

(2) Does not take into account the issuance of the Existing Notes or interest accrued on the Existing Notes since April 17, 2012. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Subsequent Events in this prospectus supplement for more information with respect to the Existing Notes.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement. In addition to historical information, the following discussion and other parts of this prospectus supplement contain forward-looking information that involves risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated by such forward-looking information due to the factors discussed under Supplemental Risk Factors, Risk Factors and Forward-Looking Statements appearing elsewhere herein.

Overview

We are a specialty finance firm providing customized loans to public and private technology-related companies, including clean technology, life science and select lower middle market technology companies at all stages of development. We primarily finance privately-held companies backed by leading venture capital and private equity firms, and also may finance certain publicly-traded companies that lack access to public capital or are sensitive to equity ownership dilution. We source our investments through our principal office located in Silicon Valley, as well as through additional offices in Boston, MA, Boulder, CO, and McLean, VA.

Our goal is to be the leading structured debt financing provider of choice for venture capital and private equity backed technology-related companies requiring sophisticated and customized financing solutions. Our strategy is to evaluate and invest in a broad range of technology-related companies including clean technology, life science and select lower middle market technology companies and to offer a full suite of growth capital products up and down the capital structure. We invest primarily in structured debt with warrants and, to a lesser extent, in senior debt and equity investments. We use the term structured debt with warrants to refer to any debt investment, such as a senior or subordinated secured loan, that is coupled with an equity component, including warrants, options or rights to purchase common or preferred stock. Our structured debt with warrants investments will typically be secured by some or all of the assets of the portfolio companies.

Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio total return by generating current income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity-related investments. Our primary business objectives are to increase our net income, net operating income and net asset value by investing in structured debt with warrants and equity of venture capital and private equity backed technology-related companies with attractive current yields and the potential for equity appreciation and realized gains. Our structured debt investments typically include warrants or other equity interests, giving us the potential to realize equity-like returns on a portion of our investments. Our equity ownership in our portfolio companies may represent a controlling interest. In some cases, we receive the right to make additional equity investments in our portfolio companies in connection with future equity financing rounds. Capital that we provide directly to venture capital and private equity backed technology-related companies is generally used for growth and general working capital purposes as well as in select cases for acquisitions or recapitalizations.

We are an internally managed, non-diversified closed-end investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. As a business development company, we are required to comply with certain regulatory requirements. For instance, we generally have to invest at least 70% of our total assets in qualifying assets, including securities of private U.S. companies, cash, cash equivalents, and high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less.

From incorporation through December 31, 2005, we were taxed as a corporation under Subchapter C of the Internal Revenue Code, or the Code. As of January 1, 2006, we have elected to be treated for federal income tax purposes as a regulated investment company, or a RIC, under Subchapter M of the Code. Pursuant to this election, we generally will not have to pay corporate-level taxes on any income that we distribute to our stockholders. However, such an election and qualification to be treated as a RIC requires that we comply with

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certain requirements contained in Subchapter M of the Code. For example, a RIC must meet certain requirements, including source-of income, asset diversification and income distribution requirements. The income source requirement mandates that we receive 90% or more of our income from qualified earnings, typically referred to as good income. Qualified earnings may exclude such income as management fees received in connection with our SBIC or other potential outside managed funds and certain other fees.

Our portfolio is comprised of, and we anticipate that our portfolio will continue to be comprised of, investments primarily in technology-related companies at various stages of their development. Consistent with regulatory requirements, we invest primarily in United States based companies and to a lesser extent in foreign companies. Our investing emphasis has been primarily on private companies following or in connection with a subsequent institutional round of equity financing, which we refer to as expansion-stage companies and private companies in later rounds of financing and certain public companies, which we refer to as established-stage companies and select lower middle market technology companies. We have focused our investment activities in private companies following or in connection with the first institutional round of financing, which we refer to as emerging-growth companies.

We regularly engage in discussions with third parties in respect of various potential transactions. We may acquire an investment or a portfolio of investments or an entire company or sell a portion of our portfolio on an opportunistic basis. We or our subsidiaries may also agree to manage certain other funds that invest in debt, equity or provide other financing or services to companies in a variety of industries for which we may earn management or other fees for our services. We may also invest in the equity of these funds, along with other third parties, from which we would seek to earn a return and/or future incentive allocations. Some of these transactions could be material to our business. Consummation of any such transaction will be subject to completion of due diligence, finalization of key business and financial terms (including price) and negotiation of final definitive documentation as well as a number of other factors and conditions including, without limitation, the approval of our board of directors and required regulatory or third party consents and, in certain cases, the approval of our stockholders. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that any such transaction would be consummated. Any of these transactions or funds may require significant management resources either during the transaction phase or on an ongoing basis depending on the terms of the transaction.

Portfolio and Investment Activity

The total value of our investment portfolio was \$694.5 million at March 31, 2012 as compared to \$652.9 million at December 31, 2011.

During the three month period ended March 31, 2012 we made debt and equity commitments to new and existing portfolio companies, including restructured loans, totaling \$101.3 million. Debt commitments for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 included commitments of approximately \$42.6 million to six new portfolio companies and \$46.8 million to five existing companies. Equity commitments for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 included commitments of approximately \$9.6 million to one new portfolio company and \$2.3 million to two existing companies.

During the three month period ended March 31, 2011 we made debt commitments to new and existing portfolio companies, including restructured loans, totaling \$97.5 million. Debt commitments for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 included commitments of approximately \$50.0 million to three new portfolio companies and \$47.5 million to three existing companies.

During the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, we funded investments in debt securities, totaling approximately \$62.9 million and \$85.5 million, respectively. During the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, we funded equity investments of approximately \$2.1 million and \$500,000 respectively. During the three-month period ended March 31, 2012, the Company converted approximately \$356,000 of debt to equity in one portfolio company. In addition, in December 2011, Hercules entered into an agreement to acquire shares of Facebook, Inc. common stock for approximately \$9.6 million through a secondary marketplace. The investments were subject to a Facebook, Inc. right of first refusal, which expired thirty days

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after the date of investment. At December 31, 2011 these assets were held as Other Assets. In February 2012, Hercules was notified that Facebook Inc. had not exercised its repurchase right with respect to any of the shares and had executed all documents necessary to fully transfer the ownership of the shares to Hercules. Accordingly, during the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the investment in Facebook, Inc. was transferred from Other Assets to Investments.

At March 31, 2012, we had unfunded contractual commitments of approximately \$125.4 million to 24 new and existing companies. Approximately \$40.1 million of these unfunded origination activity commitments are dependent upon the portfolio company reaching certain milestones before the Hercules debt commitment becomes available.

These commitments will be subject to the same underwriting and ongoing portfolio maintenance as the on-balance sheet financial instruments that we hold. Since these commitments may expire without being drawn, unfunded commitments do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. In addition, we have approximately \$59.3 million of non-binding term sheets outstanding to eight new and existing companies at March 31, 2012. Non-binding outstanding term sheets are subject to completion of our due diligence and final approval process, as well as the negotiation of definitive documentation with the prospective portfolio companies. Not all non-binding term sheets are expected to close and do not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

The fair value of the loan portfolio at March 31, 2012 was approximately \$614.6 million, compared to a fair value of approximately \$396.6 million at March 31, 2011. The fair value of the equity portfolio at March 31, 2012 and 2011 was approximately \$47.9 million and \$27.0 million, respectively. The fair value of our warrant portfolio at March 31, 2012 and 2011 was approximately \$32.0 million and \$21.5 million, respectively.

We receive payments in our loan portfolio based on scheduled amortization of the outstanding balances. In addition, we receive repayments of some of our loans prior to their scheduled maturity date. The frequency or volume of these repayments may fluctuate significantly from period to period. During the three-month period ended March 31, 2012, we received approximately \$35.5 million of principal repayments, including normal principal amortization repayments of approximately \$19.0 million, and early repayments and working line of credit pay-downs of approximately \$16.5 million. During the quarter ended March 31, 2012, we restructured our debt investments in one portfolio company for approximately \$22.8 million and converted \$356,000 of debt to equity.

Total portfolio investment activity as of March 31, 2012 (unaudited) and December 31, 2011 is as follows:

(in millions)	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Beginning Portfolio	\$ 652.9	\$ 472.0
Purchase of debt investments	62.9	433.4
Equity Investments	2.1	1.9
Sale of Investments	(4.4)	(18.5)
Principal payments received on investments	(19.0)	(65.2)
Early pay-offs and recoveries	(16.5)	(182.1)
Accretion of loan discounts and paid-in-kind principal	4.1	6.6
Net change in unrealized depreciation in investments	2.7	4.8
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in Citigroup participation	0.1	(0.2)
Conversion of Debt and Other Assets to Equity	9.6	0.2
Restructure fundings		16.1
Restructure payoffs		(16.1)
Ending Portfolio	\$ 694.5	\$ 652.9

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The following table shows the fair value of our portfolio of investments by asset class as of March 31, 2012 (unaudited) and December 31, 2011 (excluding unearned income).

(in thousands)	March 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio
Senior secured debt with warrants	\$ 552,415	79.5%	\$ 482,268	73.9%
Senior secured debt	94,186	13.6%	133,544	20.4%
Preferred stock	27,250	3.9%	30,181	4.6%
Common Stock	20,613	3.0%	6,877	1.1%
	\$ 694,464	100.0%	\$ 652,870	100.0%

A summary of our investment portfolio at value by geographic location is as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio
United States	\$ 681,345	98.1%	\$ 634,736	97.2%
England	7,771	1.1%	8,266	1.3%
Iceland	5,198	0.8%	4,970	0.7%
Ireland	150	0.0%	3,842	0.6%
Canada		0.0%	672	0.1%
Israel		0.0%	384	0.1%
	\$ 694,464	100.0%	\$ 652,870	100.0%

Our portfolio companies are primarily privately held expansion-and established-stage companies in the drug discovery, internet consumer and business services, clean technology, drug delivery, media/content/info, software, specialty pharmaceuticals, healthcare services, communications and networking, information services, consumer and business products, therapeutic, medical device and equipment, semiconductors, surgical devices, biotechnology tools, diagnostic, and electronics and computer hardware industry sectors. These sectors are characterized by high margins, high growth rates, consolidation and product and market extension opportunities. Value is often vested in intangible assets and intellectual property.

The largest portfolio companies vary as new loans are recorded and loans pay off. Loan revenue, consisting of interest, fees, and recognition of gains on equity interests, can fluctuate dramatically when a loan is paid off or a related equity interest is sold. Revenue recognition in any given year can be highly concentrated among several portfolio companies. As of both March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, our ten largest portfolio companies represented approximately 37.9% of the total fair value of our investments in portfolio companies. At both March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had seven investments that represented 5% or more of our net assets. At March 31, 2012, we had four equity investments representing approximately 59.2% of the total fair value of our equity investments, and each represented 5% or more of the total fair value of our equity investments. At December 31, 2011, we had seven equity investments which represented approximately 63.8% of the total fair value of our equity investments, and each represented 5% or more of the total fair value of such investments.

As of March 31, 2012, approximately 52.7% of the fair value of our portfolio was composed of investments in four industries: 19.8% was composed of investments in the drug discovery and development industry, 12.7% was composed of investments in the internet consumer and business services industry; 11.8% was composed of investments in the clean technology industry and 8.4% was composed of investments in the drug delivery industry.

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As of March 31, 2012, over 99% of our debt investments were in a senior secured first lien position, and more than 91.1% of the debt investment portfolio was priced at floating interest rates or floating interest rates with a Prime or LIBOR based interest rate floor. Our investments in senior secured debt with warrants have equity enhancement features, typically in the form of warrants or other equity-related securities designed to provide us with an opportunity for capital appreciation. Our warrant coverage generally ranges from 3% to 20% of the principal amount invested in a portfolio company, with a strike price equal to the most recent equity financing round at the time of issuance. As of March 31, 2012, we held warrants in 110 portfolio companies, with a fair value of approximately \$32.0 million. The fair value of the warrant portfolio has increased by approximately 6.4% as compared to the fair value of \$30.0 million at December 31, 2011. These warrant holdings would require us to invest approximately \$72.4 million to exercise such warrants.

Warrants may appreciate or depreciate in value depending largely upon the underlying portfolio company's performance and overall market conditions. Of the warrants which have monetized since inception, we have realized warrant gain multiples in the range of approximately 1.04x to 8.74x based on the historical rate of return on our investments. However, our current warrants may not appreciate in value and, in fact, may decline in value. Accordingly, we may not be able to realize gains from our warrant interests. The value of our senior secured debt (without warrants) at March 31, 2012 was approximately \$94.2 million compared to approximately \$133.5 million at December 31, 2011. The increase in 2011 was primarily attributable to two new investments in lower middle market technology companies, which typically do not have equity enhancement features.

As required by the 1940 Act, we classify our investments by level of control. Control investments are defined in the 1940 Act as investments in those companies that we are deemed to control. Generally, under the 1940 Act, we are deemed to control a company in which we have invested if we own 25% or more of the voting securities of such company or have greater than 50% representation on its board. Affiliate investments are investments in those companies that are affiliated companies of us, as defined in the 1940 Act, which are not control investments. We are deemed to be an affiliate of a company in which we have invested if we own 5% or more but less than 25% of the voting securities of such company. Non-control/ non-affiliate investments are investments that are neither control investments nor affiliate investments.

The following table summarizes our realized and unrealized gain and loss and changes in our unrealized appreciation and depreciation on control and affiliate investments for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011:

(in thousands)

		March 31, 2012				
Portfolio Company	Type	Fair Value at March 31, 2012	Investment Income	Unrealized (Depreciation) /Appreciation	Reversal of Unrealized (Depreciation) /Appreciation	Realized Gain/(Loss)
MaxVision Holding, LLC.	Control	\$ 675	\$ 13	\$ 26	\$	\$
E-Band Communications, Corp.	Affiliate investment	1,094	6	1,076		
Total		\$ 1,769	\$ 19	\$ 1,102	\$	\$

(in thousands)

		March 31, 2011				
Portfolio Company	Type	Fair Value at March 31, 2011	Investment Income	Unrealized (Depreciation) /Appreciation	Reversal of Unrealized (Depreciation) /Appreciation	Realized Gain/(Loss)
E-Band Communications, Corp.	Affiliate investment	\$ 2,032	\$	\$ (1,037)	\$	\$
Total		\$ 2,032	\$	\$ (1,037)	\$	\$

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The following table shows the fair value of our portfolio by industry sector at March 31, 2012 (unaudited) and December 31, 2011:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio
Drug Discovery & Development	\$ 137,364	19.8%	\$ 131,428	20.1%
Internet Consumer & Business Services	88,094	12.7%	117,542	18.0%
Clean Tech	81,938	11.8%	64,587	9.9%
Drug Delivery	58,006	8.4%	62,665	9.6%
Media/Content/Info	49,518	7.1%	38,476	5.9%
Software	43,788	6.3%	27,850	4.3%
Specialty Pharma	38,783	5.6%	39,384	6.0%
Healthcare Services, Other	36,605	5.3%		0.0%
Communications & Networking	33,896	4.9%	28,618	4.4%
Information Services	32,827	4.7%	45,850	7.0%
Consumer & Business Products	18,977	2.7%	4,186	0.6%
Therapeutic	18,479	2.7%	35,911	5.5%
Medical Device & Equipment	14,190	2.0%		0.0%
Semiconductors	13,473	1.9%	9,733	1.5%
Surgical Devices	12,484	1.8%	11,566	1.8%
Biotechnology Tools	8,173	1.2%	18,693	2.9%
Diagnostic	7,082	1.0%	15,158	2.3%
Electronics & Computer Hardware	787	0.1%	1,223	0.2%
	\$ 694,464	100.0%	\$ 652,870	100.0%

During the three months ended March 31, 2012, we recognized net realized gains of approximately \$2.9 million on the portfolio. We recorded approximately \$2.2 million and \$1.3 million of realized gains from the sale of equity in BARRX Medical, Inc. and Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., respectively. These gains were partially offset by realized losses of approximately \$460,000 from the sale of our common stock in two public portfolio companies and due to the complete write off of warrants in one private portfolio company that had a cost basis of approximately \$355,000.

During the three-months ended March 31, 2011, we recognized net realized gains of approximately \$9.6 million from the sale of common stock in our public portfolio companies. During the three months ended March 31, 2011, we recognized realized losses of approximately \$5.2 million from equity, loan, and warrant investments in portfolio companies that have been liquidated.

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We use an investment grading system, which grades each debt investment on a scale of 1 to 5, to characterize and monitor our expected level of risk on the debt investments in our portfolio with 1 being the highest quality. The following table shows the distribution of our outstanding debt investments on the 1 to 5 investment grading scale at fair value as of March 31, 2012 (unaudited) and December 31, 2011, respectively.

(in thousands)	March 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio
Investment Grading				
1	\$ 124,786	20.3%	\$ 104,516	17.8%
2	349,858	56.9%	403,114	68.8%
3	129,211	21.0%	70,388	12.0%
4	10,094	1.7%	6,722	1.2%
5	675	0.1%	1,027	0.2%
	\$ 614,624	100.0%	\$ 585,767	100.0%

As of March 31, 2012, our investments had a weighted average investment grading of 2.08 as compared to 2.01 at December 31, 2011. The downgrade in investment grading is primarily attributable to seven companies being downgraded from a 2 to a 3 and one company being downgraded from a 3 to a 4, partially offset by one company upgraded from a 3 to a 2 and a complete payoff of a rated 4 company as of March 31, 2012. Our policy is to lower the grading on our portfolio companies as they approach the point in time when they will require additional equity capital. Additionally, we may downgrade our portfolio companies if they are not meeting our financing criteria and their respective business plans. Various companies in our portfolio will require additional funding in the near term or have not met their business plans and have therefore been downgraded until their funding is complete or their operations improve. At March 31, 2012, 43 portfolio companies that were graded 2, 17 portfolio companies were graded 3, two portfolio companies were graded 4, and one portfolio company was graded 5 as compared to 43 portfolio companies that were graded 2, 12 portfolio companies that were graded 3, two portfolio companies that were grade 4, and two portfolio companies that were graded 5 at December 31, 2011.

At March 31, 2012, there was one portfolio company on non-accrual status with a fair value of \$675,000. There was one portfolio company on non-accrual status as of December 31, 2011 with a fair value of approximately \$1.0 million.

The effective yield on our debt investments for the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 was 14.6% and 18.1%, respectively. This yield was lower period over period due to fewer fee accelerations attributed to early payoffs and one-time events during the current quarter as compared to the prior year. The effective yield excluding payoffs on our debt investments for the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 was 13.7% and 15.9%, respectively. The decline in rate is due primarily to the repayments of higher yielding investments over the course of the year which existed during the prior period.

The overall weighted average yield to maturity of our loan investments was approximately 13.4% and 12.6% at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011. The weighted average yield to maturity is computed using the interest rates in effect at the inception of each of the loans, and includes amortization of the loan facility fees, commitment fees and market premiums or discounts over the expected life of the debt investments, weighted by their respective costs when averaged and based on the assumption that all contractual loan commitments have been fully funded and held to maturity.

