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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JULY 8, 2014**

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

**(To prospectus dated June 6, 2014)**

**\$50,000,000**

**% Notes due 2024**

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 \$50,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of % notes due 2024, or the Notes. The Notes will mature on July 30, 2024. We will pay interest on the Notes on January 30, April 30, July 30 and October 30 of each year, beginning on July 30, 2014. We may redeem the Notes in whole or in part at any time or from time to time on or after July 30, 2017, 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 unsecured obligations and rank *pari passu*, or equally in right of payment, with all outstanding and future unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness issued by Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.

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We intend to list the Notes on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, and we expect trading in the Notes on the NYSE to begin within 30 days of the original issue date under the symbol HTGX. The Notes are expected to trade flat, which means that purchasers will not pay, and sellers will not receive, any accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes that is not reflected in the trading price. Currently, there is no public market for the Notes.

**An investment in the Notes involves risks that are described in the Supplementary Risk Factors section beginning on page S-16 in this prospectus supplement and the Risk Factors section beginning on page 11 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.htgc.com](http://www.htgc.com). The information on the websites referred to herein is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. The SEC also maintains a website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) that contains information about us.

	Per Note	Total
Public offering price	\$	\$
Sales load (underwriting discounts and commissions)	\$	\$
Proceeds to us (before expenses) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	\$

<sup>(1)</sup> Before deducting expenses payable by us related to this offering, estimated at \$500,000.

The underwriters may also purchase up to an additional \$7,500,000 total aggregate principal amount of Notes offered hereby, to cover overallotments, 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.**

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Delivery of the Notes in book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company will be made on or about July , 2014.

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**Keefe, Bruyette & Woods**

*A Stifel Company*

**Jefferies**

*Co-Managers*

**RBC Capital Markets**

**BB&T Capital Markets**

**Janney Montgomery Scott**

**JMP Securities**

**Sterne Agee**

The date of this prospectus supplement is July , 2014.

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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. 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	% Notes due 2024
Initial aggregate principal amount being offered	\$50,000,000
Overallotment option	The underwriters may also purchase from us up to an additional \$7,500,000 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.
Principal payable at maturity	% of the aggregate principal amount; the principal amount of each Note will be payable on its stated maturity date at the office of the Trustee in The City of New York or at such other office designated by the Trustee.
Type of Note	Fixed rate note
Listing	We intend to list the Notes on the New York Stock Exchange within 30 days of the original issue date under the symbol HTGX.
Interest rate	% per year
Day count basis	360-day year of twelve 30-day months
Original issue date	, 2014
Stated maturity date	July 30, 2024

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Date interest starts accruing \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

Interest payment dates Each January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30, commencing July 30, 2014. 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.

Interest periods The initial interest period will be the period from and including \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, 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.

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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 The Notes will be our direct unsecured obligations and will rank:

*pari passu* with our other outstanding and future senior unsecured indebtedness, including without limitation, the \$72.8 million 6.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2016 (the Convertible Senior Notes ); the approximately \$84.5 million 7.00% Senior Notes due April 30, 2019 (the April 2019 Notes ); the approximately \$85.9 million 7.00% Senior Notes due September 30, 2019 (the September 2019 Notes and together with the April 2019 Notes, the 2019 Notes ) and the approximately \$63.8 million fixed-rate asset-backed notes (the Asset-Backed Notes ).

senior to any of our future indebtedness that expressly provides it is subordinated to the Notes.

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.

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 ).

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 July 30, 2017, 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.

You may be prevented from exchanging or transferring the Notes when they are subject to redemption. In case any Notes

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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 indenture and 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 the indenture and the 1940 Act and in accordance with the rules of any national securities exchange or quotation system on which the Notes are listed, in each case, to the extent applicable. 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. (the Union Bank Facility), as currently in effect, and to the extent still in effect at the time our optional redemption right matures, we would not be permitted to exercise that right without the consent of the lenders.

Sinking fund

The Notes will not be subject to any sinking fund.

Repayment at option of Holders

Holdings 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, as currently in effect, we 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.



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Trustee, Paying Agent and Security Registrar

U.S. Bank National Association

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 (i) any exemptive relief granted to us by the SEC and (ii) no-action relief granted by the SEC to another business development company ("BDC") (or to us if we determine to seek such similar no-action or other relief) permitting the BDC to declare any cash dividend or distribution notwithstanding the prohibition contained in Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the 1940 Act in order to maintain the BDC's status as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. 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.

Reports by the Company

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

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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 events 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.

On the last business day of each of 24 consecutive calendar months, we have an asset coverage of less than 100%.

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.

On the last business day of each of 24 consecutive calendar months, we have an asset coverage of less than 100%, giving effect to any exemptive relief granted to us by the SEC.

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 \$50.0 million aggregate principal amount of Notes in this offering will be approximately \$ million (or approximately \$ million if the underwriters fully exercise their over-allotment option) after deducting the underwriting discount of approximately \$ million (or approximately \$ million if the underwriters fully exercise their over-allotment option) payable by us and estimated offering expenses of approximately \$500,000 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 may also use the net proceeds from this offering to fund the conversion of any of our Convertible Senior Notes which holders may elect to convert.



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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 **Supplementary Risk Factors** in this prospectus supplement and **Risk Factors** in the accompanying prospectus.



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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.

**Industry and Market Data**

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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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY**

*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, Hercules, we, us and our refer to Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. and our wholly-owned subsidiaries.*

**Our Company**

We are a specialty finance company focused on providing senior secured loans to venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets, including technology, biotechnology, life science and energy and renewables technology industries at all stages of development. 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 regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the 1940 Act.

As of March 31, 2014, our total assets were approximately \$1.2 billion, of which our investments comprised \$890.7 million at fair value and \$887.6 million at cost. Since inception through March 31, 2014, we have made debt and equity commitments of approximately \$4.2 billion to our portfolio companies.

We also make investments in qualifying small businesses through two wholly-owned, small business investment company, or SBIC, subsidiaries, Hercules Technology II, L.P., or HT II, and Hercules Technology III, L.P., or HT III. HT II and HT III hold approximately \$143.7 million and \$290.0 million in assets, respectively, and accounted for approximately 9.5% and 19.3% of our total assets, respectively, prior to consolidation at March 31, 2014. As of March 31, 2014, 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 aggregate, at March 31, 2014, with our net investment of \$112.5 million, HT II and HT III have the capacity to issue a total of \$225.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures, subject to SBA approval. In March 2014, we repaid \$34.8 million of SBA debentures under HT II, priced at approximately 6.38%, including annual fees. At March 31, 2014, we have issued \$190.2 million in SBA-guaranteed debentures in our SBIC subsidiaries. See Regulation Small Business Administration Regulations in the accompanying prospectus for additional information regarding our SBIC subsidiaries.

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. As of March 31, 2014, our proprietary structured query language-based (SQL) database system included over 35,300 technology-related companies and approximately 8,900 venture capital, private equity sponsors/investors, as well as various other industry contacts. Our principal executive office is located in Palo Alto, CA, and we have additional offices in Boston, MA, New York, NY and McLean, VA.

Our goal is to be the leading structured debt financing provider of choice for venture capital backed companies in technology-related markets requiring sophisticated and customized financing solutions. Our strategy is to evaluate and invest in a broad range of companies in technology-related markets, including, technology, biotechnology, life science, and energy and renewables technology companies and to offer a full

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suite of growth capital products up and down the capital structure. We invest primarily in private companies and, to a lesser extent, public companies. 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 energy 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 total 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-backed companies in technology-related markets with attractive current yields and the potential for equity appreciation and realized gains. Our structured debt investments typically include warrants or other equity interests. Our equity ownership in our portfolio companies may exceed 25% of the voting securities of such companies, which represents a controlling interest under the 1940 Act. 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-backed companies in technology-related markets is generally used for growth and general working capital purposes as well as in select cases for acquisitions or recapitalizations.

We are prohibited from co-investing with our affiliates, such as Hercules Energy Technology and Resource Management, Inc., or Hercules Energy Technology, and its affiliates, absent the receipt of exemptive relief from the SEC. However, we, Hercules Energy Technology and its affiliates have filed an exemptive application with the SEC to permit greater flexibility to negotiate the terms of co-investments with Hercules Energy Technology and its affiliates in a manner consistent with our investment objective, positions, policies, strategies and restrictions as well as regulatory requirements and other pertinent factors. This exemptive application is still pending, and there can be no assurance that we will receive exemptive relief from the SEC to permit us to co-invest with Hercules Energy Technology and its affiliates. Under the terms of such relief permitting us to co-invest with Hercules Energy Technology and its affiliates, a required majority (as defined in Section 57(o) of the 1940 Act) of our independent directors must make certain conclusions in connection with a co-investment transaction, including that (1) the terms of the transaction, including the consideration to be paid, are reasonable and fair to us and our stockholders and do not involve overreaching of us or our stockholders on the part of any person concerned and (2) the transaction is consistent with the interests of our shareholders and is consistent with our investment objective and strategies. We may continue to make investments in energy and renewables technology companies under certain conditions, such as opportunities predating the funding of Hercules Energy Technology, investments in our existing portfolio companies, including follow on investments, or other specific circumstances. We, in general, will not focus on making energy and renewables technology investments subsequent to the funding of Hercules Energy Technology.

As of March 31, 2014, our investment professionals, including Manuel A. Henriquez, our co-founder, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, are currently comprised of 38 professionals who

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have, on 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 these companies effectively.

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The unique cash flow characteristics of many technology-related companies, which typically 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 these 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 debt financing 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.

We believe that demand for structured debt financing is currently underserved. 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 stages 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 reached a more mature stage prior to reaching a liquidity event, we believe our investments could provide the debt capital needed to grow or recapitalize 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.

***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 seek to mitigate the risk of loss on our debt investments through the combination of loan principal amortization, cash interest payments, relatively short maturities (generally 12-60 months), security interests in the assets of our portfolio

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companies, and on select investment covenants requiring prospective portfolio companies to have certain amounts of available cash at the time of our investment 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.

***Invest at Various Stages of Development.*** We provide growth capital to technology-related companies at all stages of development, including select publicly listed companies, select special opportunity lower middle market companies that require additional capital to fund acquisitions, recapitalizations and refinancing and established-stage companies.

***Benefit from Our Efficient Organizational Structure.*** We believe that our corporate structure enables us to be a long-term partner for our portfolio companies in contrast to traditional 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 SQL database system to track various aspects of our investment process including sourcing, originations, transaction monitoring and post-investment performance.

## **Recent Developments**

### ***ATM Program Update***

During the period from June 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 (with settlement through July 1, 2014), we sold 650,000 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$15.6495 per share, and raised \$10.2 million gross proceeds, under our at-the-market offering program, or ATM Program. Net proceeds were \$10.0 million after commissions to the broker-dealer on shares sold and offering costs.

### ***Appointment of Chief Operating Officer***

Effective July 8, 2014, the Company's Board of Directors appointed Harry A. Feuerstein as the Company's Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Feuerstein, age 52, joined the Company in July 2014. Mr. Feuerstein previously served as president and as a board member of Merryck & Co., Americas, and also served as an Operating Executive of Morgan Joseph Tri Artisan and as a Managing Director of W2 GreenTech. Prior to such roles, Mr. Feuerstein held several executive-level positions at Siemens USA, including as CEO of Siemens Government Inc., with experience in energy, technology and healthcare matters. Mr. Feuerstein is also the former CEO of a subsidiary of Trizechahn Corporation and was a partner at National Capital Companies and its related broker dealer. Mr. Feuerstein received his BA from Washington and Lee University, and he received an MBA from Hofstra University.

### ***Appointment of Director***

On July 8, 2014, our Board of Directors elected Mr. Thomas Fallon as a director of the Company. In connection with his election, the Board of Directors increased the size of the Board of Directors to four directors. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Fallon and any other persons pursuant to which Mr. Fallon was elected as a director of the Company. Mr. Fallon will be entitled to applicable retainer and meeting fees and an option award pursuant to the Company's director compensation arrangements, under terms consistent with those previously disclosed by the Company. Mr. Fallon also will be entitled to enter into an indemnification agreement with the Company.

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Mr. Fallon joined the Company as a Director in 2014 and will hold office for a term expiring in 2015. Mr. Fallon has served as Chief Executive Officer of Infinera Corporation since June 2013 and as a member of Infinera's board of directors since July 2009. From January 2010 to June 2013, Mr. Fallon served as Infinera's President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Fallon served as Infinera's Chief Operating Officer from October 2006 to December 2009, and as its Vice President of Engineering and Operations from April 2004 to September 2006. From August 2003 to March 2004, Mr. Fallon was Vice President, Corporate Quality and Development Operations of Cisco Systems, Inc., a networking and telecommunications company. From May 2001 to August 2003, Mr. Fallon served as General Manager of Cisco Systems' Optical Transport Business Unit. Mr. Fallon holds a B.S.M.E. and M.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and is currently a member of the Engineering Advisory Board of the University of Texas at Austin.

***Amendment to Union Bank Facility***

On July 8, 2014, the Company entered into an amendment to the Union Bank Facility. Pursuant to the terms of the amendment, the Company is permitted to increase its unsecured indebtedness by an aggregate original principal amount not to exceed \$275 million incurred after March 30, 2012 in one or more issuances, provided certain conditions are satisfied for each issuance.

***Convertible Senior Notes***

In April 2011, we issued \$75.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.00% convertible senior notes, or the Convertible Senior Notes, due 2016. As of June 30, 2014, 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 \$73.1 million.

The Convertible Senior Notes are convertible into shares of our common stock beginning October 15, 2015, or, under certain circumstances, earlier. Upon conversion of the Convertible Notes, we have the choice to pay or deliver, as the case may be, at our election, cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock. The current conversion price of the Convertible Senior Notes is approximately \$11.49 per share of common stock, in each case subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. Upon meeting the stock trading price conversion requirement during the three months ended June 30, 2014, the Convertible Senior Notes became convertible on July 1, 2014 and continue to be convertible through September 30, 2014.

***Portfolio Activity for Quarter Ended June 30, 2014***

***New Originations***

During the quarter ended June 30, 2014, Hercules has originated approximately \$238.6 million of debt commitments to new and existing portfolio companies.

***Commitments***

During the quarter ended June 30, 2014, Hercules made new commitments to the following thirteen companies, assisting in their future growth and development:

\$35.0 million commitment to Alimera Sciences, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company that specializes in the research, development and commercialization of prescription ophthalmic pharmaceuticals.

\$30.0 million commitment to Nanotherapeutics, Inc., an integrated biopharmaceutical company with a major focus on developing a diversified proprietary pipeline of products having both biodefense and medical applications.

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\$25.5 million commitment to CareCloud Corporation, a provider of cloud-based practice management, electronic health record, and medical billing software and services.

\$22.5 million commitment to SkyCross, Inc., a global designer and manufacturer of advanced antenna and RF solutions.

\$20.0 million commitment to a biomaterial company that manufactures and sells a broad range of medical devices.

\$15.0 million commitment to Celator Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a pharmaceutical company developing advanced therapies to treat cancer based identifying synergistic ratios of drugs that improve tumor cell kill.

\$15.0 million commitment to a software company that provides a commerce platform for retailers.

\$10.0 million commitment to Pong Research Corporation, which develops cases for the Apple iPhone, iPad, and Android smartphones to increase range and transmit stronger signal, while reducing exposure to wireless energy.

\$10.0 million commitment to Quanterix Corporation, a leader in high definition diagnostics, including its Simoa platform which uses single molecule measurements to access previously undetectable proteins.

\$10.0 million commitment to a specialty biopharmaceutical company focused on the development, manufacturing and commercialization of products for aesthetic medicine

\$10.0 million commitment to a company that develops specialty contact lenses.

\$4.5 million commitment to Poplicus, Inc., a software company that creates proprietary analytics from big data in the public sector.

\$4.0 million commitment to Zosano Pharma, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company developing a transdermal delivery technology for a broad range of therapeutic indications.

In addition, Hercules provided approximately \$27.1 million of debt commitments and renewals to existing portfolio companies during the quarter ended June 30, 2014.

It is important to note that certain commitments may expire without being drawn upon, and commitments do not necessarily represent future cash requirements or future earning assets for Hercules. Our commitments may include conditions, such as reaching certain milestones, before the Hercules debt commitment would become available. Hercules is instituting more funding or performance based milestone requirements to mitigate risk which will affect our actual funding levels.

#### *Principal Repayments*

During the quarter ended June 30, 2014, Hercules received approximately \$68.1 million in principal repayments, of which approximately \$38.7 million were unscheduled early repayments.

#### *Portfolio Company Liquidity Events*



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In April 2014, Hercules portfolio company Glori Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: GLRI) completed its \$185 million reverse merger with Infinity Cross Border Acquisition Corp. (NASDAQ: INXB) and closed a share tender offer and a warrant tender offer.

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*Current Companies in IPO Registration:*

During the quarter ended June 30, 2014, Hercules had warrant and equity positions in five (5) portfolio companies that had filed Registration Statements in contemplation of a potential IPO:

Box, Inc.

Dance Biopharm, Inc.

Good Technology

Zosano Pharma, Inc.

One company filed confidentially under the Jobs Act

There can be no assurances that these companies will complete their IPOs in a timely manner or at all.

**Corporate 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, New York, New York and McLean, Virginia. We maintain a website on the Internet at [www.htgc.com](http://www.htgc.com). Information contained in our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider that information to be part of this prospectus.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY RISK FACTORS**

*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, 2014, 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, at March 31, 2014, we have issued \$190.2 million in SBA-guaranteed debentures in our SBIC subsidiaries. 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. As of March 31, 2014, we had no borrowings outstanding under either our Wells Facility or our Union

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Bank Facility and approximately \$190.2 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 (i) any exemptive relief granted to us by the SEC and (ii) no-action relief granted by the SEC to another BDC (or to us if we determine to seek such similar no-action or other relief) permitting the BDC to declare any cash dividend or distribution notwithstanding the prohibition contained in Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the 1940 Act in order to maintain the BDC's status as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (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.

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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 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 requirements that restrict our ability to raise capital, our Credit Facilities, the Convertible Senior Notes and the 2019 Notes contain various covenants which, if not complied with, could accelerate repayment under the facility or require us to repurchase the Convertible Senior Notes and the 2019 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.

***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.***

The Notes are a new issue of debt securities for which there currently is no trading market. We intend to list the Notes on the NYSE within 30 days of the original issue date. Although we expect the Notes to be listed on the NYSE, we cannot provide any assurances that an active trading market will develop 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 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, 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, the Convertible Senior Notes, the 2019 Notes, and the Asset-Backed 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 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

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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, 2019 Notes, Asset-Backed 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, Union Bank Facility, the Convertible Senior Notes, the 2019 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, the Convertible Senior Notes, the 2019 Notes, the Asset-Backed 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, the 2019 Notes, or the Asset-Backed 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.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that the net proceeds we will receive from the sale of the \$50.0 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 approximately \$      million (or approximately \$      million if the underwriters fully exercise their overallotment option) payable by us and estimated offering expenses of approximately \$500,000 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 may also use the net proceeds from this offering to fund the conversion of any of our Convertible Senior Notes which holders may elect to convert.

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 this 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.



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For the three month period ended March 31, 2014 and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009, our ratio of earnings to fixed charges, computed as set forth below, were as follows:

	For the three months ended March 31, 2014	For the year ended December 31, 2013	For the year ended December 31, 2012	For the year ended December 31, 2011	For the year ended December 31, 2010	For the year ended December 31, 2009
Earnings to Fixed Charges <sup>(1)</sup>	3.41	3.83	2.97	3.95	1.51	2.20

For purposes of computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represent net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations 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, 2014, and (ii) our capitalization as adjusted to give effect to the sale of \$50.0 million aggregate principal amount of Notes in this offering (assuming no exercise of the overallotment option), in each case assuming a public offering price of 100% par, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions of approximately \$ million payable by us and estimated offering expenses of approximately \$500,000 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, 2014	
	Actual (in thousands)	As Adjusted (in thousands)
Investments at fair value	\$ 890,662	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 224,538	\$
Debt:		
Wells Facility		
Union Bank Facility		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 8,962	
Long-term SBA debentures	190,200	
Convertible Senior Notes	72,789	
2019 Notes	170,364	
Asset-Backed Notes	63,782	
Notes offered hereby		
Total debt	\$ 506,097	\$
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 61,760,434 shares issued and outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 62	\$
Capital in excess of par value	656,869	
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	2,607	
Accumulated realized gains (losses) on investments	(10,368)	
Undistributed net investment income	4,132	
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 653,302	\$
Total capitalization	\$ 1,159,399	\$

(1) Does not include the 650,000 shares of our common stock issued under our ATM Program.

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We are offering the Notes described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus through a number of underwriters. Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc., Jefferies LLC and RBC Capital Markets, LLC are acting as representatives of the underwriters. We have entered into an underwriting agreement with the underwriters. Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each underwriter has severally and not jointly agreed to purchase from us, the aggregate principal amount of Notes listed next to its name in the following table:

<b>Underwriter</b>	<b>Principal Amount</b>
Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.	\$
Jefferies LLC	
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC	
Janney Montgomery Scott LLC	
JMP Securities LLC	
Sterne, Agee & Leach, Inc.	
 Total	 \$ 50,000,000

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 several 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.

	<b>Per Note</b>	<b>Without Option</b>	<b>With Option</b>
Public offering price	\$	\$	\$
Underwriting discount	\$	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$	\$	\$

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



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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.

The expenses of the offering, not including the underwriting discount, are estimated at \$500,000 and are payable by us.

### **Overallotment Option**

We have granted an option to the underwriters to purchase up to an additional \$7,500,000 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 representatives. This consent may be given at any time without public notice.

### **Listing**

The Notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We intend to list the Notes on the NYSE. We expect trading in the Notes on the NYSE to begin within 30 days after the original issue date under the symbol HTGX. Currently there is no public market for the Notes.

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.

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.

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**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.

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 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 Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. is 787 7th Avenue, Fifth Floor, New York, New York 10019. The principal business address of Jefferies LLC is 520 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. The principal business address of RBC Capital Markets, LLC is 3 World Financial Center, 200 Vesey Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10281.

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**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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The following discussion is a general summary of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations (and, in the case of a non-U.S. holder (as defined below), the material U.S. 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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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 U.S. federal income 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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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).

If a partnership (including an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds any Notes, the U.S. 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. Partnerships holding Notes, and the persons holding interests in such partnerships, should consult their own tax advisors as to the consequences of investing in the Notes in their individual circumstances.

**Taxation of Note Holders**

**Taxation of U.S. Holders.** 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.



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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 to the extent not previously included in 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 U.S. holder's holding period in the Note was more than one year. Long-term capital gains generally are taxed at reduced rates for individuals and certain other non-corporate U.S. holders and the deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

**Taxation of Non-U.S. Holders.** A non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to U.S. 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 non-U.S. holder 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 (directly or indirectly, 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, Form W-8BEN-E, 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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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. To claim the benefit of an income tax treaty or to claim exemption from withholding because income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business, the non-U.S. holder must timely provide the appropriate, properly executed IRS forms. These forms may be required to be periodically updated.

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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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.

Generally, a non-U.S. holder will not be subject to U.S. 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 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). Non-U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors with regard to whether taxes will be imposed on capital gain in their individual circumstances.

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 U.S. federal estate tax purposes) generally will not be subject to the U.S. 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

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of Section 871(h)(3) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder or (ii) such individual's interest in the Notes is effectively connected with the individual's conduct of a U.S. 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 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 withholding tax described above. Copies of the information returns reporting those payments and the amounts withheld, if any, 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 held by a non-U.S. holder, 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 U.S. person to the broker and such broker does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such non-U.S. holder is a U.S. 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 U.S. person or has certain enumerated connections with the United States, 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 appropriate documentary evidence establishing that the non-U.S. holder is not a U.S. 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 U.S. 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 U.S. federal income tax provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

**Medicare Tax on Net Investment Income.** A tax of 3.8% will be imposed on certain net investment income (or undistributed net investment income, in the case of estates and trusts) received by taxpayers with adjusted gross income above certain threshold amounts. Net investment income as defined for U.S. federal Medicare contribution purposes generally includes interest payments and gain recognized from the sale or other

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disposition of the Notes. Tax-exempt trusts, which are not subject to income taxes generally, and foreign individuals will not be subject to this tax. U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the effect, if any, of this tax on their ownership and disposition of the Notes.

***Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act.*** A withholding tax of 30% is imposed on payments of interest on a debt instrument paid to certain non-U.S. entities, including certain foreign financial institutions and investment funds, unless such non-U.S. entity complies with certain reporting requirements regarding its U.S. account holders and its U.S. owners. In addition, payments of gross proceeds from the disposition of a debt instrument paid to certain non-U.S. entities listed above may also be subject to withholding starting on January 1, 2017. Investors considering purchasing the Notes should consult their own tax advisors regarding the effect, if any, of these 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 consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) as of December 31, 2013 included in the accompanying 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.

**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.

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](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), or by writing the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20549-0102.

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**\$400,000,000**

**Common Stock**

**Preferred Stock**

**Warrants**

**Subscription Rights**

**Debt Securities**

This prospectus relates to the offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, up to \$400,000,000 of shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, subscription rights or debt securities, which we refer to, collectively, as the securities. The preferred stock, debt securities, subscription rights and warrants offered hereby may be convertible or exchangeable into shares of our common stock. We may sell our securities through underwriters or dealers, at-the-market to or through a market maker into an existing trading market or otherwise directly to one or more purchasers, including existing stockholders in a rights offering, or through agents or through a combination of methods of sale, including auctions. The identities of such underwriters, dealers, market makers or agents, as the case may be, will be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. The securities may be offered at prices and on terms to be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus.

Although we are not currently authorized to issue shares of our common stock at a price below our net asset value per share, we may seek stockholder approval of this proposal again at a special meeting of stockholders or our next annual meeting of stockholders. Our Board of Directors, subject to its fiduciary duties and regulatory requirements, has the discretion to determine the amount of the discount, and as a result, the discount could be up to 100% of net asset value per share. Sales of common stock at prices below net asset value per share dilute the interests of existing stockholders, have the effect of reducing our net asset value per share and may reduce our market price per share. In the event we offer common stock, the offering price per share will not be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time we make the offering except (1) in connection with a rights offering to our existing stockholders, (2) with the consent of the holders of the majority of our voting securities and approval of our board of directors, or (3) under such circumstances as the Securities and Exchange Commission may permit. See **Risk Factors** for more information.

We are a specialty finance company focused on providing senior secured loans to venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets, including technology, biotechnology, life science and energy and renewables technology industries 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 Palo Alto, CA, as well as additional offices in Boston, MA, New York, NY and McLean, VA. Our goal is to be the leading structured debt financing provider of choice for venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets requiring sophisticated and customized financing solutions. 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 invest primarily in private companies and to a lesser extent public 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 regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol HTGC. On May 23, 2014, the last reported sale price of a share of our common stock on the NYSE, was \$14.77. The net asset value per share of our common stock at March 31, 2014 (the last date prior to the date of this prospectus on which we determined net asset value) was \$10.58.

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**An investment in our securities may be speculative and involves risks including a heightened risk of total loss of investment. In addition, the companies in which we invest are subject to special risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 11 to read about risks that you should consider before investing in our securities, including the risk of leverage.**

Please read this prospectus before investing and keep it for future reference. It contains important information about us that a prospective investor ought to know before investing in our securities. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information about us with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The information is available free of charge by contacting us at 400 Hamilton Avenue, Suite 310, Palo Alto, California 94301 or by telephone calling collect at (650) 289-3060 or on our website at [www.htgc.com](http://www.htgc.com). The SEC also maintains a website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) that contains such information.

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

**This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of any securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.**

**The date of this prospectus is June 6, 2014**

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission using the shelf registration process. Under the shelf registration process, which constitutes a delayed offering in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, we may offer, from time to time, up to \$400,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, subscription rights or debt securities on the terms to be determined at the time of the offering. We may sell our securities through underwriters or dealers, at-the-market to or through a market maker, into an existing trading market or otherwise directly to one or more purchasers, including existing stockholders in a rights offering, or through agents or through a combination of methods of sale. The identities of such underwriters, dealers, market makers or agents, as the case may be, will be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. The securities may be offered at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we may offer. Each time we use this prospectus to offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. Please carefully read this prospectus and any such supplements together with the additional information described under **Where You Can Find Additional Information** in the **Summary** and **Risk Factors** sections before you make an investment decision.

A prospectus supplement may also add to, update or change information contained in this prospectus.

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**SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights some of the information in this prospectus 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 and the documents that are referenced in this prospectus, together with any accompanying supplements. In this 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 and their affiliated securitization trusts.*

**Our Company**

We are a specialty finance company focused on providing senior secured loans to venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets, including technology, biotechnology, life science and energy and renewables technology industries at all stages of development. 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 regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the 1940 Act.

As of March 31, 2014, our total assets were approximately \$1.2 billion, of which our investments comprised \$890.7 million at fair value and \$887.6 million at cost. Since inception through March 31, 2014, we have made debt and equity commitments of approximately \$4.2 billion to our portfolio companies.

We also make investments in qualifying small businesses through two wholly-owned, small business investment company, or SBIC, subsidiaries, Hercules Technology II, L.P., or HT II, and Hercules Technology III, L.P., or HT III. HT II and HT III hold approximately \$143.7 million and \$290.0 million in assets, respectively, and accounted for approximately 9.5% and 19.3% of our total assets, respectively, prior to consolidation at March 31, 2014. We have issued \$225.0 million in SBA-guaranteed debentures in our SBIC subsidiaries, which is the maximum amount allowed for a group of SBICs under common control. See Regulation Small Business Administration Regulations in this prospectus for additional information regarding our SBIC subsidiaries.

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. As of March 31, 2014, our proprietary structured query language-based (SQL) database system included over 35,300 technology-related companies and approximately 8,900 venture capital, private equity sponsors/investors, as well as various other industry contacts. Our principal executive office is located in Palo Alto, CA, and we have additional offices in Boston, MA, New York, NY and McLean, VA.

Our goal is to be the leading structured debt financing provider of choice for venture capital backed companies in technology-related markets requiring sophisticated and customized financing solutions. Our strategy is to evaluate and invest in a broad range of companies in technology-related markets, including, technology, biotechnology, life science, and energy and renewables technology companies and to offer a full suite of growth capital products up and down the capital structure. We invest primarily in private companies and, to a lesser extent, public companies. 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.



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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 energy 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 total 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-backed companies in technology-related markets with attractive current yields and the potential for equity appreciation and realized gains. Our structured debt investments typically include warrants or other equity interests. Our equity ownership in our portfolio companies may exceed 25% of the voting securities of such companies, which represents a controlling interest under the 1940 Act. 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-backed companies in technology-related markets is generally used for growth and general working capital purposes as well as in select cases for acquisitions or recapitalizations.

As of March 31, 2014, our investment professionals, including Manuel A. Henriquez, our co-founder, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, are currently comprised of 38 professionals who have, on 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.

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**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 these companies effectively.

The unique cash flow characteristics of many technology-related companies, which typically include significant research and development expenditures and high projected revenue growth thus often making such

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companies difficult to evaluate from a credit perspective. In addition, the balance sheets of these 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 debt financing 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.

We believe that demand for structured debt financing is currently underserved. 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 stages 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 reached a more mature stage prior to reaching a liquidity event, we believe our investments could provide the debt capital needed to grow or recapitalize 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.

***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 seek to mitigate the risk of loss on our debt investments through the combination of loan principal amortization, cash interest payments, relatively short maturities (generally 12-60 months), security interests in the assets of our portfolio companies, and on select investment covenants requiring prospective portfolio companies to have certain amounts of available cash at the time of our investment and the continued support from a venture capital or private equity firm at the time we make our investment.

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***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.

***Invest at Various Stages of Development.*** We provide growth capital to technology-related companies at all stages of development, including select publicly listed companies, select special opportunity lower middle market companies that require additional capital to fund acquisitions, recapitalizations and refinancing and established-stage companies.

***Benefit from Our Efficient Organizational Structure.*** We believe that our corporate structure enables us to be a long-term partner for our portfolio companies in contrast to traditional 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 SQL database system to track various aspects of our investment process including sourcing, originations, transaction monitoring and post-investment performance.

### **Dividend Reinvestment Plan**

We have adopted an opt-out dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of our distribution on behalf of our stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Those stockholders whose shares are held by a broker or other financial intermediary may receive distributions in cash by notifying their broker or other financial intermediary of their election.

### **Taxation**

We have qualified as and have elected to be treated for tax purposes as a regulated investment company (a RIC) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code. As a RIC, we generally will not pay corporate-level federal income taxes on any ordinary income or capital gains that we distribute to our stockholders as dividends, which allows us to reduce or eliminate our corporate level tax. See Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations. To maintain our RIC status, we must meet specified source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and distribute annually an amount equal to at least 90% of the sum of our net ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, out of assets legally available for distribution. There is no assurance that we will meet these tests and be able to maintain our RIC status. If we do not qualify as a RIC, we would be taxed as a C corporation.

### **Use of Proceeds**

We intend to use the net proceeds from selling our securities for general corporate purposes, which includes investing in debt and equity securities, repayment of indebtedness and other general corporate purposes. The supplement to this prospectus relating to an offering will more fully identify the use of proceeds from such offering.

### **Leverage**

We borrow funds to make additional investments, and we have granted, and may in the future grant, a security interest in our assets to a lender in connection with any such borrowings, including any borrowings by

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any of our subsidiaries. We use this practice, which is known as leverage, to attempt to increase returns to our common stockholders. However, leverage involves significant risks. See Risk Factors. With certain limited exceptions, we are only allowed to borrow amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% after such borrowing. We received an exemptive order from the SEC that allows us to exclude all SBA leverage from our asset coverage ratio. The amount of leverage that we employ will depend on our assessment of market and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Financial Condition, Liquidity, and Capital Resources for additional information related to our outstanding debt.

### **Distributions**

As a RIC, we are required to distribute annually to our stockholders at least 90% of the sum of our net ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any. We are not subject to corporate level income taxation on income we timely distribute to our stockholders as dividends. See Certain Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations. We pay regular quarterly dividends based upon an estimate of annual taxable income available for distribution to stockholders and the amount of taxable income carried over from the prior year for distribution in the current year.

### **Principal Risk Factors**

Investing in our common stock may be speculative and involves certain risks relating to our structure and our investment objective that you should consider before deciding whether to invest. In addition, we expect that our portfolio will continue to consist primarily of securities issued by privately-held technology-related companies, which generally require additional capital to become profitable. These investments may involve a high degree of business and financial risk, and they are generally illiquid. Our portfolio companies typically will require additional outside capital beyond our investment in order to succeed or to fully repay the amounts owed to us. A large number of entities compete for the same kind of investment opportunities as we seek.

We borrow funds to make our investments in portfolio companies. As a result, we are exposed to the risks of leverage, which may be considered a speculative investment technique. Borrowings magnify the potential for gain and loss on amounts invested and, therefore increase the risks associated with investing in our common stock. Also, we are subject to certain risks associated with valuing our portfolio, changing interest rates, accessing additional capital, fluctuating quarterly results, and operating in a regulated environment. See Risk Factors for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding whether to invest in our securities.

### **Certain Anti-Takeover Provisions**

Our charter and bylaws, as well as certain statutes and regulations, contain provisions that may have the effect of discouraging a third party from making an acquisition proposal for our company. This could delay or prevent a transaction that could give our stockholders the opportunity to realize a premium over the price for their securities.

### **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, MA, New York, NY and McLean, VA. We maintain a website on the Internet at [www.htgc.com](http://www.htgc.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](http://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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The following table is intended to assist you in understanding the various costs and expenses that an investor in our common stock will bear directly or indirectly. However, we caution you that some of the percentages indicated in the table below are estimates and may vary. The footnotes to the fee table state which items are estimates. Except where the context suggests otherwise, whenever this prospectus contains a reference to fees or expenses paid by you or us or that we will pay fees or expenses, stockholders will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as investors in Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.

<b>Stockholder Transaction Expenses (as a percentage of the public offering price):</b>	
Sales load (as a percentage of offering price) <sup>(1)</sup>	%
Offering expenses	%(2)
Dividend reinvestment plan fees	%(3)
<b>Total stockholder transaction expenses (as a percentage of the public offering price)</b>	<b>%(4)</b>
<b>Annual Expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stockholders):<sup>(5)</sup></b>	
Operating expenses	5.0% <sup>(6)(7)</sup>
Interest and fees paid in connection with borrowed funds	5.7% <sup>(8)</sup>
<b>Total annual expenses</b>	<b>10.7%<sup>(9)</sup></b>

- (1) In the event that our securities are sold to or through underwriters, a corresponding prospectus supplement to this prospectus will disclose the applicable sales load.
- (2) In the event that we conduct an offering of our securities, a corresponding prospectus supplement to this prospectus will disclose the estimated offering expenses.
- (3) The expenses associated with the administration of our dividend reinvestment plan are included in Operating expenses. We pay all brokerage commissions incurred with respect to open market purchases, if any, made by the administrator under the plan. For more details about the plan, see Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (4) Total stockholder transaction expenses may include sales load and will be disclosed in a future prospectus supplement, if any.
- (5) Net assets attributable to common stock equals the weighted average net assets for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, which is approximately \$650.5 million.
- (6) Operating expenses represent our estimated operating expenses by annualizing our actual operating expenses incurred for the three-months ended March 31, 2014, including all fees and expenses of our consolidated subsidiaries and excluding interests and fees on indebtedness. This percentage for the year ended December 31, 2013 was 5.2%. See Management's Discussion and Analysis and Results of Operations, Management, and Compensation of Executive Officers and Directors.
- (7) We do not have an investment adviser and are internally managed by our executive officers under the supervision of our Board of Directors. As a result, we do not pay investment advisory fees, but instead we pay the operating costs associated with employing investment management professionals.
- (8) Interest and fees paid in connection with borrowed funds represents our estimated interest, fees and credit facility expenses by annualizing our actual interest, fees and credit facility expenses incurred for the three-months ended March 31, 2014, including our Wells Facility, Union Bank Facility, the Convertible Senior Notes, the 2019 Notes, the Asset-Backed Notes and the SBA debentures, each of which is defined herein. This percentage for the year ended December 31, 2013 was 5.8%.
- (9) Total annual expenses is the sum of operating expenses, and interest and fees paid in connection with borrowed funds. This percentage for the year ended December 31, 2013 was 11.0%. Total annual expenses is presented as a percentage of weighted average net assets attributable to common stockholders, because the holders of shares of our common stock (and not the holders of our debt securities or preferred stock, if any) bear all of our fees and expenses, including the fees and expenses of our wholly-owned consolidated subsidiaries, all of which are included in this fee table presentation.

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The following example demonstrates the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses that would be incurred over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in our common stock. These amounts are based upon our payment of annual operating expenses at the levels set forth in the table above and assume no additional leverage.

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 common stock investment, assuming a 5% annual return	\$ 104	\$ 295	\$ 466	\$ 816

The example and the expenses in the tables above should not be considered a representation of our future expenses, and actual expenses may be greater or lesser than those shown. Moreover, while the example assumes, as required by the applicable rules of the SEC, a 5% annual return, our performance will vary and may result in a return greater or lesser than 5%. In addition, while the example assumes reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value, participants in our dividend reinvestment plan may receive shares valued at the market price in effect at that time. This price may be at, above or below net asset value. See [Dividend Reinvestment Plan](#) for additional information regarding our dividend reinvestment plan.

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The selected consolidated financial data should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Senior Securities and the consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere herein. The selected balance sheet data as of the end of fiscal year 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010 and the financial statement of operations data for fiscal 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010 has been derived from our audited financial statements, which have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm. The historical data are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for any future period. The selected financial and other data for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and other quarterly financial information is derived from our unaudited financial statements, but in the opinion of management, reflects all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that are necessary to present fairly the results of such interim periods. Interim results as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2014.

(in thousands, except per share amounts)	For the Three-Months Ended March 31, (unaudited)		For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2014	2013	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
<b>Statement of Operations Data:</b>							
Investment income:							
Interest	\$ 30,846	\$ 28,929	\$ 123,671	\$ 87,603	\$ 70,346	\$ 54,700	\$ 62,200
Fees	4,924	2,028	16,042	9,917	9,509	4,774	12,077
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>35,770</b>	<b>30,957</b>	<b>139,713</b>	<b>97,520</b>	<b>79,855</b>	<b>59,474</b>	<b>74,277</b>
Operating expenses:							
Interest	7,148	7,631	30,334	19,835	13,252	8,572	9,387
Loan fees	2,076	1,079	4,807	3,917	2,635	1,259	1,880
General and administrative	2,461	2,252	9,354	8,108	7,992	7,086	7,281
Employee Compensation:							
Compensation and benefits	4,221	3,798	16,179	13,326	13,260	10,474	10,737
Stock-based compensation	1,560	1,165	5,974	4,227	3,128	2,709	1,888
<b>Total employee compensation</b>	<b>5,781</b>	<b>4,963</b>	<b>22,153</b>	<b>17,553</b>	<b>16,388</b>	<b>13,183</b>	<b>12,625</b>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>17,466</b>	<b>15,925</b>	<b>66,648</b>	<b>49,413</b>	<b>40,267</b>	<b>30,100</b>	<b>31,173</b>
<b>Net investment income before and investment gains and losses</b>	<b>18,304</b>	<b>15,032</b>	<b>73,065</b>	<b>48,107</b>	<b>39,588</b>	<b>29,374</b>	<b>43,104</b>
Net investment income	18,304	15,032	73,065	48,107	39,588	29,374	43,104
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	4,872	1,991	14,836	3,168	2,741	(26,382)	(30,801)
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(991)	(334)	11,545	(4,516)	4,607	1,990	1,269
<b>Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)</b>	<b>3,881</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>26,381</b>	<b>(1,348)</b>	<b>7,348</b>	<b>(24,392)</b>	<b>(29,532)</b>
<b>Net increase in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<b>22,185</b>	<b>\$ 16,689</b>	<b>\$ 99,446</b>	<b>\$ 46,759</b>	<b>\$ 46,936</b>	<b>\$ 4,982</b>	<b>\$ 13,572</b>
<b>Change in net assets per common share (basic):</b>	<b>\$ 0.36</b>	<b>\$ 0.30</b>	<b>\$ 1.67</b>	<b>\$ 0.93</b>	<b>\$ 1.08</b>	<b>\$ 0.12</b>	<b>\$ 0.38</b>
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.25	\$ 1.11	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.80	\$ 1.26 <sup>(1)</sup>

(1) February 12, 2009 dividend paid in cash and stock.





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(in thousands, except per share amounts)	For the Three-Months Ended March 31, (unaudited)			For the Years Ended December 31,			
	2014	2013	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>							
Investments, at value	\$ 890,662	\$ 967,984	\$ 910,295	\$ 906,300	\$ 652,870	\$ 472,032	\$ 374,669
Cash and cash equivalents	224,538	206,928	268,368	182,994	64,474	107,014	124,828
Total assets	1,159,399	1,211,186	1,221,715	1,123,643	747,394	591,247	508,967
Total liabilities	506,097	595,578	571,708	607,675	316,353	178,716	142,452
Total net assets	653,302	615,608	650,007	515,968	431,041	412,531	366,515
<b>Other Data:</b>							
Total debt investments, at value	788,359	881,011	821,988	827,540	585,767	401,618	325,134
Total warrant investments, at value	23,614	33,249	35,637	29,550	30,045	23,690	14,450
Total equity investments, at value	68,689	53,724	52,670	49,210	37,058	46,724	35,085
Unfunded Commitments	189,387	137,100	150,986	61,851	168,196	117,200	11,700
Net asset value per share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 10.58	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.51	\$ 9.75	\$ 9.83	\$ 9.50	\$ 10.29

(1) Based on common shares outstanding at period end

The following tables set forth certain quarterly financial information for each of the nine quarters up to and ending March 31, 2014. This information was derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements. Results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year or for any future quarter.

(in thousands, except per share data)	For the Quarter Ended (Unaudited) March 31, 2014	
Total investment income	\$	35,770
Net investment income before investment gains and losses		18,304
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations		22,185
Change in net assets per common share (basic)	\$	0.36

	For the Quarter Ended (Unaudited)			
	March 31, 2013	June 30, 2013	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2013
Total investment income	\$ 30,957	\$ 34,525	\$ 41,021	\$ 33,210
Net investment income before investment gains and losses	15,032	17,610	21,560	18,864
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	16,689	20,879	36,981	24,897
Change in net assets per common share (basic)	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.40

	For the Quarter Ended (Unaudited)			
	March 31, 2012	June 30, 2012	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2012
Total investment income	\$ 22,367	\$ 23,858	\$ 23,901	\$ 27,395
Net investment income before investment gains and losses	11,375	12,310	11,351	13,071
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	17,105	48	4,745	24,861
Change in net assets per common share (basic)	\$ 0.36	\$	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.47

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**RISK FACTORS**

*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 in this prospectus and those set forth in any prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus. You should carefully consider these risk factors, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus and the supplement accompanying this prospectus, before you decide whether to make an investment in our common stock. The risks set out below and in this 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. In such case, our net asset value and the trading price of our common stock could decline and you may lose all or part of your investment. The risk factors described below, together with those set forth in any prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, are the principal risk factors associated with an investment in our common stock, as well as those factors generally associated with an investment company with investment objectives, investment policies, capital structure or trading markets similar to ours.*

**Risks Related to our Business Structure**

***We are dependent upon key management personnel for their time availability and for our future success, particularly Manuel A. Henriquez, and if we are not able to hire and retain qualified personnel, or if we lose any member of our senior management team, our ability to implement our business strategy could be significantly harmed.***

We depend upon the members of our senior management, particularly Mr. Henriquez, as well as other key personnel for the identification, final selection, structuring, closing and monitoring of our investments. These employees have critical industry experience and relationships on which we rely to implement our business plan. If we lose the services of Mr. Henriquez, or of any other senior management members, we may not be able to operate the business as we expect, and our ability to compete could be harmed, which could cause our operating results to suffer. Furthermore, we do not have an employment agreement with Mr. Henriquez and our senior management is not restricted from creating new investment vehicles subject to compliance with applicable law. We believe our future success will depend, in part, on our ability to identify, attract and retain sufficient numbers of highly skilled employees. If we do not succeed in identifying, attracting and retaining such personnel, we may not be able to operate our business as we expect.

***Our business model depends to a significant extent upon strong referral relationships with venture capital and private equity fund sponsors, and our inability to develop or maintain these relationships, or the failure of these relationships to generate investment opportunities, could adversely affect our business.***

We expect that members of our management team will maintain their relationships with venture capital and private equity firms, and we will rely to a significant extent upon these relationships to provide us with our deal flow. If we fail to maintain our existing relationships, our relationships become strained as a result of enforcing our rights with respect to non-performing portfolio companies in protecting our investments or we fail to develop new relationships with other firms or sources of investment opportunities, then we will not be able to grow our investment portfolio. In addition, persons with whom members of our management team have relationships are not obligated to provide us with investment opportunities and, therefore, there is no assurance that such relationships will lead to the origination of debt or other investments.

***We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities, and we may not be able to compete effectively.***

A number of entities compete with us to make the types of investments that we plan to make in prospective portfolio companies. We compete with a large number of venture capital and private equity firms, as well as with

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other investment funds, business development companies, investment banks and other sources of financing, including traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks and finance companies. Many of our competitors are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical, marketing and other resources than we do. For example, some competitors may have a lower cost of funds and/or access to funding sources that are not available to us. This may enable some competitors to make commercial loans with interest rates that are comparable to or lower than the rates that we typically offer. A significant increase in the number and/or the size of our competitors, including traditional commercial lenders and other financing sources, in technology-related industries could force us to accept less attractive investment terms. We may miss opportunities if we do not match competitors' pricing, terms and structure. If we do match competitors' pricing, terms or structure, we may experience decreased net interest income and increased risk of credit losses. In addition, some of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments, which could allow them to consider a wider variety of investments, establish more relationships and build their market shares. Furthermore, many potential competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a business development company or that the Code imposes on us as a RIC. If we are not able to compete effectively, our business, financial condition, and results of operations will be adversely affected. As a result of this competition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to identify and take advantage of attractive investment opportunities, or that we will be able to fully invest our available capital.

***If we are unable to manage our future growth effectively, we may be unable to achieve our investment objective, which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations and cause the value of your investment to decline.***

Our ability to achieve our investment objective will depend on our ability to sustain growth. Sustaining growth will depend, in turn, on our senior management team's ability to identify, evaluate, finance and invest in suitable companies that meet our investment criteria. Accomplishing this result on a cost-effective basis is largely a function of our marketing capabilities, our management of the investment process, our ability to provide efficient services and our access to financing sources on acceptable terms. Failure to manage our future growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Because we intend to distribute substantially all of our income to our stockholders in order to qualify as a RIC, we will continue to need additional capital to finance our growth. If additional funds are unavailable or not available on favorable terms, our ability to grow will be impaired.***

In order to satisfy the tax requirements applicable to a RIC, to avoid payment of excise taxes and to minimize or avoid payment of income taxes, we intend to distribute to our stockholders substantially all of our net ordinary income and realized net capital gains except for certain realized net capital gains, which we may retain, pay applicable income taxes with respect thereto and elect to treat as deemed distributions to our stockholders. As a business development company, we generally are required to meet a coverage ratio of total assets to total borrowings and other senior securities, which includes all of our borrowings and any preferred stock that we may issue in the future, of at least 200%. This requirement limits the amount that we may borrow. This limitation may prevent us from incurring debt and require us to raise additional equity at a time when it may be disadvantageous to do so. We cannot assure you that debt and equity financing will be available to us on favorable terms, or at all, and debt financings may be restricted by the terms of any of our outstanding borrowings. If we are unable to incur additional debt, we may be required to raise additional equity at a time when it may be disadvantageous to do so. In addition, shares of closed-end investment companies have recently traded at discounts to their net asset values. This characteristic of closed-end investment companies is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value per share may decline. We cannot predict whether shares of our common stock will trade above, at or below our net asset value. If our common stock trades below its net asset value, we generally will not be able to issue additional shares of our common stock at its market price without first obtaining the approval for such issuance from our stockholders and our independent directors. If additional funds are not available to us, we could be forced to curtail or cease new lending and investment activities, and our net asset value could decline. In addition, our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

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*Because we have substantial indebtedness, there could be increased risk in investing in our company.*

Lenders have fixed dollar claims on our assets that are superior to the claims of stockholders, and we have granted, and may in the future grant, lenders a security interest in our assets in connection with borrowings. In the case of a liquidation event, those lenders would receive proceeds before our stockholders. In addition, borrowings, also known as leverage, magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and, therefore, increase the risks associated with investing in our securities. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique. If the value of our assets increases, then leveraging would cause the net asset value attributable to our common stock to increase more than it otherwise would have had we not leveraged. Conversely, if the value of our assets decreases, leveraging would cause the net asset value attributable to our common stock to decline more than it otherwise would have had we not leveraged. Similarly, any increase in our revenue in excess of interest expense on our borrowed funds would cause our net income to increase more than it would without the leverage. Any decrease in our revenue would cause our net income to decline more than it would have had we not borrowed funds and could negatively affect our ability to make distributions on common stock. Our ability to service any debt that we incur will depend largely on our financial performance and will be subject to prevailing economic conditions and competitive pressures. We and, indirectly, our stockholders will bear the cost associated with our leverage activity. If we are not able to service our substantial indebtedness, our business could be harmed materially.

Our secured credit facilities with Wells Fargo Capital Finance LLC (the Wells Facility ) and Union Bank, N.A. (the Union Bank Facility, and together with the Wells Facility, our Credit Facilities ) our Convertible Senior Notes, our 2019 Notes and our Asset-Backed Notes (as each term is defined below) contain financial and operating covenants that could restrict our business activities, including our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions.

As of March 31, 2014, we did not have any outstanding borrowings under our Credit Facilities. In addition, as of March 31, 2014, we had approximately \$190.2 million of indebtedness outstanding incurred by our SBIC subsidiaries, approximately \$75.0 million of Convertible Senior Notes payable, approximately \$170.4 million of 2019 Notes and approximately \$63.8 million in aggregate principal amount of fixed rate asset-backed notes (the Asset-Backed Notes ) in connection with our \$230.7 million debt Securitization (the Debt Securitization ). There can be no assurance that we will be successful in obtaining any additional debt capital on terms acceptable to us or at all. If we are unable to obtain debt capital, then our equity investors will not benefit from the potential for increased returns on equity resulting from leverage to the extent that our investment strategy is successful and we may be limited in our ability to make new commitments or fundings to our portfolio companies.

As a business development company, 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). In addition, we may not be permitted to declare any cash dividend or other distribution on our outstanding common shares, or purchase any such shares, unless, at the time of such declaration or purchase, we have an asset coverage of at least 200% after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution, or purchase price. If this ratio declines below 200%, we may not be able to incur additional debt and may need to sell a portion of our investments to repay some debt when it is disadvantageous to do so, and we may not be able to make distributions. As of March 31, 2014 our asset coverage ratio under our regulatory requirements as a business development company was 312.8%, excluding our SBIC debentures as a result of our exemptive order from the SEC which allows us to exclude all SBA leverage from our asset coverage ratio.

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*Illustration.* The following table illustrates the effect of leverage on returns from an investment in our common stock assuming various annual returns, net of expenses. The calculations in the table below are hypothetical and actual returns may be higher or lower than those appearing below.

	Annual Return on Our Portfolio (Net of Expenses)				
	-10%	-5%	0%	5%	10%
Corresponding return to stockholder <sup>(1)</sup>	(23.01%)	(14.13%)	(5.26%)	3.61%	12.49%

(1) Assumes \$1.2 billion in total assets, \$499.3 million in debt outstanding, \$653.3 million in stockholders' equity, and an average cost of debt of 6.88%, which is the approximate average cost of borrowed funds, including our Credit Facilities, our Convertible Senior Notes, 2019 Notes, our SBA debentures and our Asset-Backed Notes for the period ended March 31, 2014. Actual interest payments may be different.

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

Under our borrowings and our Credit Facilities, current lenders have, and any future lender or lenders may 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. Our Credit Facilities and borrowings also subject us to various financial and operating covenants, including, but not limited to, maintaining certain financial ratios and minimum tangible net worth amounts. Future credit facilities and borrowings will likely subject us to similar or additional covenants. In addition, we may grant a securities interest in our assets in connection with any such credit facilities and borrowings.

Our Credit Facilities generally 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, our Credit 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 of 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 the facilities and accelerated maturity dates for all amounts outstanding under the facilities, which would likely disrupt our business and, potentially, the business of the portfolio companies whose loans we finance through the facilities. This could reduce our revenues and, by delaying any cash payment allowed to us under our facilities until the lender has been paid in full, reduce our liquidity and cash flow and impair our ability to grow our business and our ability to make distributions sufficient to maintain our status as a RIC.

The terms of future available financing may place limits on our financial and operation 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 make new investments, or otherwise respond to changing business conditions or competitive pressures.

***In addition to regulatory requirements that restrict our ability to raise capital, our Credit Facilities, the Convertible Senior Notes and the 2019 Notes contain various covenants which, if not complied with, could accelerate repayment under the facility or require us to repurchase the Convertible Senior Notes and the 2019 Notes thereby materially and adversely affecting our liquidity, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay dividends.***

The credit agreements governing our Credit Facilities, the Convertible Senior Notes and the 2019 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

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lenders under our Credit Facilities or the trustee or holders under the Convertible Senior Notes and could accelerate repayment under the facilities or the Convertible Senior Notes or the 2019 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.

***We may be unable to obtain debt capital on favorable terms or at all, in which case we would not be able to use leverage to increase the return on our investments.***

If we are unable to obtain debt capital, then our equity investors will not benefit from the potential for increased returns on equity resulting from leverage to the extent that our investment strategy is successful and we may be limited in our ability to make new commitments or fundings to our portfolio companies.

***We are subject to certain risks as a result of our interests in connection with the Debt Securitization and our equity interest in the Securitization Issuer.***

On December 19, 2012, in connection with the Debt Securitization and the offering of the Asset-Backed Notes by Hercules Capital Funding Trust 2012-1 (the Securitization Issuer), we sold and/or contributed to Hercules Capital Funding 2012-1 LLC, as Trust Depositor (the Trust Depositor), certain senior loans made to certain of our portfolio companies (the Loans), which the Trust Depositor in turn sold and/or contributed to the Securitization Issuer in exchange for 100% of the equity interest in the Securitization Issuer, cash proceeds and other consideration. Following these transfers, the Securitization Issuer, and not the Trust Depositor or us, held all of the ownership interest in the Loans.

As a result of the Debt Securitization, we hold, indirectly through the Trust Depositor, 100% of the equity interest in the Securitization Issuer. As a result, we consolidate the financial statements of the Trust Depositor and the Securitization Issuer, as well as our other subsidiaries, in our consolidated financial statements. Because each of the Trust Depositor and the Securitization Issuer is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the sale or contribution by us to the Trust Depositor, and by the Trust Depositor to the Securitization Issuer, did not constitute a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the U.S. Internal Revenue Service were to take a contrary position, there could be a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. Further, a failure of the Securitization Issuer to be treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes would constitute an event of default pursuant to the indenture under the Debt Securitization, upon which the trustee under the Debt Securitization (the Trustee) may and will at the direction of a supermajority of the holders of the Asset-Backed Notes (the Noteholders) declare the Asset-Backed Notes to be immediately due and payable and exercise remedies under the indenture, including (i) to institute proceedings for the collection of all amounts then payable on the Asset-Backed Notes or under the indenture, enforce any judgment obtained, and collect from the Securitization Issuer and any other obligor upon the Asset-Backed Notes monies adjudged due; (ii) institute proceedings from time to time for the complete or partial foreclosure of the indenture with respect to the property of the Securitization Issuer; (iii) exercise any remedies as a secured party under the relevant UCC and take other appropriate action under applicable law to protect and enforce the rights and remedies of the Trustee and the Noteholders; or (iv) sell the property of the Securitization Issuer or any portion thereof or rights or interest therein at one or more public or private sales called and conducted in any matter permitted by law. Any such exercise of remedies could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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*An event of default in connection with the Debt Securitization could give rise to a cross-default under our other material indebtedness.*

The documents governing our other material indebtedness contain customary cross-default provisions that could be triggered if an event of default occurs in connection with the Debt Securitization. An event of default with respect to our other indebtedness could lead to the acceleration of such indebtedness and the exercise of other remedies as provided in the documents governing such other indebtedness. This could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows and may result in our inability to make distributions sufficient to maintain our status as a RIC.

*We may not receive cash distributions in respect of our indirect ownership interest in the Securitization Issuer.*

Apart from fees payable to us in connection with our role as servicer of the Loans and the reimbursement of related amounts under the Debt Securitization documents, we receive cash in connection with the Debt Securitization only to the extent that the Trust Depositor receives payments in respect of its equity interest in the Securitization Issuer. The holder of the equity interest in the Securitization Issuer is the residual claimant on distributions, if any, made by the Securitization Issuer after the Noteholders and other claimants have been paid in full on each payment date or upon maturity of the notes, subject to the priority of payments under the Debt Securitization documents. To the extent that the value of the Securitization Issuer's portfolio of Loans is reduced as a result of conditions in the credit markets (relevant in the event of a liquidation event), other macroeconomic factors, distressed or defaulted Loans or the failure of individual portfolio companies to otherwise meet their obligations in respect of the Loans, or for any other reason, the ability of the Securitization Issuer to make cash distributions in respect of the Trust Depositor's equity interest would be negatively affected and consequently, the value of the equity interest in the Securitization Issuer would also be reduced. In the event that we fail to receive cash indirectly from the Securitization Issuer, we could be unable to make distributions, if at all, in amounts sufficient to maintain our status as a RIC.

*The interests of the Noteholders may not be aligned with our interests.*

The Asset-Backed Notes are debt obligations ranking senior in right of payment to the rights of the holder of the equity interest in the Securitization Issuer, as residual claimant in respect of distributions, if any, made by the Securitization Issuer. As such, there are circumstances in which the interests of the Noteholders may not be aligned with the interests of holders of the equity interest in the Securitization Issuer. For example, under the terms of the documents governing the Debt Securitization, the Noteholders have the right to receive payments of principal and interest prior to holders of the equity interest.

For as long as the Asset-Backed Notes remain outstanding, the Noteholders have the right to act in certain circumstances with respect to the Loans in ways that may benefit their interests but not the interests of holder of the equity interest in the Securitization Issuer, including by exercising remedies under the documents governing the Debt Securitization.

If an event of default occurs, the Noteholders will be entitled to determine the remedies to be exercised, subject to the terms of the documents governing the Debt Securitization. For example, upon the occurrence of an event of default with respect to the Asset-Backed Notes, the Trustee may and will at the direction of the holders of a supermajority of the Asset-Backed Notes declare the principal, together with any accrued interest, of the notes to be immediately due and payable. This would have the effect of accelerating the principal on such notes, triggering a repayment obligation on the part of the Securitization Issuer. The Asset-Backed Notes then outstanding will be paid in full before any further payment or distribution on the equity interest is made. There can be no assurance that there will be sufficient funds through collections on the Loans or through the proceeds of the sale of the Loans in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency to repay in full the obligations under the Asset-Backed Notes, or to make any distribution to holder of the equity interest in the Securitization Issuer.