We generate revenue in the form of interest income, primarily from our investments in debt securities, and commitment and facility fees. Fees generated in connection with our debt investments are recognized over the life of the loan or, in some cases, recognized as earned. In addition, we generate revenue in the form of capital gains, if any, on warrants or other equity-related securities that we acquire from our portfolio companies. Our

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investments generally range from \$1.0 million to \$25.0 million. Our debt investments have a term of between two and seven years and typically bear interest at a rate ranging from Prime to approximately 14.0 % as of March 31, 2012. In addition to the cash yields received on our loans, in some instances, our loans may also include any of the following: end-of-term payments, exit fees, balloon payment fees, commitment fees, success fees, PIK provisions or prepayment fees which may be required to be included in income prior to receipt.

Loan origination and commitment fees received in full at the inception of a loan are deferred and amortized into fee income as an enhancement to the related loan's yield over the contractual life of the loan. We recognize nonrecurring fees amortized over the remaining term of the loan commencing in the quarter relating to specific loan modifications. Loan exit fees to be paid at the termination of the loan are accreted into interest income over the contractual life of the loan. We had approximately \$3.1 million and \$4.5 million of unamortized fees at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, and approximately \$5.4 million and \$4.4 million in exit fees receivable at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. We recognize nonrecurring fees amortized over the remaining term of the loan relating to specific loan modifications. Certain fees may still be recognized as one-time fees, including prepayment penalties, fees related to select covenant default waiver fees and acceleration of previously deferred loan fees and original issue discount (OID) related to early loan pay-off or material modification of the specific debt outstanding.

We have loans in our portfolio that contain a PIK provision. The PIK interest, computed at the contractual rate specified in each loan agreement, is added to the principal balance of the loan and recorded as interest income. To maintain our status as a RIC, this non-cash source of income must be paid out to stockholders in the form of dividends even though we have not yet collected the cash. Amounts necessary to pay these dividends may come from available cash or the liquidation of certain investments. We recorded approximately \$298,000 and \$556,000 in PIK income in the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011. In certain investment transactions, we may provide advisory services. For services that are separately identifiable and external evidence exists to substantiate fair value, income is recognized as earned, which is generally when the investment transaction closes. We had no income from advisory services in the three month period ended March 31, 2012.

In some cases, we collateralize our investments by obtaining a first priority security interest in a portfolio company's assets, which may include their intellectual property. In other cases, we may obtain a negative pledge covering a company's intellectual property.

At March 31, 2012, approximately 65.7% of our portfolio company loans were secured by a first priority security in all of the assets of the portfolio company, 33.5% of the loans were to portfolio companies that were prohibited from pledging or encumbering their intellectual property and 0.8% of portfolio company loans had an equipment only lien.

Interest on debt securities is generally payable monthly, with amortization of principal typically occurring over the term of the security for emerging-growth, expansion-stage and established-stage companies. In addition, certain loans may include an interest-only period ranging from three to eighteen months for emerging-growth and expansion-stage companies and longer for established-stage companies. In limited instances in which we choose to defer amortization of the loan for a period of time from the date of the initial investment, the principal amount of the debt securities and any accrued but unpaid interest become due at the maturity date.

Results of Operations

Comparison of the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011

Investment Income

Total investment income in the first quarter of 2012 was approximately \$22.4 million compared to approximately \$19.2 million in the first quarter of 2011. Interest income for the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, totaled approximately \$20.3 million and \$16.5 million, respectively. The increase in

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interest income is attributable to an increase of loan interest income and back end interest income of approximately \$3.2 million and \$1.3 million, partially offset by decreases in default interest income and PIK interest income of approximately \$324,000 and \$258,000, respectively. Income from commitment, facility and loan related fees for the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, totaled approximately \$2.1 million and \$2.7 million, respectively. The decrease in income from commitment, facility and loan related fees is primarily the result of a decrease in one time fees of approximately \$585,000 and a decrease in amendment revenue of approximately \$384,000 partially offset by an increase in facility fees of approximately \$220,000.

The following table shows the PIK-related activity for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, at cost:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Beginning PIK loan balance	\$ 2,041	\$ 3,955
PIK interest capitalized during the period	280	909
Payments received from PIK loans		(1,733)
Ending PIK loan balance	\$ 2,321	\$ 3,131

The decrease in payments received from PIK loans during the three months March 31, 2012 is due to \$1.5 million of PIK collected in conjunction with the sale of our investment in Infologix, Inc. in the first quarter of 2011.

In certain investment transactions, we may provide advisory services. For services that are separately identifiable and external evidence exists to substantiate fair value, income is recognized as earned, which is generally when the investment transaction closes. We had no income from advisory services in the three month period ended March 31, 2012.

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses, which are comprised of interest and fees, general and administrative and employee compensation, totaled approximately \$11.0 million and \$9.3 million during the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Interest and fees totaled approximately \$5.0 million and \$3.2 million during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The increase is primarily attributed to \$1.3 million of interest and fee expenses during the three month period ended March 31, 2012, respectively, related to the \$75.0 million of Convertible Senior Notes issued on April 15, 2011. Additionally, we incurred approximately \$271,000 of non cash interest expense during the three month period ended March 31, 2012 attributed to the accretion of the fair value of the conversion feature on the Convertible Senior Notes. Additionally, we recognized an acceleration of approximately \$457,000 of unamortized fees in connection with the pay down of \$24.3 million SBA debentures in February 2012. We had a weighted average cost of debt comprised of interest and fees of approximately 6.8% at March 31, 2012, as compared to 7.7% during the first quarter of 2011. The decrease was primarily attributed to the decline in the weighted average cost of debt on outstanding SBA debentures at 5.8% in the first quarter of 2012 versus 7.3% in the first quarter of 2011.

General and administrative expenses include legal fees, consulting fees, accounting fees, printer fees, insurance premiums, rent, workout and various other expenses. Expenses decreased to \$1.8 million from \$2.2 million for the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, primarily due to decreases of approximately \$191,000 and \$134,000 in auditing fees and workout related expenses, respectively.

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Employee compensation and benefits totaled approximately \$3.4 million and \$3.3 million during the three month periods ended March 31, 2012, and 2011, respectively. We expect to continue to hire to meet our portfolio growth. Stock-based compensation totaled approximately \$826,000 and \$721,000 during the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. These increases were due primarily to the expense on restricted stock grants issued in the first quarter of 2012. See *Financial Condition, Liquidity, and Capital Resources* for disclosure of additional expenses.

Net Investment Income Before Investment Gains and Losses

Net investment income per share was \$0.24 for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to \$0.23 per share in the quarter ended March 31, 2011, based on 47,018 and 42,737 weighted average shares outstanding, respectively. Net investment income before investment gains and losses for the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, totaled approximately \$11.4 million and \$9.8 million, respectively. The changes are made up of the items described above under *Investment Income* and *Operating Expenses*.

Net Investment Realized Gains and Losses and Unrealized Appreciation and Depreciation

Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized, and includes investments charged off during the period, net of recoveries. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation primarily reflects the change in portfolio investment values during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses are realized.

During the three months ended March 31, 2012, we recognized net realized gains of approximately \$2.9 million on the portfolio. We recorded approximately \$2.2 million and \$1.3 million of realized gains from the sale of equity in BARRX Medical, Inc. and Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., respectively. These gains were partially offset by realized losses of approximately \$460,000 from the sale of our common stock in two public portfolio companies and due to the complete write off of warrants in one private portfolio company that had a cost basis of approximately \$355,000.

A summary of realized gains and losses for the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Realized gains	\$ 3,690	\$ 9,599
Realized losses	(813)	(5,229)
Net realized gains (losses)	\$ 2,877	\$ 4,370

The net unrealized appreciation and depreciation of our investments is based on fair value of each investment determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. This net unrealized appreciation was primarily comprised of increases in the fair value of our portfolio companies due to positive company performance and market conditions.

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The following table itemizes the change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments for the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012 Amount	2011 Amount
Gross unrealized appreciation on portfolio investments	\$ 19,330	\$ 6,340
Gross unrealized depreciation on portfolio investments	(12,502)	(17,889)
Reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon a realization	(4,508)	(9,446)
Reversal of prior period net unrealized depreciation upon a realization	429	5,606
Citigroup Warrant Participation	104	37
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on portfolio investments	\$ 2,853	\$ (15,352)

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2012, we recorded approximately \$2.8 million of net unrealized appreciation from our loans, warrant and equity investments. Approximately \$2.7 million and \$1.6 million is attributed to net unrealized appreciation on equity and warrants, respectively, due to enterprise valuation appreciation for various portfolio companies, offset by approximately \$1.5 million net unrealized depreciation on our debt investments related to fluctuations in current market interest rates.

Included in this amount is unrealized depreciation of approximately \$3.5 million attributable to the reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon being realized as a gain and approximately \$1.1 million in unrealized depreciation attributable to the exercise of warrants to equity. As of March 31, 2012, the net unrealized depreciation recognized by us was increased by approximately \$104,000 due to the warrant participation agreement with Citigroup. For a more detailed discussion of the warrant participation agreement, see the discussion set forth under Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

During the same periods ending March 31, 2011 net unrealized depreciation totaled approximately \$11.4 million, \$2.1 million and \$1.8 million from equity, warrant and loan investments, respectively.

Income and Excise Taxes

We account for income taxes in accordance with the provisions of ASC 740, Income Taxes, which requires that deferred income taxes be determined based upon the estimated future tax effects of differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities given the provisions of the enacted tax law. Valuation allowances are used to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount likely to be realized.

Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations and Change in Net Assets per Share

For the three months ended March 31, 2012, the net increase in net assets resulting from operations totaled approximately \$17.1 million. For the three months ended March 31, 2011, the net decrease in net assets resulting from operations totaled approximately \$1.2 million. These changes are made up of the items previously described.

Basic and fully diluted net change in net assets per common share for the three month period ended March 31, 2012 was \$0.36 as compared to basic and fully diluted change in net assets per common share of \$(0.03) for the three month period ended March 31, 2011.

Financial Condition, Liquidity, and Capital Resources

Our liquidity and capital resources are derived from our credit facilities, SBA debentures, Convertible Senior Notes and cash flows from operations, including investment sales and repayments, and income earned.

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Our primary use of funds from operations includes investments in portfolio companies and payments of fees and other operating expenses we incur. We have used, and expect to continue to use, our credit facilities, SBA debentures and the proceeds from the rotation of our portfolio and from public and private offerings of securities to finance our investment objectives. We may raise additional equity or debt capital through both registered offerings off a shelf registration and private offerings of securities, by securitizing a portion of our investments or borrowing from the SBA through our SBIC subsidiaries, among other sources.

At March 31, 2012, we had \$75.0 million of Convertible Senior Notes payable and approximately \$200.7 million SBA debentures payable. We had no borrowings outstanding under the Wells Facility and Union Bank Facility.

During the three months ended March 31, 2012, our operating activities used \$17.7 million of cash and cash equivalents, compared to \$24.8 million provided during the three months ended March 31, 2011. The \$42.5 million decrease in cash provided by operating activities resulted primarily from a reduction of principal payments received on investments of approximately \$50.5 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2012. During the three months ended March 31, 2012, our financing activities provided \$1.7 million of cash, compared to \$15.6 million used during the three months ended March 31, 2011. This \$17.3 million increase in cash provided by financing activities was primarily attributed to net proceeds from the issuance of common stock of \$47.2 million, offset by the repayments of borrowings of approximately \$34.8 million and by cash dividend payments of \$10.7 million.

As of March 31, 2012, net assets totaled \$485.4 million, with a net asset value per share of \$9.76. We intend to generate additional cash primarily from cash flows from operations, including income earned from investments in our portfolio companies and, to a lesser extent, from the temporary investment of cash in other high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less as well as from future borrowings as required to meet our lending activities. Our primary use of funds will be investments in portfolio companies and cash distributions to holders of our common stock.

In January 2012, we completed a follow-on public offering of 5.0 million shares of common stock for proceeds of approximately \$48.05 million, before deducting offering expenses, to us. Additionally, we expect to raise additional capital to support our future growth through future equity offerings, issuances of senior securities and/or future borrowings, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act. To the extent we determine to raise additional equity through an offering of our common stock at a price below net asset value, existing investors will experience dilution. During our 2011 Annual Shareholder Meeting held on June 1, 2011, our stockholders authorized us, with the approval of our Board of Directors, to sell up to 20% of our outstanding common stock at a price below our then current net asset value per share and to offer and issue debt with warrants or debt convertible into shares of our common stock at an exercise or conversion price that will not be less than the fair market value per share but may be below the then current net asset value per share. At our Annual Meeting of Stockholders scheduled for May 30, 2012, or any adjournment thereof, we will again seek to obtain such shareholder authorization. There can be no assurance that these capital resources will be available.

As required by the 1940 Act, our asset coverage must be at least 200% after each issuance of senior securities. As of March 31, 2012 our asset coverage ratio under our regulatory requirements as a business development company was 1,009.1%, excluding our SBA debentures as a result of our exemptive order from the SEC which allows us to exclude all SBA leverage from our asset coverage ratio. Total leverage when including our SBA debentures was 274.5% at March 31, 2012. As a result of the SEC exemptive order, our ratio of total assets on a consolidated basis to outstanding indebtedness may be less than 200%, which while providing increased investment flexibility, also may increase our exposure to risks associated with leverage.

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At March 31, 2012 (unaudited) and December 31, 2011, we had the following borrowing capacity and outstanding amounts:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Total Available	Carrying Value ⁽¹⁾	Total Available	Carrying Value ⁽¹⁾
Union Bank Facility	\$ 55,000	\$	\$ 55,000	\$
Wells Facility	75,000		75,000	10,187
Convertible Senior Notes ⁽²⁾	75,000	70,624	75,000	70,353
SBA Debentures ⁽³⁾	225,000	200,750	225,000	225,000
Total	\$ 430,000	\$ 271,374	\$ 430,000	\$ 305,540

(1) Except for the Convertible Senior Notes, all carrying values are the same as the principal amount outstanding.

(2) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Convertible Senior Notes less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the Convertible Senior Notes. The total unaccreted discount for the Convertible Senior Notes was \$4,376 at March 31, 2012.

(3) In February 2012, we repaid \$24.3 million of SBA debentures under HT II, priced at approximately 6.63%, including annual fees. In April 2012, we submitted a request to the SBA to borrow the \$24.3 million under a new capital commitment under HT III, subject to SBA approval. There can be no assurances that the SBA will approve our new capital commitment request, what the pricing will be or that we will draw on any possible commitment.

On September 27, 2006, HT II received a license and on May 26, 2010 HT III received a license to operate as SBICs under the SBIC program and are able to borrow funds from the SBA against eligible investments. As of March 31, 2012, all required contributed capital from the Company has been invested into HT II and HT III. We are the sole limited partner of HT II and HT III and HTM is the general partner. HTM is our wholly-owned subsidiary. If HT II or HT III fails to comply with applicable SBA regulations, the SBA could, depending on the severity of the violation, limit or prohibit HT II's or HT III's use of debentures, declare outstanding debentures immediately due and payable, and/or limit HT II or HT III from making new investments. In addition, HT II or HT III may also be limited in their ability to make distributions to us if they do not have sufficient capital in accordance with SBA regulations. Such actions by the SBA would, in turn, negatively affect us because HT II and HT III are our wholly owned subsidiaries. HT II and HT III were in compliance with the terms of the SBIC's leverage as of March 31, 2012 as a result of having sufficient capital as defined under the SBA regulations. HT II and HT III hold approximately \$198.4 million and \$170.3 million in assets, respectively, and accounted for approximately 19.5% and 16.7% of our total assets prior to consolidation at March 31, 2012.

With our net investment of \$75.0 million in HT II as of March 31, 2012, HT II has the capacity to issue a total of \$125.0 million of SBA guaranteed debentures, of which \$100.7 million was outstanding at March 31, 2012. As of March 31, 2012, the maximum statutory limit on the dollar amount of outstanding SBA guaranteed debentures issued by a single SBIC is \$150.0 million, subject to periodic adjustments by the SBA. As of March 31, 2012, HT II has paid the SBA commitment fees of approximately \$1.5 million. As of March 31, 2012, we held investments in HT II in 54 companies with a fair value of approximately \$188.1 million, accounting for approximately 27.1% of our total portfolio at March 31, 2012.

As of March 31, 2012, HT III had the potential to borrow up to \$100.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures under the SBIC program. With our net investment of \$50.0 million in HT III as of March 31, 2012, HT III has the capacity to issue a total of \$100.0 million of SBA guaranteed debentures, subject to SBA approval, of which \$100.0 million was outstanding at March 31, 2012. As of March 31, 2012, HT III has paid the SBA

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commitment fees of approximately \$1.0 million. As of March 31, 2012, we held investments in HT III in 25 companies with a fair value of approximately \$129.0 million accounting for approximately 18.6% of our total portfolio at March 31, 2012.

(in thousands) Issuance/Pooling Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
SBA Debentures:				
September 26, 2007	September 1, 2017	6.43%	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
March 26, 2008	March 1, 2018	6.38%	47,550	58,050
September 24, 2008	September 1, 2018	6.63%		13,750
March 25, 2009	March 1, 2019	5.53%	18,400	18,400
September 23, 2009	September 1, 2019	4.64%	3,400	3,400
September 22, 2010	September 1, 2020	3.62%	6,500	6,500
September 22, 2010	September 1, 2020	3.50%	22,900	22,900
March 29, 2011	March 1, 2021	4.37%	28,750	28,750
September 21, 2011	September 1, 2021	3.16%	25,000	25,000
March 21, 2012	March 1, 2022	3.05%	11,250	11,250
March 21, 2012	March 1, 2022	3.28%	25,000	25,000
Total SBA Debentures			\$ 200,750	\$ 225,000

(1) Interest rate includes annual charge

As of March 31, 2012, the maximum statutory limit on the dollar amount of combined outstanding SBA guaranteed debentures is \$225.0 million, subject to periodic adjustments by the SBA. In the aggregate, at March 31, 2012 there was \$200.7 million principal amount of indebtedness outstanding incurred by our SBIC subsidiaries and we intend to seek an additional \$24.3 million under HT III, which will bring us to the maximum statutory limit on the dollar amount of SBA guaranteed debentures under the SBIC program.

We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents, cash generated from operations, and funds available from the credit facilities will be sufficient to meet our working capital and capital expenditure commitments for at least the next 12 months.

Commitments

In the normal course of business, we are party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk. These consist primarily of unfunded commitments to extend credit, in the form of loans, to our portfolio companies. Unfunded commitments to provide funds to portfolio companies are not reflected on our balance sheet. Our unfunded commitments may be significant from time to time. As of March 31, 2012, we had unfunded commitments of approximately \$125.4 million. Approximately \$40.1 million of these unfunded debt commitments are dependent upon the portfolio company reaching certain milestones before the debt commitment becomes available. These commitments will be subject to the same underwriting and ongoing portfolio maintenance as are the on-balance sheet financial instruments that we hold. Since these commitments may expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amount does not necessarily represent future cash requirements. Closed commitments generally fund 70-80% of the committed amount in aggregate over the life of the commitment. We intend to use cash flow from normal and early principal repayments, SBA debentures, our Wells Facility, our Union Bank Facility and the proceeds from our Convertible Senior Notes to fund these commitments. However, there can be no assurance that we will have sufficient capital available to fund these commitments as they come due.

In addition, we had approximately \$59.3 million of non-binding term sheets outstanding to eight new and existing companies, which generally convert to contractual commitments within approximately 45 to 60 days of signing. Non-binding outstanding term sheets are subject to completion of our due diligence and final approval

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process, as well as the negotiation of definitive documentation with the prospective portfolio companies. Not all non-binding term sheets are expected to close and do not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

Contractual Obligations

The following table shows our contractual obligations as of March 31, 2012:

Contractual Obligations ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Total	Payments due by period (in thousands)			
		Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	3 - 5 years	After 5 years
Borrowings ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	\$ 271,374	\$	\$	\$ 70,624	\$ 200,750
Operating Lease Obligations ⁽⁵⁾	8,186	1,248	2,288	2,538	2,112
Total	\$ 279,560	\$ 1,248	\$ 2,288	\$ 73,162	\$ 202,862

(1) Excludes commitments to extend credit to our portfolio companies.

(2) We also have a warrant participation agreement with Citigroup. See Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements.

(3) Includes borrowings under the SBA debentures. There were no outstanding borrowings under the Wells Facility or Union Bank Facility at March 31, 2012.

(4) Except for the Convertible Senior Notes, all carrying values are the same as the principal amount outstanding. The aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Convertible Senior Notes less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the Convertible Senior Notes was \$4,376 at March 31, 2012.

(5) Long-term facility leases.

We and our executives and directors are covered by Directors and Officers Insurance, with the directors and officers being indemnified by us to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law subject to the restrictions in the 1940 Act.

Borrowings*Long-term SBA Debentures*

On September 27, 2006, HT II received a license to operate as a SBIC under the SBIC program and is able to borrow funds from the SBA against eligible investments and regulatory capital. Under the Small Business Investment Company Act and current SBA policy applicable to SBICs, a SBIC can have outstanding at any time SBA guaranteed debentures up to twice the amount of its regulatory capital. As of March 31, 2012, the maximum statutory limit on the dollar amount of outstanding SBA guaranteed debentures issued by a single SBIC is \$150.0 million, subject to periodic adjustments by the SBA. HT II has a total of \$100.7 million of SBA guaranteed debentures outstanding as of March 31, 2012 and has paid the SBA commitment fees of approximately \$1.5 million. As of March 31, 2012, the Company held investments in HT II in 54 companies with a fair value of approximately \$188.1 million, accounting for approximately 27.1% of our total portfolio at March 31, 2012.

On May 26, 2010, HT III received a license to operate as a SBIC under the SBIC program and is able to borrow funds from the SBA against eligible investments and additional contributions to regulatory capital. With our net investment of \$50.0 million in HT III as of March 31, 2012, HT III has the capacity to issue a total of \$100.0 million of SBA guaranteed debentures, subject to SBA approval, of which \$100.0 million was outstanding as of March 31, 2012. As of March 31, 2012, HT III has paid commitment fees of approximately \$1.0 million. As of March 31, 2012, we held investments in HT III in 25 companies with a fair value of approximately \$129.0 million accounting for approximately 18.6% of our total portfolio at March 31, 2012.

There is no assurance that HT II or HT III will be able to draw up to the maximum limit available under the SBIC program.

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SBICs are designed to stimulate the flow of private equity capital to eligible small businesses. Under present SBA regulations, eligible small businesses include businesses that have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$18.0 million and have average annual fully taxed net income not exceeding \$6.0 million for the two most recent fiscal years. In addition, SBICs must devote 25.0% of its investment activity to smaller concerns as defined by the SBA. A smaller concern is one that has a tangible net worth not exceeding \$6.0 million and has average annual fully taxed net income not exceeding \$2.0 million for the two most recent fiscal years. SBA regulations also provide alternative size standard criteria to determine eligibility, which depend on the industry in which the business is engaged and are based on such factors as the number of employees and gross sales. According to SBA regulations, SBICs may make long-term loans to small businesses, invest in the equity securities of such businesses and provide them with consulting and advisory services. Through its wholly-owned subsidiaries HT II and HT III, we plan to provide long-term loans to qualifying small businesses, and in connection therewith, make equity investments.

HT II and HT III are periodically examined and audited by the SBA's staff to determine their compliance with SBA regulations. If HT II or HT III fails to comply with applicable SBA regulations, the SBA could, depending on the severity of the violation, limit or prohibit HT II's or HT III's use of debentures, declare outstanding debentures immediately due and payable, and/or limit HT II or HT III from making new investments. In addition, HT II or HT III may also be limited in their ability to make distributions to us if they do not have sufficient capital in accordance with SBA regulations. Such actions by the SBA would, in turn, negatively affect us because HT II and III are our wholly owned subsidiaries. HT II and HT III were in compliance with the terms of the SBIC's leverage as of March 31, 2012 as a result of having sufficient capital as defined under the SBA regulations.

The rates of borrowings under various draws from the SBA beginning in April 2007 are set semiannually in March and September and range from 2.77% to 5.73%. Interest payments on SBA debentures are payable semi-annually. There are no principal payments required on these issues prior to maturity and no prepayment penalties. Debentures under the SBA generally mature ten years after being borrowed. Based on the initial draw down date of April 2007, the initial maturity of SBA debentures will occur in April 2017. In addition, the SBA charges a fee that is set annually, depending on the Federal fiscal year the leverage commitment was delegated by the SBA, regardless of the date that the leverage was drawn by the SBIC. The annual fees related to HT II debentures that pooled on September 22, 2010 were 0.406% and 0.285%, depending upon the year in which the underlying commitment was closed. The annual fees related to HT III debentures that pooled on March 21, 2012 were 0.285% and 0.515% depending upon the year in which the underlying commitment was closed. The annual fees on other debentures have been set at 0.906%. The average amount of debentures outstanding for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 for HT II was approximately \$115.4 million with an average interest rate of approximately 6.0%. The average amount of debentures outstanding for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 for HT III was approximately \$100.0 million with an average interest rate of approximately 2.9%.

In January 2011, we repaid \$25.0 million of SBA debentures under HT II, priced at approximately 6.63%, including annual fees. In February 2011, we submitted a request to the SBA to borrow \$25.0 million under a new capital commitment and in April 2011, the SBA approved a \$25.0 million dollar commitment for HT III bringing the total available borrowings to \$225.0 million, of which \$125.0 million was available in HT II and \$100.0 million was available in HT III.

In February 2012, we repaid \$24.3 million of SBA debentures under HT II, priced at 6.63%, including annual fees. In April 2012, we submitted a request to the SBA to borrow the \$24.3 million under a new capital commitment under HT III, subject to SBA approval. There can be no assurances that the SBA will approve our new capital commitment request, what the pricing will be or that we will draw on any possible commitment.

As of March 31, 2012, the maximum statutory limit on the dollar amount of combined outstanding SBA guaranteed debentures is \$225.0 million, subject to periodic adjustments by the SBA. In the aggregate, at March 31, 2012 there was \$200.7 million principal amount of indebtedness outstanding incurred by our SBIC

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subsidiaries and we intend to seek an additional \$24.3 million under HT III, which will bring us to the maximum statutory limit on the dollar amount of SBA guaranteed debentures under the SBIC program.

Wells Facility

In August 2008, we entered into a \$50.0 million two-year revolving senior secured credit facility with Wells Fargo Capital Finance (the Wells Facility). On June 20, 2011, we renewed the Wells Facility. Under this three-year senior secured facility, Wells Fargo Capital Finance has made commitments of \$75.0 million. The facility contains an accordion feature, in which we can increase the credit line up to an aggregate of \$300.0 million, funded by additional lenders and with the agreement of Wells Fargo Capital Finance and subject to other customary conditions. We expect to continue discussions with various other potential lenders to join the new facility; however, there can be no assurances that additional lenders will join the Wells Facility.

Borrowings under the Wells Facility will generally bear interest at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 3.50%, with a floor of 5.00% and an advance rate of 50% against eligible loans. The Wells Facility is secured by loans in the borrowing base. The Wells Facility requires the monthly payment of a non-use fee of 0.3% for each payment date on or before September 1, 2011. The monthly payment of a non-use fee thereafter shall depend on the average balance that was outstanding on a scale between 0.0% and 0.75%. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2012, this non-use fee was approximately \$137,000. On June 20, 2011 we paid an additional \$1.1 million in structuring fees in connection with the Wells Facility which is being amortized through June 2014. In January 2012, we repaid the entire principal balance outstanding as of December 31, 2011 under the Wells Facility of approximately \$10.2 million. At March 31, 2012, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Wells Facility.

The Wells Facility includes various financial and operating covenants applicable to us and our subsidiaries, in addition to those applicable to Hercules Funding II, LLC. These covenants require us to maintain certain financial ratios and a minimum tangible net worth in an amount, when added to outstanding subordinated indebtedness, that is in excess of \$314.0 million plus 90% of the cumulative amount of equity raised after March 31, 2011. In addition, the tangible net worth covenant will increase by 90 cents on the dollar for every dollar of equity capital that we subsequently raise. As of March 31, 2012, the minimum tangible net worth covenant has increased to \$357.2 million as a result of the January 2012 follow-on public offering of 5.0 million shares of common stock for proceeds of approximately \$48.05 million. The Wells Facility provides for customary events of default, including, but not limited to, payment defaults, breach of representations or covenants, bankruptcy events and change of control. We were in compliance with all covenants at March 31, 2012.

Union Bank Facility

On February 10, 2010, we entered a \$20.0 million one-year revolving senior secured credit facility with Union Bank (the Union Bank Facility). On November 2, 2011, we renewed and amended the Union Bank Facility and added a new lender under the Union Bank Facility. Union Bank and RBC Capital Markets have made commitments of \$30.0 million and \$25.0 million, respectively. The Union Bank Facility contains an accordion feature, in which we can increase the credit line up to an aggregate of \$150.0 million, funded by additional lenders and with the agreement of Union Bank and subject to other customary conditions. We expect to continue discussions with various other potential lenders to join the new facility; however, there can be no assurances that additional lenders will join the Union Bank Facility.

Borrowings under the Union Bank Facility will generally bear interest at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 2.25% with a floor of 4.0%. The Union Bank Facility requires the payment of a non-use fee of 0.50% annually. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2012, this non-use fee was approximately \$70,000. The Union Bank Facility is collateralized by debt investments in our portfolio companies, and includes an advance

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rate equal to 50.0% of eligible loans placed in the collateral pool. The Union Bank Facility generally requires payment of interest on a monthly basis. All outstanding principal is due upon maturity. At March 31, 2012, there were no borrowings outstanding on this facility.

The Union Bank Facility contains various financial and operating covenants. These covenants require us to maintain certain financial ratios and a minimum tangible net worth in an amount, when added to outstanding subordinated indebtedness, that is in excess of \$314.0 million plus 90% of the amount of net cash proceeds received from the sale of common stock after March 31, 2011. As of March 31, 2012, the minimum tangible net worth covenant has increased to \$356.5 million as a result of the January 2012 follow-on public offering of 5.0 million shares of common stock for net proceeds of approximately \$47.2 million. The Union Bank Facility will mature on November 2, 2014, approximately three years from the date of issuance, revolving through the first 24 months with a term out provision for the remaining 12 months. Union Bank Facility also provides for customary events of default, including, but not limited to, payment defaults, breach of representations or covenants, bankruptcy events and change of control. On March 30, 2012 the Company entered into an amendment to the Union Bank Facility which permitted the Company to issue the Existing Notes and permits the Company to issue the Notes offered hereby. We were in compliance with all covenants at March 31, 2012.

Convertible Senior Notes

In April 2011, we issued \$75.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.00% convertible senior notes (the *Convertible Senior Notes*) due 2016. As of March 31, 2012, the carrying value of the *Convertible Senior Notes*, comprised of the aggregate principal amount outstanding less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the *Convertible Senior Notes*, is approximately \$70.6 million.

The *Convertible Senior Notes* mature on April 15, 2016 (the *Maturity Date*), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. The *Convertible Senior Notes* bear interest at a rate of 6.00% per year payable semiannually in arrears on April 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on October 15, 2011. The *Convertible Senior Notes* are our senior unsecured obligations and rank senior in right of payment to our existing and future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the *Convertible Senior Notes*; equal in right of payment to our existing and future unsecured indebtedness that is not so subordinated; effectively junior in right of payment to any of our secured indebtedness (including unsecured indebtedness that we later secure) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness; and structurally junior to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) incurred by our subsidiaries, financing vehicles or similar facilities.

Prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding October 15, 2015, holders may convert their *Convertible Senior Notes* only under certain circumstances set forth in the Indenture. On or after October 15, 2015 until the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately preceding the *Maturity Date*, holders may convert their *Convertible Senior Notes* at any time. Upon conversion, we will pay or deliver, as the case may be, at our election, cash, shares of its common stock or a combination of cash and shares of its common stock. The conversion rate will initially be 84.0972 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of *Convertible Senior Notes* (equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$11.89 per share of common stock). The conversion rate will be subject to adjustment in some events but will not be adjusted for any accrued and unpaid interest. In addition, if certain corporate events occur prior to the *Maturity Date*, the conversion rate will be increased for converting holders.

We may not redeem the *Convertible Senior Notes* prior to maturity. No sinking fund is provided for the *Convertible Senior Notes*. In addition, if certain corporate events occur, holders of the *Convertible Senior Notes* may require us to repurchase for cash all or part of their *Convertible Senior Notes* at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the *Convertible Senior Notes* to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest through, but excluding, the required repurchase date.

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In accounting for the Convertible Senior Notes, we estimated that the values of the debt and the embedded conversion feature of the Convertible Senior Notes were approximately 92.8% and 7.2%, respectively. The original issue discount of 7.2% attributable to the conversion feature of the Convertible Senior Notes has initially been recorded in capital in excess of par value in the consolidated statement of assets and liabilities. As a result, we record interest expense comprised of both stated interest expense as well as accretion of the original issue discount resulting in an estimated effective interest rate of approximately 7.9%.

As of March 31, 2012, the components of the carrying value of the Convertible Senior Notes were as follows:

(in thousands)	As of March 31, 2012
Principal amount of debt	\$ 75,000
Original issue discount, net of accretion	(4,376)
Carrying value of debt	\$ 70,624

For the three months ended March 31, 2012, the components of interest expense, fees and cash paid for interest expense for the Convertible Senior Notes were as follows:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2012
Stated interest expense	\$ 1,125
Accretion of original issue discount	271
Amortization of debt issuance cost	144
Total interest expense and fees	\$ 1,540
Cash paid for interest expense	\$

As of March 31, 2012, we are in compliance with the terms of the indentures governing the Convertible Senior Notes. See Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements for more detail on the Convertible Senior Notes.

Citibank Credit Facility

We, through Hercules Funding Trust I, an affiliated statutory trust, had a securitized credit facility (the Citibank Credit Facility) with Citigroup Global Markets Realty Corp. which expired under normal terms. During the first quarter of 2009, we paid off all principal and interest owed under the Citibank Credit Facility. Citigroup has an equity participation right through a warrant participation agreement on the pool of loans and warrants collateralized under the Citibank Credit Facility. Pursuant to the warrant participation agreement, we granted to Citigroup a 10% participation in all warrants held as collateral. However, no additional warrants were included in collateral subsequent to the facility amendment on May 2, 2007. As a result, Citigroup is entitled to 10% of the realized gains on the warrants until the realized gains paid to Citigroup pursuant to the agreement equal \$3,750,000 (the Maximum Participation Limit). The obligations under the warrant participation agreement continue even after the Citibank Credit Facility is terminated until the Maximum Participation Limit has been reached. The value of their participation right on unrealized gains in the related equity investments was approximately \$611,000 as of March 31, 2012 and is included in accrued liabilities. There can be no assurances that the unrealized appreciation of the warrants will not be higher or lower in future periods due to fluctuations in the value of the warrants, thereby increasing or reducing the effect on the cost of borrowing. Since inception of the agreement, we have paid Citigroup approximately \$1.1 million under the warrant participation agreement thereby reducing its realized gains by this amount. We will continue to pay Citigroup under the warrant participation agreement until the Maximum Participation Limit is reached or the warrants expire. Warrants subject to the Citigroup participation agreement are set to expire between April 2012 and January 2017.

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At March 31, 2012 (unaudited) and December 31, 2011, we had the following borrowing capacity and outstanding borrowings:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Total Available	Carrying Value ⁽¹⁾	Total Available	Carrying Value ⁽¹⁾
Union Bank Facility	\$ 55,000	\$	\$ 55,000	\$
Wells Facility	75,000		75,000	10,187
Convertible Senior Notes ⁽²⁾	75,000	70,624	75,000	70,353
SBA Debentures ⁽³⁾	225,000	200,750	225,000	225,000
Total	\$ 430,000	\$ 271,374	\$ 430,000	\$ 305,540

- (1) Except for the Convertible Senior Notes, all carrying values are the same as the principal amount outstanding.
- (2) Represents the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Convertible Senior Notes less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the Convertible Senior Notes. The total unaccreted discount for the Convertible Senior Notes was \$4,376 at March 31, 2012.
- (3) In February 2012, we repaid \$24.3 million of SBA debentures under HT II, priced at approximately 6.63%, including annual fees. In April 2012, we submitted a request to the SBA to borrow the \$24.3 million under a new capital commitment under HT III, subject to SBA approval. There can be no assurances that the SBA will approve our new capital commitment request, or what the pricing will be or that we will draw on any possible commitment.

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The following table summarizes our dividends declared and paid or to be paid on all shares, including restricted stock, to date:

Date Declared	Record Date	Payment Date	Amount Per Share
October 27, 2005	November 1, 2005	November 17, 2005	\$ 0.03
December 9, 2005	January 6, 2006	January 27, 2006	0.30
April 3, 2006	April 10, 2006	May 5, 2006	0.30
July 19, 2006	July 31, 2006	August 28, 2006	0.30
October 16, 2006	November 6, 2006	December 1, 2006	0.30
February 7, 2007	February 19, 2007	March 19, 2007	0.30
May 3, 2007	May 16, 2007	June 18, 2007	0.30
August 2, 2007	August 16, 2007	September 17, 2007	0.30
November 1, 2007	November 16, 2007	December 17, 2007	0.30
February 7, 2008	February 15, 2008	March 17, 2008	0.30
May 8, 2008	May 16, 2008	June 16, 2008	0.34
August 7, 2008	August 15, 2008	September 19, 2008	0.34
November 6, 2008	November 14, 2008	December 15, 2008	0.34
February 12, 2009	February 23, 2009	March 30, 2009	0.32*
May 7, 2009	May 15, 2009	June 15, 2009	0.30
August 6, 2009	August 14, 2009	September 14, 2009	0.30
October 15, 2009	October 20, 2009	November 23, 2009	0.30
December 16, 2009	December 24, 2009	December 30, 2009	0.04
February 11, 2010	February 19, 2010	March 19, 2010	0.20
May 3, 2010	May 12, 2010	June 18, 2010	0.20
August 2, 2010	August 12, 2010	September 17, 2010	0.20
November 4, 2010	November 10, 2010	December 17, 2010	0.20
March 1, 2011	March 10, 2011	March 24, 2011	0.22
May 5, 2011	May 11, 2011	June 23, 2011	0.22
August 4, 2011	August 15, 2011	September 15, 2011	0.22
November 3, 2011	November 14, 2011	November 29, 2011	0.22
February 27, 2012	March 12, 2012	March 15, 2012	0.23
April 30, 2012	May 18, 2012	May 25, 2012	0.24
			\$ 7.16

* Dividend paid in cash and stock.