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Remedies pursued by the Noteholders could be adverse to our interests as the indirect holder of the equity interest in the Securitization Issuer. The Noteholders have no obligation to consider any possible adverse effect on such other interests. Thus, there can be no assurance that any remedies pursued by the Noteholders will be consistent with the best interests of the Trust Depositor or that we will receive, indirectly through the Trust Depositor, any payments or distributions upon an acceleration of the Asset-Backed Notes. Any failure of the Securitization Issuer to make distributions in respect of the equity interest that we indirectly hold, whether as a result of an event of default and the acceleration of payments on the Asset-Backed Notes or otherwise, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows and may result in our inability to make distributions sufficient to maintain our status as a RIC.

#### ***Certain events related to the performance of Loans could lead to the acceleration of principal payments on the Asset-Backed Notes.***

The following constitute rapid amortization events ( Rapid Amortization Events ) under the documents governing the Debt Securitization: (i) the aggregate outstanding principal balance of delinquent Loans and restructured Loans that would have been delinquent Loans had such Loans not become restructured Loans exceeds 10% of the current aggregate outstanding principal balance of the Loans, excluding all defaulted Loans and all purchased Loans (the Pool Balance ) for a period of three consecutive months; (ii) the aggregate outstanding principal balance of defaulted Loans exceeds 5% of the initial Pool Balance determined as of December 19, 2012 for a period of three consecutive months; (iii) the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the Asset-Backed Notes exceeds the borrowing base for a period of three consecutive months; (iv) the Securitization Issuer's pool of Loans contains Loans to ten or fewer obligors; and (v) the occurrence of an event of default under the documents governing the Debt Securitization. After a Rapid Amortization Event has occurred, subject to the priority of payments under the documents governing the Debt Securitization, principal collections on the Loans will be used to make accelerated payments of principal on the Asset-Backed Notes until the payment of principal balance of the Asset-Backed Loans is reduced to zero. Such an event could delay, reduce or eliminate the ability of the Securitization Issuer to make distributions in respect of the equity interest that we indirectly hold, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows and may result in our inability to make distributions sufficient to maintain our status as a RIC.

#### ***We have certain repurchase obligations with respect to the Loans transferred in connection with the Debt Securitization.***

As part of the Debt Securitization, we entered into a sale and contribution agreement and a sale and servicing agreement under which we would be required to repurchase any Loan (or participation interest therein) which was sold to the Securitization Issuer in breach of certain customary representations and warranty made by us or by the Trust Depositor with respect to such Loan or the legal structure of the Debt Securitization. To the extent that there is a breach of such representations and warranties and we fail to satisfy any such repurchase obligation, the Trustee may, on behalf of the Securitization Issuer, bring an action against us to enforce these repurchase obligations.

#### ***Because most of our investments typically are not in publicly-traded securities, there is uncertainty regarding the value of our investments, which could adversely affect the determination of our net asset value.***

At March 31, 2014, portfolio investments, which are valued at fair value by the Board of Directors, were approximately 76.8% of our total assets. We expect our investments to continue to consist primarily of securities issued by privately-held companies, the fair value of which is not readily determinable. In addition, we are not permitted to maintain a general reserve for anticipated loan losses. Instead, we are required by the 1940 Act to specifically value each investment and record an unrealized gain or loss for any asset that we believe has increased or decreased in value.

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There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. We value these securities at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors, based on the recommendations of our Valuation Committee. In making a good faith determination of the value of these securities, we generally start with the cost basis of each security, which includes the amortized OID and PIK interest, if any. The Valuation Committee uses its best judgment in arriving at the fair value of these securities. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while applying a valuation process for the types of investments we make, which includes but is not limited to deriving a hypothetical exit price. However, the Board of Directors retains ultimate authority as to the appropriate valuation of each investment. Because such valuations are inherently uncertain and may be based on estimates, our determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would be assessed if a ready market for these securities existed. We adjust quarterly the valuation of our portfolio to reflect the Board of Directors' determination of the fair value of each investment in our portfolio. Any changes in fair value are recorded in our statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation. Our net asset value could be adversely affected if our determinations regarding the fair value of our investments were materially higher than the values that we ultimately realize upon the disposal of such securities.

***Our equity ownership in a portfolio company may represent a control investment. Our ability to exit a control investment in a timely manner could result in a realized loss on the investment.***

If we obtain a control investment in a portfolio company our ability to divest ourselves from a debt or equity investment could be restricted due to illiquidity in a private stock, limited trading volume on a public company's stock, inside information on a company's performance, insider blackout periods, or other factors that could prohibit us from disposing of the investment as we would if it were not a control investment. Additionally, we may choose not to take certain actions to protect a debt investment in a control investment portfolio company. As a result, we could experience a decrease in the value of our portfolio company holdings and potentially incur a realized loss on the investment.

***Regulations governing our operations as a business development company may affect our ability to, and the manner in which, we raise additional capital, which may expose us to risks.***

Our business will require a substantial amount of capital. We may acquire additional capital from the issuance of senior securities, including borrowings, securitization transactions or other indebtedness, or the issuance of additional shares of our common stock. However, we may not be able to raise additional capital in the future on favorable terms or at all. We may issue debt securities, other evidences of indebtedness or preferred stock, and we may borrow money from banks or other financial institutions, which we refer to collectively as senior securities, up to the maximum amount permitted by the 1940 Act. Under the 1940 Act, 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). In addition, we may not be permitted to declare any cash dividend or other distribution on our outstanding common shares, or purchase any such shares, unless, at the time of such declaration or purchase, we have an asset coverage of at least 200% after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution, or purchase price. Our ability to pay dividends or issue additional senior securities would be restricted if our asset coverage ratio were not at least 200%. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy this test. If that happens, we may be required to liquidate a portion of our investments and repay a portion of our indebtedness at a time when such sales may be disadvantageous. As a result of issuing senior securities, we would also be exposed to typical risks associated with leverage, including an increased risk of loss. If we issue preferred stock, the preferred stock would rank senior to common stock in our capital structure, preferred stockholders would have separate voting rights and might have rights, preferences, or privileges more favorable than those of our common stockholders and the issuance of preferred stock could have the effect of delaying, deferring, or preventing a transaction or a change of control that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in your best interest.

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To the extent that we are constrained in our ability to issue debt or other senior securities, we will depend on issuances of common stock to finance operations. Other than in certain limited situations such as rights offerings, as a business development company, we are generally not able to issue our common stock at a price below net asset value without first obtaining required approvals from our stockholders and our independent directors. If we raise additional funds by issuing more common stock or senior securities convertible into, or exchangeable for, our common stock, then the percentage ownership of our stockholders at that time will decrease, and you might experience dilution. Moreover, we can offer no assurance that we will be able to issue and sell additional equity securities in the future, on favorable terms or at all.

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

We make both debt and minority equity investments; therefore, we are subject to the risk that a portfolio company may make business decisions with which we disagree, and the stockholders and management of such company may take risks or otherwise act in ways that do not serve our interests. As a result, a portfolio company may make decisions that could decrease the value of our portfolio holdings.

***If we do not invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could fail to qualify as a business development company or be precluded from investing according to our current business strategy.***

As a business development company, we may not acquire any assets other than qualifying assets unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such acquisition, at least 70% of our total assets are qualifying assets. See Regulation in this prospectus.

We believe that most of the senior loans we make will constitute qualifying assets. However, we may be precluded from investing in what we believe are attractive investments if such investments are not qualifying assets for purposes of the 1940 Act. If we do not invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could lose our status as a business development company, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Similarly, these rules could prevent us from making follow-on investments in existing portfolio companies (which could result in the dilution of our position) or could require us to dispose of investments at inappropriate times in order to comply with the 1940 Act. If we need to dispose of such investments quickly, it would be difficult to dispose of such investments on favorable terms. For example, we may have difficulty in finding a buyer and, even if we do find a buyer, we may have to sell the investments at a substantial loss.

***A failure on our part to maintain our qualification as a business development company would significantly reduce our operating flexibility.***

If we fail to continuously qualify as a business development company, we might be subject to regulation as a registered closed-end investment company under the 1940 Act, which would significantly decrease our operating flexibility. In addition, failure to comply with the requirements imposed on business development companies by the 1940 Act could cause the SEC to bring an enforcement action against us. For additional information on the qualification requirements of a business development company, see Regulation in this prospectus.

***To the extent original issue discount and paid-in-kind interest constitute a portion of our income, we will be exposed to typical risks associated with such income being required to be included in taxable and accounting income prior to receipt of cash representing such income.***

Our investments may include original issue discount, or OID, instruments and contractual payment-in-kind, or PIK, interest arrangements, which represents contractual interest added to a loan balance and due at the end of

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such loan's term. To the extent OID or PIK interest constitute a portion of our income, we are exposed to typical risks associated with such income being required to be included in taxable and accounting income prior to receipt of cash, including the following:

OID instruments may have higher yields, which reflect the payment deferral and credit risk associated with these instruments;

OID accruals may create uncertainty about the source of our distributions to stockholders;

OID and PIK instruments may have unreliable valuations because their continuing accruals require continuing judgments about the collectability of the deferred payments and the value of the collateral; and

OID and PIK instruments may represent a higher credit risk than coupon loans.

***If we are unable to satisfy Code requirements for qualification as a RIC, then we will be subject to corporate-level income tax, which would adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.***

We elected to be treated as a RIC for federal income tax purposes with the filing of our federal corporate income tax return for 2006. We will not qualify for the tax treatment allowable to RICs if we are unable to comply with the source of income, asset diversification and distribution requirements contained in Subchapter M of the Code, or if we fail to maintain our election to be regulated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. If we fail to qualify for the federal income tax benefits allowable to RICs for any reason and become subject to a corporate-level income tax, the resulting taxes could substantially reduce our net assets, the amount of income available for distribution to our stockholders and the actual amount of our distributions. Such a failure would have a material adverse effect on us, the net asset value of our common stock and the total return, if any, obtainable from your investment in our common stock. Any net operating losses that we incur in periods during which we qualify as a RIC will not offset net capital gains (i.e., net realized long-term capital gains in excess of net realized short-term capital losses), and we cannot pass such net operating losses through to our stockholders.

***We may have difficulty paying our required distributions under applicable tax rules if we recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income.***

In accordance with U.S. federal tax requirements, we include in income for tax purposes certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as contractual PIK interest arrangements, which represents contractual interest added to a loan balance and due at the end of such loan's term. In addition to the cash yields received on our loans, in some instances, our loans generally include one or more of the following: end-of-term payments, exit fees, balloon payment fees, commitment fees, success fees or prepayment fees. In some cases our loans also include contractual PIK interest arrangements. The increases in loan balances as a result of contractual PIK arrangements are included in income for the period in which such payment-in-kind interest was accrued, which is often in advance of receiving cash payment, and are separately identified on our statements of cash flows. We also may be required to include in income for tax purposes certain other amounts prior to receiving the related cash.

Any warrants that we receive in connection with our debt investments will generally be valued as part of the negotiation process with the particular portfolio company. As a result, a portion of the aggregate purchase price for the debt investments and warrants will be allocated to the warrants that we receive. This will generally result in original issue discount for tax purposes, which we must recognize as ordinary income, increasing the amount that we are required to distribute to qualify for the federal income tax benefits applicable to RICs. Because these warrants generally will not produce distributable cash for us at the same time as we are required to make distributions in respect of the related original issue discount, we would need to obtain cash from other sources or to pay a portion of our distributions using shares of newly issued common stock, consistent with Internal Revenue Service requirements, to satisfy such distribution requirements.

Other features of the debt instruments that we hold may also cause such instruments to generate original issue discount, resulting in a dividend distribution requirement in excess of current cash interest received. Since



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in certain cases we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty meeting the RIC tax requirement to distribute generally an amount equal to at least 90% of our net ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any. Under such circumstances, we may have to sell some of our assets, raise additional debt or equity capital or reduce new investment originations to meet these distribution requirements. If we are unable to obtain cash from other sources and are otherwise unable to satisfy such distribution requirements, we may fail to qualify for the federal income tax benefits allowable to RICs and, thus, become subject to a corporate-level income tax on all our income.

***There is a risk that you may not receive distributions or that our distributions may not grow over time.***

We intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results, or our business may not perform in a manner that will allow us to make a specified level of distributions or year-to-year increases in cash distributions. In addition, due to the asset coverage test applicable to us as a business development company, we may be limited in our ability to make distributions. Also, our Credit Facilities limit our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions.

***We have and may in the future choose to pay dividends in our own stock, in which case you may be required to pay tax in excess of the cash you receive.***

Under applicable Treasury regulations and certain private rulings issued by the Internal Revenue Service, RICs are permitted to treat certain distributions payable in up to 80% in their stock, as taxable dividends that will satisfy their annual distribution obligations for federal income tax and excise tax purposes provided that stockholders have the opportunity to elect to receive the distribution in cash. Taxable stockholders receiving such dividends will be required to include the full amount of the dividend as ordinary income (or as long-term capital gain to the extent such distribution is properly designated as a capital gain dividend) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits for federal income tax purposes. As a result, a U.S. stockholder may be required to pay tax with respect to such dividends in excess of any cash received. If a U.S. stockholder sells the stock it receives as a dividend in order to pay this tax, the sales proceeds may be less than the amount included in income with respect to the dividend, depending on the market price of our stock at the time of the sale. Furthermore, with respect to non-U.S. stockholders, we may be required to withhold federal income tax with respect to such dividends, including in respect of all or a portion of such dividend that is payable in stock. In addition, if a significant number of our stockholders determine to sell shares of our stock in order to pay taxes owed on dividends, then such sales may put downward pressure on the trading price of our stock. We may in the future determine to distribute taxable dividends that are payable in part in our common stock.

***We are exposed to risks associated with changes in interest rates, including fluctuations in interest rates which could adversely affect our profitability or the value of our portfolio***

General interest rate fluctuations may have a substantial negative impact on our investments and investment opportunities, and, accordingly, may have a material adverse effect on our investment objective and rate of return on investment capital. A portion of our income will depend upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the interest rate on the debt securities in which we invest. Because we will borrow money to make investments and may issue debt securities, preferred stock or other securities, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds or pay interest or dividends on such debt securities, preferred stock or other securities and the rate at which we invest these funds. Typically, we anticipate that our interest-earning investments will accrue and pay interest at both variable and fixed rates, and that our interest-bearing liabilities will accrue interest at variable rates.

A significant increase in market interest rates could harm our ability to attract new portfolio companies and originate new loans and investments. We expect that most of our current initial investments in debt securities will be at floating rate with a floor. However, in the event that we make investments in debt securities at variable

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rates, a significant increase in market interest rates could also result in an increase in our non-performing assets and a decrease in the value of our portfolio because our floating-rate loan portfolio companies may be unable to meet higher payment obligations. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, resulting in a decrease in our net investment income. In addition, a decrease in interest rates may reduce net income, because new investments may be made at lower rates despite the increased demand for our capital that the decrease in interest rates may produce. We may, but will not be required to, hedge against the risk of adverse movement in interest rates in our short-term and long-term borrowings relative to our portfolio of assets. If we engage in hedging activities, it may limit our ability to participate in the benefits of lower interest rates with respect to the hedged portfolio. Adverse developments resulting from changes in interest rates or hedging transactions could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

***Our realized gains are reduced by amounts paid pursuant to the warrant participation agreement.***

Citigroup, a former credit facility provider to Hercules, has an equity participation right through a warrant participation agreement on the pool of loans and certain warrants formerly collateralized under its then existing credit facility (the Citigroup Facility). Pursuant to the warrant participation agreement, we granted to Citigroup a 10% participation in all warrants held as collateral. As a result, Citigroup is entitled to 10% of the realized gains on certain warrants until the realized gains paid to Citigroup pursuant to the agreement equals \$3,750,000 (the Maximum Participation Limit). The obligations under the warrant participation agreement continue even after the Citigroup Facility is terminated until the Maximum Participation Limit has been reached.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, we reduced our realized gain by approximately \$78,000 for Citigroup's participation in the gain on sale of equity securities which were obtained from exercising portfolio company warrants which were included in the collateral pool. We recorded an increase on participation liability and a decrease on unrealized appreciation by a net amount of approximately \$45,000 as a result of appreciation of fair value on the pool of warrants collateralized under the warrant participation agreement. The value of their participation right on unrealized gains in the related equity investments was approximately \$325,000 as of March 31, 2014 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 approximately \$1.7 million under the warrant participation agreement thereby reducing our 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 February 2016 and March 2017.

***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). 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%. As a result, we may be able to incur additional indebtedness in the future and therefore your risk of an investment in us may increase.

***Two of our wholly-owned subsidiaries are licensed by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and as a result, we will be subject to SBA regulations.***

Our wholly-owned subsidiaries HT II and HT III are licensed to act as SBICs and are regulated by the SBA. HT II and HT III hold approximately \$143.7 million and \$290.0 million in assets, respectively, and they accounted for approximately 9.5% and 19.3% of our total assets, respectively, prior to consolidation at March 31, 2014. The SBIC licenses allow our SBIC subsidiaries to obtain leverage by issuing SBA-guaranteed debentures, subject to the issuance of a capital commitment by the SBA and other customary procedures. The SBA

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regulations require, among other things, that a licensed SBIC be examined periodically and audited by an independent auditor to determine the SBIC's compliance with the relevant SBA regulations.

Under current SBA regulations, a licensed SBIC can provide capital to those entities that have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$18.0 million and an average annual net income after Federal income taxes not exceeding \$6.0 million for the two most recent fiscal years. In addition, a licensed SBIC must devote 25.0% of its investment activity to those entities that have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$6.0 million and an average annual net income after Federal income taxes not exceeding \$2.0 million for the two most recent fiscal years. The 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 factors such as the number of employees and gross sales. The SBA regulations permit licensed SBICs to make long term loans to small businesses, invest in the equity securities of such businesses and provide them with consulting and advisory services. The SBA also places certain limitations on the financing terms of investments by SBICs in portfolio companies and prohibits SBICs from providing funds for certain purposes or to businesses in a few prohibited industries. Compliance with SBA requirements may cause HT II and HT III to forego attractive investment opportunities that are not permitted under SBA regulations.

Further, the SBA regulations require that a licensed SBIC be periodically examined and audited by the SBA to determine its compliance with the relevant SBA regulations. The SBA prohibits, without prior SBA approval, a change of control of an SBIC or transfers that would result in any person (or a group of persons acting in concert) owning 10.0% or more of a class of capital stock of a licensed SBIC. If either HT II or HT III fail 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. 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, 2014 as a result of having sufficient capital as defined under the SBA regulations. See Regulation Small Business Administration Regulations in this prospectus.

***SBA regulations limit the outstanding dollar amount of SBA guaranteed debentures that may be issued by an SBIC or group of SBICs under common control.***

The SBA regulations currently limit the dollar amount of SBA-guaranteed debentures that can be issued by any one SBIC to \$150.0 million or to a group of SBICs under common control to \$225.0 million. A proposed bill in the U.S. Senate, the Expanding Access to Capital for Entrepreneurial Act, or Senate Bill 511, would increase the total SBIC leverage capacity for affiliated SBIC funds from \$225 million to \$350 million. However, the ultimate form and likely outcome of such legislation or any similar legislation cannot be predicted.

An SBIC may not borrow an amount in excess of two times (and in certain cases, up to three times) its regulatory capital. With our net investment of \$112.5 million as of March 31, 2014, we have the capacity to issue a total of \$225.0 million of SBA guaranteed debentures in our SBIC subsidiaries, subject to SBA approval, of which \$190.2 million was outstanding as of March 31, 2014. During times that we reach the maximum dollar amount of SBA-guaranteed debentures permitted, and if we require additional capital, our cost of capital is likely to increase, and there is no assurance that we will be able to obtain additional financing on acceptable terms.

Moreover, the current status of our SBIC subsidiaries as SBICs does not automatically assure that our SBIC subsidiaries will continue to receive SBA-guaranteed debenture funding. Receipt of SBA leverage funding is dependent upon our SBIC subsidiaries continuing to be in compliance with SBA regulations and policies and available SBA funding. The amount of SBA leverage funding available to SBICs is dependent upon annual Congressional authorizations and in the future may be subject to annual Congressional appropriations. There can be no assurance that there will be sufficient debenture funding available at the times desired by our SBIC subsidiaries.



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The debentures guaranteed by the SBA have a maturity of ten years and require semi-annual payments of interest. Our SBIC subsidiaries will need to generate sufficient cash flow to make required interest payments on the debentures. If our SBIC subsidiaries are unable to meet their financial obligations under the debentures, the SBA, as a creditor, will have a superior claim to our SBIC subsidiaries' assets over our stockholders in the event we liquidate our SBIC subsidiaries or the SBA exercises its remedies under such debentures as the result of a default by us.

***Our wholly-owned SBIC subsidiaries may be unable to make distributions to us that will enable us to maintain RIC status, which could result in the imposition of an entity-level tax.***

In order for us to continue to qualify for RIC tax treatment and to minimize corporate-level taxes, we will be required to distribute substantially all of our net ordinary income and net capital gain income, including income from certain of our subsidiaries, which includes the income from our SBIC subsidiaries. We will be partially dependent on our SBIC subsidiaries for cash distributions to enable us to meet the RIC distribution requirements. Our SBIC subsidiaries may be limited by the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and SBA regulations governing SBICs, from making certain distributions to us that may be necessary to maintain our status as a RIC. We may have to request a waiver of the SBA's restrictions for our SBIC subsidiaries to make certain distributions to maintain our RIC status. We cannot assure you that the SBA will grant such waiver. If our SBIC subsidiaries are unable to obtain a waiver, compliance with the SBA regulations may result in loss of RIC tax treatment and a consequent imposition of an entity-level tax on us.

***Changes in laws or regulations governing our business could negatively affect the profitability of our operations.***

Changes in the laws or regulations, or the interpretations of the laws and regulations, which govern business development companies, SBICs, RICs or non-depository commercial lenders could significantly affect our operations and our cost of doing business. We are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations and are subject to judicial and administrative decisions that affect our operations, including our loan originations maximum interest rates, fees and other charges, disclosures to portfolio companies, the terms of secured transactions, collection and foreclosure procedures, and other trade practices. If these laws, regulations or decisions change, or if we expand our business into jurisdictions that have adopted more stringent requirements than those in which we currently conduct business, then we may have to incur significant expenses in order to comply or we may have to restrict our operations. In addition, if we do not comply with applicable laws, regulations and decisions, then we may lose licenses needed for the conduct of our business and be subject to civil fines and criminal penalties, any of which could have a material adverse effect upon our business results of operations or financial condition.

***Our business is subject to increasingly complex corporate governance, public disclosure and accounting requirements that could adversely affect our business and financial results.***

We are subject to changing rules and regulations of federal and state government as well as the stock exchange on which our common stock is listed. These entities, including the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, have issued a significant number of new and increasingly complex requirements and regulations over the course of the last several years and continue to develop additional regulations and requirements in response to laws enacted by Congress. On July 21, 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Protection Act, or the Dodd-Frank Act, was enacted. There are significant corporate governance and executive compensation-related provisions in the Dodd-Frank Act, and the SEC has adopted additional rules and regulations that may impact us. Our efforts to comply with these requirements have resulted in, and are likely to continue to result in, an increase in expenses and a diversion of management's time from other business activities.

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*Results may fluctuate and may not be indicative of future performance.*

Our operating results may fluctuate and, therefore, you should not rely on current or historical period results to be indicative of our performance in future reporting periods. Factors that could cause operating results to fluctuate include, but are not limited to, variations in the investment origination volume and fee income earned, changes in the accrual status of our debt investments, variations in timing of prepayments, variations in and the timing of the recognition of net realized gains or losses and changes in unrealized appreciation or depreciation, the level of our expenses, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets, and general economic conditions.

### **Risks Related to Current Economic and Market Conditions**

*Capital markets may experience periods of disruption and instability and we cannot predict when these conditions will occur. Such market conditions could materially and adversely affect debt and equity capital markets in the United States and abroad, which could have a negative impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.*

The global capital markets have experienced a period of disruption as evidenced by a lack of liquidity in the debt capital markets, write-offs in the financial services sector, the re-pricing of credit risk and the failure of certain major financial institutions. Despite actions of the United States federal government and foreign governments, these events contributed to worsening general economic conditions that have materially and adversely impacted the broader financial and credit markets and reduced the availability of debt and equity capital for the market as a whole and financial services firms in particular. While the capital markets improved during 2013, these conditions could deteriorate in the future. During such market disruptions, we may have difficulty raising debt or equity capital, especially as a result of regulatory constraints.

Market conditions may in the future make it difficult to extend the maturity of or refinance our existing indebtedness and any failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business. The illiquidity of our investments may make it difficult for us to sell such investments if required. As a result, we may realize significantly less than the value at which we have recorded our investments. In addition, significant changes in the capital markets, including the disruption and volatility, have had, and may in the future have, a negative effect on the valuations of our investments and on the potential for liquidity events involving our investments. An inability to raise capital, and any required sale of our investments for liquidity purposes, could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Various social and political tensions in the United States and around the world, particularly in the Middle East, may continue to contribute to increased market volatility, may have long-term effects on the United States and worldwide financial markets, and may cause further economic uncertainties or deterioration in the United States and worldwide. Several European Union ( EU ) countries, including Greece, Ireland, Italy, Spain, and Portugal, continue to face budget issues, some of which may have negative long-term effects for the economies of those countries and other EU countries. There is also continued concern about national-level support for the euro and the accompanying coordination of fiscal and wage policy among European Economic and Monetary Union member countries. The recent United States and global economic downturn, or a return to the recessionary period in the United States, could adversely impact our investments. We cannot predict the duration of the effects related to these or similar events in the future on the United States economy and securities markets or on our investments. We monitor developments and seek to manage our investments in a manner consistent with achieving our investment objective, but there can be no assurance that it will be successful in doing so.

*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, 2014, we had unfunded contractual commitments of approximately \$189.4 million. Approximately \$95.6 million of these unfunded contractual commitments are dependent upon the portfolio company reaching certain milestones before the contractual commitment becomes available. These commitments

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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 or future earning assets. 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 Credit Facilities and proceeds from the Convertible Senior Notes, 2019 Notes and the Asset-Backed 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 ability to secure additional financing and satisfy our financial obligations under indebtedness outstanding from time to time will depend upon our future operating performance, which is subject to the prevailing general economic and credit market conditions, including interest rate levels and the availability of credit generally, and financial, business and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. The prolonged continuation or worsening of current economic and capital market conditions could have a material adverse effect on our ability to secure financing on favorable terms, if at all.

***A failure or the perceived risk of a failure to raise the statutory debt limit of the United States could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.***

As has been widely reported, the United States Treasury Secretary has stated that the federal government may not be able to meet its debt payments in the relatively near future (currently February 2014) unless the federal debt ceiling is raised. If legislation increasing the debt ceiling is not enacted and the debt ceiling is reached, the federal government may stop or delay making payments on its obligations. A failure by Congress to raise the debt limit would increase the risk of default by the United States on its obligations, as well as the risk of other economic dislocations. If the U.S. Government fails to complete its budget process or to provide for a continuing resolution before the expiration of the current continuing resolution (currently January 2014), another federal government shutdown may result. Such a failure or the perceived risk of such a failure consequently could have a material adverse effect on the financial markets and economic conditions in the United States and throughout the world. It could also limit our ability and the ability of our portfolio companies to obtain financing, and it could have a material adverse effect on the valuation of our portfolio companies. Consequently, the continued uncertainty in the general economic environment, including the recent government shutdown and potential debt ceiling implications, as well in specific economies of several individual geographic markets in which our portfolio companies operate, could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Uncertainty relating to the LIBOR calculation process may adversely affect the value of our portfolio of the LIBOR-indexed, floating-rate debt securities.***

Concerns have been publicized that some of the member banks surveyed by the British Bankers' Association (BBA) in connection with the calculation of LIBOR across a range of maturities and currencies may have been under-reporting or otherwise manipulating the inter-bank lending rate applicable to them in order to profit on their derivatives positions or to avoid an appearance of capital insufficiency or adverse reputational or other consequences that may have resulted from reporting inter-bank lending rates higher than those they actually submitted. A number of BBA member banks have entered into settlements with their regulators and law enforcement agencies with respect to alleged manipulation of LIBOR, and investigations by regulators and governmental authorities in various jurisdictions are ongoing.

Actions by the BBA, regulators or law enforcement agencies may result in changes to the manner in which LIBOR is determined. Uncertainty as to the nature of such potential changes may adversely affect the market for LIBOR-based securities, including our portfolio of LIBOR-indexed, floating-rate debt securities. In addition, any further changes or reforms to the determination or supervision of LIBOR may result in a sudden or prolonged increase or decrease in reported LIBOR, which could have an adverse impact on the market for LIBOR-based securities or the value of our portfolio of LIBOR-indexed, floating-rate debt securities.

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*Our investments are concentrated in certain industries and in a number of technology-related companies, which subjects us to the risk of significant loss if any of these companies default on their obligations under any of their debt securities that we hold, or if any of the technology-related industry sectors experience a downturn.*

We have invested and intend to continue investing in a limited number of technology-related companies. A consequence of this limited number of investments is that the aggregate returns we realize may be significantly adversely affected if a small number of investments perform poorly or if we need to write down the value of any one investment. Beyond the asset diversification requirements to which we will be subject as a RIC, we do not have fixed guidelines for diversification or limitations on the size of our investments in any one portfolio company and our investments could be concentrated in relatively few issuers. In addition, we have invested in and intend to continue investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the value of our total assets (including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in technology-related companies.

As of March 31, 2014, approximately 64.9% of the fair value of our portfolio was composed of investments in four industries: 23.2% was composed of investments in the drug discovery and development industry, 18.7% was composed of investments in the energy technology industry, 11.9% was composed of investments in the internet consumer and business services industry and 11.1% was composed of investments in the medical device and equipment industry.

As a result, a downturn in technology-related industry sectors and particularly those in which we are heavily concentrated could materially adversely affect our financial condition.

*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, 2014 that represent greater than 5% of our net assets:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2014	
	Fair Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 44,324	6.8%

Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company discovering, developing and preparing to commercialize innovative medicines paired with companion diagnostics for the treatment of serious diseases, with an initial focus on cancer.

*Our investments may be in portfolio companies that have limited operating histories and resources.*

We expect that our portfolio will continue to consist of investments that may have relatively limited operating histories. These companies may be particularly vulnerable to U.S. and foreign economic downturns may have more limited access to capital and higher funding costs, may have a weaker financial position and may need more capital to expand or compete. These businesses also may experience substantial variations in operating results. They may face intense competition, including from larger, more established companies with greater financial, technical and marketing resources. Furthermore, some of these companies do business in regulated industries and could be affected by changes in government regulation. Accordingly, these factors could impair their cash flow or result in other events, such as bankruptcy, which could limit their ability to repay their obligations to us, and may adversely affect the return on, or the recovery of, our investment in these companies.

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We cannot assure you that any of our investments in our portfolio companies will be successful. We may lose our entire investment in any or all of our portfolio companies.

*Investing in publicly traded companies can involve a high degree of risk and can be speculative.*

We have invested, and expect to continue to invest, a portion of our portfolio in publicly traded companies or companies that are in the process of completing their initial public offering, or IPO. As publicly traded companies, the securities of these companies may not trade at high volumes, and prices can be volatile, which may restrict our ability to sell our positions and may have a material adverse impact on us.

*Our investment strategy focuses on technology-related companies, which are subject to many risks, including volatility, intense competition, shortened product life cycles, changes in regulatory and governmental programs and periodic downturns, and you could lose all or part of your investment.*

We have invested and will continue investing primarily in technology-related companies, many of which may have narrow product lines and small market shares, which tend to render them more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as to general economic downturns. The revenues, income (or losses), and valuations of technology-related companies can and often do fluctuate suddenly and dramatically. In addition, technology-related markets are generally characterized by abrupt business cycles and intense competition. Overcapacity in technology-related industries, together with cyclical economic downturns, may result in substantial decreases in the market capitalization of many technology-related companies. While such valuations have recovered to some extent, such decreases in market capitalization may occur again, and any future decreases in technology-related company valuations may be substantial and may not be temporary in nature. Therefore, our portfolio companies may face considerably more risk of loss than do companies in other industry sectors.

Because of rapid technological change, the average selling prices of products and some services provided by technology-related companies have historically decreased over their productive lives. As a result, the average selling prices of products and services offered by technology-related companies may decrease over time, which could adversely affect their operating results, their ability to meet obligations under their debt securities and the value of their equity securities. This could, in turn, materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

A natural disaster may also impact the operations of our portfolio companies, including our technology-related portfolio companies. The nature and level of natural disasters cannot be predicted and may be exacerbated by global climate change. A portion of our technology-related portfolio companies rely on items assembled or produced in areas susceptible to natural disasters, and may sell finished goods into markets susceptible to natural disasters. A major disaster, such as an earthquake, tsunami, flood or other catastrophic event could result in disruption to the business and operations of our technology-related portfolio companies.

We will invest in technology-related companies that are reliant on U.S. and foreign regulatory and governmental programs. Any material changes or discontinuation, due to change in administration or U.S. Congress or otherwise could have a material adverse effect on the operations of a portfolio company in these industries and, in turn, impair our ability to timely collect principal and interest payments owed to us to the extent applicable.

*We have invested in and may continue investing in technology-related companies that do not have venture capital or private equity firms as equity investors, and these companies may entail a higher risk of loss than do companies with institutional equity investors, which could increase the risk of loss of your investment.*

Our portfolio companies will often require substantial additional equity financing to satisfy their continuing working capital and other cash requirements and, in most instances, to service the interest and principal payments on our investment. Portfolio companies that do not have venture capital or private equity investors may be unable to raise any additional capital to satisfy their obligations or to raise sufficient additional capital to reach the next

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stage of development. Portfolio companies that do not have venture capital or private equity investors may be less financially sophisticated and may not have access to independent members to serve on their boards, which means that they may be less successful than portfolio companies sponsored by venture capital or private equity firms. Accordingly, financing these types of companies may entail a higher risk of loss than would financing companies that are sponsored by venture capital or private equity firms.

***Our investments in the energy technology industry are subject to many risks, including volatility, intense competition, unproven technologies, periodic downturns and potential litigation.***

Our investments in energy technology companies are subject to substantial operational risks, such as underestimated cost projections, unanticipated operation and maintenance expenses, loss of government subsidies, and inability to deliver cost-effective alternative energy solutions compared to traditional energy products. In addition, energy technology companies employ a variety of means of increasing cash flow, including increasing utilization of existing facilities, expanding operations through new construction or acquisitions, or securing additional long-term contracts. Thus, some energy companies may be subject to construction risk, acquisition risk or other risks arising from their specific business strategies. Furthermore, production levels for solar, wind and other renewable energies may be dependent upon adequate sunlight, wind, or biogas production, which can vary from market to market and period to period, resulting in volatility in production levels and profitability. In addition, our energy technology companies may have narrow product lines and small market shares, which tend to render them more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as to general economic downturns. The revenues, income (or losses) and valuations of energy technology companies can and often do fluctuate suddenly and dramatically and the markets in which energy technology companies operate are generally characterized by abrupt business cycles and intense competition. Demand for energy technology and renewable energy is also influenced by the available supply and prices for other energy products, such as coal, oil and natural gases. A change in prices in these energy products could reduce demand for alternative energy. Our investments in energy technology companies also face potential litigation, including significant warranty and product liability claims, as well as class action and government claims arising from the increased attention to the industry from the failure of Solyndra. Such litigation could adversely affect the business and results of operations of our energy technology portfolio companies. There is also particular uncertainty about whether agreements providing incentives for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, such as the Kyoto Protocol, will continue and whether countries around the world will enact or maintain legislation that provides incentives for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, without which such investments in energy technology dependent portfolio companies may not be economical or financing for such projects may become unavailable. As a result, these portfolio company investments face considerable risk, including the risk that favorable regulatory regimes expire or are adversely modified. This could, in turn, materially adversely affect the value of the energy technology companies in our portfolio.

***Energy technology companies are subject to extensive government regulation and certain other risks particular to the sectors in which they operate and our business and growth strategy could be adversely affected if government regulations, priorities and resources impacting such sectors change or if our portfolio companies fail to comply with such regulations.***

As part of our investment strategy, we plan to invest in portfolio companies in energy technology sectors that may be subject to extensive regulation by foreign, U.S. federal, state and/or local agencies. Changes in existing laws, rules or regulations, or judicial or administrative interpretations thereof, or new laws, rules or regulations could have an adverse impact on the business and industries of our portfolio companies. In addition, changes in government priorities or limitations on government resources could also adversely impact our portfolio companies. We are unable to predict whether any such changes in laws, rules or regulations will occur and, if they do occur, the impact of these changes on our portfolio companies and our investment returns. Furthermore, if any of our portfolio companies fail to comply with applicable regulations, they could be subject to significant penalties and claims that could materially and adversely affect their operations. Our portfolio companies may be subject to the expense, delay and uncertainty of the regulatory approval process for their products and, even if approved, these products may not be accepted in the marketplace.

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In addition, there is considerable uncertainty about whether foreign, U.S., state and/or local governmental entities will enact or maintain legislation or regulatory programs that mandate reductions in greenhouse gas emissions or provide incentives for energy technology companies. Without such regulatory policies, investments in Energy Technology companies may not be economical and financing for energy technology companies may become unavailable, which could materially adversely affect the ability of our portfolio companies to repay the debt they owe to us. Any of these factors could materially and adversely affect the operations and financial condition of a portfolio company and, in turn, the ability of the portfolio company to repay the debt they owe to us.

***Our investments in the life science industry are subject to extensive government regulation, litigation risk and certain other risks particular to that industry.***

We have invested and plan to continue investing in companies in the life science industry that are subject to extensive regulation by the Food and Drug Administration, or the FDA, and to a lesser extent, other federal, state and other foreign agencies. If any of these portfolio companies fail to comply with applicable regulations, they could be subject to significant penalties and claims that could materially and adversely affect their operations. Portfolio companies that produce medical devices or drugs are subject to the expense, delay and uncertainty of the regulatory approval process for their products and, even if approved, these products may not be accepted in the marketplace. In addition, governmental budgetary constraints effecting the regulatory approval process, new laws, regulations or judicial interpretations of existing laws and regulations might adversely affect a portfolio company in this industry. Portfolio companies in the life science industry may also have a limited number of suppliers of necessary components or a limited number of manufacturers for their products, and therefore face a risk of disruption to their manufacturing process if they are unable to find alternative suppliers when needed. Any of these factors could materially and adversely affect the operations of a portfolio company in this industry and, in turn, impair our ability to timely collect principal and interest payments owed to us.

***Our investments in the drug discovery industry are subject to numerous risks, including competition, extensive government regulation, product liability and commercial difficulties.***

Our investments in the drug discovery industry are subject to numerous risks. The successful and timely implementation of the business model of our drug discovery portfolio companies depends on their ability to adapt to changing technologies and introduce new products. As competitors continue to introduce competitive products, the development and acquisition of innovative products and technologies that improve efficacy, safety, patient's and clinician's ease of use and cost-effectiveness are important to the success of such portfolio companies. The success of new product offerings will depend on many factors, including the ability to properly anticipate and satisfy customer needs, obtain regulatory approvals on a timely basis, develop and manufacture products in an economic and timely manner, obtain or maintain advantageous positions with respect to intellectual property, and differentiate products from those of competitors. Failure by our portfolio companies to introduce planned products or other new products or to introduce products on schedule could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Further, the development of products by drug discovery companies requires significant research and development, clinical trials and regulatory approvals. The results of product development efforts may be affected by a number of factors, including the ability to innovate, develop and manufacture new products, complete clinical trials, obtain regulatory approvals and reimbursement in the US and abroad, or gain and maintain market approval of products. In addition, regulatory review processes by U.S. and foreign agencies may extend longer than anticipated as a result of decreased funding and tighter fiscal budgets. Further, patents attained by others can preclude or delay the commercialization of a product. There can be no assurance that any products now in development will achieve technological feasibility, obtain regulatory approval, or gain market acceptance. Failure can occur at any point in the development process, including after significant funds have been invested. Products may fail to reach the market or may have only limited commercial success because of efficacy or safety concerns, failure to achieve positive clinical outcomes, inability to obtain necessary regulatory approvals, failure to achieve market adoption, limited scope of approved uses, excessive costs to manufacture, the failure to establish or maintain intellectual property rights, or the infringement of intellectual property rights of others.

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*Future legislation, and/or regulations and policies adopted by the FDA or other U.S. or foreign regulatory authorities may increase the time and cost required by some of our portfolio companies to conduct and complete clinical trials for the product candidates that they develop, and there is no assurance that these companies will obtain regulatory approval to market and commercialize their products in the U.S. and in foreign countries*

The FDA has established regulations, guidelines and policies to govern the drug development and approval process, as have foreign regulatory authorities, which affect some of our portfolio companies. Any change in regulatory requirements due to the adoption by the FDA and/or foreign regulatory authorities of new legislation, regulations, or policies may require some of our portfolio companies to amend existing clinical trial protocols or add new clinical trials to comply with these changes. Such amendments to existing protocols and/or clinical trial applications or the need for new ones, may significantly impact the cost, timing and completion of the clinical trials.

In addition, increased scrutiny by the U.S. Congress of the FDA's and other authorities approval processes may significantly delay or prevent regulatory approval, as well as impose more stringent product labeling and post-marketing testing and other requirements. Foreign regulatory authorities may also increase their scrutiny of approval processes resulting in similar delays. Increased scrutiny and approvals processes may limit the ability of our portfolio companies to market and commercialize their products in the U.S. and in foreign countries.

*Changes in healthcare laws and other regulations applicable to some of our portfolio companies' businesses may constrain their ability to offer their products and services.*

Changes in healthcare or other laws and regulations applicable to the businesses of some of our portfolio companies may occur that could increase their compliance and other costs of doing business, require significant systems enhancements, or render their products or services less profitable or obsolete, any of which could have a material adverse effect on their results of operations. There has also been an increased political and regulatory focus on healthcare laws in recent years, and new legislation could have a material effect on the business and operations of some of our portfolio companies.

*Price declines and illiquidity in the corporate debt markets could adversely affect the fair value of our portfolio investments, reducing our net asset value through increased net unrealized depreciation.*

As a business development company, we are required to carry our investments at market value or, if no market value is ascertainable, at fair market value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our board of directors. As part of the valuation process, we may take into account the following types of factors, if relevant, in determining the fair value of our investments: the enterprise value of a portfolio company (an estimate of the total fair value of the portfolio company's debt and equity), the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flow, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, a comparison of the portfolio company's securities to similar publicly traded securities, changes in the interest rate environment and the credit markets generally that may affect the price at which similar investments may be made in the future and other relevant factors. When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, we use the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate our valuation. While most of our investments are not publicly traded, applicable accounting standards require us to assume as part of our valuation process that our investments are sold in a principal market to market participants (even if we plan on holding an investment through its maturity). As a result, volatility in the capital markets can also adversely affect our investment valuations. Decreases in the market values or fair values of our investments are recorded as unrealized depreciation. The effect of all of these factors on our portfolio can reduce our net asset value by increasing net unrealized depreciation in our portfolio.

Depending on market conditions, we could incur substantial realized losses and may suffer substantial unrealized depreciation in future periods, which could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.



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***Economic recessions or slowdowns could impair the ability of our portfolio companies to repay loans, which, in turn, could increase our non-performing assets, decrease the value of our portfolio, reduce our volume of new loans and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.***

Many of our portfolio companies may be susceptible to economic slowdowns or recessions in both the U.S. and foreign countries, and may be unable to repay our loans during such periods. Therefore, during such periods, our non-performing assets are likely to increase and the value of our portfolio is likely to decrease. Adverse economic conditions also may decrease the value of collateral securing some of our loans and the value of our equity investments. Economic slowdowns or recessions could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and a decrease in revenues, net income and assets. Unfavorable economic conditions also could increase our funding costs, limit our access to the capital markets or result in a decision by lenders not to extend credit to us. These events could prevent us from increasing investments and harm our operating results.

In particular, intellectual property owned or controlled by our portfolio companies may constitute an important portion of the value of the collateral of our loans to our portfolio companies. Adverse economic conditions may decrease the demand for our portfolio companies intellectual property and consequently its value in the event of a bankruptcy or required sale through a foreclosure proceeding. As a result, our ability to fully recover the amounts owed to us under the terms of the loans may be impaired by such events.

A portfolio company's failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by us or other lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, termination of the portfolio company's loans and foreclosure on its secured assets, which could trigger cross-defaults under other agreements and jeopardize the portfolio company's ability to meet its obligations under the debt securities that we hold. We may incur expenses to the extent necessary to seek recovery upon default or to negotiate new terms with a defaulting portfolio company.

***The health and performance of our portfolio companies could be adversely affected by political and economic conditions in the countries in which they conduct business.***

Some of the products of our portfolio companies are developed, manufactured, assembled, tested or marketed outside the U.S. Any conflict or uncertainty in these countries, including due to natural disasters, public health concerns, political unrest or safety concerns, could harm their business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, if the government of any country in which their products are developed, manufactured or sold sets technical or regulatory standards for products developed or manufactured in or imported into their country that are not widely shared, it may lead some of their customers to suspend imports of their products into that country, require manufacturers or developers in that country to manufacture or develop products with different technical or regulatory standards and disrupt cross-border manufacturing, marketing or business relationships which, in each case, could harm their businesses.

***Any unrealized losses we experience on our investment portfolio may be an indication of future realized losses, which could reduce our income available for distribution and could impair our ability to service our borrowings.***

As a business development company, we are required to carry our investments at market value or, if no market value is ascertainable, at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. Decreases in the market values or fair values of our investments will be recorded as unrealized depreciation. Any unrealized depreciation in our investment portfolio could be an indication of a portfolio company's inability to meet its repayment obligations to us with respect to the affected investments. This could result in realized losses in the future and ultimately in reductions of our income available for distribution in future periods and could materially adversely affect our ability to service our outstanding borrowings.

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***A lack of initial public offering, or IPO, opportunities may cause companies to stay in our portfolio longer, leading to lower returns, unrealized depreciation, or realized losses.***

A lack of IPO opportunities for venture capital-backed companies could lead to companies staying longer in our portfolio as private entities still requiring funding. This situation may adversely affect the amount of available funding for early-stage companies in particular as, in general, venture-capital firms are being forced to provide additional financing to late-stage companies that cannot complete an IPO. In the best case, such stagnation would dampen returns, and in the worst case, could lead to unrealized depreciation and realized losses as some companies run short of cash and have to accept lower valuations in private fundings or are not able to access additional capital at all. A lack of IPO opportunities for venture capital-backed companies can also cause some venture capital firms to change their strategies, leading some of them to reduce funding of their portfolio companies and making it more difficult for such companies to access capital and to fulfill their potential, which can result in unrealized depreciation and realized losses in such companies by other companies such as ourselves who are co-investors in such companies.

***The majority of our portfolio companies will need multiple rounds of additional financing to repay their debts to us and continue operations. Our portfolio companies may not be able to raise additional financing, which could harm our investment returns.***

The majority of our portfolio companies will often require substantial additional equity financing to satisfy their continuing working capital and other cash requirements and, in most instances, to service the interest and principal payments on our investment. Each round of venture financing is typically intended to provide a company with only enough capital to reach the next stage of development. We cannot predict the circumstances or market conditions under which our portfolio companies will seek additional capital. It is possible that one or more of our portfolio companies will not be able to raise additional financing or may be able to do so only at a price or on terms unfavorable to us, either of which would negatively impact our investment returns. Some of these companies may be unable to obtain sufficient financing from private investors, public capital markets or traditional lenders. This may have a significant impact if the companies are unable to obtain certain federal, state or foreign agency approval for their products or the marketing thereof, of if regulatory review processes extend longer than anticipated, and the companies need continued funding for their operations during these times. Accordingly, financing these types of companies may entail a higher risk of loss than would financing companies that are able to utilize traditional credit sources.

***If the assets securing the loans that we make decrease in value, then we may lack sufficient collateral to cover losses.***

To attempt to mitigate credit risks, we will typically take a security interest in the available assets of our portfolio companies. There is no assurance that we will obtain or properly perfect our liens.

There is a risk that the collateral securing our loans may decrease in value over time, may be difficult to sell in a timely manner, may be difficult to appraise and may fluctuate in value based upon the success of the business and market conditions, including as a result of the inability of a portfolio company to raise additional capital. In some circumstances, our lien could be subordinated to claims of other creditors. Consequently, the fact that a loan is secured does not guarantee that we will receive principal and interest payments according to the loan's terms, or that we will be able to collect on the loan should we be forced to enforce our remedies.

In addition, because we invest in technology-related companies, a substantial portion of the assets securing our investment may be in the form of intellectual property, if any, inventory and equipment and, to a lesser extent, cash and accounts receivable. Intellectual property, if any, that is securing our loan could lose value if, among other things, the company's rights to the intellectual property are challenged or if the company's license to the intellectual property is revoked or expires, the technology fails to achieve its intended results or a new technology makes the intellectual property functionally obsolete. Inventory may not be adequate to secure our loan if our valuation of the inventory at the time that we made the loan was not accurate or if there is a reduction in the demand for the inventory.

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Similarly, any equipment securing our loan may not provide us with the anticipated security if there are changes in technology or advances in new equipment that render the particular equipment obsolete or of limited value, or if the company fails to adequately maintain or repair the equipment. Any one or more of the preceding factors could materially impair our ability to recover principal in a foreclosure.

At March 31, 2014, approximately 61.5% of our portfolio company debt investments were secured by a first priority security in all of the assets of the portfolio company, including their intellectual property, and 38.5% of the debt investments were to portfolio companies that were prohibited from pledging or encumbering their intellectual property. At March 31, 2014 we had no equipment only liens on any of our portfolio companies.

***We may suffer a loss if a portfolio company defaults on a loan and the underlying collateral is not sufficient.***

In the event of a default by a portfolio company on a secured loan, we will only have recourse to the assets collateralizing the loan. If the underlying collateral value is less than the loan amount, we will suffer a loss. In addition, we sometimes make loans that are unsecured, which are subject to the risk that other lenders may be directly secured by the assets of the portfolio company. In the event of a default, those collateralized lenders would have priority over us with respect to the proceeds of a sale of the underlying assets. In cases described above, we may lack control over the underlying asset collateralizing our loan or the underlying assets of the portfolio company prior to a default, and as a result the value of the collateral may be reduced by acts or omissions by owners or managers of the assets.

In the event of bankruptcy of a portfolio company, we may not have full recourse to its assets in order to satisfy our loan, or our loan may be subject to equitable subordination. This means that depending on the facts and circumstances, including the extent to which we actually provided significant managerial assistance, if any, to that portfolio company, a bankruptcy court might re-characterize our debt holding and subordinate all or a portion of our claim to that of other creditors. In addition, certain of our loans are subordinate to other debt of the portfolio company. If a portfolio company defaults on our loan or on debt senior to our loan, or in the event of a portfolio company bankruptcy, our loan will be satisfied only after the senior debt receives payment. Where debt senior to our loan exists, the presence of intercreditor arrangements may limit our ability to amend our loan documents, assign our loans, accept prepayments, exercise our remedies (through standstill periods) and control decisions made in bankruptcy proceedings relating to the portfolio company. Bankruptcy and portfolio company litigation can significantly increase collection losses and the time needed for us to acquire the underlying collateral in the event of a default, during which time the collateral may decline in value, causing us to suffer losses.

If the value of collateral underlying our loan declines or interest rates increase during the term of our loan, a portfolio company may not be able to obtain the necessary funds to repay our loan at maturity through refinancing. Decreasing collateral value and/or increasing interest rates may hinder a portfolio company's ability to refinance our loan because the underlying collateral cannot satisfy the debt service coverage requirements necessary to obtain new financing. If a borrower is unable to repay our loan at maturity, we could suffer a loss which may adversely impact our financial performance.

***The inability of our portfolio companies to commercialize their technologies or create or develop commercially viable products or businesses would have a negative impact on our investment returns.***

The possibility that our portfolio companies will not be able to commercialize their technology, products or business concepts presents significant risks to the value of our investment. Additionally, although some of our portfolio companies may already have a commercially successful product or product line when we invest, technology-related products and services often have a more limited market- or life-span than have products in other industries. Thus, the ultimate success of these companies often depends on their ability to continually innovate, or raise additional capital, in increasingly competitive markets. Their inability to do so could affect our

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investment return. In addition, the intellectual property held by our portfolio companies often represents a substantial portion of the collateral, if any, securing our investments. We cannot assure you that any of our portfolio companies will successfully acquire or develop any new technologies, or that the intellectual property the companies currently hold will remain viable. Even if our portfolio companies are able to develop commercially viable products, the market for new products and services is highly competitive and rapidly changing. Neither our portfolio companies nor we have any control over the pace of technology development. Commercial success is difficult to predict, and the marketing efforts of our portfolio companies may not be successful.

***An investment strategy focused primarily on privately-held companies presents certain challenges, including the lack of available information about these companies, a dependence on the talents and efforts of only a few key portfolio company personnel and a greater vulnerability to economic downturns.***

We invest primarily in privately-held companies. Generally, very little public information exists about these companies, and we are required to rely on the ability of our management team to obtain adequate information to evaluate the potential returns from investing in these companies. If we are unable to uncover all material information about these companies, then we may not make a fully informed investment decision, and we may not receive the expected return on our investment or lose some or all of the money invested in these companies.

Also, privately-held companies frequently have less diverse product lines and a smaller market presence than do larger competitors. Privately-held companies are, thus, generally more vulnerable to economic downturns and may experience more substantial variations in operating results than do larger competitors. These factors could affect our investment returns and our results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, our success depends, in large part, upon the abilities of the key management personnel of our portfolio companies, who are responsible for the day-to-day operations of our portfolio companies. Competition for qualified personnel is intense at any stage of a company's development, and high turnover of personnel is common in technology-related companies. The loss of one or more key managers can hinder or delay a company's implementation of its business plan and harm its financial condition. Our portfolio companies may not be able to attract and retain qualified managers and personnel. Any inability to do so may negatively impact our investment returns and our results of operations and financial condition.

***If our portfolio companies are unable to protect their intellectual property rights, or are required to devote significant resources to protecting their intellectual property rights, then our investments could be harmed.***

Our future success and competitive position depend in part upon the ability of our portfolio companies to obtain and maintain proprietary technology used in their products and services, which will often represent a significant portion of the collateral, if any, securing our investment. The portfolio companies will rely, in part, on patent, trade secret and trademark law to protect that technology, but competitors may misappropriate their intellectual property, and disputes as to ownership of intellectual property may arise. Portfolio companies may, from time to time, be required to institute litigation in order to enforce their patents, copyrights or other intellectual property rights, to protect their trade secrets, to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others or to defend against claims of infringement. Such litigation could result in substantial costs and diversion of resources. Similarly, if a portfolio company is found to infringe upon or misappropriate a third party's patent or other proprietary rights, that portfolio company could be required to pay damages to such third party, alter its own products or processes, obtain a license from the third party and/or cease activities utilizing such proprietary rights, including making or selling products utilizing such proprietary rights. Any of the foregoing events could negatively affect both the portfolio company's ability to service our debt investment and the value of any related debt and equity securities that we own, as well as any collateral securing our investment.

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***Portfolio company litigation could result in additional costs, the diversion of management time and resources and have an adverse impact on the fair value of our investment.***

To the extent that litigation arises with respect to any of our portfolio companies, we may be named as a defendant, which could result in additional costs and the diversion of management time and resources. Furthermore, if we are providing managerial assistance to the portfolio company or have representatives on the portfolio company's board of directors, our costs and diversion of our management's time and resources in assessing the portfolio company could be substantial in light of any such litigation regardless of whether we are named as a defendant. In addition, litigation involving a portfolio company may be costly and affect the operations of the portfolio company's business, which could in turn have an adverse impact on the fair value of our investment in such company.

***We may not be able to realize our entire investment on equipment-based loans in the case of default.***

We may from time-to-time provide loans that will be collateralized only by equipment of the portfolio company. If the portfolio company defaults on the loan we would take possession of the underlying equipment to satisfy the outstanding debt. The residual value of the equipment at the time we would take possession may not be sufficient to satisfy the outstanding debt and we could experience a loss on the disposition of the equipment.

***Our investments in foreign securities may involve significant risks in addition to the risks inherent in U.S. investments.***

Our investment strategy contemplates that a portion of our investments may be in securities of foreign companies. Our total investments at value in foreign companies were approximately \$46.7 million or 5.2% of total investments at March 31, 2014. Investing in foreign companies may expose us to additional risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies. These risks include changes in exchange control regulations, political and social instability, expropriation, imposition of foreign taxes, less liquid markets and less available information than is generally the case in the U.S., higher transaction costs, less government supervision of exchanges, brokers and issuers, less developed bankruptcy laws, difficulty in enforcing contractual obligations, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards and greater price volatility.

***If our investments do not meet our performance expectations, you may not receive distributions.***

We intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders. We may not be able to achieve operating results that will allow us to make distributions at a specific level or to increase the amount of these distributions from time to time. In addition, due to the asset coverage test applicable to us as a business development company, we may be limited in our ability to make distributions. Also, restrictions and provisions in any future credit facilities may limit our ability to make distributions. As a RIC, if we do not distribute a certain percentage of our income annually, we will suffer adverse tax consequences, including failure to obtain, or possible loss of, the federal income tax benefits allowable to RICs. We cannot assure you that you will receive distributions at a particular level or at all.

***We may not have sufficient funds to make follow-on investments. Our decision not to make a follow-on investment may have a negative impact on a portfolio company in need of such an investment or may result in a missed opportunity for us.***

After our initial investment in a portfolio company, we may be called upon from time to time to provide additional funds to such company or have the opportunity to increase our investment in a successful situation, for example, the exercise of a warrant to purchase common stock. Any decision we make not to make a follow-on investment or any inability on our part to make such an investment may have a negative impact on a portfolio company in need of such an investment or may result in a missed opportunity for us to increase our participation in a successful operation and may dilute our equity interest or otherwise reduce the expected yield on our investment. Moreover, a follow-on investment may limit the number of companies in which we can make initial

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investments. In determining whether to make a follow-on investment, our management will exercise its business judgment and apply criteria similar to those used when making the initial investment. There is no assurance that we will make, or will have sufficient funds to make, follow-on investments and this could adversely affect our success and result in the loss of a substantial portion or all of our investment in a portfolio company.

***The lack of liquidity in our investments may adversely affect our business and, if we need to sell any of our investments, we may not be able to do so at a favorable price. As a result, we may suffer losses.***

We generally invest in debt securities with terms of up to seven years and hold such investments until maturity, and we do not expect that our related holdings of equity securities will provide us with liquidity opportunities in the near-term. We invest and expect to continue investing in companies whose securities have no established trading market and whose securities are and will be subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or whose securities are and will be less liquid than are publicly-traded securities. The illiquidity of these investments may make it difficult for us to sell these investments when desired. In addition, if we are required to liquidate all or a portion of our portfolio quickly, we may realize significantly less than the value at which we had previously recorded these investments. As a result, we do not expect to achieve liquidity in our investments in the near-term. However, to maintain our qualification as a business development company and as a RIC, we may have to dispose of investments if we do not satisfy one or more of the applicable criteria under the respective regulatory frameworks.

***Our portfolio companies may incur debt or issue equity securities that rank equally with, or senior to, our investments in such companies.***

We invest primarily in debt securities issued by our portfolio companies. In some cases, portfolio companies will be permitted to incur other debt, or issue other equity securities, that rank equally with, or senior to, our investment. Such instruments may provide that the holders thereof are entitled to receive payment of dividends, interest or principal on or before the dates on which we are entitled to receive payments in respect of our investments. These debt instruments would usually prohibit the portfolio companies from paying interest on or repaying our investments in the event and during the continuance of a default under such debt. Also, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of a portfolio company, holders of securities ranking senior to our investment in that portfolio company would typically be entitled to receive payment in full before we receive any distribution in respect of our investment. After repaying such holders, the portfolio company might not have any remaining assets to use for repaying its obligation to us. In the case of securities ranking equally with our investments, we would have to share on a pari passu basis any distributions with other security holders in the event of an insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of the relevant portfolio company.

The rights we may have with respect to the collateral securing any junior priority loans we make to our portfolio companies may also be limited pursuant to the terms of one or more intercreditor agreements that we enter into with the holders of senior debt. Under such an intercreditor agreement, at any time that senior obligations are outstanding, we may forfeit certain rights with respect to the collateral to the holders of the senior obligations. These rights may include the right to commence enforcement proceedings against the collateral, the right to control the conduct of such enforcement proceedings, the right to approve amendments to collateral documents, the right to release liens on the collateral and the right to waive past defaults under collateral documents. We may not have the ability to control or direct such actions, even if as a result our rights as junior lenders are adversely affected.

***Our equity related investments are highly speculative, and we may not realize gains from these investments. If our equity investments do not generate gains, then the return on our invested capital will be lower than it would otherwise be, which could result in a decline in the value of shares of our common stock.***

When we invest in debt securities, we generally expect to acquire warrants or other equity securities as well. Our goal is ultimately to dispose of these equity interests and realize gains upon disposition of such interests.