On April 30, 2012 the Board of Directors increased the quarterly dividend by \$0.01, or approximately 4%, and declared a cash dividend of \$0.24 per share which was paid on May 25, 2012 to shareholders of record as of May 18, 2012. This dividend represents the Company's twenty-seventh consecutive quarterly dividend declaration since its initial public offering, and will bring the total cumulative dividend declared to date to \$7.16 per share.

Our Board of Directors maintains a variable dividend policy with the objective of distributing four quarterly distributions in an amount that approximates 90 – 100% of our taxable quarterly income or potential annual income for a particular year. In addition, at the end of the year, we may also pay an additional special dividend or fifth dividend, such that we may distribute approximately all of our annual taxable income in the year it was earned, while maintaining the option to spill over our excess taxable income.

Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits would generally be treated first as a return of capital to the extent of the stockholder's tax basis, and any remaining distributions would be treated

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as a capital gain. The determination of the tax attributes of our distributions is made annually as of the end of our fiscal year based upon our taxable income for the full year and distributions paid for the full year, therefore a determination made on a quarterly basis may not be representative of the tax attributes of our 2012 distributions to stockholders. If we had determined the tax attributes of our distributions year-to-date as of March 31, 2012, approximately 98% would be from ordinary income and spillover earnings from 2011, and 2% would be a return of capital.

Each year a statement on Form 1099-DIV identifying the source of the distribution (i.e., paid from ordinary income, paid from net capital gains on the sale of securities, and/or a return of paid-in-capital surplus which is a nontaxable distribution) is mailed to our stockholders. To the extent our taxable earnings fall below the total amount of our distributions for that fiscal year, a portion of those distributions may be deemed a tax return of capital to our stockholders.

We operate to qualify to be taxed as a RIC under the Code. Generally, a RIC is entitled to deduct dividends it pays to its shareholders from its income to determine taxable income. Taxable income includes our taxable interest, dividend and fee income, as well as taxable net capital gains. Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. In addition, gains realized for financial reporting purposes may differ from gains included in taxable income as a result of our election to recognize gains using installment sale treatment, which generally results in the deferment of gains for tax purposes until notes or other amounts, including amounts held in escrow, received as consideration from the sale of investments are collected in cash. Taxable income includes non-cash income, such as changes in accrued and reinvested interest and dividends, which includes contractual payment-in-kind interest, and the amortization of discounts and fees. Cash collections of income resulting from contractual PIK interest or the amortization of discounts and fees generally occur upon the repayment of the loans or debt securities that include such items. Non-cash taxable income is reduced by non-cash expenses, such as realized losses and depreciation and amortization expense.

We intend to distribute quarterly dividends to our stockholders. In order to avoid certain excise taxes imposed on RICs, we currently intend to distribute during each calendar year an amount at least equal to the sum of (1) 98% of our ordinary income for the calendar year, (2) 98.2% 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 the preceding year that were not distributed during such year. We will not be subject to excise taxes on amounts on which we are required to pay corporate income tax (such as retained net capital gains). In order to obtain the tax benefits applicable to RICs, we will be required to distribute to our stockholders with respect to each taxable year at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses.

We can offer no assurance that we will achieve results that will permit the payment of any cash distributions and, if we issue senior securities, we will be prohibited from making distributions if doing so causes us to fail to maintain the asset coverage ratios stipulated by the 1940 Act or if distributions are limited by the terms of any of our borrowings. See Regulation.

We maintain an opt-out dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders. As a result, if we declare a dividend, cash dividends will be automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock unless the stockholder specifically opts out of the dividend reinvestment plan and chooses to receive cash dividends. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Our ability to make distributions will be limited by the asset coverage requirements under the 1940 Act.

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Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the period reported. On an ongoing basis, our management evaluates its estimates and assumptions, which are based on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Changes in our estimates and assumptions could materially impact our results of operations and financial condition.

Valuation of Portfolio Investments.

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

Our investments are carried at fair value in accordance with the 1940 Act and Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) topic 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (formerly known as SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements). At March 31, 2012, approximately 91.0% of the Company s total assets represented investments in portfolio companies that are valued at fair value by the Board of Directors. Value, as defined in Section 2(a)(41) of the 1940 Act, is (i) the market price for those securities for which a market quotation is readily available and (ii) for all other securities and assets, fair value is as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors. Our debt securities are primarily invested in equity sponsored technology-related companies including life science, clean technology and select lower middle market technology companies. Given the nature of lending to these types of businesses, our investments in these portfolio companies are generally considered Level 3 assets under ASC 820 because there is no known or accessible market or market indexes for these investment securities to be traded or exchanged. As such, it values substantially all of its investments at fair value as determined in good faith pursuant to a consistent valuation policy and our Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of ASC 820 and the 1940 Act. Due to the inherent uncertainty in determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by our Board may differ significantly from the value that would have been used had a readily available market existed for such investments, and the differences could be material.

Our Board of Directors may from time to time engage an independent valuation firm to provide us with valuation assistance with respect to certain of our portfolio investments on a quarterly basis. We intend to continue to engage an independent valuation firm to provide us with assistance regarding our determination of the fair value of selected portfolio investments each quarter unless directed by the Board of Directors to cancel such valuation services. The scope of the services rendered by an independent valuation firm is at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors is ultimately and solely responsible for determining the fair value of our investments in good faith.

With respect to investments for which market quotations are not readily available or when such market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value, our Board of Directors has approved a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

- (1) our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment;
- (2) preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and business based assumptions are discussed with our investment committee;
- (3) the valuation committee of the Board of Directors reviews the preliminary valuation of the investment committee which incorporates the results of the independent valuation firm as appropriate.

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(4) the Board of Directors discusses valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of, where applicable, the respective independent valuation firm and the valuation committee.

We adopted ASC 820 on January 1, 2008. ASC 820 establishes a framework for measuring the fair value of the assets and liabilities and outlines a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value and the effect of fair value measures on earnings. ASC 820 also enhances disclosure requirements for fair value measurements based on the level within the hierarchy of the information used in the valuation. ASC 820 applies whenever other standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value but does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstances. ASC 820 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

We have categorized all investments recorded at fair value in accordance with ASC 820 based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value. Hierarchical levels, defined by ASC 820 and directly related to the amount of subjectivity associated with the inputs to fair valuation of these assets and liabilities, are as follows:

Level 1 Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets at the measurement date. The types of assets carried at Level 1 fair value generally are equities listed in active markets.

Level 2 Inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level 1) are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset in connection with market data at the measurement date and for the extent of the instrument's anticipated life. Fair valued assets that are generally included in this category are warrants held in a public company.

Level 3 Inputs reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset at the measurement date. It includes prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable. Generally, assets carried at fair value and included in this category are the debt investments and warrants and equities held in a private company.

In accordance with ASU 2011-04, the following table provides quantitative information about our Level 3 fair value measurements of our investments as of March 31, 2012. In addition to the techniques and inputs noted in the table below, according to our valuation policy we may also use other valuation techniques and methodologies when determining our fair value measurements. The below table is not intended to be all-inclusive, but rather provides information on the significant Level 3 inputs as they relate to our fair value measurements.

Table of Contents**Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements of Debt Investments**

Investment Type - Level Three Debt Investments	Fair Value at March 31, 2012 (in thousands)	Valuation Techniques/ Methodologies	Unobservable Input ^(a)	Range
Pharmaceuticals - Debt	\$ 224,765	Market Comparable Companies	Market Yield	12.2% - 20.0%
			Premium/(Discount)	(1.0%) - 2.0%
		Option Pricing Model ^(b)	Average Industry Volatility ^(c)	60.92%
			Risk Free Interest Rate	0.19%
			Estimated Time to Exit (in months)	12
Medical Devices - Debt	37,250	Market Comparable Companies	Market Yield	12.8%
			Premium	0.0% - 1.3%
Technology - Debt	101,114	Market Comparable Companies	Market Yield	11.1% - 14.3%
			Premium/(Discount)	(2.5%) - 1.0%
Clean Tech - Debt	79,091	Market Comparable Companies	Market Yield	12.8% - 19.5%
			Premium	0.0% - 1.0%
Lower Middle Market - Debt	172,404	Market Comparable Companies	Market Yield	11.1% - 17.6%
			Premium	0.0% - 5.0%
		Broker Quote ^(d)	Price Quotes	93.0% - 99.5% of par
			Liquidation	Investment Collateral
			Other Costs	\$43 - \$99
Total Level Three Debt Investments	\$ 614,624			

(a) The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Company's debt securities are hypothetical market yields and premiums/(discounts). The hypothetical market yield is defined as the exit price of an investment in a hypothetical market to hypothetical market participants where buyers and sellers are willing participants. The premiums (discounts) relate to company specific characteristics such as underlying investment performance, security liens, and other characteristics of the investment. Significant increases (decreases) in the inputs in isolation would result in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement, depending on the materiality of the investment. Debt investments in the industries noted in the Company's Schedule of Investments are included in the industries noted above as follows:

Pharmaceuticals, above, is comprised of debt investments in the Therapeutic, Specialty Pharmaceuticals, Drug Discovery and Development, Drug Delivery, Diagnostic and Biotechnology Tools industries in the Schedule of Investments.

Medical Devices, above, is comprised of debt investments in the Therapeutic, Surgical Devices, Medical Devices and Equipment and Biotechnology Tools industries in the Schedule of Investments.

Technology, above, is comprised of debt investments in the Software, Semiconductors, Internet Consumer and Business Services, Information Services, Communications and Networking industries in the Schedule of Investments.

Lower Middle Market, above, is comprised of debt investments in the Communications and Networking, Electronics and Computer Hardware, Healthcare Services - Other, Information Services, Internet Consumer and Business Services, Media/Content/Info, and Specialty Pharmaceuticals industries in the Schedule of Investments.

Clean Tech, above, aligns with the Clean Tech industry in the Schedule of Investments.

(b) An option pricing model valuation technique was used to derive the value of the conversion feature of convertible notes.

(c) Represents the range of industry volatility used by market participants when pricing the investment.

(d) A broker quote valuation technique was used to derive the fair value of loans which are part of a syndicated facility.

Table of Contents**Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements of Warrants and Equity Investments**

Investment Type -	Fair Value at March 31, 2012 (in thousands)	Valuation Techniques/ Methodologies	Unobservable Input^(a)	Range
Level Three Warrant and Equity Investments	\$67,567	Market Comparable Companies	EBITDA Multiple ^(b)	3.90x - 43.23x
			Revenue Multiple ^(b)	0.63x - 15.47x
			Discount for Lack of Marketability ^(c)	10.3% - 25.8%
Warrant positions additionally subject to:		Option Pricing Model	Average Industry Volatility ^(d)	41.54% - 60.92%
			Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.17% - 0.77%
			Estimated Time to Exit (in months)	9 - 48
Total Level Three Warrant and Equity Investments	\$67,567			

(a) The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Company's warrant and equity-related securities are revenue and/or EBITDA multiples and discounts for lack of marketability. Additional inputs used in the Black Scholes option pricing model include industry volatility, risk free interest rate and estimated time to exit. Significant increases (decreases) in the inputs in isolation would result in a significantly higher (lower) fair value measurement, depending on the materiality of the investment. For some investments, additional consideration may be given to data from the last round of financing or merger/acquisition events near the measurement date.

(b) Represents amounts used when the Company has determined that market participants would use such multiples when pricing the investments.

(c) Represents amounts used when the Company has determined market participants would take into account these discounts when pricing the investments.

(d) Represents the range of industry volatility used by market participants when pricing the investment.

Debt Investments

Our debt securities are primarily invested in equity sponsored technology-related companies including life science, clean technology and select lower middle market technology companies. Given the nature of lending to these types of businesses, our investments in these portfolio companies are considered Level 3 assets under ASC 820 because there is no known or accessible market or market indexes for these investment securities to be traded or exchanged.

We apply a procedure for debt investments that assumes a sale of investment in a hypothetical market to a hypothetical market participant where buyers and sellers are willing participants. The hypothetical market does not include scenarios where the underlying security was simply repaid or extinguished, but includes an exit concept. Under this process, we also evaluate the collateral for recoverability of the debt investments as well as apply all of its historical fair value analysis. We use pricing on recently issued comparable debt securities to determine the baseline hypothetical market yields as of the measurement date. We consider each portfolio company's credit rating, security liens and other characteristics of the investment to adjust the baseline yield to derive a hypothetical yield for each investment as of the measurement date. The anticipated future cash flows from each investment are then discounted at the hypothetical yield to estimate each investment's fair value as of the measurement date.

Our process includes, among other things, the underlying investment performance, the current portfolio company's financial condition and market changing events that impact valuation, estimated remaining life, current market yield and interest rate spreads of similar securities as of the measurement date. If there is a significant deterioration of the credit quality of a debt investment, we may consider other factors than those a hypothetical market participant would use to estimate fair value, including the proceeds that would be received in a liquidation analysis.

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We record unrealized depreciation on investments when we believe that an investment has decreased in value, including where collection of a loan is doubtful or if under the in exchange premise when the value of a debt security were to be less than amortized cost of the investment. Conversely, where appropriate, we record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and, therefore, that our investment has also appreciated in value or if under the in exchange premise the value of a debt security were to be greater than amortized cost.

When originating a debt instrument, we generally receive warrants or other equity-related securities from the borrower. We determine the cost basis of the warrants or other equity-related securities received based upon their respective fair values on the date of receipt in proportion to the total fair value of the debt and warrants or other equity-related securities received. Any resulting discount on the loan from recordation of the warrant or other equity instruments is accreted into interest income over the life of the loan.

Equity-Related Securities and Warrants

Securities that are traded in the over-the-counter markets or on a stock exchange will be valued at the prevailing bid price at period end. We have a limited number of equity securities in public companies. In accordance with the 1940 Act, unrestricted publicly traded securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the closing market quote on the measurement date.

We estimate the fair value of warrants using a Black Scholes pricing model. At each reporting date, privately held warrant and equity-related securities are valued based on an analysis of various factors including, but not limited to, the portfolio company's operating performance and financial condition and general market conditions, price to enterprise value or price to equity ratios, discounted cash flow, valuation comparisons to comparable public companies or other industry benchmarks. When an external event occurs, such as a purchase transaction, public offering, or subsequent equity sale, the pricing indicated by that external event is utilized to corroborate our valuation of the warrant and equity-related securities. We periodically review the valuation of our portfolio companies that have not been involved in a qualifying external event to determine if the enterprise value of the portfolio company may have increased or decreased since the last valuation measurement date.

Income Recognition.

We record interest income on the accrual basis and we recognize it as earned in accordance with the contractual terms of the loan agreement to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. Original Issue Discount (OID) initially represents the value of detachable equity warrants obtained in conjunction with the acquisition of debt securities and is accreted into interest income over the term of the loan as a yield enhancement. When a loan becomes 90 days or more past due, or if management otherwise does not expect the portfolio company to be able to service its debt and other obligations, we will generally place the loan on non-accrual status and cease recognizing interest income on that loan until all principal has been paid. Any uncollected interest related to prior periods is reversed from income in the period that collection of the interest receivable is determined to be doubtful. However, we may make exceptions to this policy if the investment has sufficient collateral value and is in the process of collection. As of March 31, 2012, we had one portfolio company on non-accrual status with an approximate cost of \$10.9 million and a fair value of approximately \$675,000. There was one portfolio company on non-accrual status with an approximate cost of \$7.7 million and a fair value of approximately \$1.0 million as of December 31, 2011.

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Paid-In-Kind and End of Term Income.

Contractual paid-in-kind (PIK) interest, which represents contractually deferred interest added to the loan balance that is generally due at the end of the loan term, is generally recorded on the accrual basis to the extent such amounts are expected to be collected. We will generally cease accruing PIK interest if there is insufficient value to support the accrual or we do not expect the portfolio company to be able to pay all principal and interest due. In addition, we may also be entitled to an end-of-term payment that we amortize into income over the life of the loan. To maintain our status as a RIC, PIK and end-of-term income must be paid out to stockholders in the form of dividends even though we have not yet collected the cash. Amounts necessary to pay these dividends may come from available cash or the liquidation of certain investments. We recorded approximately \$298,000 and \$556,000 in PIK income in the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Fee Income.

Fee income, generally collected in advance, includes loan commitment and facility fees for due diligence and structuring, as well as fees for transaction services and management services rendered by us to portfolio companies and other third parties. Loan and commitment fees are amortized into income over the contractual life of the loan. Management fees are generally recognized as income when the services are rendered. Loan origination fees are capitalized and then amortized into interest income using the effective interest rate method. In certain loan arrangements, warrants or other equity interests are received from the borrower as additional origination fees.

We recognize nonrecurring fees amortized over the remaining term of the loan commencing in the quarter relating to specific loan modifications. Certain fees may still be recognized as one-time fees, including prepayment penalties, fees related to select covenant default waiver fees and acceleration of previously deferred loan fees and original issue discount (OID) related to early loan pay-off or material modification of the specific debt outstanding.

Equity Offering Expenses

Our offering costs are charged against the proceeds from equity offerings when received.

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs are being amortized over the life of the related debt instrument using the straight line method, which closely approximates the effective yield method.

Stock-Based Compensation.

We have issued and may, from time to time, issue additional stock options and restricted stock to employees under our 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and Board members under our 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. We follow ASC 718, formally known as FAS 123R *Share-Based Payments* to account for stock options granted. Under ASC 718, compensation expense associated with stock-based compensation is measured at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and is recognized over the vesting period.

Federal Income Taxes.

We intend to operate so as to qualify to be taxed as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code and, as such, will not be subject to federal income tax on the portion of our taxable income and gains distributed to stockholders. To qualify as a RIC, we are required to distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code. We are subject to a non-deductible federal excise tax if we do not distribute at least 98% of our taxable income and 98.2% of our capital gain net income for each one year period ending on October 31. At

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December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, no excise tax was recorded. Because federal income tax regulations differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, distributions in accordance with tax regulations may differ from net investment income and realized gains recognized for financial reporting purposes. Differences may be permanent or temporary. Permanent differences are reclassified among capital accounts in the financial statement to reflect their tax character. Temporary differences arise when certain items of income, expense, gain or loss are recognized at some time in the future. Differences in classification may also result from the treatment of short-term gains as ordinary income for tax purposes.

Recent Accounting Pronouncement

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued *Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-04 Fair Value Measurement: Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS*, or ASU 2011-04. ASU 2011-04 clarifies the application of existing fair value measurement and disclosure requirements, changes the application of some requirements for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosure for fair value measurements. The highest and best use valuation premise is only applicable to non-financial assets. In addition, the disclosure requirements are expanded to include for fair value measurements categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy: (1) a quantitative disclosure of the unobservable inputs and assumptions used in the measurement; (2) a description of the valuation processes in place; and (3) a narrative description of the sensitivity of the fair value to changes in unobservable inputs and interrelationships between those inputs. ASU 2011-04 is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011, for public entities and as such we have adopted this ASU beginning with our quarter ended March 31, 2012. We have increased our disclosures related to Level 3 fair value measurement, in addition to other required disclosures. There were no related impacts on our financial position or results of operations.