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Over time, the gains that we realize on these equity interests may offset, to some extent, losses that we experience on defaults under debt securities that we hold. However, the equity interests that we receive may not appreciate in value and, in fact, may decline in value. Accordingly, we may not be able to realize gains from our equity interests, and any gains that we do realize on the disposition of any equity interests may not be sufficient to offset any other losses that we experience.

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

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, we received debt investment early repayments and pay down of working capital debt investments of approximately \$88.6 million. We are subject to the risk that the investments we make in our portfolio companies may be repaid prior to maturity. When this occurs, we will generally reinvest these proceeds in temporary investments, pending their future investment in new portfolio companies. These temporary investments will typically have substantially lower yields than the debt being prepaid and we could experience significant delays in reinvesting these amounts. Any future investment in a new portfolio company may also be at lower yields than the debt that was repaid. As a result, our results of operations could be materially adversely affected if one or more of our portfolio companies elect to prepay amounts owed to us. Additionally, prepayments could negatively impact our return on equity, which could result in a decline in the market price of our common stock.

***We may choose to waive or defer enforcement of covenants in the debt securities held in our portfolio, which may cause us to lose all or part of our investment in these companies.***

We structure the debt investments in our portfolio companies to include business and financial covenants placing affirmative and negative obligations on the operation of the company's business and its financial condition. However, from time to time we may elect to waive breaches of these covenants, including our right to payment, or waive or defer enforcement of remedies, such as acceleration of obligations or foreclosure on collateral, depending upon the financial condition and prospects of the particular portfolio company. These actions may reduce the likelihood of our receiving the full amount of future payments of interest or principal and be accompanied by a deterioration in the value of the underlying collateral as many of these companies may have limited financial resources, may be unable to meet future obligations and may go bankrupt. This could negatively impact our ability to pay dividends, could adversely affect our results of operation and financial condition and cause the loss of all or part of your investment.

We may also be subject to lender liability claims for actions taken by us with respect to a borrower's business or instances where we exercise control over the borrower. It is possible that we could become subject to a lender's liability claim, including as a result of actions taken in rendering significant managerial assistance or actions to compel and collect payments from the borrower outside the ordinary course of business.

***Our loans could be subject to equitable subordination by a court which would increase our risk of loss with respect to such loans or we could be subject to lender liability claims.***

Courts may apply the doctrine of equitable subordination to subordinate the claim or lien of a lender against a borrower to claims or liens of other creditors of the borrower, when the lender or its affiliates is found to have engaged in unfair, inequitable or fraudulent conduct. The courts have also applied the doctrine of equitable subordination when a lender or its affiliates is found to have exerted inappropriate control over a client, including control resulting from the ownership of equity interests in a client. We have made direct equity investments or received warrants in connection with loans. These investments represent approximately 10.4% of the outstanding balance of our portfolio as of March 31, 2014. Payments on one or more of our loans, particularly a loan to a client in which we also hold an equity interest, may be subject to claims of equitable subordination. If we were deemed to have the ability to control or otherwise exercise influence over the business and affairs of one or more of our portfolio companies resulting in economic hardship to other creditors of that company, this control or influence may constitute grounds for equitable subordination and a court may treat one or more of our loans as if

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it were unsecured or common equity in the portfolio company. In that case, if the portfolio company were to liquidate, we would be entitled to repayment of our loan on a pro-rata basis with other unsecured debt or, if the effect of subordination was to place us at the level of common equity, then on an equal basis with other holders of the portfolio company's common equity only after all of its obligations relating to its debt and preferred securities had been satisfied.

### **Risks Related to Our Securities**

#### ***Investing in shares of our common stock involves an above average degree of risk.***

The investments we make in accordance with our investment objective may result in a higher amount of risk, volatility or loss of principal than alternative investment options. Our investments in portfolio companies may be highly speculative and aggressive, and therefore, an investment in our common stock may not be suitable for investors with lower risk tolerance.

#### ***Our common stock may trade below its net asset value per share, which limits our ability to raise additional equity capital.***

If our common stock is trading below its net asset value per share, we will generally not be able to issue additional shares of our common stock at its market price without first obtaining the approval for such issuance from our stockholders and our independent directors. If our common stock trades below net asset value, the higher cost of equity capital may result in it being unattractive to raise new equity, which may limit our ability to grow. The risk of trading below net asset value is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value per share may decline. We cannot predict whether shares of our common stock will trade above, at or below our net asset value.

#### ***Provisions of our charter and bylaws could deter takeover attempts and have an adverse impact on the price of our common stock.***

Our charter and bylaws contain provisions that may have the effect of discouraging, delaying, or making difficult a change in control of our company or the removal of our incumbent directors. Under our charter, our Board of Directors is divided into three classes serving staggered terms, which will make it more difficult for a hostile bidder to acquire control of us. In addition, our Board of Directors may, without stockholder action, authorize the issuance of shares of stock in one or more classes or series, including preferred stock. Subject to compliance with the 1940 Act, our Board of Directors may, without stockholder action, amend our charter to increase the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue. The existence of these provisions, among others, may have a negative impact on the price of our common stock and may discourage third party bids for ownership of our company. These provisions may prevent any premiums being offered to you for shares of our common stock.

#### ***We may again obtain the approval of our stockholders to issue shares of our common stock at prices below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock. If we receive such approval from the stockholders, we may again issue shares of our common stock at a price below the then current net asset value per share of common stock. Any such issuance could materially dilute your interest in our common stock and reduce our net asset value per share.***

We may again obtain the approval of our stockholders to issue shares of our common stock at prices below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock. Such approval has allowed and may again allow us to access the capital markets in a way that we typically are unable to do as a result of restrictions that, absent stockholder approval, apply to business development companies under the 1940 Act. Any decision to sell shares of our common stock below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock is subject to the determination by our board of directors that such issuance and sale is in our and our stockholders' best interests.



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Any sale or other issuance of shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value per share has resulted and will continue to result in an immediate dilution to your interest in our common stock and a reduction of our net asset value per share. This dilution would occur as a result of a proportionately greater decrease in a stockholder's interest in our earnings and assets and voting interest in us than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance. Because the number of future shares of common stock that may be issued below our net asset value per share and the price and timing of such issuances are not currently known, we cannot predict the actual dilutive effect of any such issuance. We also cannot determine the resulting reduction in our net asset value per share of any such issuance at this time. We caution you that such effects may be material, and we undertake to describe all the material risks and dilutive effects of any offering that we make at a price below our then current net asset value in the future in a prospectus supplement issued in connection with any such offering. We cannot predict whether shares of our common stock will trade above, at or below our net asset value.

*If we conduct an offering of our common stock at a price below net asset value, investors are likely to incur immediate dilution upon the closing of the offering.*

We are not generally able to issue and sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share. We may, however, sell our common stock, at a price below the current net asset value of the common stock, or sell warrants, options or rights to acquire such common stock, at a price below the current net asset value of the common stock if our board of directors determines that such sale is in our best interests and the best interests of our stockholders have approved the practice of making such sales.

Although we are not currently authorized to issue shares of our common stock at a price below our net asset value per share, we may seek stockholder approval of this proposal again at a special meeting of stockholders or our next annual meeting of stockholders. Our Board of Directors, subject to its fiduciary duties and regulatory requirements, has the discretion to determine the amount of the discount, and as a result, the discount could be up to 100% of net asset value per share. If we were to issue shares at a price below net asset value, such sales would result in an immediate dilution to existing common stockholders, which would include a reduction in the net asset value per share as a result of the issuance. This dilution would also include a proportionately greater decrease in a stockholder's interest in our earnings and assets and voting interest in us than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance.

In addition, if we determined to conduct additional offerings in the future there may be even greater discounts if we determine to conduct such offerings at prices below net asset value. As a result, investors will experience further dilution and additional discounts to the price of our common stock. Because the number of shares of common stock that could be so issued and the timing of any issuance is not currently known, the actual dilutive effect of an offering cannot be predicted. We did not sell any of our securities at a price below net asset value during the three-months ended March 31, 2014.

*Our shares may trade at discounts from net asset value or at premiums that are unsustainable over the long term.*

Shares of business development companies may trade at a market price that is less than the net asset value that is attributable to those shares. Our shares have traded above and below our NAV. The possibility that our shares of common stock will trade at a discount from net asset value or at a premium that is unsustainable over the long term is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value will decrease. It is not possible to predict whether our shares will trade at, above or below net asset value in the future.

*We may allocate the net proceeds from an offering in ways with which you may not agree.*

We have significant flexibility in investing the net proceeds of an offering and may use the net proceeds from an offering in ways with which you may not agree or for purposes other than those contemplated at the time of the offering.

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*If we issue preferred stock, debt securities or convertible debt securities, the net asset value and market value of our common stock may become more volatile.*

We cannot assure you that the issuance of preferred stock and/or debt securities would result in a higher yield or return to the holders of our common stock. The issuance of preferred stock, debt securities or convertible debt would likely cause the net asset value and market value of our common stock to become more volatile. If the dividend rate on the preferred stock, or the interest rate on the debt securities, were to approach the net rate of return on our investment portfolio, the benefit of leverage to the holders of our common stock would be reduced. If the dividend rate on the preferred stock, or the interest rate on the debt securities, were to exceed the net rate of return on our portfolio, the use of leverage would result in a lower rate of return to the holders of common stock than if we had not issued the preferred stock or debt securities. Any decline in the net asset value of our investment would be borne entirely by the holders of our common stock. Therefore, if the market value of our portfolio were to decline, the leverage would result in a greater decrease in net asset value to the holders of our common stock than if we were not leveraged through the issuance of preferred stock. This decline in net asset value would also tend to cause a greater decline in the market price for our common stock.

There is also a risk that, in the event of a sharp decline in the value of our net assets, we would be in danger of failing to maintain required asset coverage ratios which may be required by the preferred stock, debt securities, convertible debt or units or of a downgrade in the ratings of the preferred stock, debt securities, convertible debt or units or our current investment income might not be sufficient to meet the dividend requirements on the preferred stock or the interest payments on the debt securities. If we do not maintain our required asset coverage ratios, we may not be permitted to declare dividends. In order to counteract such an event, we might need to liquidate investments in order to fund redemption of some or all of the preferred stock, debt securities or convertible debt. In addition, we would pay (and the holders of our common stock would bear) all costs and expenses relating to the issuance and ongoing maintenance of the preferred stock, debt securities, convertible debt or any combination of these securities. Holders of preferred stock, debt securities or convertible debt may have different interests than holders of common stock and may at times have disproportionate influence over our affairs.

*Holders of any preferred stock that we may issue will have the right to elect members of the board of directors and have class voting rights on certain matters.*

The 1940 Act requires that holders of shares of preferred stock must be entitled as a class to elect two directors at all times and to elect a majority of the directors if dividends on such preferred stock are in arrears by two years or more, until such arrearage is eliminated. In addition, certain matters under the 1940 Act require the separate vote of the holders of any issued and outstanding preferred stock, including changes in fundamental investment restrictions and conversion to open-end status and, accordingly, preferred stockholders could veto any such changes. Restrictions imposed on the declarations and payment of dividends or other distributions to the holders of our common stock and preferred stock, both by the 1940 Act and by requirements imposed by rating agencies, might impair our ability to maintain our qualification as a RIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

*Your interest in us may be diluted if you do not fully exercise your subscription rights in any rights offering. In addition, if the subscription price is less than our net asset value per share, then you will experience an immediate dilution of the aggregate net asset value of your shares.*

In the event we issue subscription rights, stockholders who do not fully exercise their subscription rights should expect that they will, at the completion of a rights offering pursuant to this prospectus, own a smaller proportional interest in us than would otherwise be the case if they fully exercised their rights. We cannot state precisely the amount of any such dilution in share ownership because we do not know at this time what proportion of the shares will be purchased as a result of such rights offering.

In addition, if the subscription price is less than the net asset value per share of our common stock, then our stockholders would experience an immediate dilution of the aggregate net asset value of their shares as a result of

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the offering. The amount of any decrease in net asset value is not predictable because it is not known at this time what the subscription price and net asset value per share will be on the expiration date of a rights offering or what proportion of the shares will be purchased as a result of such rights offering. Such dilution could be substantial.

#### *The trading market or market value of our publicly issued debt securities may fluctuate.*

Our publicly issued debt securities may or may not have an established trading market. We cannot assure you that a trading market for our publicly issued debt securities will ever develop or be maintained if developed. In addition to our creditworthiness, many factors may materially adversely affect the trading market for, and market value of, our publicly issued debt securities. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

the time remaining to the maturity of these debt securities;

the outstanding principal amount of debt securities with terms identical to these debt securities;

the ratings assigned by national statistical ratings agencies;

the general economic environment;

the supply of debt securities trading in the secondary market, if any;

the redemption or repayment features, if any, of these debt securities;

the level, direction and volatility of market interest rates generally; and

market rates of interest higher or lower than rates borne by the debt securities. You should also be aware that there may be a limited number of buyers when you decide to sell your debt securities. This too may materially adversely affect the market value of the debt securities or the trading market for the debt securities.

#### *Terms relating to redemption may materially adversely affect your return on any debt securities that we may issue.*

If your debt securities are redeemable at our option, we may choose to redeem your debt securities at times when prevailing interest rates are lower than the interest rate paid on your debt securities. In addition, if your debt securities are subject to mandatory redemption, we may be required to redeem your debt securities also at times when prevailing interest rates are lower than the interest rate paid on your debt securities. In this circumstance, you may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security at an effective interest rate as high as your debt securities being redeemed.

#### *Our credit ratings may not reflect all risks of an investment in our debt securities.*

Our credit ratings are an assessment by third parties of our ability to pay our obligations. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings will generally affect the market value of our debt securities. Our credit ratings, however, may not reflect the potential impact of risks related to market conditions generally or other factors discussed above on the market value of or trading market for the publicly issued debt securities.

*Investors in offerings of our common stock will likely incur immediate dilution upon the closing of such offering.*

We generally expect the public offering price of any offering of shares of our common stock to be higher than the book value per share of our outstanding common stock (unless we offer shares pursuant to a rights offering or after obtaining prior approval for such issuance from our stockholders and our independent directors). Accordingly, investors purchasing shares of common stock in offerings pursuant to this prospectus may pay a price per share that exceeds the tangible book value per share after such offering.

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***Our stockholders will experience dilution in their ownership percentage if they opt out of our dividend reinvestment plan.***

All dividends declared in cash payable to stockholders that are participants in our dividend reinvestment plan are automatically reinvested in shares of our common stock. As a result, our stockholders that opt out of our dividend reinvestment plan will experience dilution in their ownership percentage of our common stock over time.

***Our stockholders may experience dilution upon the conversion of the Convertible Notes.***

The Convertible Senior Notes are convertible into shares of our common stock beginning October 15, 2015, or, under certain circumstances, earlier. Upon conversion of the Convertible Notes, we have the choice to pay or deliver, as the case may be, at our election, cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock. The current conversion price of the Convertible Senior Notes is approximately \$11.56 per share of common stock, in each case subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. If we elect to deliver shares of common stock upon a conversion at the time our tangible book value per share exceeds the conversion price in effect at such time, our stockholders will incur dilution. In addition, our stockholders will experience dilution in their ownership percentage of common stock upon our issuance of common stock in connection with the conversion of the Convertible Senior Notes and any dividends paid on our common stock will also be paid on shares issued in connection with such conversion after such issuance.

***Our common stock price has been and continues to be volatile and may decrease substantially.***

As with any company, the price of our common stock will fluctuate with market conditions and other factors, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market from time to time;

significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of RICs, business development companies or other financial services companies;

any inability to deploy or invest our capital;

fluctuations in interest rates;

any shortfall in revenue or net income or any increase in losses from levels expected by investors or securities analysts;

the financial performance of specific industries in which we invest in on a recurring basis;

announcement of strategic developments, acquisitions, and other material events by us or our competitors, or operating performance of companies comparable to us;

changes in regulatory policies or tax guidelines with respect to RICs, SBICs or business development companies;

losing RIC status;

actual or anticipated changes in our earnings or fluctuations in our operating results, or changes in the expectations of securities analysts;

changes in the value of our portfolio of investments;

realized losses in investments in our portfolio companies;

general economic conditions and trends;

inability to access the capital markets;

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loss of a major funded source; or

departures of key personnel.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been brought against that company. Due to the potential volatility of our stock price, we may be the target of securities litigation in the future. Securities litigation could result in substantial costs and could divert management's attention and resources from our business.

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

The matters discussed in this 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, projects, contemplates, believes, estimates, pre 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 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;

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 BDC, a SBIC and a 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, please see the discussion under Risk Factors. 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, as amended and the forward looking statements contained in our periodic reports are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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We have compiled certain industry estimates presented in this 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 common stock could be materially adversely affected.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We intend to use the net proceeds from selling our securities for funding investments in debt and equity securities in accordance with our investment objective and other general corporate purposes. The supplement to this prospectus relating to an offering will more fully identify the use of proceeds from such offering.

We anticipate that substantially all of the net proceeds from any offering of our securities will be used as described above within twelve months, but in no event longer than two years. Pending such uses and investments, we will invest the net proceeds primarily in cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment. Our ability to achieve our investment objective may be limited to the extent that the net proceeds of any offering, pending full investment, are held in lower yielding short-term instruments.

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Our common stock is traded on the NYSE under the symbol HTGC.

The following table sets forth the range of high and low sales prices of our common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Global Select Market for those periods prior to April 30, 2012 and the NYSE thereafter, the sales price as a percentage of net asset value and the dividends declared by us for each fiscal quarter. The stock quotations are interdealer quotations and do not include markups, markdowns or commissions.

	NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	Price Range		Premium/ Discount of High Sales Price to NAV	Premium/ Discount of Low Sales Price to NAV	Cash Dividend per Share
		High	Low			
<b>2012</b>						
First quarter	\$ 7.76	\$ 10.53	\$ 8.72	35.7%	12.4%	\$ 0.230
Second quarter	\$ 9.54	\$ 10.84	\$ 9.76	13.6%	2.3%	\$ 0.240
Third quarter	\$ 9.42	\$ 11.26	\$ 10.50	19.5%	11.5%	\$ 0.240
Fourth quarter	\$ 9.75	\$ 11.18	\$ 9.84	14.7%	0.9%	\$ 0.240
<b>2013</b>						
First quarter	\$ 10.00	\$ 11.88	\$ 11.58	18.8%	15.8%	\$ 0.250
Second quarter	\$ 10.09	\$ 13.61	\$ 11.05	34.9%	9.5%	\$ 0.270
Third quarter	\$ 10.42	\$ 15.18	\$ 13.20	45.7%	26.7%	\$ 0.280
Fourth quarter	\$ 10.51	\$ 17.09	\$ 14.62	62.6%	39.1%	\$ 0.310
<b>2014</b>						
First quarter	\$ 10.58	\$ 16.23	\$ 14.07	53.4%	33.0%	\$ 0.310
Second quarter (through May 23, 2014)	*	\$ 13.55	\$ 14.77	*	*	\$ 0.310

(1) Net asset value per share is generally determined as of the last day in the relevant quarter and therefore may not reflect the net asset value per share on the date of the high and low sales prices. The net asset values shown are based on outstanding shares at the end of each period.

\* Net asset value has not yet been calculated for this period.

The last reported price for our common stock on May 23, 2014 on the NYSE was \$14.77 per share.

Shares of business development companies may trade at a market price that is less than the value of the net assets attributable to those shares. The possibility that our shares of common stock will trade at a discount from net asset value or at premiums that are unsustainable over the long term are separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value will decrease. At times, our shares of common stock have traded at a premium to net asset value and at times our shares of common stock have traded at a discount to the net assets attributable to those shares. It is not possible to predict whether the shares offered hereby will trade at, above, or below net asset value.

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

<b>Date Declared</b>	<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Amount Per Share</b>
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
July 30, 2012	August 17, 2012	August 24, 2012	0.24
October 26, 2012	November 14, 2012	November 21, 2012	0.24
February 26, 2013	March 11, 2013	March 19, 2013	0.25
April 29, 2013	May 14, 2013	May 21, 2013	0.27
July 29, 2013	August 13, 2013	August 20, 2013	0.28
November 4, 2013	November 18, 2013	November 25, 2013	0.31
February 24, 2014	March 10, 2014	March 17, 2014	0.31
April 28, 2014	May 12, 2014	May 19, 2014	0.31
			\$ 9.37

\* Dividend paid in cash and stock.

On April 28, 2014 the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.31 per share paid on May 19, 2014 to shareholders of record as of May 12, 2014. This dividend represents our thirty-fifth consecutive dividend declaration since our initial public offering, bringing the total cumulative dividends declared to date to \$9.37 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.

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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 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. Of the dividends declared during the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011, 100% were distributions of

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ordinary income. There can be no certainty to stockholders that this determination is representative of what the tax attributes of our 2014 distributions to stockholders will actually be.

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 you specifically opt out of the dividend reinvestment plan and choose to receive cash dividends. During the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 and fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011, we issued approximately 29,000, 159,000, 219,000 and 167,000 shares, respectively, of common stock to shareholders in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan.

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 net 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 capital gains in excess of capital losses 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 timely distribute to our stockholders with respect to each taxable year at least 90% of our net 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 .

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

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The following contains our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated, computed as set forth below. You should read these ratios of earnings to fixed charges in connection with our consolidated financial statements, including the notes to those statements, included in this prospectus.

	<b>For the three-months ended March 31, 2014</b>	<b>For the year ended December 31, 2013</b>	<b>For the year ended December 31, 2012</b>	<b>For the year ended December 31, 2011</b>	<b>For the year ended December 31, 2010</b>	<b>For the year ended December 31, 2009</b>
Earnings to Fixed Charges <sup>(1)</sup>	3.41	3.83	2.97	3.95	1.51	2.20

For purposes of computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represent net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations 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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**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. In addition to historical information, the following discussion and other parts of this prospectus 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 Risk Factors and Forward-Looking Statements appearing elsewhere herein.*

**Overview**

We are a specialty finance company focused on providing senior secured loans to venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets, including technology, biotechnology, life science, and energy and renewables technology industries at all stages of development. We source our investments through our principal office located in Palo Alto, CA, as well as through our additional offices in Boston, MA, New York, NY and McLean, VA.

Our goal is to be the leading structured debt financing provider of choice for venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets requiring sophisticated and customized financing solutions. Our strategy is to evaluate and invest in a broad range of technology-related markets including technology, biotechnology, life science, and energy and renewables technology industries and to offer a full suite of growth capital products. We invest primarily in structured debt with warrants and, to a lesser extent, in senior debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in private companies and, to a lesser extent, public companies.

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 typically are secured by some or all of the assets of the portfolio company.

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-backed companies in technology-related markets with attractive current yields and the potential for equity appreciation and realized gains. Our equity ownership in our portfolio companies may exceed 25% of the voting securities of such companies, which represents a controlling interest under the 1940 Act. 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-backed companies in technology-related markets is generally used for growth and general working capital purposes as well as in select cases for acquisitions or recapitalizations.

We also make investments in qualifying small businesses through our two wholly-owned SBICs. Our SBIC subsidiaries, HT II and HT III, hold approximately \$143.7 million and \$290.0 million in assets, respectively, and accounted for approximately 9.5% and 19.3% of our total assets, respectively, prior to consolidation at March 31, 2014. As of March 31, 2014, 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 aggregate, at March 31, 2014, with our net investment of \$112.5 million, HT II and HT III have the capacity to issue a total of \$225.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures, subject to SBA approval. In March 2014, we repaid \$34.8 million of SBA debentures under HT II, priced at approximately 6.38%, including annual fees. At March 31, 2014, we have issued \$190.2 million in SBA-guaranteed debentures in our SBIC subsidiaries.

We have qualified as and have elected to be treated for tax purposes as a RIC under the Code. Pursuant to this election, we generally will not have to pay corporate-level taxes on any income that we distribute to our

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stockholders. However, our qualification and election to be treated as a RIC requires that we comply with provisions contained in the Code. For example, as a RIC we must receive 90% or more of our income from qualified earnings, typically referred to as good income, as well as satisfy asset diversification and income distribution requirements.

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, which includes securities of private U.S. companies, cash, cash equivalents and high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less.

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 requirements under the 1940 Act, we invest primarily in United-States based companies and to a lesser extent in foreign companies.

We regularly engage in discussions with third parties with respect to 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, our subsidiaries or our affiliates 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 fair value of our investment portfolio was \$890.7 million at March 31, 2014, as compared to \$910.3 million at December 31, 2013.

The fair value of our debt investment portfolio at March 31, 2014 was approximately \$798.4 million, compared to a fair value of approximately \$822.0 million at December 31, 2013. The fair value of the equity portfolio at March 31, 2014 was approximately \$68.7 million, compared to a fair value of approximately \$52.7 million at December 31, 2013. The fair value of the warrant portfolio at March 31, 2014 was approximately \$23.6 million, compared to a fair value of approximately \$35.6 million at December 31, 2013.

#### *Portfolio Activity*

Our investments in portfolio companies take a variety of forms, including unfunded contractual commitments and funded investments. From time to time, unfunded contractual commitments depend upon a portfolio company reaching certain milestones before the debt commitment is available to the portfolio company, which is expected to affect our funding levels. These commitments will be subject to the same underwriting and ongoing portfolio maintenance as the on-balance sheet financial instruments that we hold. Debt commitments generally fund over the two succeeding quarters from close. Not all debt commitments represent our future cash requirements. Similarly, unfunded contractual commitments may expire without being drawn and do not represent our future cash requirements.

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Prior to entering into a contractual commitment, we generally issue a non-binding term sheet to a prospective portfolio company. Non-binding 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 and generally convert to contractual commitments within approximately 90 days of signing. Not all non-binding term sheets are expected to close and do not necessarily represent our future cash requirements.

Our portfolio activity for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 (unaudited) and the year ended December 31, 2013 was comprised of the following:

(in millions)	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b>Debt Commitments<sup>(1)</sup></b>		
New portfolio company	\$ 115.4	\$ 535.0
Existing portfolio company	38.8	165.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 154.2</b>	<b>\$ 700.1</b>
<b>Funded Debt Investments</b>		
New portfolio company	\$ 92.4	\$ 373.1
Existing portfolio company	18.0	118.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 110.4</b>	<b>\$ 491.1</b>
<b>Funded Equity Investments</b>		
New portfolio company	\$	\$
Existing portfolio company	1.5	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1.5</b>	<b>\$ 3.9</b>
<b>Unfunded Contractual Commitments<sup>(2)</sup></b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 189.4</b>	<b>\$ 151.0</b>
<b>Non-Binding Term Sheets</b>		
New portfolio company	\$ 238.0	\$ 28.0
Existing portfolio company		10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 238.0</b>	<b>\$ 38.0</b>

(1) Includes restructured loans and renewals in addition to new commitments.

(2) The amount for March 31, 2014 includes unfunded contractual commitments in 31 new and existing portfolio companies. Approximately \$95.6 million of these unfunded contractual commitments as of March 31, 2014 are dependent upon the portfolio company reaching certain milestones before the debt commitment becomes available.

We receive payments in our debt investment portfolio based on scheduled amortization of the outstanding balances. In addition, we receive principal repayments for some of our loans prior to their scheduled maturity date. The frequency or volume of these early principal repayments may fluctuate significantly from period to period. During the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, we received approximately \$132.6 million in aggregate principal repayments. Of the approximately \$132.6 million of aggregate principal repayments, approximately \$82.0 million were early principal repayments related to 10 portfolio companies, approximately \$6.6 million were early repayments due to current quarter M&A transactions related to two portfolio companies and approximately \$44.0 million were scheduled principal payments.

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Total portfolio investment activity (inclusive of unearned income) for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 (unaudited) and for the year ended December 31, 2013 was as follows:

(in millions)	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Beginning Portfolio	\$ 910.3	\$ 906.3
New fundings	105.0	473.6
Restructure fundings	6.9	23.6
Warrants not related to current period fundings	0.1	3.5
Principal payments received on investments	(44.0)	(176.2)
Early payoffs	(88.6)	(300.6)
Restructure payoffs		(9.8)
Accretion of loan discounts and paid-in-kind principal	6.7	31.9
Acceleration of loan discounts and loan fees due to early payoff or restructure	(1.8)	(0.7)
New loan fees	(2.1)	(14.3)
Conversion of Other Assets		
Debt converted to Equity		
Warrants converted to Equity	2.0	0.2
Proceeds from sale of investments	(2.2)	(22.5)
Net realized (loss) gain on investments	(0.6)	(16.7)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(1.0)	12.0
<b>Ending Portfolio</b>	<b>\$ 890.7</b>	<b>\$ 910.3</b>

The following table shows the fair value of our portfolio of investments by asset class as of March 31, 2014 (unaudited) and December 31, 2013.

(in thousands)	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio
Senior secured debt with warrants	\$ 500,899	56.2%	\$ 634,820	69.7%
Senior secured debt	321,074	36.0%	222,805	24.5%
Preferred stock	45,723	5.1%	35,554	3.9%
Common stock	22,966	2.7%	17,116	1.9%
	<b>\$ 890,662</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 910,295</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The decline in senior secured debt with warrants is consistent with the overall decline in our investment portfolio at March 31, 2014 from December 31, 2013 and the increase in senior secured debt is due to the addition of seven new debt investments in the three-months ended March 31, 2014 partially offset by the payoff of two existing debt investments included in the period ended December 31, 2013.

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

(in thousands)	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio
United States	\$ 843,941	94.8%	\$ 864,003	94.9%
Canada	26,201	2.9%	25,798	2.8%
Israel	10,012	1.1%	9,863	1.1%
Netherlands	10,008	1.1%	10,131	1.1%
England	500	0.1%	500	0.1%

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\$ 890,662

100.0%

\$ 910,295

100.0%

As of March 31, 2014, we held warrants or equity positions in four companies that have filed registration statements on Form S-1 with the SEC in contemplation of potential initial public offerings, specifically, Box, Inc. ( BOX ), Dance Biopharm, Inc. and two companies that filed confidentially under the JOBS Act. There can be no assurance that these companies will complete their initial public offerings in a timely manner or at all.

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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 investments generally range from \$1.0 million to \$40.0 million. As of March 31, 2014, our debt investments have a term of between two and seven years and typically bear interest at a rate ranging from the prevailing U.S. prime rate, or Prime or the London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, to approximately 15%. In addition to the cash yields received on our debt investments, in some instances, our debt investments 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 \$3.9 million and \$4.0 million of unamortized fees at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, and approximately \$14.6 million and \$14.4 million in exit fees receivable at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

We have debt investments 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 \$852,000 and \$779,000 in PIK income in the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In the majority of cases, we collateralize our investments by obtaining a first priority security interest in a portfolio company's assets, which may include its intellectual property. In other cases, we obtain a negative pledge covering a company's intellectual property. At March 31, 2014, approximately 61.5% of our portfolio company debt investments were secured by a first priority security in all of the assets of the portfolio company, including their intellectual property, and 38.5% of the debt investments were to portfolio companies that were prohibited from pledging or encumbering their intellectual property. At March 31, 2014 we had no equipment only liens on any of our portfolio companies.

Interest on debt securities is generally payable monthly, with amortization of principal typically occurring over the term of the security. In addition, certain of our loans may include an interest-only period ranging from three to eighteen months or longer. 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.

The effective yield on our debt investments during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 was 17.9% and 14.3%, respectively. This increase in effective yield between periods is primarily due to the effect of fee accelerations that occurred from increased early payoffs during the three months ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2013. The effective yield is derived by dividing total investment income by the weighted average earning investment portfolio assets outstanding during the quarter which exclude non-interest earning assets such as warrants and equity investments. The overall weighted average yield to maturity of our debt investments was approximately 13.3% at both March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013. 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.

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Our portfolio companies are primarily privately held companies and public companies which are active in the drug discovery and development, energy technology, internet consumer and business services, medical device and equipment, software, drug delivery, specialty pharmaceuticals, communications and networking, media/content/info, healthcare services, information services, surgical devices, semiconductors, biotechnology tools, consumer and business products, 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 for companies in these sectors is often vested in intangible assets and intellectual property.

As of March 31, 2014, approximately 64.9% of the fair value of our portfolio was composed of investments in four industries: 23.2% was composed of investments in the drug discovery and development industry, 18.7% was composed of investments in the energy technology industry, 11.9% was composed of investments in the internet consumer and business services industry and 11.1% was composed of investments in the medical device and equipment industry.

The following table shows the fair value of our portfolio by industry sector at March 31, 2014 (unaudited) and December 31, 2013:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio	Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio
Drug Discovery & Development	\$ 206,535	23.2%	\$ 219,169	24.1%
Energy Technology	166,482	18.7%	164,466	18.1%
Internet Consumer & Business Services	105,964	11.9%	122,073	13.4%
Medical Devices & Equipment	99,061	11.1%	103,614	11.4%
Software	79,077	8.9%	65,218	7.2%
Drug Delivery	63,335	7.1%	62,022	6.8%
Specialty Pharmaceuticals	40,217	4.5%	20,055	2.2%
Communications & Networking	35,526	4.0%	35,979	4.0%
Media/Content/Info	29,447	3.3%	8,679	1.0%
Healthcare Services, Other	20,626	2.3%	29,080	3.2%
Information Services	15,102	1.7%	46,565	5.1%
Surgical Devices	10,353	1.1%	10,307	1.0%
Semiconductors	9,464	1.1%	4,685	0.5%
Biotechnology Tools	4,541	0.5%	5,275	0.6%
Consumer & Business Products	3,282	0.4%	2,995	0.3%
Diagnostic	858	0.1%	902	0.1%
Electronics & Computer Hardware	792	0.1%	9,211	1.0%
	\$ 890,662	100.0%	\$ 910,295	100.0%

Industry and sector concentrations vary as new loans are recorded and loans pay off. Loan revenue, consisting of interest, fees, and recognition of gains on equity and equity-related interests, can fluctuate materially when a loan is paid off or a related warrant or equity interest is sold. Revenue recognition in any given year can be highly concentrated among several portfolio companies.

For the three-months ended March 31, 2014 and the year ended December 31, 2013, our ten largest portfolio companies represented approximately 29.5% and 29.3% of the total fair value of our investments in portfolio companies, respectively. At both March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we had one investment that represented 5% or more of our net assets. At March 31, 2014, we had five equity investments representing approximately 71.0% 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, 2013, we had six equity investments which represented approximately 75.7% of the total fair value of our equity investments, and each represented 5% or more of the total fair value of our equity investments.

As of March 31, 2014, 100% of our debt investments were in a senior secured first lien position, and approximately 98.0% of the debt investment portfolio was priced at floating interest rates or floating interest rates with a Prime-or LIBOR-based interest rate floor. As a result, we believe we are well positioned to benefit should market interest rates increase.





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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 generally equal to the most recent equity financing round. As of March 31, 2014, we held warrants in 107 portfolio companies, with a fair value of approximately \$23.6 million. The fair value of our warrant portfolio decreased by approximately 33.7%, as compared to a fair value of \$35.6 million at December 31, 2013 primarily related to the reversal of unrealized appreciation related to the exercise of our warrant positions in Neuralstem, Inc. (\$751,000) and Box, Inc. (\$8.3 million) to preferred stock.

Our existing warrant holdings currently would require us to invest approximately \$68.6 million to exercise such warrants as of March 31, 2014. Warrants may appreciate or depreciate in value depending largely upon the underlying portfolio company's performance and overall market conditions. Of the warrants which we have monetized since inception, we have realized warrant gain multiples in the range of approximately 1.01x to 14.91x based on the historical rate of return on our investments. However, our 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 portfolio.

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, which, in general, includes a company in which 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 ours, 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 affiliate investments for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 (unaudited). We did not hold any Control investments at either March 31, 2014 or 2013.

(in thousands)

Portfolio Company	Type	Fair Value at March 31, 2014	Investment Income	Three months ended March 31, 2014		Realized Gain/(Loss)
				Net Change in Unrealized (Depreciation)/ Appreciation	Reversal of Unrealized (Depreciation)/ Appreciation	
Gelesis, Inc.	Affiliate	\$ 497	\$	\$ 24	\$	\$
Optiscan						
BioMedical, Corp.	Affiliate	5,032		247		
Stion Corporation	Affiliate	5,664	1,475	(224)		
<b>Total</b>		\$ 11,193	\$ 1,475	\$ 47	\$	\$

(in thousands)

Portfolio Company	Type	Fair Value at March 31, 2013	Investment Income	Three months ended March 31, 2013		Realized Gain/(Loss)
				Net Change in Unrealized (Depreciation)/ Appreciation	Reversal of Unrealized (Depreciation)/ Appreciation	
Gelesis, Inc.	Affiliate	\$ 1,888	\$	\$ 222	\$	\$
Optiscan						
BioMedical, Corp.	Affiliate	12,308	610	212		
<b>Total</b>		\$ 14,196	\$ 610	\$ 434	\$	\$

During the year ended December 31, 2013 Stion Corporation became classified as an affiliate.

*Portfolio Grading*

We use an investment grading system, which grades each debt investments 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

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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, 2014 (unaudited) and December 31, 2013, respectively:

(in thousands)	Number of Companies	March 31, 2014		Number of Companies	December 31, 2013	
		Debt Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio		Debt Investments at Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio
<b>Investment Grading</b>						
1	20	\$ 225,685	28.3%	15	\$ 162,586	19.8%
2	35	391,172	49.0%	42	429,804	52.3%
3	18	158,956	19.9%	18	184,692	22.5%
4	3	14,615	1.8%	4	30,687	3.7%
5	4	7,931	1.0%	5	14,219	1.7%
		\$ 798,359	100.0%		\$ 821,988	100.0%

As of March 31, 2014, our debt investments had a weighted average investment grading of 2.05, as compared to 2.20 at December 31, 2013. 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 or are underperforming relative to 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 therefore have been downgraded until their funding is complete or their operations improve.

At March 31, 2014, we had three debt investments on non-accrual with a cumulative cost and fair value of approximately \$24.0 million and \$7.7 million, respectively. At December 31, 2013 we had two debt investments on non-accrual with a cumulative cost and fair value of approximately \$23.3 million and \$12.6 million, respectively.

**Results of Operations****Comparison of the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013*****Investment Income***

Total investment income for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 was approximately \$35.8 million as compared to approximately \$31.0 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013.

Interest income for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 totaled approximately \$30.8 million as compared to approximately \$28.9 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013. The increase in interest income is attributable to an increase in accelerations related to early payoffs and material loan modifications (cumulative increase of approximately \$3.9 million) partially offset by a decline in the debt investment portfolio and a decrease in default interest income (cumulative decrease of approximately \$2.0 million).

Income from commitment, facility and loan related fees for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 totaled approximately \$4.9 million as compared to approximately \$2.0 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013. The increase in fee income is primarily attributable to an increase in accelerations related to early payoffs and material loan modifications (cumulative increase of approximately \$1.1 million) as well as an increase in prepayment penalties collected on early payoffs (an increase of approximately \$1.7 million).

The following table shows the PIK-related activity for the three-months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, at cost (unaudited):

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2014	March 31, 2013

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Beginning PIK loan balance	\$ 4,982	\$ 3,309
PIK interest capitalized during the period	659	697
Payments received from PIK loans	(1,205)	(142)
<b>Ending PIK loan balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,436</b>	<b>\$ 3,864</b>

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The increase in payments received from PIK loans during the three-months ended March 31, 2014 is due to the addition of nine PIK loans which have incurred PIK capitalizations during the period and the payoff of two PIK loans during the three-month period ended March 31, 2014.

In certain investment transactions, we may earn income from advisory services; however, we had no income from advisory services in the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

#### ***Operating Expenses***

Our operating expenses are comprised of interest and fees on our borrowings, general and administrative expenses and employee compensation and benefits. Our operating expenses totaled approximately \$17.5 million and \$15.9 million during the three month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

#### ***Interest and Fees on our Borrowings***

Interest and fees on our borrowings totaled approximately \$9.2 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to approximately \$8.7 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013. This increase was primarily attributable to an acceleration of amortization related to the partial early payoffs of SBA obligations and our Asset-Backed Notes (cumulative acceleration of approximately \$937,000) partially offset by a decrease in interest expense related to the same events of approximately \$483,000.

We had a weighted average cost of debt, comprised of interest and fees, of approximately 6.9% for the three-months ended March 31, 2014, as compared to 5.9% for the three-months ended March 31, 2013. The increase was primarily driven by the acceleration of interest and fees related to the partial early payoffs of SBA obligations and our Asset-Backed Notes as described above.

#### ***General and Administrative Expenses***

General and administrative expenses include legal fees, consulting fees, accounting fees, printer fees, insurance premiums, rent, expenses associated with the workout of underperforming investments and various other expenses. Our general and administrative expenses increased to \$2.5 million from \$2.2 million for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. These increases were primarily due to increased marketing expense related to enhancement of our website, investor relations and legal expenses.

#### ***Employee Compensation***

Employee compensation and benefits totaled approximately \$4.2 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to approximately \$3.8 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013. This increase was primarily due to increasing our staff by six active employees at March 31, 2014 from March 31, 2013.

Stock-based compensation totaled approximately \$1.6 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to approximately \$1.2 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013. This increase was primarily due to the restricted stock units granted March 6, 2013. Compensation expense related to this grant amortized during the entire three-month period ended March 31, 2014 compared to a partial period ended March 31, 2013.

#### ***Net Investment Realized Gains and Losses and Net 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 an investment without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized, and includes investments written 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.

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A summary of realized gains and losses for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Realized gains	\$ 5,382	\$ 3,613
Realized losses	(510)	(1,622)
Net realized gains	\$ 4,872	\$ 1,991

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, we recognized net realized gains of approximately \$4.9 million. These net realized gains include gross realized gains of approximately \$5.4 million primarily from the sale of investments in five portfolio companies, including Cell Therapeutics (\$1.3 million), Neuralstem (\$1.2 million), Portola Pharmaceuticals (\$700,000), AcelRx (\$485,000) and Dicerna (\$200,000). These gains were partially offset by gross realized losses of approximately \$500,000 from the liquidation of our investments in five portfolio companies.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2013, we recognized net realized gains of approximately \$2.0 million. These net realized gains include gross realized gains of approximately \$3.6 million primarily from the sale of investments in three portfolio companies. These gains were partially offset by gross realized losses of approximately \$1.6 million from the liquidation of our investments in five portfolio companies.

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. The following table itemizes the change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014 Amount	2013 Amount
Gross unrealized appreciation on portfolio investments	\$ 25,249	\$ 13,224
Gross unrealized depreciation on portfolio investments	(25,296)	(14,059)
Reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon a realization event	(1,656)	(2,461)
Reversal of prior period net unrealized depreciation upon a realization event	739	1,613
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on taxes payable	(72)	
Citigroup Warrant Participation	45	181
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on portfolio investments	\$ (991)	\$ (1,502)

During the three-months ended March 31, 2014, we recorded approximately \$1.0 million of net unrealized depreciation from our debt, equity and warrant investments. Approximately \$12.0 million is attributed to net unrealized appreciation on equity.

This unrealized appreciation was offset by approximately \$10.3 million attributed to net unrealized depreciation on our warrant investments, including approximately \$1.5 million of net unrealized depreciation due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon being realized as a gain. Additionally, this unrealized appreciation was offset by approximately \$2.7 million of net unrealized depreciation on our debt investments, which primarily related to \$7.2 million of unrealized depreciation for collateral based impairments and the reversal of approximately \$300,000 of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon being realized as a loss due to the write-off or early payoff of debt investments.

Net unrealized appreciation decreased by approximately \$72,000 as a result of estimated taxes payable for the three-months ended March 31, 2014.



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During the three-months ended March 31, 2014, net unrealized appreciation increased by approximately \$45,000 as a result of net depreciation of fair value on the pool of warrants collateralized under the warrant participation agreement.

During the three-months ended March 31, 2013, we recorded approximately \$1.5 million of net unrealized depreciation from our debt, equity and warrant investments. Approximately \$1.9 million is attributed to net unrealized appreciation on equity, of which approximately \$93,000 is due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon being realized as a gain and approximately \$268,000 is due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized depreciation upon being realized as a loss. Approximately \$3.8 million is attributed to net unrealized appreciation on our warrant investments, of which approximately \$1.9 million is due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon being realized as a gain and approximately \$1.3 million is due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized depreciation upon being realized as a loss.

During the three-months ended March 31, 2013, net unrealized appreciation increased by approximately \$181,000 as a result of current quarter net depreciation of fair value on the pool of warrants collateralized under the warrant participation agreement.

The following table itemizes the change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) in the investment portfolio by category for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 (unaudited).

(in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014			
	Debt	Equity	Warrants	Total
Collateral based impairments	\$ (7.2)	\$	\$ (0.2)	\$ (7.4)
Reversals due to Debt Payoffs & Warrant/Equity sales	(0.3)	0.2	(9.6)	(9.7)
Fair Value Market/Yield Adjustments*				
Level 1 & 2 Assets		3.5	0.1	3.6
Level 3 Assets	4.8	8.3	(0.6)	12.5
Total Fair Value Market/Yield Adjustments	4.8	11.8	(0.5)	16.1
Total Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)	\$ (2.7)	\$ 12.0	\$ (10.3)	\$ (1.0)

(in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013			
	Debt	Equity	Warrants	Total
Collateral based impairments	\$ (5.7)	\$	\$	(5.7)
Reversals due to Debt Payoffs & Warrant/Equity sales		0.2	(1.0)	(0.8)
Fair Value Market/Yield Adjustments*				
Level 1 & 2 Assets		0.1	0.2	0.3
Level 3 Assets	(1.5)	1.6	4.4	4.5
Total Fair Value Market/Yield Adjustments	(1.5)	1.7	4.6	4.8
Total Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)	\$ (7.2)	\$ 1.9	\$ 3.6	\$ (1.7)

\* Level 1 assets are generally equities listed in active markets and level 2 assets are generally warrants held in a public company. Observable market prices are typically the primary input in valuing level 1 and 2 assets. Level 3 asset valuations require inputs that are both significant and unobservable. Generally, level 3 assets are debt investments and warrants and equities held in a private company. See Note 2 to the financial statements discussing ASC 820.

***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. We intend to distribute approximately \$3.8 million of spillover earnings from the year ended December 31, 2013 to our shareholders in 2014.





**Table of Contents****Index to Financial Statements*****Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations and Earnings Per Share***

For the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the net increase in net assets resulting from operations totaled approximately \$22.2 million and approximately \$16.7 million, respectively. These changes are made up of the items previously described.

The basic and fully diluted net change in net assets per common share was \$0.36 and \$0.35 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, whereas both the basic and fully diluted net change in net assets per common share for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 was \$0.30.

For the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share for three-months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the dilutive effect of the Convertible Senior Notes under the treasury stock method is included in this calculation because our share price was greater than the conversion price in effect (\$11.56 and \$11.78, respectively) for the Convertible Senior Notes for such period.

**Comparison of periods ended December 31, 2013 and 2012*****Investment Income******Interest Income***

Total investment income for the year ended December 31, 2013 was approximately \$139.7 million as compared to approximately \$97.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Interest income for the year ended December 31, 2013 totaled approximately \$123.7 million as compared to approximately \$87.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. The increase in interest income is primarily attributable to an increase of loan interest income of approximately \$25.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2013, related to both new loans originated during 2013 and an overall increase in amortization during 2013 on loans originated during 2012. This increase in interest income was partially offset by pay-offs during the year ended December 31, 2013.

The following table shows the lending activity involving contractual payment-in-kind, or PIK, interest arrangements for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, at cost:

<b>(in thousands)</b>	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Beginning PIK loan balance	\$ 3,309	\$ 2,041
PIK interest capitalized during the period	3,103	1,400
Payments received from PIK loans	(1,123)	(132)
Realized Loss	(307)	
<b>Ending PIK loan balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,982</b>	<b>\$ 3,309</b>

The increase in payments received from PIK loans and PIK interest capitalized during the year ended December 31, 2013 is due to the addition of nine PIK loans which have incurred PIK capitalizations during the period offset by the payoff of four PIK loans during the period ended December 31, 2013.

***Fee Income***

Income from commitment, facility and loan related fees for the year ended December 31, 2013 totaled approximately \$16.0 million as compared to approximately \$9.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. The increase in fee income is primarily attributable to additional fee accelerations and one time fees due to early pay-offs during the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012.

In certain investment transactions, we may earn income from advisory services; however, we had no income from advisory services in the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

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Our operating expenses are comprised of interest and fees on our borrowings, general and administrative expenses and employee compensation and benefits. Operating expenses totaled approximately \$66.6 million and \$49.4 million during the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

***Interest and Fees on our Borrowings***

Interest and fees on borrowings totaled approximately \$35.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to approximately \$23.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. This increase was primarily attributable to interest and fee expenses of approximately \$12.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 related to the 2019 Notes issued in April and September 2012, which is \$7.3 million greater than \$5.6 million of interest and fees incurred during the year ended December 31, 2012, and approximately \$5.1 million of interest and fee expense incurred due to the Asset-Backed Notes issued in December 2012. These expenses were partially offset by a decrease in interest and fees of approximately \$749,000 for the year ended December 31, 2013 associated with our SBA debentures due to the pay down in August 2012 of debentures that had a weighted average cost of debt of 6.40% and borrowings of \$24.75 million of debentures in November 2012 that had a weighted average cost of debt of 3.05%.

Additionally, we incurred approximately \$1.1 million of non cash interest expense during the period ended December 31, 2013 attributed to the accretion of the fair value of the conversion feature on the Convertible Senior Notes. We had a weighted average cost of debt, comprised of interest and fees, of approximately 6.1% for the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to 6.6% during the year ended December 31, 2012. The decrease was primarily driven by the Asset-Backed Notes issued in December 2012, which account for approximately 18.9% of our outstanding debt and accrue interest at 3.3%. As of December 31, 2013 the weighted average debt outstanding was approximately \$580.1 million.

***General and Administrative Expenses***

General and administrative expenses include legal fees, consulting fees, accounting fees, printer fees, insurance premiums, rent, expenses associated with the workout of underperforming investments and various other expenses. Our general and administrative expenses increased to \$9.3 million from \$8.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. These increases were primarily due to increases of approximately \$689,000 and \$442,000 related to corporate legal expenses and outside consulting services, partially offset by a reduction of approximately \$249,000 for accounting fees.

***Employee Compensation***

Employee compensation and benefits totaled approximately \$16.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to approximately \$13.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. This increase was due to increasing our staff to 62 active employees at December 31, 2013 from 52 active employees at December 31, 2012 and increasing our variable compensation (bonus) accrual based on performance improvements.

Stock-based compensation totaled approximately \$6.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to approximately \$4.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. These increases were due primarily to the expense on restricted stock grants for 607,001 shares granted during the year ended December 31, 2013.

***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 an investment without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized, and includes investments written 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.

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A summary of realized gains and losses for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

(in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2013	2012
Realized gains	\$ 32,577	\$ 17,481
Realized losses	(17,741)	(14,313)
Net realized gains (losses)	\$ 14,836	\$ 3,168

During the year ended December 31, 2013, we recognized net realized gains of approximately \$14.8 million. These net realized gains include gross realized gains of approximately \$32.6 million primarily from the sale of equity and warrant investments in nine portfolio companies, including Virident Systems, Inc. (\$7.5 million), Anacor Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (\$5.0 million), iWatt, Inc. (\$4.7 million), Althea Technologies, Inc. (\$4.3 million), WageWorks, Inc. (\$2.0 million), Lanx, Inc. (\$1.9 million), InsMed, Inc. (\$1.4 million), Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (\$1.3 million) and AcelRx, Inc. (\$1.1 million). These gains were partially offset by gross realized losses of approximately \$17.8 million primarily from the liquidation of our debt and equity investments in five portfolio companies, including Bridgewave Communications (\$4.4 million), E-Band Communications Corp (\$3.3 million), Tethys Bioscience, Inc. (\$2.5 million), Just.Me, Inc. (\$1.3 million), and PointOne, Inc. (\$1.1 million).

During the year ended December 31, 2012, we recognized net realized gains of \$3.2 million. These net realized gains include gross realized gains of approximately \$17.5 million primarily from the sale of equity and warrant investments in NEXX Systems, Inc., (\$5.1 million), BARRX Medical (\$3.1 million), DeCode Genetics (\$2.6 million), Aegerion Pharmaceuticals (\$2.4 million) and Annie s (\$2.4 million). These gains were partially offset by gross realized losses of approximately \$14.3 million from the liquidation of our equity and warrant investments in MaxVision Holding, L.L.C (\$8.7 million), Razorgator Interactive Group (\$2.2 million), Zeta Interactive Corporation (\$672,000) and Magi.com (\$463,000) pka Hi5 Networks, Inc.

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. The following table itemizes the change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

(in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2013 Amount	2012 Amount
Gross unrealized appreciation on portfolio investments	\$ 80,616	\$ 65,871
Gross unrealized depreciation on portfolio investments	(63,855)	(73,158)
Reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon a realization event	(26,489)	(12,575)
Reversal of prior period net unrealized depreciation upon a realization event	21,763	14,944
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) attributable to taxes payable	(898)	
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on escrow receivables	465	
Citigroup Warrant Participation	(57)	402
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on portfolio investments	\$ 11,545	\$ (4,516)

During the year ended December 31, 2013, we recorded approximately \$12.0 million of net unrealized appreciation from our debt, equity and warrant investments. Approximately \$15.7 million is attributed to net unrealized appreciation on equity, including approximately \$5.6 million of net unrealized depreciation due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon being realized as a gain. Approximately \$4.5 million is attributed to net unrealized appreciation on our warrant investments, including approximately \$9.4 million of net unrealized depreciation due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon being realized as a gain.

This unrealized appreciation was partially offset by approximately \$8.2 million of net unrealized depreciation on our debt investments, which primarily related to \$21.2 million of unrealized depreciation for collateral based impairments, offset by the reversal of approximately \$13.0 million of prior period net unrealized depreciation upon being realized as a loss due to the write-off or early payoff of debt investments.

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Net unrealized appreciation decreased by approximately \$898,000 as a result of estimated taxes payable for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Net unrealized appreciation further increased by approximately \$465,000 as a result of escrow receivables related to merger and acquisition transactions closed during the year ended December 31, 2013.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, net unrealized appreciation decreased by approximately \$57,000 as a result of net appreciation of fair value on the pool of warrants collateralized under the warrant participation agreement.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, we recorded approximately \$4.5 million of net unrealized depreciation from our debt, equity and warrant investments. Approximately \$3.4 million and \$2.3 million is attributed to net unrealized depreciation on warrant investments and debt investments, respectively, of which approximately \$6.6 million is due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon being realized as a gain and \$9.2 million is due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized depreciation upon being realized as a loss. The remainder is related to fluctuations in current market interest rates during the year ended December 31, 2012.

This unrealized depreciation was partially offset by approximately \$1.3 million of net unrealized appreciation on our equity investments, of which approximately \$6.0 million is due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon being realized as a gain and \$5.7 million is due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized depreciation upon being realized as a loss.

The following table itemizes the change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) in the investment portfolio by category for the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012.

(in millions)	Year Ended December 31, 2013			
	Debt	Equity	Warrants	Total
Collateral based impairments	\$ (21.2)	\$	\$ (0.1)	\$ (21.3)
Reversals due to Debt Investment Payoffs & Warrant/Equity sales	13.0	(5.8)	(10.6)	(3.4)
Fair Value Market/Yield Adjustments*				
Level 1 & 2 Assets		7.6	3.5	11.1
Level 3 Assets		13.9	11.7	25.6
Total Fair Value Market/Yield Adjustments		21.5	15.2	36.7
Total Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)	\$ (8.2)	\$ 15.7	\$ 4.5	\$ 12.0

(in millions)	Year Ended December 31, 2012			
	Debt	Equity	Warrants	Total
Collateral based impairments	\$ (11.4)	\$ (2.1)	\$ (1.2)	(14.7)
Reversals of Prior Period Collateral based impairments	10.0	0.5	0.7	11.2
Reversals due to Debt Investment Payoffs & Warrant/Equity sales	7.0	(0.3)	(5.0)	1.7
Fair Value Market/Yield Adjustments*				
Level 1 & 2 Assets		(6.5)	1.9	(4.6)
Level 3 Assets	(7.9)	9.7	0.2	2.0
Total Fair Value Market/Yield Adjustments	(7.9)	3.2	2.1	(2.6)
Total Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)	\$ (2.3)	\$ 1.3	\$ (3.4)	\$ (4.4)

\* Level 1 assets are generally equities listed in active markets and level 2 assets are generally warrants held in a public company. Observable market prices are typically the primary input in valuing level 1 and 2 assets. Level 3 asset valuations require inputs that are both significant and unobservable. Generally, level 3 assets are debt investments and warrants and equities held in a private company. See Note 2 to the financial statements discussing ASC 820.

*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



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used to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount likely to be realized. We intend to distribute approximately \$3.8 million of spillover earnings from the year ended December 31, 2013 to our shareholders in 2014.

***Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations and Earnings Per Share***

For the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the net increase in net assets resulting from operations totaled approximately \$99.4 million and \$46.8 million, respectively. These changes are made up of the items previously described.

The basic and fully diluted net change in net assets per common share for the year ended December 31, 2013 were \$1.67 and \$1.63, respectively, whereas both the basic and fully diluted net change in net assets per common share for the year ended December 31, 2012 were \$0.93.

For the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2013, the dilutive effect of the Convertible Senior Notes under the treasury stock method is included in this calculation because our share price was greater than the conversion price in effect (\$11.63) for the Convertible Senior Notes for such period. For the year ended December 31, 2012, the dilutive effect of the Convertible Senior Notes under the treasury stock method is anti-dilutive because our share price was less than the conversion price in effect (\$11.81) for the Convertible Senior Notes for such period, and not included in this calculation.

**Comparison of periods ended December 31, 2012 and 2011*****Investment Income******Interest Income***

Interest income totaled approximately \$87.6 million and \$70.3 million for 2012 and 2011, respectively. Income from commitment, facility and loan related fees totaled approximately \$9.9 million 2012, compared with \$9.5 million for 2011. The increase in interest income was directly related to an increase in the average investment portfolio outstanding in 2012 than in 2011.

In 2012 and 2011, interest income included approximately \$8.4 million and \$7.4 million of income from exit fees, respectively. The year over year increase is attributed to an increase in early payoffs for the year ended December 31, 2012 and an increase in the average investment portfolio outstanding in 2012 than in 2011.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, we had approximately \$11.4 million and \$10.3 million of deferred income related to commitment, facility and loan related fees, respectively. The increase in deferred income was attributed to increased investment originations in 2012.

The following table shows lending activity involving contractual PIK interest arrangements for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, at cost:

(in thousands)	Years ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Beginning PIK loan balance	\$ 2,041	\$ 3,955
PIK interest capitalized during the period	1,400	2,093
Payments received from PIK loans	(132)	(3,567)
PIK converted to other securities		(440)
<b>Ending PIK loan balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,309</b>	<b>\$ 2,041</b>

The decrease in payments received from PIK loans and PIK interest capitalized during the year ended December 31, 2012 is due to approximately \$1.4 million, \$1.0 million, \$493,000, \$302,000, and \$268,000 of PIK collected in conjunction with the sale of our investment in Infologix, Inc. and the early payoffs of IPA Holdings,



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LLC., Unify Corporation, HighJump Acquisition, LLC., and Velocity Technology Solutions, Inc., respectively, in the year ended December 31, 2011. The decrease in PIK converted to other securities during the year December 31, 2012 is due to approximately \$440,000 related to the conversion of MaxVision Holding, LLC. debt to equity during the year ended December 31, 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 during the year ended December 31, 2012.

***Operating Expenses***

Operating expenses, which are comprised of interest and fees on borrowings, general and administrative and employee compensation, totaled approximately \$49.4 million and \$40.3 million during the periods ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

***Interest and Fees on our Borrowings***

Interest and fees on borrowings totaled approximately \$23.8 million and \$15.9 million during the periods ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. This \$7.9 million year over year increase is largely attributed to \$1.6 million of incremental interest and fee expense due to the Convertible Senior Notes issued on April 15, 2011 and \$5.6 million related to the 2019 Notes issued in April and September 2012.

Additionally, we incurred approximately \$577,000 of non cash interest expense during the period ended December 31, 2012 attributed to the accretion of the fair value of the conversion feature on the Convertible Senior Notes. We had a weighted average cost of debt comprised of interest and fees of approximately 6.58% at December 31, 2012, as compared to 6.23% as of December 31, 2011.

***General and Administrative Expenses***

General and administrative expenses include legal fees, consulting fees, accounting fees, printer fees, insurance premiums, rent, workout and various other expenses. Expenses increased to \$8.1 million from \$8.0 million for the periods ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

***Employee Compensation***

Employee compensation and benefits totaled approximately \$13.3 million during both the periods ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. Stock-based compensation totaled approximately \$4.2 million and \$3.1 million during the periods ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. This increase was due primarily to the expense on restricted stock grants of approximately 672,000 shares issued in the first quarter of 2012.

***Net Investment Income Before Income Tax Expense and Investment Gains and Losses***

Net investment income before income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2012 totaled \$48.1 million as compared with a net investment income before income tax expense in 2011 of approximately \$39.6 million. 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.