Subsequent Events***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

On April 17, 2012, we and U.S. Bank, N.A. (the Trustee), entered into the First Supplemental Indenture (the First Supplemental Indenture) to the Indenture (the Indenture) between us and the Trustee, dated April 17, 2012, relating to our issuance, offer and sale of \$43.0 million aggregate principal amount of the Existing Notes. The sale of the Existing Notes generated net proceeds of approximately \$41.7 million.

The Existing Notes will mature on April 30, 2019 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at our option at any time or from time to time on or after April 30, 2015, upon not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days written notice by mail prior to the date fixed for redemption thereof, at a redemption price of 100% of the outstanding principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest payments otherwise payable for the then-current quarterly interest period accrued to but not including the date fixed for redemption. The Existing Notes bear interest at a rate of 7.00% per year payable quarterly on January 30, April 30, July 30 and October 30 of each year, commencing on July 30, 2012.

The Existing Notes will be our direct unsecured obligations and will rank: (i) *pari passu* with our other outstanding and future senior unsecured indebtedness, including without limitation, the Convertible Senior Notes; (ii) senior to any of our future indebtedness that expressly provides it is subordinated to the Existing Notes; (iii) effectively subordinated to all our existing and future secured indebtedness (including indebtedness that is initially unsecured to which we subsequently grant security), to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, including without limitation, borrowings under our credit facilities; (iv) structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other obligations of any of our subsidiaries, including without limitation, the indebtedness of HT II and HT III and any borrowings under our revolving senior secured credit facilities.

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The Indenture, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, contains certain covenants including covenants requiring us to comply with (regardless of whether we are subject to) the asset coverage requirements set forth in Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the 1940 Act, to comply with the restrictions on dividends, distributions and purchase of capital stock set forth in Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the 1940 Act, and to provide financial information to the holders of the Notes and the Trustee if we should no longer be subject to the reporting requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the Indenture, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture. The Indenture provides for customary events of default and further provides that the Trustee or the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes in a series may declare such Notes immediately due and payable upon the occurrence of any event of default after expiration of any applicable grace period.

The Existing Notes were sold pursuant to an underwriting agreement dated April 11, 2012 among us and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, as representative of the several underwriters named in the underwriting agreement. We granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional \$6.45 million in aggregate principal amount of the Existing Notes to cover over-allotments, if any. The transaction closed on April 17, 2012.

Dividend Declaration

On April 30, 2012 the Board of Directors increased the quarterly dividend by \$0.01, or approximately 4%, and declared a cash dividend of \$0.24 per share that will be payable on May 25, 2012 to shareholders of record as of May 18, 2012. This dividend represents the Company's twenty-seventh consecutive dividend declaration since its initial public offering, bringing the total cumulative dividend declared to date to \$7.16 per share.

Portfolio Company Developments

In April 2012, we sold our equity investment in portfolio company Annie's, Inc. In connection with the sale, we expect to realize a net gain of approximately \$2.3-\$2.4 million, representing an internal rate of return of approximately 28.0% on Hercules' total investments in Annie's, Inc.

In April 2012, our portfolio company NEXX Systems, Inc, reached a definitive agreement to be acquired by Tokyo Electron. In connection with the sale, we expect to realize a net gain of approximately \$5.2 million for the sale of our warrant and equity investments in the second quarter.

In April 2012, we received full repayment of our \$24.2 million term loan with Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc., our \$5.6 million term loan with PolyMedix, Inc. and our \$8.5 million in term loan investments with other portfolio companies.

In April 2012, we transferred the listing of our common stock from the NASDAQ Global Select Market to the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) and began trading our stock on the NYSE on April 30, 2012 under our ticker symbol HTGC.

Closed and Pending Commitments

As of May 8, 2012, Hercules has:

- a. Closed commitments of approximately \$45.0 million to new and existing portfolio companies, and funded approximately \$22.6 million since the close of the first quarter.
- b. Pending commitments (signed non-binding term sheets) of approximately \$129.7 million.

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The table below summarizes our year-to-date closed and pending commitments as follows:

Closed Commitments and Pending Commitments (in millions)	
Q1-12 Closed Commitments	\$ 101.3
Q2-12 Closed Commitments (as of May 8, 2012)	\$ 45.0
Total 2012 Closed Commitments^(a)	\$ 146.3
Pending Commitments (as of May 8, 2012) ^(b)	\$ 129.7
Total	\$ 276.0

Notes:

- a. Not all Closed Commitments result in future cash requirements. Commitments generally fund over the two succeeding quarters from close.
- b. Not all pending commitments (signed non-binding term sheets) are expected to close and do not necessarily represent any future cash requirements.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are subject to financial market risks, including changes in interest rates. Interest rate risk is defined as the sensitivity of our current and future earnings to interest rate volatility, variability of spread relationships, the difference in re-pricing intervals between our assets and liabilities and the effect that interest rates may have on our cash flows. Changes in the general level of interest rates can affect our net investment income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on interest earning assets and our interest expense incurred in connection with our interest bearing debt and liabilities. Changes in interest rates can also affect, among other things, our ability to acquire and originate loans and securities and the value of our investment portfolio.

As of March 31, 2012, approximately 91.1% of our portfolio loans were at variable rates or variable rates with a floor and 8.9% of our loans were at fixed rates. Over time additional investments may be at variable rates. We do not currently engage in any hedging activities. However, we may, in the future, hedge against interest rate fluctuations by using standard hedging instruments such as futures, options, and forward contracts. While hedging activities may insulate us against changes in interest rates, they may also limit our ability to participate in the benefits of lower interest rates with respect to our borrowed funds and higher interest rates with respect to our portfolio of investments. Interest rates on our borrowings are based primarily on LIBOR. Borrowings under our SBA program are fixed at the ten year treasury rate every March and September for borrowings of the preceding six months. Borrowings under the program are charged interest based on ten year treasury rates plus a spread and the rates are generally set for a pool of debentures issued by the SBA in six-month periods. The rates of borrowings under the various draws from the SBA beginning in April 2007 and set semiannually in March and September range from 2.77% to 5.73%. In addition, the SBA charges a fee that is set annually, depending on the Federal fiscal year the leverage commitment was delegated by the SBA, regardless of the date that the leverage was drawn by the SBIC. The annual fees related to HT II debentures that pooled on September 22, 2010 were 0.406% and 0.285%, depending upon the year in which the underlying commitment was closed. The annual fees related to HT III debentures that pooled on March 21, 2012 were 0.285% and 0.515% depending upon the year in which the underlying commitment was closed. The annual fees on other debentures have been set at 0.906%. The average amount of debentures outstanding for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 for HT II was approximately \$115.4 million with an average interest rate of approximately 6.0%. The average amount of debentures outstanding for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 for HT III was approximately \$100.0 million with an average interest rate of approximately 2.9%. Interest is payable semiannually and there are no principal payments required on these issues prior to maturity. Debentures under the SBA generally mature ten years after being borrowed. Based on the initial draw down date of April 2007, the initial maturity of SBA debentures will occur in April 2017.

Borrowings under the Wells Facility will generally bear interest at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 3.50%, with a floor of 5.00% and an advance rate of 50% against eligible loans. The Wells Facility is secured by

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loans in the borrowing base. The Wells Facility requires the monthly payment of a non-use fee of 0.3% for each payment date on or before September 1, 2011. The monthly payment of a non-use fee thereafter shall depend on the average balance that was outstanding on a scale between 0.0% and 0.75%. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2012, this non-use fee was approximately \$137,000. On June 20, 2011 we paid an additional \$1.1 million in structuring fees in connection with the Wells Facility which is being amortized through June 2014. In January 2012, we repaid the entire principal balance outstanding as of December 31, 2011 under the Wells Facility, approximately \$10.2 million. At March 31, 2012, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Wells Facility.

Borrowings under the Union Bank Facility will generally bear interest at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 2.25% with a floor of 4.0%. The Union Bank Facility required the payment of an unused fee of 0.50% annually. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2012, this non-use fee was approximately \$70,000. The Union Bank Facility is collateralized by debt investments in our portfolio companies, and includes an advance rate equal to 50% of eligible loans placed in the collateral pool. The Union Bank Facility generally requires payment of interest on a monthly basis. All outstanding principal is due upon maturity. There were no outstanding borrowings under this facility at March 31, 2012. On November 2, 2011, we renewed and amended the Union Bank Facility. The other terms of the Union Bank Facility generally remain unchanged, including the stated interest rate. The Union Bank Facility will mature on November 2, 2014, revolving through the first 24 months with a term out provision for the remaining 12 months.

Borrowings under the Convertible Senior Notes mature on April 15, 2016 (the Maturity Date), unless previously converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms. The Convertible Senior Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.00% per year payable semiannually in arrears on April 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on October 15, 2011. The Convertible Senior Notes are our senior unsecured obligations and rank senior in right of payment to our existing and future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Convertible Senior Notes; equal in right of payment to our existing and future unsecured indebtedness that is not so subordinated; effectively junior in right of payment to any of our secured indebtedness (including unsecured indebtedness that we later secure) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness; and structurally junior to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) incurred by our subsidiaries, financing vehicles or similar facilities.

Because we currently borrow, and plan to borrow in the future, money to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we invest the funds borrowed. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, which could reduce our net investment income if there is not a corresponding increase in interest income generated by variable rate assets in our investment portfolio.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company has established disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management of the Company, with the participation of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

As of December 31, 2011, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial and Accounting Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial and Accounting Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them of material information relating to us that is required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting and for the assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. As defined by the SEC, internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of the Company's principal executive and principal financial and accounting officer, approved and monitored by the Company's Board of Directors, and implemented by management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The Company's internal control over financial reporting is supported by written policies and procedures, that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the Company's assets; (2) 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 the Company's management and directors; and (3) 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. 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.

Management of the Company conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011 based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO Framework). Based on this assessment, management has concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2011.

Attestation Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011 has been audited by Pricewaterhousecoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm who also audited the Company's consolidated financial statements, as stated in their report, which is included in this prospectus.

Remediation of Previously Disclosed Material Weakness

As described in Item 4 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2011, the Company identified a material weakness in its internal control over financial reporting. In particular, management became aware of matters where existing controls did not operate effectively to detect manual input errors in calculations used to derive the fair value of some investment portfolio holdings as of the measurement date, thereby impacting reported amounts with respect to investments and net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation on investments. The Company initiated a remediation effort during the second quarter of 2011 to address the material weakness. During the remediation effort the Company:

added additional reviews of the accuracy of the number of equity security holdings as of the measurement date;

added additional reviews of manually input data used in the calculations supporting the fair value of investments as of the measurement date; and

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added experienced professionals to augment and upgrade its financial staff to address issues of timeliness and completeness in financial reporting.

The Company continued its implementation and assessment of the additional controls during the third and fourth quarters of 2011 and found them to be operating effectively and have concluded as of December 31, 2011, this material weakness has been remediated.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting in 2011

As a result of the remediation of the material weakness described above, there were changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended December 31, 2011, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. There were no other changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended December 31, 2011, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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We are offering the Notes described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus through a number of underwriters. Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated is acting as representative of the underwriters. We have entered into an underwriting agreement with the underwriters. Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each underwriter has severally and not jointly agreed to purchase from us, the aggregate principal amount of Notes listed next to its name in the following table:

Underwriter	Principal Amount
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated	
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of Scott & Stringfellow, LLC	
Janney Montgomery Scott LLC	
Sterne, Agee & Leach, Inc.	
Stephens Inc.	
Wunderlich Securities, Inc.	
Total	

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

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

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

Commissions and Discounts

An underwriting discount of _____ % per Note will be paid by us. This underwriting discount will also apply to any Notes purchased pursuant to the overallotment option.

The following table shows the total underwriting discounts and commissions that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering. The information assumes either no exercise or full exercise by the underwriters of their overallotment option.

	Per Note	Without Option	With Option
Public offering price ⁽¹⁾	%	\$	\$
Underwriting discount	%	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	%	\$	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest from April 17, 2012 (as if the Notes offered hereby had been issued on such date).

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

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

Overallotment Option

We have granted an option to the underwriters to purchase up to an additional \$ _____ aggregate principal amount of the Notes offered hereby at the public offering price within 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement solely to cover any overallotments. If the underwriters exercise this option, each will be obligated, subject to conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, to purchase a number of additional Notes proportionate to that underwriter's initial principal amount reflected in the above table.

No Sales of Similar Securities

We have agreed not to directly or indirectly sell, offer to sell, enter into any agreement to sell, or otherwise dispose of, any debt securities issued by the Company which are substantially similar to the Notes or securities convertible into such debt securities which are substantially similar to the Notes for a period of 30 days after the date of this prospectus supplement without first obtaining the written consent of the Representative. This consent may be given at any time without public notice.

If (i) during the last 17 days of the foregoing 30-day period, we issue an earnings release or material news or a material event or (ii) prior to the expiration of the foregoing 30-day period, we announce that we will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the foregoing 30-day period, the foregoing restrictions will continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the issuance of the earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or material event, as applicable, unless the Representative waives, in writing, such extension.

Listing

We listed the Existing Notes on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol HTGZ and intend to list the Notes offered hereby under the same trading symbol.

We have been advised by the underwriters that they presently intend to make a market in the Notes after completion of the offering as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. The underwriters are not obligated, however, to make a market in the Notes and any such market-making may be discontinued at any time in the sole discretion of the underwriters without any notice. Accordingly, no assurance can be given as to the liquidity of, or development of a public trading market for, the Notes. If an active public trading market for the Notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the Notes may be adversely affected.

Price Stabilization, Short Positions

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell Notes in the open market. These transactions may include overallotment, covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Overallotment involves sales of securities in excess of the aggregate principal amount of securities to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a short position for the underwriters. Covering transactions involve purchases of the securities in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases of securities made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the securities while the offering is in progress.

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

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

Electronic Offer, Sale and Distribution of Notes

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

Other Relationships

The underwriters and their affiliates have provided in the past and may provide from time to time in the future in the ordinary course of their business certain commercial banking, financial advisory, investment banking and other services to Hercules or our portfolio companies for which they have received or will be entitled to receive separate fees. In particular, the underwriters or their affiliates may execute transactions with Hercules or on behalf of Hercules or any of our portfolio companies.

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, BB&T Capital Markets, a division of Scott & Stringfellow, LLC, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, Sterne, Agee & Leach, Inc. and Wunderlich Securities, Inc. also were underwriters in connection with the offering of the Existing Notes.

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

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

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

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates that have a lending relationship with us routinely hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the Notes offered hereby. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Notes offered

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hereby. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

The principal business address of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated is 501 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102; the principal address of BB&T Capital Markets is 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 410, Richmond, Virginia 23219; the principal address of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC is 1801 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; the principal address of Sterne, Agee & Leach, Inc. is 800 Shades Creek Parkway, Birmingham, Alabama 35209; the principal address of Stephens Inc. is 111 Center Street, Suite 2400, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201; and the principal address of Wunderlich Securities, Inc. is 6000 Poplar Ave., Suite 150, Memphis, Tennessee 38119.

Other Jurisdictions

Other than in the United States, no action has been taken by us or the underwriters that would permit a public offering of the Notes offered by this prospectus supplement in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. The Notes offered by this prospectus supplement may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, nor may this prospectus supplement or any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the offer and sale of any such Notes be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of that jurisdiction. Persons into whose possession this prospectus supplement comes are advised to inform themselves about and to observe any restriction relating to the offering and the distribution of this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy the Notes offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or a solicitation is unlawful.

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UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

The following discussion is a general summary of the material United States federal income tax considerations (and, in the case of a non-U.S. holder (as defined below), the material United States federal estate tax consequences) applicable to an investment in the Notes. This summary does not purport to be a complete description of the income and estate tax considerations applicable to such an investment. The discussion is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), Treasury Regulations, and administrative and judicial interpretations, each as of the date of this prospectus supplement and all of which are subject to change, potentially with retroactive effect. You should consult your own tax advisor with respect to tax considerations that pertain to your purchase of our Notes.

This discussion deals only with Notes held as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code and does not purport to deal with persons in special tax situations, such as financial institutions, insurance companies, controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies and regulated investment companies (and shareholders of such corporations), dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities, former citizens of the United States, persons holding the Notes as a hedge against currency risks or as a position in a straddle, hedge, constructive sale transaction or conversion transaction for tax purposes, entities that are tax-exempt for United States federal income tax purposes, retirement plans, individual retirement accounts, tax-deferred accounts, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, pass-through entities (including partnerships and entities and arrangements classified as partnerships for United States federal income tax purposes) and beneficial owners of pass-through entities, or persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar. It also does not deal with beneficial owners of the Notes other than original purchasers of the Notes who acquire the Notes in this offering for a price equal to their original issue price (*i.e.*, the first price at which a substantial amount of the Notes is sold other than to bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers). If you are considering purchasing the Notes, you should consult your own tax advisor concerning the application of the United States federal tax laws to you in light of your particular situation, as well as any consequences to you of purchasing, owning and disposing of the Notes under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

For purposes of this discussion, the term U.S. holder means a beneficial owner of a Note that is, for United States federal income tax purposes, (i) an individual citizen or resident of the United States, (ii) a corporation or other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or of any political subdivision thereof, (iii) a trust (a) subject to the control of one or more United States persons and the primary supervision of a court in the United States, or (b) that existed on August 20, 1996 and has made a valid election (under applicable Treasury Regulations) to be treated as a domestic trust, or (iv) an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source. The term non-U.S. holder means a beneficial owner of a Note that is neither a U.S. holder nor a partnership (including an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes). An individual may, subject to exceptions, be deemed to be a resident alien, as opposed to a non-resident alien, by, among other ways, being present in the United States (i) on at least 31 days in the calendar year, and (ii) for an aggregate of at least 183 days during a three-year period ending in the current calendar year, counting for such purposes all of the days present in the current year, one-third of the days present in the immediately preceding year, and one-sixth of the days present in the second preceding year. Resident aliens are subject to United States federal income tax as if they were United States citizens.

If a partnership (including an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds any Notes, the United States federal income tax treatment of a partner of the partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner, the activities of the partnership and certain determinations made at the partner level. Partners of partnerships holding Notes should consult their own tax advisors.

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Taxation of Note Holders

Under present law, we are of the opinion that the Notes will constitute indebtedness of us for United States federal income tax purposes, which the below discussion assumes. We intend to treat all payments made with respect to the Notes consistent with this characterization.

We intend to treat, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the issuance of the Notes as a qualified reopening of our 7.00% Senior Notes due 2019 that were issued on April 17, 2012 with an issue price of 100% of their principal amount. Accordingly, we intend to treat the Notes offered hereby as having the same issue date and the same issue price as those previously issued Notes. The remainder of this summary assumes this treatment.

Payments or accruals of interest on a Note generally will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary interest income at the time they are received (actually or constructively) or accrued, in accordance with the U.S. holder's regular method of tax accounting.

A portion of the price paid for a Note is attributable to the amount of unpaid interest on the Notes that has accrued from April 17, 2012 (the pre-issuance accrued interest). Pursuant to certain regulations, we intend to treat a portion of the first interest payment on the Notes as a return of the pre-issuance accrued interest, rather than an amount payable on such Note. A U.S. holder should be able to treat a portion of the first interest payment on a Note as a non-taxable return of the pre-issuance accrued interest paid by the U.S. holder, rather than as taxable interest, as if the U.S. holder purchased a debt instrument on the secondary market between interest payment dates. U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors concerning the tax treatment of the pre-issuance accrued interest on the Note.