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A summary of realized gains and losses for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

(in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Realized gains	\$ 17,481	\$ 11,092
Realized losses	(14,313)	(8,351)
Net realized gains	\$ 3,168	\$ 2,741

During the year ended December 31, 2012, we recognized gross realized gains of approximately \$17.5 million and gross realized losses of approximately \$14.3 million, respectively, on the portfolio. During the year ended December 31, 2012, we recorded realized gains of approximately \$5.1 million, \$3.1 million, \$2.6 million, \$2.4 million and \$2.4 million from the sale of our investments in NEXX Systems, BARRX Medical, Inc., DeCode Genetics, Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, and Annie's, respectively. These gains were partially offset by the liquidation of our investments in MaxVision Holding, L.L.C, Razorgator Interactive Group, Zeta Interactive Corporation and Magi.com (pka Hi5 Networks, Inc.), of approximately \$8.7 million, \$2.2 million, \$672,000 and \$463,000, respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2011 we recognized total gross realized gains of approximately \$11.1 million primarily due to the sale of warrants and equity investments in three portfolio companies. We recognized gross realized losses in 2011 of approximately \$8.4 million on the disposition of investments in 13 portfolio companies.

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. The following table itemizes the change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011:

(in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Gross unrealized appreciation on portfolio investments	\$ 65,871	\$ 58,980
Gross unrealized depreciation on portfolio investments	(73,158)	(49,327)
Reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon a realization event	(12,575)	(13,224)
Reversal of prior period net unrealized depreciation upon a realization event	14,944	8,395
Citigroup Warrant Participation	402	(217)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on portfolio investments	\$ (4,516)	\$ 4,607

During the year ended December 31, 2012, we recorded approximately \$4.5 million of net unrealized depreciation from our debt, equity and warrant investments. Approximately \$1.3 million is attributed to net unrealized appreciation on equity, of which approximately \$6.0 million is due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon being realized as a gain and \$5.7 million is due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized depreciation upon being realized as a loss.

We recorded approximately \$3.4 million and \$2.3 million of net unrealized depreciation on our warrant and debt investments, respectively, of which approximately \$6.6 million is due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized appreciation upon being realized as a gain and \$9.2 million is due to the reversal of prior period net unrealized depreciation upon being realized as a loss.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, net unrealized investment appreciation recognized by the Company was reduced by approximately \$402,000 due to the warrant participation agreement with Citigroup.

During the year ended December 31, 2011 net change in unrealized appreciation totaled approximately \$4.6 million from debt, warrant and equity investments. Approximately \$9.0 million was due to net unrealized appreciation on debt investments attributable to reversal of unrealized

depreciation to realized loss of approximately \$5.0 million on one technology debt investment and due to the reversal of unrealized depreciation

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of approximately \$3.1 million on one life science debt investment as a result of improvements at the portfolio company. Approximately \$5.8 million of net unrealized depreciation on equity investments during the year ended December 31, 2011, was primarily attributable to the sale of InfoLogix, Inc. resulting in the reversal of \$7.7 million of unrealized appreciation on equity investments to realized gains offset by approximately \$1.9 million of net appreciation due to net increases in private and public portfolio company valuations.

The following table itemizes the change in net unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation) in the investment portfolio by category for the year ended December 31, 2012.

(in millions)	Year Ended December 31, 2012			
	Loans	Equity	Warrants	Total
Collateral based impairments	\$ (11.4)	\$ (2.1)	\$ (1.2)	\$ (14.7)
Reversals of Prior Period Collateral based impairments	10.0	0.5	0.7	11.2
Reversals due to Debt Investment Payoffs & Warrant/Equity sales	7.0	(0.3)	(5.0)	1.7
Fair Value Market/Yield Adjustments*				
Level 1 & 2 Assets		(6.5)	1.9	(4.6)
Level 3 Assets	(7.9)	9.7	0.2	2.0
Total Fair Value Market/Yield Adjustments	(7.9)	3.2	2.1	(2.6)
Total Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)	\$ (2.3)	\$ 1.3	\$ (3.4)	\$ (4.4)

\* Level 1 assets are generally equities listed in active markets and level 2 assets are generally warrants held in a public company. Observable market prices are typically the primary input in valuing level 1 and 2 assets. Level 3 asset valuations require inputs that are both significant and unobservable. Generally, level 3 assets are debt investments and warrants and equities held in a private company. See Note 2 to the financial statements discussing ASC 820.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, we recorded approximately \$7.9 million net unrealized depreciation on our debt investments related to fluctuations in current market interest rates.

***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. We distributed approximately \$1.5 million of spillover earnings from the year ended December 31, 2012 to our shareholders in 2013.

***Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations and Earnings Per Share***

For the year ended December 31, 2012 net increase in net assets resulting from operations totaled approximately \$46.8 million compared to net income of approximately \$46.9 million for the period ended December 31, 2011. These changes are made up of the items previously described.

Basic and fully diluted net change in net assets per common share were \$0.93 and \$0.93, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2012, compared to a basic and fully diluted net income per share of \$1.08 and \$1.07, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2011.

***Financial Condition, Liquidity, and Capital Resources***

Our liquidity and capital resources are derived from our Wells Facility, Union Bank Facility (together the Credit Facilities), SBA debentures, Convertible Senior Notes, 2019 Notes, Asset-Backed Notes and cash flows from operations, including investment sales and repayments, and income earned. 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 borrowings 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



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additional equity or debt capital through both registered offerings off a shelf registration, At-The-Market, or ATM, and private offerings of securities, by securitizing a portion of our investments or borrowing, including from the SBA through our SBIC subsidiaries.

On August 16, 2013, we entered into an ATM equity distribution agreement with JMP Securities LLC, or JMP. The equity distribution agreement provides that we may offer and sell up to 8.0 million shares of our common stock from time to time through JMP, as our sales agent. Sales of our common stock, if any, may be made in negotiated transactions or transactions that are deemed to be at the market, as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including sales made directly on the NYSE or similar securities exchange or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange, at prices related to the prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. There were no sales under the ATM Program for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014.

At March 31, 2014, we had \$75.0 million of Convertible Senior Notes payable, \$170.4 million of 2019 Notes, \$63.8 million of Asset-Backed Notes and \$190.2 million of SBA debentures payable. We had no borrowings outstanding under either the Wells Facility or the Union Bank Facility.

At March 31, 2014, we had \$329.5 million in available liquidity, including \$224.5 million in cash and cash equivalents. We had available borrowing capacity of approximately \$75.0 million under the Wells Facility and \$30.0 million under the Union Bank Facility, subject to existing terms and advance rates and regulatory requirements. We primarily invest cash on hand in interest bearing deposit accounts.

At March 31, 2014, we had \$112.5 million of cash in restricted accounts related to our SBIC that we may use to fund new investments in the SBIC. With our net investments of \$38.0 million and \$74.5 million in HT II and HT III, respectively, we have the combined capacity to issue a total of \$225.0 million of SBA guaranteed debentures, subject to SBA approval. At March 31, 2014, we have issued \$190.2 million in SBA-guaranteed debentures in our SBIC subsidiaries.

At March 31, 2014, we had approximately \$4.8 million of restricted cash. Our restricted cash consists of collections of interest and principal payments on assets that are securitized. In accordance with the terms of the related securitized Asset-Backed Notes, based on current characteristics of the securitized debt investment portfolios, the restricted funds may be used to pay monthly interest and principal on the securitized debt and are not distributed to us or available for our general operations. During the three-months ended March 31, 2014, we principally funded our operations from (i) cash receipts from interest, dividend and fee income from our investment portfolio and (ii) cash proceeds from the realization of portfolio investments through the repayments of debt investments and the sale of debt and equity investments.

During the three-months ended March 31, 2014, our operating activities provided \$35.8 million of cash and cash equivalents, compared to \$47.7 million used during the three-months ended March 31, 2013. This \$83.5 million increase in cash provided by operating activities resulted primarily from an increase in principal payments received on investments of approximately \$56.7 million, and a decrease in purchases of investments of approximately \$25.2 million. During the three-months ended March 31, 2014, our investing activities provided \$1.5 million of cash, compared to approximately \$900,000 used during three-months ended March 31, 2013. This \$2.4 million increase in cash provided by investing activities was primarily due to a reduction of approximately \$2.3 million in cash, classified as restricted cash, on assets that are securitized.

During the three-months ended March 31, 2014, our financing activities used \$81.2 million of cash, compared to \$72.5 million provided during the three-months ended March 31, 2013. This \$153.7 million decrease in cash provided by financing activities was primarily due to a decrease in proceeds from issuance of common stock of \$96.5 million and an increase in repayments of Asset-Backed Notes and credit facilities of \$25.8 million and \$25.5 million, respectively.



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As of March 31, 2014, net assets totaled \$653.3 million, with a net asset value per share of \$10.58. 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.

As required by the 1940 Act, our asset coverage must be at least 200% after each issuance of senior securities. As of March 31, 2014 our asset coverage ratio under our regulatory requirements as a business development company was 312.8%, 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. 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. Total leverage when including our SBA debentures was 231.4% at March 31, 2014.

***Outstanding Borrowings***

At March 31, 2014 (unaudited) and December 31, 2013, we had the following available borrowings and outstanding amounts:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Total Available	Carrying Value <sup>(1)</sup>	Total Available	Carrying Value <sup>(1)</sup>
SBA Debentures <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 190,200	\$ 190,200	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000
2019 Notes	170,364	170,364	170,364	170,364
Asset-Backed Notes	63,782	63,782	89,557	89,557
Convertible Senior Notes <sup>(3)</sup>	75,000	72,789	75,000	72,519
Wells Facility	75,000		75,000	
Union Bank Facility	30,000		30,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 604,346</b>	<b>\$ 497,135</b>	<b>\$ 664,921</b>	<b>\$ 557,440</b>

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

(2) In March 2014, we repaid \$34.8 million of SBA debentures under HT II, priced at approximately 6.38%, including annual fees. At March 31, 2014, the total available borrowings under the SBA was \$190.2 million, of which \$41.2 million was available in HT II and \$149.0 million was available in HT III. At December 31, 2013, the total available borrowings under the SBA was \$225.0 million, of which \$76.0 million was available in HT II and \$149.0 million was available in HT III.

(3) 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 \$2.2 million at March 31, 2014 and \$2.5 million at December 31, 2013.

Our net asset value may decline as a result of economic conditions in the United States. Our continued compliance with the covenants under our Credit Facilities, Convertible Senior Notes, 2019 Notes Payable, Asset-Backed Notes and SBA debentures depend on many factors, some of which are beyond our control. Material net asset devaluation could have a material adverse effect on our operations and could require us to reduce our borrowings in order to comply with certain covenants, including the ratio of total assets to total indebtedness. We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents, cash generated from operations, and funds available from our Credit Facilities will be sufficient to meet our working capital and capital expenditure commitments for at least the next 12 months.

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Debt financing costs are fees and other direct incremental costs we incur in obtaining debt financing and are recognized as prepaid expenses and amortized into the consolidated statement of operations as loan fees over the term of the related debt instrument. Prepaid financing costs, net of accumulated amortization, as of March 31, 2014 (unaudited) and December 31, 2013 were as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Wells Facility	\$ 281	\$ 398
SBA Debenture	4,528	5,074
Convertible Debt	1,179	1,323
Asset Backed Notes	1,820	2,686
2019 Notes	5,079	5,319
	\$ 12,887	\$ 14,800

**Commitments**

In the normal course of business, we are party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk. These consist primarily of unfunded contractual commitments to extend credit, in the form of loans, to our portfolio companies. Unfunded contractual commitments to provide funds to portfolio companies are not reflected on our balance sheet. Our unfunded contractual commitments may be significant from time to time. As of March 31, 2014, we had unfunded contractual commitments of approximately \$189.4 million. Approximately \$95.6 million of these unfunded contractual commitments are dependent upon the portfolio company reaching certain milestones before the contractual 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 our future cash requirements. We intend to use cash flow from normal and early principal repayments, and proceeds from borrowings and 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 \$238.0 million of non-binding term sheets outstanding to 14 new companies, which generally convert to contractual commitments within approximately 90 days of signing. 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.

**Contractual Obligations**

The following table shows our contractual obligations as of March 31, 2014 (unaudited):

	Total	Payments due by period (in thousands)			
		Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	3 - 5 years	After 5 years
<b>Contractual Obligations<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>				
Borrowings <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	\$ 497,135	\$ 1,514	\$ 63,782	\$ 72,789	\$ 360,564
Operating Lease Obligations <sup>(5)</sup>	7,309	1,514	2,987	1,551	1,257
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 504,444</b>	<b>\$ 1,514</b>	<b>\$ 66,769</b>	<b>\$ 74,340</b>	<b>\$ 361,821</b>

(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 \$190.2 million in borrowings under the SBA debentures, \$170.4 million of the 2019 Notes, \$63.8 million in aggregate principal amount of the Asset-Backed Notes and \$72.8 million of the Convertible Senior Notes.

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- (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 is \$75.0 million less the unaccreted discount initially recorded upon issuance of the Convertible Senior Notes. The total unaccreted discount for the Convertible Senior Notes was \$2.2 million at March 31, 2014.
- (5) Long-term facility leases.

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Certain premises are leased under agreements which expire at various dates through March 2020. Total rent expense amounted to approximately \$388,000 and \$329,000 during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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. With our net investment of \$38.0 million in HT II as of March 31, 2014, HT II has the capacity to issue a total of \$76.0 million of SBA guaranteed debentures, subject to SBA approval, of which \$41.2 million was available at March 31, 2014. As of March 31, 2014, HT II has paid the SBA commitment fees and facility fees of approximately \$1.5 million and \$3.6 million, respectively. As of March 31, 2014 we held investments in HT II in 41 companies with a fair value of approximately \$98.9 million, accounting for approximately 11.1% of our total portfolio at March 31, 2014.

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 \$74.5 million in HT III as of March 31, 2014, HT III has the capacity to issue a total of \$149.0 million of SBA guaranteed debentures, of which \$149.0 million was outstanding as of March 31, 2014. As of March 31, 2014, HT III has paid commitment fees and facility fees of approximately \$1.5 million and \$3.6 million, respectively. As of March 31, 2014, we held investments in HT III in 31 companies with a fair value of approximately \$178.5 million accounting for approximately 20.0% of our total portfolio at March 31, 2014.

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 enterprises as defined by the SBA. A smaller enterprise 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 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, 2014 as a result of having sufficient capital as defined under the SBA regulations.

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The rates of borrowings under various draws from the SBA beginning in March 2009 are set semiannually in March and September and range from 2.25% to 4.62%. Interest payments on SBA debentures are payable semiannually. 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 March 2009, the initial maturity of SBA debentures will occur in March 2019. 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 on other debentures have been set at 0.906%. The annual fees related to HT III debentures that pooled on March 27, 2013 were 0.804%. The annual fees on other debentures have been set at 0.515%. The average amount of debentures outstanding for the three-months ended March 31, 2014 for HT II was approximately \$63.6 million with an average interest rate of approximately 5.31%. The average amount of debentures outstanding for the three-months ended March 31, 2014 for HT III was approximately \$149.0 million with an average interest rate of approximately 3.38%.

As of March 31, 2014, 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 aggregate, at March 31, 2014, with our net investment of \$112.5 million, HT II and HT III have the capacity to issue a total of \$225.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures, subject to SBA approval. In March 2014, we repaid \$34.8 million of SBA debentures under HT II, priced at approximately 6.38%, including annual fees. At March 31, 2014, we have issued \$190.2 million in SBA-guaranteed debentures in our SBIC subsidiaries.

We reported the following SBA debentures outstanding as of March 31, 2014 (unaudited) and December 31, 2013:

(in thousands)

Issuance/Pooling Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b>SBA Debentures:</b>				
March 26, 2008	March 1, 2018	6.38%	\$	\$ 34,800
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	3.28%	25,000	25,000
March 21, 2012	March 1, 2022	3.05%	11,250	11,250
September 19, 2012	September 1, 2022	3.05%	24,250	24,250
March 27, 2013	March 1, 2023	3.16%	24,750	24,750
<b>Total SBA Debentures</b>			<b>\$ 190,200</b>	<b>\$ 225,000</b>

(1) Interest rate includes annual charge  
2019 Notes

On March 6, 2012, we and U.S. Bank National Association (the Trustee) entered into an indenture (the Base Indenture). On April 17, 2012, we and the Trustee entered into the First Supplemental Indenture to the Base Indenture (the First Supplemental Indenture), dated April 17, 2012, relating to our issuance, offer and sale of \$43.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.00% senior notes due 2019 (the April 2019 Notes). The sale of the April 2019 Notes generated net proceeds, before expenses, of approximately \$41.7 million.

On September 24, 2012, we and the Trustee, entered into the Second Supplemental Indenture to the Base Indenture (the Second Supplemental Indenture), dated as of September 24, 2012, relating to our issuance, offer and sale of \$75.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.00% senior notes due 2019 (the September 2019 Notes and, together with the April 2019 Notes, the 2019 Notes). The sale of the September 2019 Notes generated net proceeds, before expenses, of approximately \$72.75 million.



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2019 Notes payable is comprised of:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
April 2019 Notes	\$ 84,490	\$ 84,490
September 2019 Notes	85,874	85,874
Carrying Value of Debt	\$ 170,364	\$ 170,364

*April 2019 Notes*

The April 2019 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 April 2019 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, and trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol HTGZ.

The April 2019 Notes are our direct unsecured obligations and rank: (i) *pari passu* with our other outstanding and future senior unsecured indebtedness, including without limitation, the \$75.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Senior Notes; (ii) senior to any of our future indebtedness that expressly provides it is subordinated to the April 2019 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 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, LLC.

The Base Indenture, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, contains certain covenants including covenants requiring our compliance with (regardless of whether it is 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 April 2019 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 April 2019 Notes in a series may declare such April 2019 Notes immediately due and payable upon the occurrence of any event of default after expiration of any applicable grace period.

The April 2019 Notes were sold pursuant to an underwriting agreement dated April 11, 2012 among the Company and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, as representative of the several underwriters named in the underwriting agreement.

In July 2012, we reopened our April 2019 Notes and issued an additional \$41.5 million in aggregate principal amount of April 2019 Notes, which includes exercise of an over-allotment option, bringing the total amount of the April 2019 Notes issued to approximately \$84.5 million in aggregate principal amount.

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The September 2019 Notes will mature on September 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 September 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 September 2019 Notes bear interest at a rate of 7.00% per year payable quarterly on March 30, June 30, September 30 and December 30 of each year, commencing on December 30, 2012, and trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol HTGY.

The September 2019 Notes are our direct unsecured obligations and rank: (i) *pari passu* with our other outstanding and future senior unsecured indebtedness, including without limitation, the \$75 million in aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Senior Notes; (ii) senior to any of our future indebtedness that expressly provides it is subordinated to the September 2019 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 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 Base Indenture, as supplemented by the Second Supplemental Indenture, contains certain covenants including covenants requiring us to comply with (regardless of whether it is 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 September 2019 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 Second 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 September 2019 Notes in a series may declare such September 2019 Notes immediately due and payable upon the occurrence of any event of default after expiration of any applicable grace period.

The September 2019 Notes were sold pursuant to an underwriting agreement dated September 19, 2012 among the Company and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, as representative of the several underwriters named in the underwriting agreement. In October 2012, the underwriters exercised their over-allotment option for an additional \$10.9 million of the September 2019 Notes, bringing the total amount of the September 2019 Notes issued to approximately \$85.9 million in aggregate principal amount.

For the three-months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 (unaudited), the components of interest expense and related fees and cash paid for interest expense for the April 2019 Notes and September 2019 Notes are as follows:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Stated interest expense	\$ 2,981	\$ 2,981
Amortization of debt issuance cost	240	240
<b>Total interest expense and fees</b>	<b>\$ 3,221</b>	<b>\$ 3,221</b>

Cash paid for interest expense and fees	\$ 2,981	\$ 2,998
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As of March 31, 2014, we are in compliance with the terms of the indenture, and respective supplemental indenture, governing the April 2019 Notes and September 2019 Notes. See Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements for more detail on the 2019 Notes.



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*Asset-Backed Notes*

On December 19, 2012, we completed a \$230.7 million term debt securitization in connection with which an affiliate of ours made an offer of \$129.3 million in aggregate principal amount of fixed-rate asset-backed notes (the *Asset-Backed Notes* ), which *Asset-Backed Notes* were rated A2(sf) by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. The *Asset-Backed Notes* were issued by Hercules Capital Funding Trust 2012-1 pursuant to a note purchase agreement, dated as of December 12, 2012, by and among us, Hercules Capital Funding 2012-1 LLC, as Trust Depositor (the *Trust Depositor* ), Hercules Capital Funding Trust 2012-1, as Issuer (the *Issuer* ), and Guggenheim Securities, LLC, as Initial Purchaser, and are backed by a pool of senior loans made to certain of our portfolio companies and secured by certain assets of those portfolio companies and are to be serviced by us. Interest on the *Asset-Backed Notes* will be paid, to the extent of funds available, at a fixed rate of 3.32% per annum. The *Asset-Backed Notes* have a stated maturity of December 16, 2017.

As part of this transaction, we entered into a sale and contribution agreement with the *Trust Depositor* under which we have agreed to sell or have contributed to the *Trust Depositor* certain senior loans made to certain of our portfolio companies (the *Loans* ). We have made customary representations, warranties and covenants in the sale and contribution agreement with respect to the *Loans* as of the date of their transfer to the *Trust Depositor*.

In connection with the issuance and sale of the *Asset-Backed Notes*, we have made customary representations, warranties and covenants in the note purchase agreement. The *Asset-Backed Notes* are secured obligations of the *Issuer* and are non-recourse to us. The *Issuer* also entered into an indenture governing the *Asset-Backed Notes*, which indenture includes customary representations, warranties and covenants. The *Asset-Backed Notes* were sold without being registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *Securities Act* ), to qualified institutional buyers in compliance with the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A under the *Securities Act* and to institutional accredited investors (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the *Securities Act*) who in each case, are qualified purchasers for purposes of Section 3(c)(7) under the 1940 Act. In addition, the *Trust Depositor* entered into an amended and restated trust agreement, which includes customary representation, warranties and covenants.

The *Loans* are serviced by us pursuant to a sale and servicing agreement, which contains customary representations, warranties and covenants. We perform certain servicing and administrative functions with respect to the *Loans*. We are entitled to receive a monthly fee from the *Issuer* for servicing the *Loans*. This servicing fee is equal to the product of one-twelfth (or in the case of the first payment date, a fraction equal to the number of days from and including December 5, 2012 through and including January 15, 2013 over 360) of 2.00% and the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the *Loans*, excluding all defaulted *Loans* and all purchased *Loans*, as of the first day of the related collection period (the period from the 5th day of the immediately preceding calendar month through the 4th day of the calendar month in which a payment date occurs, and for the first payment date, the period from and including December 5, 2012, to the close of business on January 4, 2013).

We also serve as administrator to the *Issuer* under an administration agreement, which includes customary representations, warranties and covenants.

At March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the *Asset Backed Notes* had an outstanding principal balance of \$63.8 million and \$89.6 million, respectively.

Under the terms of the *Asset Backed Notes*, we are required to maintain a reserve cash balance, funded through interest and principal collections from the underlying securitized debt portfolio, which may be used to pay monthly interest and principal payments on the *Asset-Backed Notes*. We have segregated these funds and classified them as Restricted Cash. There was approximately \$4.8 million and \$6.3 million of Restricted Cash as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, funded through interest collections.

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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, 2014, 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 \$72.8 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 our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our 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. As of March 31, 2014, the conversion rate was 86.5029 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of *Convertible Senior Notes* (equivalent to an adjusted conversion price of approximately \$11.56 per share of common stock).

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.

The *Convertible Senior Notes* are accounted for in accordance with ASC 470-20 (previously FASB Staff Position No. APB 14-1, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)*). In accounting for the *Convertible Senior Notes*, we estimated at the time of issuance 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* was 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 8.1%.

As of March 31, 2014 (unaudited) and December 31, 2013, the components of the carrying value of the *Convertible Senior Notes* were as follows:

<b>(in thousands)</b>	<b>As of March 31, 2014</b>	<b>As of December 31, 2013</b>
Principal amount of debt	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Original issue discount, net of accretion	(2,211)	(2,481)
Carrying value of debt	\$ 72,789	\$ 72,519



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For the three-months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 (unaudited), 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,	
	2014	2013
Stated interest expense	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,125
Accretion of original issue discount	271	271
Amortization of debt issuance cost	144	144
Total interest expense	\$ 1,540	\$ 1,540
Cash paid for interest expense	\$	\$

The estimated effective interest rate of the debt component of the Convertible Senior Notes, equal to the stated interest of 6.0% plus the accretion of the original issue discount, was approximately 8.1% for both the three-months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013. As of March 31, 2014, we are in compliance with the terms of the indentures governing the Convertible Senior Notes.

*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.

On August 1, 2012, we entered into an amendment to the Wells Facility. The amendment reduces the interest rate floor by 75 basis points to 4.25% and extends the maturity date by one year to August 2015. Additionally, an amortization period of 12 months was added to pay down the principal balance as of the maturity date, and the unused line fee was reduced.

Borrowings under the Wells Facility will generally bear interest at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 3.50%, with a floor of 4.25% and an advance rate of 50% against eligible debt investments. The Wells Facility is secured by debt investments in the borrowing base. The Wells Facility requires payment of a non-use fee on a scale of 0.0% to 0.50% of the average monthly outstanding balance. 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 0.50%. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, this non-use fee was approximately \$101,000. 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 the end of the term.

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 \$362.0 million plus 90% of the cumulative amount of equity raised after June 30, 2012. 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, 2014, the minimum tangible net worth covenant has increased to \$478.5 million as a result of our follow-on public offerings. 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, 2014. See Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements for more detail on the Wells Facility.

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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 (RBC) 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.

On March 30, 2012 we entered into an amendment to the Union Bank Facility which permitted us to issue additional senior notes relating to the offer and sale of our 2019 Notes. On September 17, 2012, we entered into an amendment to the Union Bank Facility. Pursuant to the terms of the amendment, we are permitted to increase our unsecured indebtedness by an aggregate original principal amount not to exceed \$200.0 million incurred after March 30, 2012 in one or more issuances, provided certain conditions are satisfied for each issuance.

On December 17, 2012, we further amended the Union Bank Facility to remove RBC from the Union Bank Facility. Following the removal of RBC, the Union Bank Facility consists solely of Union Bank's commitment of \$30.0 million. In connection with the amendment, the maximum availability under the Union Bank Facility, subject to a borrowing base, was reduced from \$55.0 million to \$30.0 million. The Union Bank Facility contains an accordion feature, in which we could increase the credit line by up to \$95.0 million in the aggregate, funded by commitments from additional lenders and with the agreement of Union Bank and subject to other customary conditions. 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, 2014, this nonuse fee was \$37,500. The Union Bank Facility is collateralized by debt investments in our portfolio companies, and includes an advance rate equal to 50.0% of eligible debt investments 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 requires 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, 2014, the minimum tangible net worth covenant has increased to \$472.8 million as a result of follow-on public offerings. 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. We were in compliance with all covenants at March 31, 2014. We further amended the Union Bank Facility on January 31, 2014. As amended, the Union Bank Facility will expire as of May 2, 2014. See Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements for more detail on the Union Bank Facility. We continue to explore potential financing arrangements with Union Bank that may be implemented following the expiration of the Union Bank Facility.

*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 debt investments 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

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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.

During the three-months ended March 31, 2014, we reduced our realized gain by approximately \$78,000 for Citigroup's participation in the gain on sale of equity securities which were obtained from exercising a portfolio company warrant which was included in the collateral pool. We recorded a decrease on participation liability and an increase on unrealized appreciation by a net amount of approximately \$45,000 as a result of current quarter depreciation of fair value on the pool of warrants collateralized under the warrant participation agreement. The value of their participation right on unrealized gains in the related equity investments was approximately \$325,000 as of March 31, 2014 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 \$1.7 million under the warrant participation agreement thereby reducing our 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 February 2016 and March 2017.

**Dividends**

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

<b>Date Declared</b>	<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Amount Per Share</b>
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
July 30, 2012	August 17, 2012	August 24, 2012	0.24
October 26, 2012	November 14, 2012	November 21, 2012	0.24
February 26, 2013	March 11, 2013	March 19, 2013	0.25
April 29, 2013	May 14, 2013	May 21, 2013	0.27
July 29, 2013	August 13, 2013	August 20, 2013	0.28
November 4, 2013	November 18, 2013	November 25, 2013	0.31
February 24, 2014	March 10, 2014	March 17, 2014	0.31
April 28, 2014	May 12, 2014	May 19, 2014	0.31

\* Dividend paid in cash and stock.

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On April 28, 2014 the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.31 per share to be paid on May 19, 2014 to shareholders of record as of May 12, 2014. This dividend will represent our thirty-fifth consecutive dividend declaration since our initial public offering, bringing the total cumulative dividend declared to date to \$9.37 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 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. Of the dividends declared during the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, 100% were distributions of ordinary income. There can be no certainty to stockholders that this determination is representative of what the tax attributes of our 2014 distributions to stockholders will actually be.

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 deferral 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 arrangements 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.

As a RIC, we will be subject to a 4% nondeductible federal excise tax on certain undistributed income unless we distribute in a timely manner an amount at least equal to the sum of (1) 98% of our ordinary income for each calendar year, (2) 98.2% of our capital gain net income for the 1-year period ending October 31 in that calendar year and (3) any income realized, but not distributed, in the preceding year (the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirements). 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). Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry over taxable income in excess of current year distributions from such taxable income into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. The maximum amount of excess taxable income that may be carried over for distribution in the next year under the Code is the total amount of dividends paid in the following year, subject to certain declaration and payment guidelines. To the extent we choose to carry over taxable income into the next tax year, dividends declared and paid by us in a year may differ from taxable income for that year as such dividends may include the distribution of current year taxable income, the distribution of prior year taxable income carried over into and distributed in the current year, or returns of capital.



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

We intend to distribute approximately \$3.8 million of spillover earnings from the year ended December 31, 2013 to our shareholders in 2014.

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.

### **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.

At March 31, 2014, approximately 76.8% of our 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 investments are carried at fair value in accordance with the 1940 Act and Accounting Standards Codification topic 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures ( ASC 820 ). Our debt securities are primarily invested in venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets, including technology, biotechnology, life science and energy and renewables technology industries. 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, we value substantially all of our 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 of Directors 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.

We 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.

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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 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 investments in the portfolio company as provided by the investment committee, which incorporates the results of the independent valuation firm as appropriate.
- (4) the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Valuation Committee, 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 investment committee.

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. 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.

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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, 2014. 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.