If a U.S. holder purchases a Note for an amount (excluding any amount attributable to the pre-issuance accrued interest described above) in excess of its stated principal amount, the U.S. holder will be considered to have purchased the Note with bond premium equal to the excess of the U.S. holder's purchase price over the principal amount of the Note. A U.S. holder generally may elect to amortize the premium over the remaining term of the Note using a constant yield method as an offset to interest on the Notes when includible in income under the U.S. holder's regular accounting method. If a U.S. holder makes this election, the U.S. holder will be required to reduce the U.S. holder's tax basis in the Note by the amount of the premium amortized. If the U.S. holder does not elect to amortize the premium, that premium will decrease the gain or increase the loss the U.S. holder would otherwise recognize on disposition of the Note. An election to amortize premium will also apply to all other taxable debt instruments held or subsequently acquired by such U.S. holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year for which the election is made. Such an election may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors about this election.

Upon the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a Note, a U.S. holder generally will recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition (excluding amounts representing accrued and unpaid interest, which are treated as ordinary income) and the U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the Note. A U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in a Note generally will equal the U.S. holder's initial investment in the Note. Capital gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Note was held for more than one year. Long-term capital gains recognized by individuals and certain other non-corporate U.S. holders generally are eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The distinction between capital gain or loss and ordinary income or loss is also important in other contexts; for example, for purposes of the limitations on a U.S. holder's ability to offset capital losses against ordinary income.

Newly enacted legislation may require certain noncorporate U.S. holders to pay a 3.8% Medicare tax on, among other things, interest on and capital gains from the sale, exchange, redemption or retirement of the Notes. This legislation would apply for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012. U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the effect, if any, of this legislation on their ownership and disposition of the Notes.

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Taxation of Non-U.S. Holders. A non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to United States federal income or withholding taxes on payments of principal or interest on a Note provided that (i) income on the Note is not effectively connected with the conduct by the non-U.S. holder of a trade or business within the United States, (ii) the non-U.S. holder is not a controlled foreign corporation related to the Company through stock ownership, (iii) in the case of interest income, the recipient is not a bank receiving interest described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (iv) the non-U.S. holder does not own (actually or constructively) 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company, and (v) the non-U.S. holder provides a statement in the year in which a payment occurs or in the preceding 3 years, on an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) signed under penalties of perjury that includes its name and address and certifies that the non-U.S. holder is the beneficial owner and is not a United States person in compliance with applicable requirements, or satisfies documentary evidence requirements for establishing that it is a non-U.S. holder.

A non-U.S. holder that is not exempt from tax under these rules generally will be subject to United States federal income tax withholding on payments of interest on the Notes at a rate of 30% unless (i) the income is effectively connected with the conduct of a United States trade or business, so long as the non-U.S. holder has provided an IRS Form W-8ECI or substantially similar substitute form stating that the interest on the Notes is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the U.S. in which case the interest will be subject to United States federal income tax on a net income basis as applicable to U.S. holders generally (unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise), or (ii) an applicable income tax treaty provides for a lower rate of, or exemption from, withholding tax.

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

To claim the benefit of an income tax treaty or to claim exemption from withholding because income is effectively connected with a United States trade or business, the non-U.S. holder must timely provide the appropriate, properly executed IRS forms. The non-U.S. holder must inform the recipient of any changes on these forms within 30 days of such change. These forms may be required to be periodically updated. Also, a non-U.S. holder who is claiming the benefits of a treaty may be required to obtain a United States taxpayer identification number and to provide certain documentary evidence issued by foreign governmental authorities to prove residence in the foreign country.

Generally, a non-U.S. holder will not be subject to United States federal income or withholding taxes on any amount that constitutes capital gain upon the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a Note, provided that (i) the gain is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by the non-U.S. holder (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is not attributable to a United States permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. holder) and (ii) that the non-U.S. holder is not an individual who is present in the U.S. for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the sale, exchange, or other taxable disposition and meets certain other conditions (unless such holder is eligible for relief under an applicable income tax treaty). Certain other exceptions may be applicable, and a non-U.S. holder should consult its tax advisor in this regard.

A Note that is held by an individual who, at the time of death, is not a citizen or resident of the United States (as specially defined for United States federal estate tax purposes) generally will not be subject to the United States federal estate tax, unless, at the time of death, (i) such individual directly or indirectly, actually or constructively, owns ten percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder or (ii) such

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individual's interest in the Notes is effectively connected with the individual's conduct of a United States trade or business.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding. A U.S. holder (other than an exempt recipient, including a corporation and certain other persons who, when required, demonstrate their exempt status) may be subject to backup withholding at a rate of 28% (which rate currently is scheduled to increase to 31% for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2013) on, and to information reporting requirements with respect to, payments of principal and interest on, and proceeds from the sale, exchange, redemption or retirement of, the Notes. In general, if a non-corporate U.S. holder subject to information reporting fails to furnish a correct taxpayer identification number or otherwise fails to comply with applicable backup withholding requirements, backup withholding at the applicable rate may apply.

The amount of interest we pay to a non-U.S. holder on the Notes will be reported to such non-U.S. Holder and to the IRS annually on an IRS Form 1042-S even if the non-U.S. holder is exempt from the 30% withholding tax described above. Copies of the information returns reporting those payments and the amounts withheld may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country where the non-U.S. holder is resident under provisions of an applicable income tax treaty or agreement.

In addition, backup withholding tax and certain other information reporting requirements apply to payments of principal and interest on, and proceeds from the sale, exchange, redemption or retirement of, the Notes, unless an exemption applies. Backup withholding and information reporting will not apply to payments we make to a non-U.S. holder if such non-U.S. holder has provided to the applicable withholding agent under penalties of perjury the required certification of their non-U.S. person status as discussed above (and the applicable withholding agent does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that they are a U.S. person) or if the non-U.S. holder is an exempt recipient.

If a non-U.S. holder sells or redeems a Note through a U.S. broker or the U.S. office of a foreign broker, the proceeds from such sale or redemption will be subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless such non-U.S. holder provides a withholding certificate or other appropriate documentary evidence establishing that such non-U.S. holder is not a United States person to the broker and such broker does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such non-U.S. holder is a United States person, or the non-U.S. holder is an exempt recipient eligible for an exemption from information reporting and backup withholding. If a non-U.S. holder sells or redeems a Note through the foreign office of a broker who is a United States person or has certain enumerated connections with the U.S., the proceeds from such sale or redemption will be subject to information reporting unless the non-U.S. holder provides to such broker a withholding certificate or other documentary evidence establishing that the non-U.S. holder is not a United States person and such broker does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such evidence is false, or the non-U.S. holder is an exempt recipient eligible for an exemption from information reporting. In circumstances where information reporting by the foreign office of such a broker is required, backup withholding will be required only if the broker has actual knowledge that the non-U.S. holder is a United States person.

You should consult your tax advisor regarding the qualification for an exemption from backup withholding and information reporting and the procedures for obtaining such an exemption, if applicable. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a beneficial owner generally would be allowed as a refund or a credit against such beneficial owner's United States federal income tax provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act

Legislation enacted in 2010 imposes a withholding tax of 30% on payments of interest or gross proceeds from the disposition of a debt instrument paid after December 31, 2012 to certain non-U.S. entities, including certain non-U.S. financial institutions and investment funds, unless such non-U.S. entity complies with certain

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reporting requirements regarding its United States account holders and its United States owners. The date for implementation of these rules generally was extended by the IRS to January 1, 2014 for payments of fixed and determinable annual or periodic (FDAP) income, including interest, and to January 1, 2015 for other withholdable payments, including payments of gross proceeds. After these dates, payments of interest on, or gross proceeds from the sale or redemption of, the Notes made to a non-U.S. entity generally will be subject to the new information reporting regime; however, the new withholding obligations will only apply to obligations issued after March 18, 2012, and proposed Treasury regulations would extend this grandfathering provision to obligations that are outstanding on January 1, 2013. Congress delegated broad authority to the U.S. Treasury Department to promulgate regulations to implement the new withholding and reporting regime. It cannot be predicted whether or how these proposed Treasury regulations (if finalized) or any regulations promulgated by the U.S. Treasury Department pursuant to this broad delegation of regulatory authority will affect holders of the Notes. Prospective purchasers of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors regarding the new withholding and reporting provisions.

You should consult your own tax advisor with respect to the particular tax consequences to you of an investment in the Notes, including the possible effect of any pending legislation or proposed regulations.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, Washington, DC. Certain legal matters in connection with the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for the underwriters by Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, New York, NY.

EXPERTS

The financial statements as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2011 included in this prospectus have been so included in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2009 appearing in this prospectus have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon appearing elsewhere herein and are included in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

CHANGE IN INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

On September 9, 2010, we dismissed Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm. During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 and through September 9, 2010, there were no disagreements between us and Ernst & Young LLP with respect to any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Ernst & Young LLP, would have caused it to make reference to the subject matter of such disagreements in its reports on the financial statements for such years. Nor were there any reportable events as such term is described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K, promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

On September 9, 2010, we engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our new independent registered public accounting firm to audit our consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. Through September 9, 2010, the date of the engagement of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, neither we nor any person on our behalf has consulted with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP with respect to either (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's consolidated financial statements or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement or a reportable event as such terms are described in Items 304(a)(1)(iv) or 304(a)(1)(v), respectively, of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Exchange Act. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's principal business address is 300 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form N-2, together with all amendments and related exhibits, under the Securities Act, with respect to our securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The registration statement contains additional information about us and our securities being offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

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We file annual, quarterly and current periodic reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC under the Exchange Act. You may inspect and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information, as well as the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus form a part and the related exhibits and schedules, at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549-0102. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 202-551-8090. The SEC maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information filed electronically by us with the SEC which are available on the SEC's Internet website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of these reports, proxy and information statements and other information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following E-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20549-0102.

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	March 31, 2012 (unaudited)	December 31, 2011
Assets		
Investments:		
Non-control/Non-affiliate investments (cost of \$681,242 and \$642,038, respectively)	\$ 692,695	\$ 651,843
Affiliate investments (cost of \$3,254 and \$3,236, respectively)	1,094	
Control investments (cost of \$10,889 and \$11,266, respectively)	675	1,027
Total investments, at value (cost of \$695,385 and \$656,540, respectively)	694,464	652,870
Cash and cash equivalents	48,433	64,474
Interest receivable	5,962	5,820
Other assets	14,507	24,230
Total assets	\$ 763,366	\$ 747,394
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 6,545	\$ 10,813
Wells Fargo Loan		10,187
Long-term Liabilities (Convertible Debt)	70,624	70,353
Long-term SBA Debentures	200,750	225,000
Total liabilities	277,919	316,353
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 10)		
Net assets consist of:		
Common stock, par value	50	44
Capital in excess of par value	532,951	484,244
Unrealized depreciation on investments	(578)	(3,431)
Accumulated realized losses on investments	(40,165)	(43,042)
Distributions in excess of investment income	(6,811)	(6,774)
Total net assets	485,447	431,041
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 763,366	\$ 747,394
Shares of common stock outstanding (\$0.001 par value, 100,000,000 authorized)	49,721	43,853
Net asset value per share	\$ 9.76	\$ 9.83

See notes to consolidated financial statements (unaudited)

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
Anthera Pharmaceuticals Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt			
		Matures December 2014			
		Interest rate Prime + 7.30% or			
		Floor rate of 10.55%	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,645	\$ 24,645
Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt			
		Matures September 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 7.15% or			
		Floor rate of 11.90%	\$ 26,500	26,500	27,295
Cempra, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt			
		Matures December 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 7.05% or			
		Floor rate of 10.30%	\$ 10,000	9,757	9,757
Chroma Therapeutics, Ltd. ⁽⁵⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt			
		Matures November 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 7.75% or			
		Floor rate of 12.00%	\$ 6,693	7,131	7,271
Concert Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt			
		Matures October 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 3.25% or			
		Floor rate of 8.50%	\$ 20,000	19,478	19,478
Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt			
		Matures January 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 4.40% or			
		Floor rate of 10.15%	\$ 12,000	11,706	11,806

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NeurogesX, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt			
		Matures February 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 6.25% or			
		Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 15,000	14,691	14,800
NextWave Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt			
		Matures June 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 4.30% or			
		Floor rate of 9.55%	\$ 6,000	5,940	5,940
Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt			
		Matures upon liquidation			
		Interest rate Fixed 10.00%	\$ 45	45	45
PolyMedix, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt			
		Matures September 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 7.10% or			
		Floor rate of 12.35%	\$ 5,889	5,762	5,762
Total Debt Drug Discovery & Development (26.12%)*				125,655	126,799
Intelepeer, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Senior Debt			
		Matures May 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 8.12%	\$ 4,146	\$ 4,014	\$ 4,097
		Senior Debt			
		Matures December 2012			
		Interest rate Prime + 4.25%	\$ 1,100	1,100	1,058
Total Intelepeer, Inc.				5,114	5,155

See notes to consolidated financial statements (unaudited)

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
OpenPeak, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Senior Debt Matures July 2015 Interest rate Prime + 8.75%	\$ 7,685	7,498	7,498
Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Senior Debt Matures October 2013 Interest rate Prime + 7.50% or Floor rate of 12.00%	\$ 4,074	3,943	3,885
PeerApp, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Communications & Networking	Senior Debt Matures April 2013 Interest rate Prime + 7.50% or Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 1,471	1,526	1,526
PointOne, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Senior Debt Matures April 2015 Interest rate Libor + 9.00% or Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 7,733	7,559	7,375
		Senior Debt Matures September 2015 Interest rate Libor + 9.00% or Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 375	369	355
Total PointOne, Inc. Stoke, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Communications & Networking	Senior Debt Matures May 2013 Interest rate Prime + 7.00% or Floor rate of 10.25%		7,928	7,730
			\$ 2,192	2,164	2,186

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Total Debt Communications & Networking (5.76%)* 28,173 27,980

Central Desktop, Inc.	Software	Senior Debt			
		Matures April 2014			
		Interest rate Prime + 6.75% or			
		Floor rate of 10.50%	\$ 2,713	\$ 2,628	\$ 2,669

Box.net, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Software	Senior Debt			
		Matures March 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 3.75% or			
		Floor rate of 7.50%	\$ 9,647	9,477	9,190

		Senior Debt			
		Matures July 2014			
		Interest rate Prime + 5.25% or			
		Floor rate of 8.50%	\$ 1,451	1,484	1,484

		Senior Debt			
		Matures July 2016			
		Interest rate Prime + 5.13% or			
		Floor rate of 8.88%	\$ 5,000	4,994	4,994

Total Box.net, Inc. 15,955 15,668

Clickfox, Inc.	Software	Senior Debt			
		Matures July 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 6.00% or			
		Floor rate of 11.25%	\$ 3,416	3,359	3,387

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(unaudited)

(dollars in thousands)

Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment ⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost ⁽²⁾	Value ⁽³⁾
Kxen, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Software	Senior Debt			
		Matures January 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 5.08% or			
		Floor rate of 8.33%	\$ 3,000	2,978	2,841
SugarSync Inc.	Software	Senior Debt			
		Matures April 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 4.50% or			
		Floor rate of 8.25%	\$ 2,000	1,957	1,887
Tada Innovations, Inc.	Software	Senior Debt			
		Matures June 2012			
		Interest rate Prime + 3.25% or			
		Floor rate of 6.5%	\$ 100	95	95
White Sky, Inc.	Software	Senior Debt			
		Matures June 2014			
		Interest rate Prime + 7.00% or			
		Floor rate of 10.25%	\$ 1,293	1,254	1,267
Total Debt Software (5.73%)*				28,226	27,814
Maxvision Holding, LLC. ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾	Electronics & Computer Hardware	Senior Debt			
		Matures December 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 8.25% or			
		Floor rate of 12.00%, PIK			
		interest 5.00%	\$ 4,048	\$ 3,999	\$
		Senior Debt	\$ 2,323	2,303	12

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		Matures December 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 6.25% or			
		Floor rate of 10.00%, PIK			
		interest 2.00%			
		Revolving Line of Credit			
		Matures December 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 6.25% or			
		Floor rate of 10.00%	\$ 868	1,005	663
Total Maxvision Holding, LLC				7,307	675
Total Debt Electronics & Computer Hardware (0.14%)*				7,307	675
Althea Technologies, Inc.	Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Senior Debt			
		Matures October 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 7.70% or			
		Floor rate of 10.95%	\$ 9,711	9,666	9,874
Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Senior Debt			
		Matures November 2014			
		Interest rate Prime + 6.25% or			
		Floor rate of 11.00%	\$ 10,953	11,001	11,138
		Senior Debt			
		Matures November 2014			
		Interest rate Prime + 8.65% or			
		Floor rate of 12.65%	\$ 14,612	14,123	14,306
Total Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.				25,124	25,444

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
Quatrx Pharmaceuticals Company	Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Convertible Senior Debt Matures March 2012 Interest rate 8.00%	\$ 1,888	1,888	2,354
Total Debt Specialty Pharmaceuticals (7.76%)*				36,678	37,672
Achronix Semiconductor Corporation	Semiconductors	Senior Debt Matures January 2015 Interest rate Prime + 10.60% or Floor rate of 13.85%	\$ 2,387	2,309	2,381
Kovio Inc.	Semiconductors	Senior Debt Matures March 2015 Interest rate Prime + 5.50% or Floor rate of 9.25%	\$ 1,250	1,221	1,156
		Senior Debt Matures March 2015 Interest rate Prime + 6.00% or Floor rate of 9.75%	\$ 3,000	2,923	2,805
Total Kovio Inc.				4,144	3,961
Total Debt Semiconductors (1.31%)*				6,453	6,342
AcelRX Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Delivery	Senior Debt Matures December 2014 Interest rate Prime + 3.25% or Floor rate of 8.50%	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,807	\$ 9,561

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		Senior Debt			
		Matures December 2014			
		Interest rate Prime + 3.25% or			
		Floor rate of 8.50%	\$ 10,000	9,806	9,560
Total AcelRX Pharmaceuticals, Inc.				19,613	19,121
Alexza Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	Drug Delivery	Senior Debt			
		Matures October 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 6.5% or			
		Floor rate of 10.75%	\$ 9,190	9,327	9,519
BIND Biosciences, Inc.	Drug Delivery	Senior Debt			
		Matures July 2014			
		Interest rate Prime + 7.45% or			
		Floor rate of 10.70%	\$ 4,707	4,510	4,651
Revance Therapeutics, Inc.	Drug Delivery	Senior Debt			
		Matures March 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 6.60% or			
		Floor rate of 9.85%	\$ 22,000	21,510	21,641
Total Debt Drug Delivery (11.31%)*				54,960	54,932
Gelesis, Inc.	Therapeutic	Senior Debt			
		Matures April 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 8.75% or			
		Floor rate of 12.00%	\$ 3,428	3,571	3,571

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Gynesonics, Inc.	Therapeutic	Senior Debt			
		Matures October 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 8.25% or			
		Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 4,991	4,871	4,943
		Senior Debt			
		Matures November 2012			
		Interest rate Fixed 8.00%	\$ 181	142	142
Total Gynesonics, Inc.				5,013	5,085
Oraya Therapeutics, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Therapeutic	Senior Debt			
		Matures March 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 4.75% or			
		Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 7,500	7,236	7,236
Novasys Medical, Inc.	Therapeutic	Senior Debt			
		Matures January 2013			
		Interest rate Fixed rate 8.00%	\$ 65	60	60
Total Debt Therapeutic (3.29%)*				15,880	15,952
Ahhha, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt			
		Matures January 2015			
		Interest rate Fixed 10.00%	\$ 350	\$ 346	\$ 345
Blurb, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt			
		Matures December 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 5.25% or			
		Floor rate 8.50%	\$ 8,000	7,589	7,589

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NetPlenish	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt			
		Matures April 2015			
		Interest rate Fixed 10.00%	\$ 500	485	485
Reply! Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt			
		Matures June 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 6.87% or			
		Floor rate of 10.12%	\$ 13,000	12,765	12,667
Tectura Corporation	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt			
		Matures December 2012			
		Interest rate 11.00%	\$ 5,625	6,829	6,829
		Revolving Line of Credit			
		Senior Debt			
		Matures August 2012			
		Interest rate 11.00%	\$ 1,802	1,889	1,889
		Revolving Line of Credit			
		Matures July 2012			
		Interest rate 11.00% , PIK			
		interest 1.00%	\$ 17,413	17,814	17,814
Total Tectura Corporation				26,532	26,532

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Wavemarket, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt Matures September 2015 Interest rate Prime + 5.75% or Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 10,000	9,759	9,759
Total Debt Internet Consumer & Business Services (17.59%)				86,330	85,393
Cha Cha Search, Inc.	Information Services	Senior Debt Matures February 2015 Interest rate Prime + 6.25% or Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 3,000	2,935	2,822
InXpo, Inc.	Information Services	Senior Debt Matures March 2014 Interest rate Prime + 7.50% or Floor rate of 10.75%	\$ 2,875	2,812	2,812
Jab Wireless, Inc.	Information Services	Senior Debt Matures August 2016 Interest rate Prime + 5.25% or Floor rate of 6.75%	\$ 20,272	20,012	20,012

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
RichRelevance, Inc.	Information Services	Senior Debt Matures January 2015 Interest rate Prime + 3.25% or Floor rate of 7.50%	\$ 5,000	4,902	4,699
Total Debt Information Services (6.25%)				30,661	30,345
Optiscan Biomedical, Corp.	Medical Device & Equipment	Senior Debt Matures December 2013 Interest rate Prime + 8.20% or Floor rate of 11.45%	\$ 10,750	11,016	11,193
Total Debt Medical Device & Equipment (2.31%)*				11,016	11,193
Navidea Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. (pka Neoprobe) ⁽³⁾	Diagnostic	Senior Debt Matures December 2014 Interest rate Prime + 6.75% or Floor rate of 10.00%	\$ 7,000	6,764	6,764
Total Debt Diagnostic (1.39%)				6,764	6,764
deCODE genetics ehf. ⁽⁵⁾	Biotechnology Tools	Senior Debt Matures September 2014 Interest rate Prime + 10.25% or Floor rate of 13.50%, PIK interest 2.00%	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,750	\$ 4,900
Labcyte, Inc.	Biotechnology Tools	Senior Debt Matures May 2013 Interest rate Prime + 8.60% or Floor rate of 11.85%	\$ 2,020	2,051	2,090
Total Debt Biotechnology Tools (1.44%)*				6,801	6,990
ScriptSave (Medical Security Card Company, LLC)	Healthcare Services, Other	Senior Debt Matures January 2016 Interest rate Prime + 8.75% or Floor rate of 11.25%	\$ 19,133	18,826	19,180
MedCall	Healthcare Services, Other	Senior Debt Matures January 2016 Interest rate 7.79% or Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 5,168	5,063	5,063
Pacific Child & Family Associates, LLC	Healthcare Services, Other	Senior Debt Matures January 2015 Interest rate LIBOR + 8.00% or Floor rate of 10.50%	\$ 4,319	4,327	4,465
		Revolving Line of Credit Matures January 2015	\$ 1,500	1,486	1,385

Interest rate LIBOR + 6.50% or Floor rate of 9.00%			
Senior Debt Matures January 2015			
Interest rate LIBOR + 10.50% or Floor rate of 13.00%, PIK interest 3.75%	\$ 5,900	6,335	6,512

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
Total Pacific Child & Family Associates, LLC				12,148	12,362
Total Debt Health Services, Other (7.54%)				36,037	36,605
Entrigue Surgical, Inc.	Surgical Devices	Senior Debt Matures December 2014 Interest rate Prime + 5.90% or Floor rate of 9.65%	\$ 3,000	2,901	2,939
Transmedics, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Surgical Devices	Senior Debt Matures February 2014 Interest rate Prime + 9.70% or Floor rate of 12.95%	\$ 8,375	8,647	8,647
Total Debt Surgical Devices (2.39%)*				11,548	11,586
Women's Marketing, Inc.	Media/ Content/ Info	Senior Debt Matures May 2016 Interest rate Libor + 9.50% or Floor rate of 12.00%, PIK interest 3.00%	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,046	\$ 10,246
		Senior Debt Matures November 2015 Interest rate Libor + 7.50% or Floor rate of 10.00%	\$ 9,464	9,276	9,475
		Senior Debt Matures November 2015 Interest rate Libor + 7.50% or Floor rate of 10.00%	\$ 9,703	9,511	9,312
Total Women's Marketing, Inc.				28,833	29,033
Westwood One Communications	Media/Content/ Info	Senior Debt Matures October 2016 Interest rate of 8.00%	\$ 20,869	19,040	19,458

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Total Debt Media/Content/Info (9.99%)*			47,873	48,491
Alphabet Energy, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt		
		Matures February 2015		
		Interest rate Prime + 5.75% or		
		Floor rate of 9.00%	\$ 104	100
BrightSource Energy, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt		100
		Matures November 2012		
		Interest rate Prime + 7.25% or		
		Floor rate of 10.50%	\$ 35,000	35,551
EcoMotors, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt		35,551
		Matures February 2014		
		Interest rate Prime + 6.10% or		
		Floor rate of 9.35%	\$ 4,364	4,321
Enphase Energy, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Clean Tech	Senior Debt		4,362
		Matures June 2014		
		Interest rate Prime + 5.75% or		
		Floor rate of 9.00%	\$ 4,898	4,812
				4,724

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
Integrated Photovoltaics, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt			
		Matures February 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 7.38% or			
		Floor rate of 10.63%	\$ 3,000	2,886	2,886
NanoSolar, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt			
		Matures September 2014			
		Interest rate Prime + 7.75% or			
		Floor rate of 11.00%	\$ 8,488	8,156	8,155
Propel Biofuels, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt			
		Matures September 2013			
		Interest rate of 11.00%	\$ 1,155	1,201	1,179
SClenergy, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Clean Tech	Senior Debt			
		Matures October 2014			
		Interest rate 6.25%	\$ 202	202	202
		Senior Debt			
		Matures August 2015			
		Interest rate Prime + 4.90% or			
		Floor rate of 8.15%	\$ 5,000	4,892	4,875
Total SClenergy, Inc.				5,094	5,077
Solexel, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt			
		Matures June 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 8.25% or			
		Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 6,867	451	446
		Senior Debt	\$ 791	7,155	7,155

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Chroma Therapeutics, Ltd. ⁽⁵⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	490	500
Concert Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	367	260
Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Common Stock Warrants		28	
		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	236	58
		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	311	170
Total Warrants Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc.				575	228
EpiCept Corporation ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Common Stock Warrants		4	4
Horizon Pharma, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	231	
Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Common Stock Warrants		155	446
NeurogesX, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Common Stock Warrants		503	302
NextWave Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A-1	126	129
Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series F	137	32
PolyMedix, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Common Stock Warrants		480	247
Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	152	270
Total Warrants Drug Discovery & Development (0.64%)*				4,534	3,088
Affinity Videonet, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	102	167
IKANO Communications, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	118	
Intelepeer, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	102	216
Neonova Holding Company	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	94	53
OpenPeak, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series E	149	149
Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Common Stock Warrants		121	
PeerApp, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	61	21
Peerless Network, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	95	252
Ping Identity Corporation	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	52	109

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PointOne, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Common Stock Warrants	131	6
Purcell Systems, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B 123	116

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
Stoke, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	53	103
		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	65	43
Total Stoke, Inc.				118	146
Total Warrants Communications & Networking (0.25%)*				1,266	1,235
Atrenta, Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	\$ 136	\$ 651
		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	95	227
Total Atrenta, Inc.				231	878
Box.net, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	117	1,557
		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	73	2,313
		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D-1	193	516
Total Box.net, Inc.				383	4,386
Braxton Technologies, LLC.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	188	
Bullhorn, Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	43	253
Central Desktop, Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	108	360
Clickfox, Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	329	541
Daegis Inc. (pka Unify Corporation) ⁽³⁾	Software	Common Stock Warrants		1,434	124
Forescout Technologies, Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	99	169
HighRoads, Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	44	8
Kxen, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	47	25
Rockyou, Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	117	1
Sportvision, Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	39	
SugarSync Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	78	135
Tada Innovations, Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	25	25
White Sky, Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B-2	54	3
WildTangent, Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A-3	238	44
Total Warrants Software (1.43%)*				3,457	6,952
Luminus Devices, Inc.	Electronics & Computer Hardware	Common Stock Warrants		601	
Shocking Technologies, Inc.		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A-1	63	112
Total Warrant Electronics & Computer Hardware (0.02%)*				664	112
Althea Technologies, Inc.	Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	309	416
Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾		Common Stock Warrants		1,086	696

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Quatrx Pharmaceuticals Company	Specialty Pharmaceuticals Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series E	528	
Total Warrants Specialty Pharmaceuticals (0.23%)*				1,923	1,112
Annie s, Inc.(3)	Consumer & Business Products	Common Stock Warrants		321	2,158
IPA Holdings, LLC	Consumer & Business Products	Common Stock Warrants		275	117
Market Force Information, Inc.	Consumer & Business Products	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	24	132

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Seven Networks, Inc.	Consumer & Business Products	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	174	
Wageworks, Inc.	Consumer & Business Products	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	252	1,710
WaveMarket, Inc.	Consumer & Business Products	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series E	106	104
Total Warrant Consumer & Business Products (0.87%)*				1,152	4,221
Achronix Semiconductor Corporation	Semiconductors	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	\$ 160	\$ 142
Enpirion, Inc.	Semiconductors	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	157	
iWatt, Inc.	Semiconductors	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	46	4
		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	583	14
Total iWatt, Inc.				629	18
Kovio Inc.	Semiconductors	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	92	1
NEXX Systems, Inc.	Semiconductors	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	297	3,654
Quartics, Inc.	Semiconductors	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	53	
Total Warrants Semiconductors (0.79%)*				1,388	3,815
AcelRX Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Delivery	Common Stock Warrants		356	221
Alexza Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	Drug Delivery	Common Stock Warrants		645	41
BIND Biosciences, Inc.	Drug Delivery	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C-1	291	427
Merrion Pharma, Plc. ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾	Drug Delivery	Common Stock Warrants		214	150
Revance Therapeutics, Inc.	Drug Delivery	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	557	443
Transcept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Delivery	Common Stock Warrants		87	270
Total Warrant Drug Delivery (0.32%)*				2,150	1,552
EKOS Corporation	Therapeutic	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	327	
Gelesis	Therapeutic	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A-1	77	65
Light Science Oncology, Inc.	Therapeutic	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	99	
Novasys Medical, Inc.	Therapeutic	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	131	20
Oraya Therapeutics, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Therapeutic	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	551	496
Total Warrants Therapeutic (0.12%)*				1,185	581
Blurb, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	323	616
		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	636	636
Total Blurb, Inc.				959	1,252
Cozi Group, Inc.		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	147	

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Invoke Solutions, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Common Stock Warrants		82	
Prism Education Group, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	43	
RazorGator Interactive Group, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	1,224	
Reply! Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	320	683
Trulia, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	188	728

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Tectura Corporation	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B-1	51	12
Total Warrants Internet Consumer & Business Services (0.55%)				3,014	2,675
Buzznet, Inc.	Information Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	\$ 9	\$
Cha Cha Search, Inc.	Information Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series F	58	2
Intelligent Beauty, Inc.	Information Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	230	544
InXpo, Inc.	Information Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	98	77
Magi.com (pka Hi5 Networks, Inc.)	Information Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	213	
Jab Wireless, Inc.	Information Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	265	334
RichRelevance, Inc.	Information Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	98	35
Solutionary, Inc.	Information Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series E	96	7
Zeta Interactive Corporation	Information Services	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	172	268
Total Warrants Information Services (0.26%)				1,239	1,267
Optiscan Biomedical, Corp.	Medical Device & Equipment	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	680	407
		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	390	375
Total Optiscan Biomedical, Corp				1,070	782
Total Warrants Medical Device & Equipment (0.16%)*				1,070	782
Navidea Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. (pka Neoprobe) ⁽³⁾	Diagnostic	Common Stock Warrants		244	318
Total Warrants Diagnostic (0.07%)				244	318
deCODE genetics ehf. ⁽⁵⁾	Biotechnology Tools	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A-2	305	298
Labcyte, Inc.	Biotechnology Tools	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	197	265
NuGEN Technologies, Inc.	Biotechnology Tools	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	45	130
		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	33	7
Total NuGEN Technologies, Inc.				78	137
Total Warrants Biotechnology Tools (0.14%)*				580	700
Entrigue Surgical, Inc.	Surgical Devices	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	87	41
Transmedics, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Surgical Devices	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	225	
Gynesonics, Inc.	Surgical Devices	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	18	15
		Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	365	357

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				383	372
Total Warrants Surgical Devices (0.08%)*				695	413
Everyday Health, Inc. (pka Waterfront Media, Inc.)	Media/Content/Info	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	60	302
Glam Media, Inc.	Media/Content/ Info	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	482	6
Total Warrants Media/Content/Info (0.06%)*				542	308
Alphabet Energy, Inc.	Clean Tech	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	27	37
BrightSource Energy, Inc.	Clean Tech	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D	675	638
Calera, Inc.	Clean Tech	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	513	148
EcoMotors, Inc.	Clean Tech	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	308	651
Enphase Energy, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Clean Tech	Common Stock Warrants		102	30

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
GreatPoint Energy, Inc.	Clean Tech	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series D-1	548	217
Integrated Photovoltaics, Inc.	Clean Tech	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A-1	82	444
Lilliputian Systems, Inc.	Clean Tech	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	106	
		Common Stock Warrants		48	
Total Lilliputian Systems, Inc.				154	
Propel Biofuels, Inc.	Clean Tech	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	211	100
SCEnergy, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Clean Tech	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series C	138	25
Solexel, Inc.	Clean Tech	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series B	1,161	146
Stion Corporation	Clean Tech	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series E	317	334
Trilliant, Inc.	Clean Tech	Preferred Stock Warrants	Series A	161	77
Total Warrants Clean Tech (0.59%)*				4,397	2,847
Total Warrants (6.59%)				29,500	31,978
Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Common Stock		\$ 150	\$ 1,059
Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Common Stock		842	2,083
Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Preferred Stock	Series B	503	374
Inotek Pharmaceuticals Corp.	Drug Discovery & Development	Preferred Stock	Series C	1,500	
Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Common Stock		2,000	3,383
Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Preferred Stock	Series H	1,000	577
Total Equity Drug Discovery & Development (1.54%)*				5,995	7,476
Acceleron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Delivery	Preferred Stock	Series C	243	163
		Preferred Stock	Series E	98	138
		Preferred Stock	Series F	61	61
		Preferred Stock	Series B	1,000	724
Total Acceleron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.				1,402	1,086
Transcept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Drug Delivery	Common Stock		500	437
Total Equity Drug Delivery (0.31%)*				1,902	1,523
E-band Communications, Corp. ⁽⁶⁾	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock	Series B	2,000	153
		Preferred Stock	Series C	372	175

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	Preferred Stock		Series D	508	229
	Preferred Stock		Series E	374	537
Total E-band Communications, Corp.				3,254	1,094
Neonova Holding Company	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock	Series A	250	255
Peerless Network, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Preferred Stock	Series A	1,000	2,851

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
Stoke, Inc.	Communications				
	& Networking	Preferred Stock	Series E	500	480
Total Equity Communications & Networking (0.96%)*				5,004	4,680
Atrenta, Inc.	Software	Preferred Stock	Series D	250	379
Box.net, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Software	Preferred Stock	Series C	500	3,777
		Preferred Stock	Series D	500	1,529
		Preferred Stock	Series D-1	1,000	1,204
		Preferred Stock	Series D-2	2,001	2,135
Total Box.net, Inc.				4,001	8,645
Total Equity Software (1.86%)*				4,251	9,024
Maxvision Holding, LLC. ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾	Electronics & Computer Hardware	Preferred Stock	Series A	3,500	
		Preferred Stock	LLC interest	81	
Total Maxvision Holding, LLC.				3,581	
Spatial Photonics, Inc.	Electronics & Computer Hardware	Preferred Stock	Series D	268	
Total Equity Electronics & Computer Hardware (0.00%)*				3,849	
Quatrx Pharmaceuticals Company	Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Preferred Stock	Series E	750	
Total Equity Specialty Pharmaceuticals (0.00%)*				750	
Caivis Acquisition Corporation	Consumer & Business Products	Common Stock	Series A	\$ 880	\$
Facebook, Inc.	Consumer & Business Products	Common Stock	Series B	9,557	13,453
IPA Holdings, LLC	Consumer & Business Products	Preferred Stock	LLC interest	500	484
Market Force Information, Inc.	Consumer & Business Products	Preferred Stock	Series B	500	500
Wageworks, Inc.	Consumer & Business Products	Preferred Stock	Series D	250	319
Total Equity Consumer & Business Products (3.04%)*				11,687	14,756

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iWatt, Inc.	Semiconductors	Preferred Stock	Series E	490	1,361
NEXX Systems, Inc.	Semiconductors	Preferred Stock	Series D	277	1,955
Total Equity Semiconductors (0.68%)*				767	3,316
Gelesis, Inc.	Therapeutic	Common Stock			108
		Preferred Stock	Series A-1	425	519
		Preferred Stock	Series A-2	500	520
Total Gelesis, Inc.				925	1,147
Novasys Medical, Inc.	Therapeutic	Preferred Stock	Series D-1	1,000	799
Total Equity Therapeutic (0.40%)*				1,925	1,946
Cozi Group, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Preferred Stock	Series B	177	26

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
RazorGator Interactive Group, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Preferred Stock	Series A	1,000	
Total Equity Internet Consumer & Business Services (0.01%)				1,177	26
Buzznet, Inc.	Information Services	Preferred Stock	Series C	250	
Good Technologies, Inc. (pka Visto Corporation)	Information Services	Common Stock		603	90
Magi.com (pka Hi5 Networks, Inc.)	Information Services	Preferred Stock	Series C	250	247
Solutionary, Inc.	Information Services	Preferred Stock	Series A-1	326	86
		Preferred Stock	Series A-2	17	248
Total Solutionary, Inc.				343	334
Zeta Interactive Corporation	Information Services	Preferred Stock	Series A	500	543
Total Equity Information Services (0.25%)				1,946	1,214
Optiscan Biomedical, Corp.	Medical Device & Equipment	Preferred Stock	Series B	3,000	1,576
		Preferred Stock	Series C	655	638
Total Optiscan Biomedical, Corp.				3,655	2,214
Total Equity Medical Device & Equipment (0.46%)*				3,655	2,214
NuGEN Technologies, Inc.	Biotechnology Tools	Preferred Stock	Series C	500	484
Total Equity Biotechnology Tools (0.10%)*				500	484
Transmedics, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Surgical Devices	Preferred Stock	Series C	300	
		Preferred Stock	Series B	1,100	
Total Transmedics, Inc.				1,400	
Gynesonics, Inc.	Surgical Devices	Preferred Stock	Series B	250	180

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	Preferred Stock	Series C	282	305	
Total Gynesonics, Inc.			532	485	
Total Equity Surgical Devices (0.10%)*			1,932	485	
Everyday Health, Inc. (pka Waterfront Media, Inc.)	Media/ Content/ Info	Preferred Stock	Series D	\$ 1,000	\$ 718
Total Equity Media/Content/Info (0.15%)*			1,000	718	
Total Equity (9.86%)			46,340	47,862	
Total Investments (143.06%)			\$ 695,385	\$ 694,464	

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* Value as a percent of net assets

- (1) Preferred and common stock, warrants, and equity interests are generally non-income producing.
- (2) Gross unrealized appreciation, gross unrealized depreciation, and net depreciation for federal income tax purposes totaled \$24,315, \$26,801 and \$2,486 respectively. The tax cost of investments is \$696,383.
- (3) Except for warrants in 16 publicly traded companies and common stock in four publicly traded companies, all investments are restricted at March 31, 2012 and were valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors. No unrestricted securities of the same issuer are outstanding. The Company uses the Standard Industrial Code for classifying the industry grouping of its portfolio companies.
- (4) Debt investments of this portfolio company have been pledged as collateral under the Wells Facility.
- (5) Non-U.S. company or the company's principal place of business is outside the United States.
- (6) Affiliate investment that is defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as companies in which the Company owns at least 5% but not more than 25% of the voting securities of the company.
- (7) Control investment that is defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as companies in which the Company owns at least 25% of the voting securities of the company, or has greater than 50% representation on its board.
- (8) Debt is on non-accrual status at March 31, 2012, and is therefore considered non-income producing.

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
Anthera Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt Matures September 2014 Interest rate Prime + 7.3% or Floor rate of 10.55%	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,433	\$ 25,183
Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt Matures June 2014 Interest rate Prime + 7.15% or Floor rate of 11.9%	\$ 25,000	25,360	26,110
Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt Matures January 2015 Interest rate Prime + 4.40% or Floor rate of 10.15%	\$ 12,000	11,665	11,665
NextWave Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt Matures June 2015 Interest rate Prime + 4.3% or Floor rate of 9.55%	\$ 6,000	5,925	5,926
Concert Pharmaceuticals	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt Matures July 2015 Interest rate Prime + 3.25% or Floor rate of 8.25%	\$ 7,500	7,350	7,350
PolyMedix, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt Matures September 2013 Interest rate Prime + 7.1% or Floor rate of 12.35%	\$ 6,763	6,594	6,729
Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt Matures September 2014 Interest rate Prime + 5.65% or Floor rate of 10.40%	\$ 10,000	10,070	10,070
Chroma Therapeutics, Ltd. ⁽⁵⁾	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt Matures September 2013 Interest rate Prime + 7.75% or Floor rate of 12.00%	\$ 7,633	7,958	7,879
NeurogesX, Inc.	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Debt Matures February 2015 Interest rate Prime + 6.25% or Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 15,000	14,558	14,558
Total Debt Drug Discovery & Development (26.79%)*				113,913	115,470

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E-band Communications, Corp. ⁽⁶⁾	Communications & Networking	Convertible Senior Debt Due on demand Interest rate Fixed 6.00%	\$ 356	356	
Intelepeer, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Senior Debt Matures May 2013 Interest rate Prime + 8.12% or Floor rate of 11.37%	\$ 6,524	6,346	6,476
		Senior Debt Matures May 2012 Interest rate Prime + 4.25%	\$ 1,100	1,100	1,070
Total Intelepeer, Inc.				7,446	7,546
Ahhha, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Senior Debt Matures January 2015 Interest rate Fixed 10.00%	\$ 350	345	345
Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Senior Debt Matures October 2014 Interest rate Prime + 7.50% or Floor rate of 12.00%	\$ 4,369	4,196	4,196

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
PeerApp, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Senior Debt Matures April 2013 Interest rate Prime + 7.5% or Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 1,776	1,814	1,835
PointOne, Inc.	Communications & Networking	Senior Debt Matures April 2013 Interest rate Libor + 9.0% or Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 8,308	8,107	8,100
Stoke, Inc ⁽⁴⁾	Communications & Networking	Senior Debt Matures May 2013 Interest rate Prime + 7.0% or Floor rate of 10.25%	\$ 2,627	2,586	2,612
Total Debt Communications & Networking (5.71%)*				24,850	24,634
Central Desktop, Inc.	Software	Senior Debt Matures April 2014 Interest rate Prime + 6.75% or Floor rate of 10.50%	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,894	\$ 2,954
Clickfox, Inc.	Software	Senior Debt Matures July 2013 Interest rate Prime + 6.00% or Floor rate of 11.25%	\$ 3,999	3,920	4,000
Kxen, Inc.	Software	Senior Debt Matures January 2015 Interest rate Prime + 5.08% or Floor rate of 8.33%	\$ 3,000	2,958	2,858
RichRelevance, Inc.	Software	Senior Debt Matures January 2015 Interest rate Prime + 3.25% or Floor rate of 7.50%	\$ 5,000	4,879	4,879
Blurb, Inc	Software	Senior Debt Matures December 2015 Interest rate Prime +5.25% or Floor rate 8.5%	\$ 5,000	4,873	4,873
SugarSync Inc.	Software	Senior Debt Matures April 2015 Interest rate Prime + 4.50% or Floor rate of 8.25%	\$ 2,000	1,950	1,950
White Sky, Inc.	Software	Senior Debt Matures June 2014 Interest rate Prime + 7.00% or Floor rate of 10.25%	\$ 1,418	1,357	1,400
Tada Innovations, Inc.	Software	Senior Debt Matures June 2012 Interest rate Prime + 3.25% or Floor rate of 6.50%	\$ 100	90	90
Total Debt Software (5.34%)*				22,921	23,004

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment ⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost ⁽²⁾	Value ⁽³⁾
Maxvision Holding, LLC. ⁽⁷⁾	Electronics & Computer Hardware	Senior Debt Matures December 2013 Interest rate Prime + 8.25% or Floor rate of 12.00%, PIK interest 5.00%	\$ 4,185	\$ 4,143	\$
		Senior Debt Matures December 2013 Interest rate Prime + 6.25% or Floor rate of 10.00%, PIK interest 2.00%	\$ 2,539	2,515	
		Revolving Line of Credit Matures December 2013 Interest rate Prime +5.00% or Floor rate of 8.50%	\$ 892	1,027	1,027
Total Maxvision Holding, LLC				7,685	1,027
Total Debt Electronics & Computer Hardware (0.24%)*				7,685	1,027
Althea Technologies, Inc.	Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Senior Debt Matures October 2013 Interest rate Prime + 7.70% or Floor rate of 10.95%	\$ 10,359	10,315	10,584
		Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Senior Debt Matures August 2014 Interest rate Prime + 6.25% or Floor rate of 10.25%	\$ 11,250
Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Senior Debt Matures August 2014 Interest rate Prime + 8.65% or Floor rate of 12.65%	\$ 15,000	14,386	14,574
		Total Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.			
Quatrx Pharmaceuticals Company	Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Convertible Senior Debt Matures March 2012 Interest rate 8.00%	\$ 1,888	1,888	1,888
Total Debt Specialty Pharmaceuticals (8.92%)*				37,846	38,443
Achronix Semiconductor Corporation	Semiconductors	Senior Debt Matures January 2015 Interest rate Prime + 7.75% or Floor rate of 11.00%	\$ 2,500	2,329	2,329
Kovio Inc.	Semiconductors	Senior Debt Matures March 2015 Interest rate Prime + 5.50% or Floor rate of 9.25%	\$ 1,250	1,218	1,218
		Senior Debt Matures March 2015 Interest rate Prime + 6.00% or Floor rate of 9.75%	\$ 3,000	2,910	2,910

Total Kovio Inc.	4,128	4,128
Total Debt Semiconductors (1.50%)*	6,457	6,457

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
AcelRX Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Delivery	Senior Debt Matures December 2014 Interest rate Prime + 3.25% or Floor rate of 8.50%	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,773	\$ 9,579
		Senior Debt Matures December 2014 Interest rate Prime + 3.25% or Floor rate of 8.50%	\$ 10,000	9,772	9,578
Total AcelRX Pharmaceuticals, Inc.				19,545	19,157
Alexza Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Drug Delivery	Senior Debt Matures October 2013 Interest rate Prime + 6.5% or Floor rate of 10.75%	\$ 10,497	10,537	10,695
BIND Biosciences, Inc.	Drug Delivery	Senior Debt Matures July 2014 Interest rate Prime + 7.45% or Floor rate of 10.70%	\$ 5,000	4,730	4,880
Total BIND Biosciences, Inc.				4,730	4,880
Merrion Pharma, Plc. ⁽⁵⁾	Drug Delivery	Senior Debt Matures January 2015 Interest rate Prime + 9.20% or Floor rate of 12.45%	\$ 5,000	4,765	3,819
Revanche Therapeutics, Inc.	Drug Delivery	Senior Debt Matures March 2015 Interest rate Prime + 6.60% or Floor rate of 9.85%	\$ 22,000	21,379	21,379
Total Debt Drug Delivery (13.90%)*				60,956	59,930
Gelesis, Inc. ⁽⁸⁾	Therapeutic	Senior Debt Matures April 2013 Interest rate Prime + 8.75% or Floor rate of 12.00%	\$ 3,428	3,514	3,254
Gynesonics, Inc.	Therapeutic	Senior Debt Matures October 2013 Interest rate Prime + 8.25% or Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 5,336	5,309	5,383
Oraya Therapeutics, Inc.	Therapeutic	Senior Debt Matures March 2015 Interest rate Prime + 4.75% or Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 7,500	7,377	7,377
Pacific Child & Family Associates, LLC	Therapeutic	Senior Debt Matures January 2015 Interest rate LIBOR + 8.0% or Floor rate of 10.50%	\$ 4,965	4,932	4,932
		Revolving Line of Credit Matures January 2015 Interest rate LIBOR + 6.5% or	\$ 1,500	1,485	1,412

Floor rate of 9.00%

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
		Senior Debt Matures January 2015 Interest rate LIBOR + 10.50% or Floor rate of 13.0%, PIK interest 3.75%	\$ 5,900	6,259	6,436
Total Pacific Child & Family Associates, LLC				12,676	12,780
Total Debt Therapeutic (6.68%)*				28,876	28,794
InXpo, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt Matures March 2014 Interest rate Prime + 7.5% or Floor rate of 10.75%	\$ 3,192	\$ 3,083	\$ 3,147
Westwood One Communications	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt Matures October 2016 Interest rate of 8.00%	\$ 21,000	19,059	19,479
Reply! Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt Matures June 2015 Interest rate Prime + 6.87% or Floor rate of 10.12%	\$ 13,000	12,877	13,131
MedCall	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt Matures January 2016 Interest rate LIBOR + 7.50% or Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 5,168	5,051	5,051
ScriptSave (Medical Security Card Company, LLC)	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt Matures February 2016 Interest rate Prime + 8.75%	\$ 19,646	19,307	19,896
Trulia, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt Matures March 2015 Interest rate Prime + 2.75% or Floor rate of 6.00%	\$ 5,000	4,871	4,871
		Senior Debt Matures March 2015 Interest rate Prime + 5.50% or Floor rate of 8.75%	\$ 5,000	4,871	4,871
Total Trulia, Inc.				9,742	9,742
Vaultlogix, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt Matures September 2016 Interest rate Libor + 8.50% or Floor rate of 10.00%, PIK interest 2.50%	\$ 7,500	7,441	7,441
		Senior Debt Revolving Line of Credit Matures September 2015 Interest rate Libor + 6.00% or Floor rate of 7.50%	\$ 300	284	284

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment ⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost ⁽²⁾	Value ⁽³⁾
Tectura Corporation	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Debt Matures December 2012 Interest rate 11%	\$ 5,625	6,834	6,834
		Revolving Line of Credit Senior Debt Matures August 2012 Interest rate 11%	\$ 2,500	2,556	2,556
		Revolving Line of Credit Matures July 2012 Interest rate 11%, PIK interest 1.00%	\$ 17,487	17,738	17,738
Total Tectura Corporation			27,128	27,128	
Total Debt Internet Consumer & Business Services (27.06%)				115,307	116,634
Box.net, Inc.	Information Services	Senior Debt Matures March 2015 Interest rate Prime + 3.75% or Floor rate of 7.50%	\$ 9,647	\$ 9,432	\$ 9,432
		Senior Debt Matures July 2014 Interest rate Prime + 5.25% or Floor rate of 8.50%	\$ 1,590	1,613	1,645
Total Box.net, Inc.				11,045	11,077
Cha Cha Search, Inc.	Information Services	Senior Debt Matures February 2015 Interest rate Prime + 6.25% or Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 3,000	2,926	2,903
Jab Wireless, Inc.	Information Services	Senior Debt Matures August 2016 Interest rate Prime + 6.25% or Floor rate of 6.75%	\$ 20,272	19,993	19,993
Total Debt Information Services (7.88%)				33,964	33,973
Optiscan Biomedical, Corp.	Diagnostic	Senior Debt Matures December 2013 Interest rate Prime + 8.20% or Floor rate of 11.45%	\$ 10,750	10,884	11,147
Total Debt Diagnostic (2.59%)*				10,884	11,147
deCODE genetics ehf.	Biotechnology Tools	Senior Debt Matures September 2014 Interest rate Prime + 10.25% or	\$ 5,000	4,664	4,664

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Labcyte, Inc.	Biotechnology Tools	Floor rate of 13.50%, PIK interest 2.00%			
		Senior Debt			
		Matures May 2013			
		Interest rate Prime + 8.6% or Floor rate of 11.85%	\$	2,416	2,425

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
Cempra Holdings LLC	Biotechnology Tools	Senior Debt Matures December 2015 Interest rate Prime + 7.05% or Floor rate of 10.30%	\$ 10,000	9,721	9,721
Total Debt Biotechnology Tools (3.91%)*				16,810	16,864
Entrigue Surgical, Inc.	Surgical Devices	Senior Debt Matures December 2014 Interest rate Prime + 5.90% or Floor rate of 9.65%	\$ 3,000	2,879	2,879
Transmedics, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Surgical Devices	Senior Debt Matures February 2014 Interest rate Prime + 9.70% or Floor rate of 12.95%	\$ 8,375	8,602	8,602
Total Debt Surgical Devices (2.66%)*				11,481	11,481
Neoprobe Corporation	Media/Content/Info	Senior Debt Matures December 2014 Interest rate Prime + 6.75% or Floor rate of 10.00%	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,733	\$ 6,733
Women's Marketing, Inc.	Media/Content/Info	Senior Debt Matures May 2016 Interest rate Libor + 9.50% or Floor rate of 12.00%, PIK interest 3.00%	\$ 10,000	9,956	10,156
		Senior Debt Matures November 2015 Interest rate Libor + 7.50% or Floor rate of 10.0%	\$ 9,710	9,503	9,896
		Senior Debt Matures November 2015 Interest rate Libor + 7.50% or Floor rate of 10.0%	\$ 9,956	9,744	9,744
Total Women's Marketing, Inc.				29,203	29,796
Total Debt Media/Content/Info (8.47%)*				35,936	36,529
BrightSource Energy, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Clean Tech	Senior Debt Matures December 2011 Interest rate Prime + 7.75% or Floor rate of 11.0%	\$ 11,250	11,122	11,122
		Senior Debt Matures December 2012 Interest rate Prime + 9.55% or Floor rate of 12.8%	\$ 13,750	13,593	13,593

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Total BrightSource Energy, Inc.		24,715	24,715
EcoMotors, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt Matures February 2014 Interest rate Prime + 6.1% or Floor rate of 9.35%	\$ 4,879 4,713 4,859

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount	Cost⁽²⁾	Value⁽³⁾
Enphase Energy, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt Matures June 2014 Interest rate Prime + 5.75% or Floor rate of 9.0%	\$ 4,898	4,784	4,748
NanoSolar, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt Matures September 2014 Interest rate Prime + 7.75% or Floor rate of 11.0%	\$ 9,212	8,795	8,795
Integrated Photovoltaics	Clean Tech	Senior Debt Matures February 2015 Interest rate Prime + 7.375% or Floor rate of 10.625%	\$ 3,000	2,875	2,875
Propel Biofuels, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt Matures September 2013 Interest rate of 11.0%	\$ 1,348	1,356	1,320
SCInergy, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt Matures October 2014 Interest rate 6.25%	\$ 202	202	202
		Senior Debt Matures August 2015 Interest rate 8.15%	\$ 5,000	4,883	4,883
Total SCInergy, Inc.				5,085	5,085
Solexel, Inc.	Clean Tech	Senior Debt Matures June 2013 Interest rate Prime + 8.25% or Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 937	594	594
		Senior Debt Matures June 2013 Interest rate Prime + 7.25% or Floor rate of 10.50%	\$ 8,120	8,389	8,389
Total Solexel, Inc.				8,983	8,983
Total Debt Clean Tech (14.24%)*				61,306	61,380
Total Debt (135.90%)				589,192	585,767
Acceleron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery				
	& Development	Common Stock Warrants		\$ 39	\$ 42
		Preferred Stock Warrants		69	273
		Preferred Stock Warrants		35	51
Total Warrants Acceleron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.				143	366
Anthera Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Drug Discovery	Common Stock Warrants		541	551

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	& Development			
		Common Stock Warrants	443	451
Total Warrants Anthera Pharmaceuticals Inc.			984	1,002
Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery			
	& Development	Preferred Stock Warrants	236	69
		Common Stock Warrants	28	
		Preferred Stock Warrants	311	137

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Total Warrants Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc.				575	206
EpiCept Corporation ⁽⁵⁾	Drug Discovery				
	& Development	Common Stock Warrants		4	15
Concert Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery				
	& Development	Preferred Stock Warrants		234	233
NextWave Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery				
	& Development	Preferred Stock Warrants		126	125
Horizon Pharma, Inc.	Drug Discovery				
	& Development	Common Stock Warrants		231	
Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery				
	& Development	Preferred Stock Warrants		155	1,116
Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery				
	& Development	Preferred Stock Warrants		137	68
PolyMedix, Inc.	Drug Discovery				
	& Development	Common Stock Warrants		480	97
Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery				
	& Development	Preferred Stock Warrants		152	207
Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Drug Discovery				
	& Development	Common Stock Warrants		69	1,115
Chroma Therapeutics, Ltd. ⁽⁵⁾	Drug Discovery				
	& Development	Preferred Stock Warrants		490	387
NeurogesX, Inc.	Drug Discovery				
	& Development	Preferred Stock Warrants		503	122
Total Warrants Drug Discovery & Development (1.17%)*				4,283	5,059
Affinity Videonet, Inc.	Communications				
	& Networking	Preferred Stock Warrants		\$ 102	\$ 165
IKANO Communications, Inc.	Communications	Preferred Stock Warrants		45	