Investment Type -  Level Three Debt Investments	Fair Value at  March 31, 2014  (in thousands)	Valuation Techniques/  Methodologies			Range	Weighted Average <sup>(b)</sup>
				Unobservable Input <sup>(a)</sup>		
Pharmaceuticals Debt	89,267	Originated Within 6 Months		Origination Yield	9.79% - 16.97%	13.28%
	168,016	Market Comparable Companies		Hypothetical Market Yield Premium/(Discount)	12.70% - 16.97% (1.00%) - 0.50%	14.68%
Medical Devices Debt	37,326	Originated Within 6 Months		Origination Yield	13.69% - 17.37%	15.22%
	35,362	Market Comparable Companies		Hypothetical Market Yield Premium/(Discount)	14.52% - 17.37% (1.00%) - 0.50%	15.01%
	4,543	Liquidation		Probability weighting of  alternative outcomes	30% - 70%	
Technology Debt	32,946	Originated Within 6 Months		Origination Yield	3.90% - 15.95%	14.17%
	83,091	Market Comparable Companies		Hypothetical Market Yield Premium/(Discount)	12.89% - 19.70% 0.00% - 1.00%	14.58%
	13,933	Liquidation		Probability weighting of  alternative outcomes	0.00% - 100.00%	
Energy Technology Debt	52,314	Originated Within 6 Months		Origination Yield	10.81% - 17.29%	13.05%
	102,936	Market Comparable Companies		Hypothetical Market Yield Premium/(Discount)	12.80% - 14.39% (0.50%) - 1.00%	14.83%
Lower Middle Market Debt	19,383	Originated Within 6 Months		Origination Yield	11.84%	11.84%
	73,973	Market Comparable Companies		Adjusted SMi Leveraged Loan Indices Premium/(Discount)	10.46% - 16.83%  0.00% - 1.00%	14.19%
	7,380	Liquidation		Probability weighting of  alternative outcomes	50.00%	
		<b><u>Debt Investments Where Fair Value Approximates Cost</u></b>				
	54,203	Imminent Payoffs				
	23,686	Debt Investments Maturing in Less than One Year				
	\$798,359	Total Level Three Debt Investments				

(a) The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of our 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 our Schedule of Investments are included in the industries note above as follows:

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

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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, Electronics and Computer Hardware, Internet Consumer and Business Services, Information Services, Media/Content/Info and Communications and Networking industries in the Schedule of Investments.

Lower Middle Market, above, is comprised of debt investments in the Communications and Networking, Software, Electronics and Computer Hardware, Information Services, Internet Consumer and Business Services, Media/Content/Info, and Specialty Pharmaceuticals industries in the Schedule of Investments. Energy Technology, above, aligns with the Energy Technology industry in the Schedule of Investments.

(b) The weighted averages are calculated based on the fair market value of each investment.

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Investment Type -Level Three		Valuation Techniques/			Weighted Average <sup>(c)</sup>
Debt Investments	Fair Value at December 31, 2013 (in thousands)	Methodologies	Unobservable Input <sup>(a)</sup>	Range	
Pharmaceuticals Debt	25,811	Originated Within 6 Months	Origination Yield	12.56% - 4.53%	13.36%
	250,607	Market Comparable Companies	Hypothetical Market Yield Premium/(Discount)	13.83% - 15.47% (1.00%) - 0.00%	14.13%
Medical Devices Debt	46,900	Originated Within 6 Months	Origination Yield	13.54% - 17.37%	14.87%
	34,723	Market Comparable Companies	Hypothetical Market Yield Premium/(Discount)	14.32% - 17.37% (1.00%) - 1.00%	15.23%
Technology Debt	18,796	Originated Within 6 Months	Origination Yield	10.62% - 15.97%	14.26%
	98,290	Market Comparable Companies	Hypothetical Market Yield Premium/(Discount)	14.72% - 21.08% 0.00% - 1.00%	15.48%
	1,643	Liquidation	Probability weighting of alternative outcomes	30.00% - 70.00%	
Energy Technology Debt	32,597	Originated Within 6 Months	Origination Yield	14.68% - 15.87%	15.17%
	108,238	Market Comparable Companies	Hypothetical Market Yield Premium/(Discount)	15.37% (0.50%) - 1.50%	15.37%
Lower Middle Market Debt	121,347	Market Comparable Companies	Hypothetical Market Yield Premium/(Discount)	14.83% - 19.73% 0.00% - 1.00%	16.12%
	31,818	Broker Quote <sup>(b)</sup>	Price Quotes	99.50% - 100.25% of par	
	12,576	Liquidation	Par Value Probability weighting of alternative outcomes	\$2.0 - \$22.5 million 20.00% - 80.00%	
		<b><u>Debt Investments Where Fair Value Approximates Amortized Cost</u></b>			
	15,906	Imminent Payoffs			
	22,236	Debt Investments Maturing in Less than One Year			
	500	Convertible Debt at Par			
	\$821,988	Total Level Three Debt Investments			

(a) The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of our 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 our Schedule of Investments are included in the industries note above as follows:

Pharmaceuticals, above, is comprised of debt investments in the Specialty Pharmaceuticals, Drug Discovery and Development, Drug Delivery, and Diagnostics and Biotechnology 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, Electronics and Computer Hardware, Internet Consumer and Business Services, Information Services, Media/Content/Info and Communications and Networking industries in the Schedule of Investments.

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

Energy Technology, above, aligns with the Energy Technology industry in the Schedule of Investments. In our quarterly and annual reports filed with the Commission prior to the 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, we referred to the Energy Technology industry as "Clean Tech" and we referred to these investments as "Clean Tech" in the Schedule of Investments included in such reports.

- (b) A broker quote valuation technique was used to derive the fair value of debt investments which are part of a syndicated facility.
- (c) The weighted averages are calculated based on the fair market value of each investment.

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<b>Investment Type-</b>	<b>Fair Value at March 31, 2014 (in thousands)</b>	<b>Valuation Techniques/ Methodologies</b>	<b>Unobservable Input<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Range</b>		
Level Three Equity Investments	\$ 9,961	Market Comparable Companies	EBITDA Multiple <sup>(b)</sup>	6.9x - 14.0x		
			Revenue Multiple <sup>(b)</sup>	1.1x - 4.8x		
			Discount for Lack of	11.70% - 31.90%		
			Marketability <sup>(c)</sup>			
			Average Industry Volatility <sup>(d)</sup>	39.32% - 99.82%		
			Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.16% - 0.42%		
			Estimated Time to Exit	14 - 26		
			(in months)			
			9,895	Market Adjusted	Average Industry Volatility <sup>(d)</sup>	38.04% - 81.35%
				OPM Backsolve	Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.21% - 0.88%
		Estimated Time to Exit	18 - 39			
		(in months)				
	28,123	Other	Last Round Price	\$2.02 - \$18.00		
Level Three Warrant Investments	\$ 9,570	Market Comparable Companies	EBITDA Multiple <sup>(b)</sup>	3.7x - 32.7x		
			Revenue Multiple <sup>(b)</sup>	0.6x - 11.3x		
			Discount for Lack of Marketability <sup>(c)</sup>	11.70% - 31.60%		
			Average Industry Volatility <sup>(d)</sup>	28.23% - 98.69%		
			Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.11% - 1.29%		
			Estimated Time to Exit	12 - 48		
			(in months)			
			8,731	Market Adjusted OPM Backsolve	Average Industry Volatility <sup>(d)</sup>	29.88% - 99.56%
					Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.09% - 2.66%
					Estimated Time to Exit	9 - 45
		(in months)				
Total Level Three Warrant and Equity Investments	\$ 66,280					

(a) The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of our 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 we have determined that market participants would use such multiples when pricing the investments.

(c) Represents amounts used when we have 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.



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<b>Investment Type-</b>	<b>Fair Value at December 31, 2013 (in thousands)</b>	<b>Valuation Techniques/ Methodologies</b>	<b>Unobservable Input<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Range</b>			
Level Three Equity Investments	\$10,244	Market Comparable Companies	EBITDA Multiple <sup>(b)</sup>	8.6x - 17.7x			
			Revenue Multiple <sup>(b)</sup>	0.7x - 13.8x			
			Discount for Lack of Marketability <sup>(c)</sup>	9.1% - 23.6%			
			Average Industry Volatility <sup>(d)</sup>	43.4% - 110.7%			
			Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.1% - 0.4%			
			Estimated Time to Exit (in months)	6 - 30			
			Market Adjusted	9,289	OPM Backsolve	Average Industry Volatility <sup>(d)</sup>	45.6% - 109.7%
						Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.1% - 0.9%
						Estimated Time to Exit (in months)	6 - 42
						Other	18,127
Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.1%						
Estimated Time to Exit (in months)	12						
Level Three Warrant Investments	\$10,200	Market Comparable Companies	EBITDA Multiple <sup>(b)</sup>	5.0x - 51.4x			
			Revenue Multiple <sup>(b)</sup>	0.5x - 13.8x			
			Discount for Lack of Marketability <sup>(c)</sup>	6.4% - 36.0%			
			Average Industry Volatility <sup>(d)</sup>	21.3% - 110.7%			
			Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.1% - 1.0%			
			Estimated Time to Exit (in months)	6 - 48			
			Market Adjusted OPM Backsolve	8,913	Other	Average Industry Volatility <sup>(d)</sup>	35.7% - 109.9%
						Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.1% - 2.7%
						Estimated Time to Exit (in months)	3 - 48
			Other	9,595		Average Industry Volatility <sup>(d)</sup>	44.0% - 56.9%
Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.1% - 1.0%						
Estimated Time to Exit (in months)	12 - 48						
Total Level Three Warrant and Equity Investments	\$66,368						

(a) The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of our 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 we have determined that market participants would use such multiples when pricing the investments.
- (c) Represents amounts used when we have 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

We follow the guidance set forth in ASC 820 which establishes a framework for measuring the fair value of 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. Our debt securities are primarily invested in venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets, including technology, biotechnology, life science and energy and renewables technology industries at all stages of development. 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 debt instruments for these investment securities to be traded or exchanged.

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In making a good faith determination of the value of our investments, we generally start with the cost basis of the investment, which includes the value attributed to the OID, if any, and PIK interest or other receivables which have been accrued to principal as earned. We then apply the valuation methods as set forth below.

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. We value our syndicated debt investments using broker quotes and bond indices amongst other factors. 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.

We record unrealized depreciation on investments when we believe that an investment has decreased in value, including where collection of a debt investment 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 debt investment 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.

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#### *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. At March 31, 2014, we had three debt investments on non-accrual with a cumulative cost and approximate fair value of \$24.0 million and \$7.7 million, respectively, compared to two debt investments on non-accrual at December 31, 2013 a cumulative cost and approximate fair market value of \$23.3 million and \$12.6 million, respectively.

#### *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 \$852,000 and \$779,000 in PIK income in the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, 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 fees and other direct incremental costs incurred by us in obtaining debt financing. Debt issuance costs are recognized as prepaid expenses and amortized over the life of the related debt instrument using the straight line method, which closely approximates the effective yield method.

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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. Determining the appropriate fair value model and calculating the fair value of stock-based awards at the grant date requires judgment, including estimating stock price volatility, forfeiture rate and expected option life.

*Income Taxes*

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 PIK interest arrangements, and the amortization of discounts and fees. Cash collections of income resulting from contractual PIK interest arrangements 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.

As a RIC, we will be subject to a 4% nondeductible federal excise tax on certain undistributed income unless the we distribute in a timely manner an amount at least equal to the sum of (1) 98% of our ordinary income for each calendar year, (2) 98.2% of our capital gain net income for the 1-year period ending October 31 in that calendar year and (3) any income realized, but not distributed, in the preceding year (the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirements ). 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). Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry over taxable income in excess of current year distributions from such taxable income into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. The maximum amount of excess taxable income that may be carried over for distribution in the next year under the Code is the total amount of dividends paid in the following year, subject to certain declaration and payment guidelines. To the extent we choose to carry over taxable income into the next tax year, dividends declared and paid by us in a year may differ from taxable income for that year as such dividends may include the distribution of current year taxable income, the distribution of prior year taxable income carried over into and distributed in the current year, or returns of capital.

At December 31, 2013 no excise tax was recorded. We intend to distribute approximately \$3.8 million of spillover earnings from the year ended December 31, 2013 to our shareholders in 2014.

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.

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In June 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-08, Financial Services Investment Companies (Topic 946): Amendments to the Scope, Measurement, and Disclosure Requirements, which amends the criteria that define an investment company and clarifies the measurement guidance and requires new disclosures for investment companies. Under ASU 2013-08, an entity already regulated under the 1940 Act is automatically an investment company under the new GAAP definition, so we have concluded that there is no impact from adopting this standard on our statement of assets and liabilities or results of operations. We have adopted this standard for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

**Subsequent Events***Dividend Declaration*

On April 28, 2014 the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.31 per share to be paid on May 19, 2014 to shareholders of record as of May 12, 2014. This dividend represents our thirty-fifth consecutive dividend declaration since our initial public offering, bringing the total cumulative dividend declared to date to \$9.37 per share.

*Restricted Stock Units Grants*

In April 2014, we granted approximately 982,000 restricted stock units pursuant to the Plans.

*Closed and Pending Commitments*

As of April 28, Hercules has:

- a. Closed commitments of approximately \$60.0 million to new and existing portfolio companies, and funded approximately \$27.1 million since the close of the first quarter of 2014.
- b. Pending commitments (signed non-binding term sheets) of approximately \$171.0 million. The table below summarizes our year-to-date closed and pending commitments as follows:

**Closed Commitments and Pending Commitments (in millions)**

January 1	March 31, 2014 Closed Commitments	\$ 155.7
	Q2-14 Closed Commitments (as of April 28, 2014)	60.0
	<b>Total Year-to-date 2014 Closed Commitments<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>215.7</b>
	Pending Commitments (as of April 28, 2014) <sup>(b)</sup>	171.0
	<b>Year to date 2014 Closed and Pending Commitments</b>	<b>386.7</b>

Notes:

- a. Closed Commitments may include renewals of existing credit facilities. 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.



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As of March 31, 2014, we held warrants or equity positions in four companies that have filed registration statements on Form S-1 with the SEC in contemplation of potential initial public offerings, including Box, Inc., Dance Biopharm, Inc. and two companies which filed confidentially under the JOBS Act. In addition, subsequent to March 31, 2014 the following portfolio company completed an initial public offering:

1. In April 2014, Glori Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: GLRI), a Hercules portfolio company, completed a \$185 million reverse merger with Infinity Cross Border Acquisition Corp. (NASDAQ: INXB) and closed a share tender offer and a warrant tender offer.

**Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure 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 interest rates may affect both our cost of funding and our interest income from portfolio investments, cash and cash equivalents and idle funds investments. Our investment income will be affected by changes in various interest rates, including LIBOR and Prime rates, to the extent our debt investments include variable interest rates. As of March 31, 2014, approximately 98.0% of the loans in our portfolio had variable rates based on floating Prime or LIBOR rates, or variable rates with a floor. 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.

Based on our Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of March 31, 2014, the following table shows the approximate annualized increase (decrease) in components of net assets resulting from operations of hypothetical base rate changes in interest rates, assuming no changes in our investments and borrowings.

(dollars in thousands)

Basis Point Change <sup>(1)</sup>	Interest Income	Interest Expense	Net Income
100	\$ 6,615	\$	\$ 6,615
200	\$ 13,727	\$	\$ 13,727
300	\$ 23,765	\$	\$ 23,765
400	\$ 33,668	\$	\$ 33,668
500	\$ 43,542	\$	\$ 43,542

(1) A decline in interest rates would not have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

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. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we did not engage in interest rate hedging activities.

Although we believe that the foregoing analysis is indicative of our sensitivity to interest rate changes, it does not adjust for potential changes in the credit market, credit quality, size and composition of the assets in our portfolio. It also does not adjust for other business developments, including borrowings under our Credit Facilities, SBA debentures, Convertible Senior Notes, 2019 Notes and Asset-Based Notes, that could affect the net increase in net assets resulting from operations, or net income. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that actual results would not differ materially from the statement above.

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



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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.

For additional information regarding the interest rate associated with each of our Credit Facilities, SBA debentures, Convertible Senior Notes, 2019 Notes and Asset-Based Notes, please refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources Outstanding Borrowings appearing elsewhere herein.

### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our chief executive and chief financial officers, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. As of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, our chief executive and chief financial officers have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to our management, including its chief executive and chief financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

### **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, 2013 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, 2013.

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*Attestation Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm*

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013 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.

*Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting in 2013*

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that occurred during the Company's most recently completed fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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**BUSINESS**

We are a specialty finance company focused on providing senior secured loans to venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets, including technology, biotechnology, life science, and energy and renewables technology industries at all stages of development. We source our investments through our principal office located in Palo Alto, CA, as well as through our additional offices in Boston, MA, New York, NY, and McLean, VA.

Our goal is to be the leading structured debt financing provider of choice for venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets requiring sophisticated and customized financing solutions. Our strategy is to evaluate and invest in a broad range of technology-related markets including technology, biotechnology, life science, and energy and renewables technology industries and to offer a full suite of growth capital products. We invest primarily in structured debt with warrants and, to a lesser extent, in senior debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in private companies and, to a lesser extent, public companies.

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 typically are secured by some or all of the assets of the portfolio company.

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-backed companies in technology-related markets with attractive current yields and the potential for equity appreciation and realized gains. Our equity ownership in our portfolio companies may exceed 25% of the voting securities of such companies, which represents a controlling interest under the 1940 Act. 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-backed companies in technology-related markets is generally used for growth and general working capital purposes as well as in select cases for acquisitions or recapitalizations.

We also make investments in qualifying small businesses through our two wholly-owned SBICs. Our SBIC subsidiaries, HT II and HT III, hold approximately \$143.7 million and \$290.0 million in assets, respectively, and accounted for approximately 9.5% and 19.3% of our total assets, respectively, prior to consolidation at March 31, 2014. As of March 31, 2014, 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 aggregate, at March 31, 2014, with our net investment of \$112.5 million, HT II and HT III have the capacity to issue a total of \$225.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures, subject to SBA approval. In March 2014, we repaid \$34.8 million of SBA debentures under HT II, priced at approximately 6.38%, including annual fees. At March 31, 2014, we have issued \$190.2 million in SBA-guaranteed debentures in our SBIC subsidiaries.

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," which includes securities of private U.S. companies, cash, cash equivalents and high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less.

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. See "Regulation - Qualifying Assets."

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We focus our investments in companies active in the 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 energy 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.

### **CORPORATE HISTORY AND OFFICES**

We are a Maryland corporation formed in December 2003 that began investment operations in September 2004. We are an internally managed, non-diversified closed-end investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or 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, U.S. government securities and high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less. A business development company also must meet a coverage ratio of total net assets to total senior securities, which include all of our borrowings (including accrued interest payable) except for debentures issued by the Small Business Administration, or the SBA, and any preferred stock we may issue in the future, of at least 200% subsequent to each borrowing or issuance of senior securities. See Regulation Business Development Company .

We have qualified as and have elected to be treated for tax purposes as a RIC under 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, our qualification and election to be treated as a RIC requires that we comply with provisions contained in the Code. For example, as a RIC we must receive 90% or more of our income from qualified earnings, typically referred to as good income, as well as satisfy asset diversification and income distribution requirements.

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, MA, New York, NY and McLean, VA. We maintain a website on the Internet at [www.htgc.com](http://www.htgc.com). Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report, and you should not consider that information to be part of this Annual Report.

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](http://www.sec.gov), that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including us, who file documents electronically with the SEC.

### **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

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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 these companies effectively.

The unique cash flow characteristics of many technology-related companies, which typically 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 these 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 debt financing 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.

We believe that demand for structured debt financing is currently underserved. 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 stages 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 reached a more mature stage prior to reaching a liquidity event, we believe our investments could provide the debt capital needed to grow or recapitalize during the extended period prior to liquidity events.

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**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. In addition, our team members have originated structured debt, debt with warrants and equity investments in over 270 technology-related companies, representing over \$4.2 billion in commitments from inception to March 31, 2014, and have developed a network of industry contacts with investors and other participants within the venture capital and private equity communities. In addition, members of our management team also have operational, research and development and finance experience with technology-related companies. We have established contacts with leading venture capital and private equity fund sponsors, public and private companies, research institutions and other industry participants, which should enable us to identify and attract well-positioned prospective portfolio companies.

We concentrate our investing activities generally in industries in which our investment professionals have investment experience. We believe that our focus on financing technology-related companies will enable us to leverage our expertise in structuring prospective investments, to assess the value of both tangible and intangible assets, to evaluate the business prospects and operating characteristics of technology-related companies and to identify and originate potentially attractive investments with these types of 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 seek to 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 investment covenants requiring prospective portfolio companies to have certain amounts of available cash at the time of our investment and the continued support from a venture capital or private equity firm at the time we make our investment.

Historically our structured debt investments to technology-related companies typically include warrants or other equity interests. In addition, 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. We believe these equity interests will create the potential for meaningful long-term capital gains in connection with the future liquidity events of these technology-related companies.

***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.

We use our relationships in the financial sponsor community to originate investment opportunities. Because venture capital and private equity funds typically invest solely in the equity securities of their portfolio companies, we believe that our debt investments will be viewed as an attractive and complimentary source of capital, both by the portfolio company and by the portfolio company's financial sponsor. In addition, we believe that many venture capital and private equity fund sponsors encourage their portfolio companies to use debt financing for a portion of their capital needs as a means of potentially enhancing equity returns, minimizing equity dilution and increasing valuations prior to a subsequent equity financing round or a liquidity event.

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**Invest at Various Stages of Development.** We provide growth capital to technology-related companies at all stages of development, including select publicly listed companies and select special opportunity lower middle market companies that require additional capital to fund acquisitions, recapitalizations and refinancings and established-stage companies. We believe that this provides us with a broader range of potential investment opportunities than those available to many of our competitors, who generally focus their investments on a particular stage in a company's development. Because of the flexible structure of our investments and the extensive experience of our investment professionals, we believe we are well positioned to take advantage of these investment opportunities at all stages of prospective portfolio companies' development.

**Benefit from Our Efficient Organizational Structure.** We believe that our corporate structure enables us to be a long-term partner for our portfolio companies in contrast to traditional 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. We are not subject to requirements to return invested capital to investors nor do we have a finite investment horizon. Capital providers that are subject to such limitations are often required to seek a liquidity event more quickly than they otherwise might, which can result in a lower overall return on an investment.

**Deal Sourcing Through Our Proprietary Database.** We have developed a proprietary and comprehensive SQL-based database system to track various aspects of our investment process including sourcing, originations, transaction monitoring and post-investment performance. As of March 31, 2014, our proprietary SQL-based database system included approximately 35,300 technology-related companies and approximately 8,900 venture capital firms, 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.

## OUR INVESTMENTS AND OPERATIONS

We principally invest in debt securities and, to a lesser extent, equity securities, with a particular emphasis on structured debt with warrants.

We generally seek to invest in companies that have been operating for at least six to 12 months prior to the date of our investment. We anticipate that such entities may, at the time of investment, be generating revenues or will have a business plan that anticipates generation of revenues within 24 to 48 months. Further, we anticipate that on the date of our investment we will generally obtain a lien on available assets, which may or may not include intellectual property, and these companies will have sufficient cash on their balance sheet to operate as well as potentially amortize their debt for at least three to nine months following our investment. We generally require that a prospective portfolio company, in addition to having sufficient capital to support leverage, demonstrate an operating plan capable of generating cash flows or raising the additional capital necessary to cover its operating expenses and service its debt, for an additional six to 12 months subject to market conditions.

We expect that our investments will generally range from \$1.0 million to \$40.0 million. We typically structure our debt securities to provide for amortization of principal over the life of the loan, but may include a period of interest-only payments. Our loans will be collateralized by a security interest in the borrower's assets, although we may not have the first claim on these assets and the assets may not include intellectual property. Our debt investments carry fixed or variable contractual interest rates which generally ranged from the prevailing U.S. prime rate, or Prime or the LIBOR rate to approximately 15% as of March 31, 2014. As of March 31, 2014, approximately 98.0% of our loans were at floating rates or floating rates with a floor and 2.0% of the loans were at fixed rates.

In addition to the cash yields received on our loans, in some instances, our loans generally include one or more of the following: end-of-term payments, exit fees, balloon payment fees, commitment fees, success fees or prepayment fees. In some cases our loans also include contractual PIK interest arrangements. The increases in



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loan balances as a result of contractual PIK arrangements are included in income for the period in which such payment-in-kind interest was accrued, which is often in advance of receiving cash payment, and are separately identified on our statements of cash flows. We also may be required to include in income for tax purposes certain other amounts prior to receiving the related cash.

In addition, the majority of our investments in the structured debt of venture capital-backed companies generally have equity enhancement features, typically in the form of warrants or other equity-related securities designed to provide us with an opportunity for potential capital appreciation. The warrants typically will be immediately exercisable upon issuance and generally will remain exercisable for the lesser of five to ten years or three to five years after completion of an initial public offering. The exercise prices for the warrants varies from nominal exercise prices to exercise prices that are at or above the current fair market value of the equity for which we receive warrants. We may structure warrants to provide minority rights provisions or on a very select basis put rights upon the occurrence of certain events. We generally target a total annualized return (including interest, fees and value of warrants) of 12% to 25% for our debt investments.

Typically, our structured debt and equity investments take one of the following forms:

*Structured Debt with Warrants.* We seek to invest a majority of our assets in structured debt with warrants of prospective portfolio companies. Traditional structured debt financing is a layer of high-coupon financing between debt and equity that most commonly takes the form of subordinated debt coupled with warrants, combining the cash flow and risk characteristics of both senior debt and equity. However, our investments in structured debt with warrants may be the only debt capital on the balance sheet of our portfolio companies, and in many cases we have a first priority security interest in all of our portfolio company's assets, or in certain investments we may have a negative pledge on intellectual property. Our structured debt with warrants typically have maturities of between two and seven years, and they may provide for full amortization after an interest only period. Our structured debt with warrants generally carry a contractual interest rate between the prevailing U.S. prime rate, or Prime or the LIBOR rate and approximately 14% and may include an additional end-of-term payment or contractual PIK interest arrangements. In most cases we collateralize our investments by obtaining security interests in our portfolio companies' assets, which may include their intellectual property. In other cases we may prohibit a company from pledging or otherwise encumbering their intellectual property. We may structure our structured debt with warrants with restrictive affirmative and negative covenants, default penalties, prepayment penalties, lien protection, equity calls, change-in-control provisions or board observation rights.

*Senior Debt.* We seek to invest a limited portion of our assets in senior debt. Senior debt may be collateralized by accounts receivable and/or inventory financing of prospective portfolio companies. Senior debt has a senior position with respect to a borrower's scheduled interest and principal payments and holds a first priority security interest in the assets pledged as collateral. Senior debt also may impose covenants on a borrower with regard to cash flows and changes in capital structure, among other items. We generally collateralize our investments by obtaining security interests in our portfolio companies' assets, which may include their intellectual property. In other cases we may obtain a negative pledge covering a company's intellectual property. Our senior loans, in certain instances, may be tied to the financing of specific assets. In connection with a senior debt investment, we may also provide the borrower with a working capital line-of-credit that will carry an interest rate ranging from Prime or LIBOR plus a spread with a floor, generally maturing in one to three years, and will be secured by accounts receivable and/or inventory.

*Equipment Loans.* We intend to invest a limited portion of our assets in equipment-based loans to early-stage prospective portfolio companies. Equipment-based loans are secured by a first priority security interest in only the specific assets financed. These loans are generally for amounts up to \$3.0 million but may be up to \$15.0 million for certain energy technology venture investments, carry a contractual interest rate between Prime and Prime plus 9.0%, and have an average term between three and four years. Equipment loans may also include end of term payments.

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*Equity-Related Securities.* The equity-related securities we hold consist primarily of warrants or other equity interests generally obtained in connection with our structured debt investments. In addition to the warrants received as a part of a structured debt financing, we typically receive the right to make equity investments in a portfolio company in connection with that company's next round of equity financing. We may also on certain debt investments have the right to convert a portion of the debt investment into equity. These rights will provide us with the opportunity to further enhance our returns over time through opportunistic equity investments in our portfolio companies. These equity-related investments are typically in the form of preferred or common equity and may be structured with a dividend yield, providing us with a current return, and with customary anti-dilution protection and preemptive rights. We may achieve liquidity through a merger or acquisition of a portfolio company, a public offering of a portfolio company's stock or by exercising our right, if any, to require a portfolio company to buy back the equity-related securities we hold. We may also make stand alone direct equity investments into portfolio companies in which we may not have any debt investment in the company.

A comparison of the typical features of our various investment alternatives is set forth in the chart below.

	<b>Structured debt with warrants</b>	<b>Senior Debt</b>	<b>Equipment Loans</b>	<b>Equity related Securities</b>
<b>Typical Structure</b>	Term debt with warrants	Term or revolving debt	Term debt with warrants	Preferred stock or common stock
<b>Investment Horizon</b>	Long term, ranging from 2 to 7 years, with an average of 3 years	Usually under 3 years	Ranging from 3 to 4 years	Ranging from 3 to 7 years
<b>Ranking/Security</b>	Senior secured, either first out or last out, or second lien	Senior/First lien	Secured only by underlying equipment	None/unsecured
<b>Covenants</b>	Less restrictive; Mostly financial	Generally borrowing base and financial	None	None
<b>Risk Tolerance</b>	Medium/High	Low	High	High
<b>Coupon/Dividend</b>	Cash pay fixed and floating rate; PIK in limited cases	Cash pay floating or fixed rate	Cash pay-floating or fixed rate and may include PIK	Generally none
<b>Customization or Flexibility</b>	More flexible	Little to none	Little to none	Flexible
<b>Equity Dilution</b>	Low to medium	None to low	Low	High

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#### **Investment Criteria**

We have identified several criteria, among others, that we believe are important in achieving our investment objective with respect to prospective portfolio companies. These criteria, while not inclusive, provide general guidelines for our investment decisions.

**Portfolio Composition.** While we generally focus our investments in venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets, we seek to diversify across various financial sponsors as well as across various stages of companies' development and various technology industry sub-sectors and geographies. As of March 31, 2014, approximately 64.9% of the fair value of our portfolio was composed of investments in four industries: 23.2% was composed of investments in the drug discovery and development industry, 18.7% was composed of investments in the energy technology industry, 11.9% was composed of investments in the internet consumer and business services industry and 11.1% was composed of investments in the medical device and equipment industry.

**Continuing Support from One or More Financial Sponsors.** We generally invest in companies in which one or more established financial sponsors have previously invested and continue to make a contribution to the management of the business. We believe that having established financial sponsors with meaningful commitments to the business is a key characteristic of a prospective portfolio company. In addition, we look for representatives of one or more financial sponsors to maintain seats on the Board of Directors of a prospective portfolio company as an indication of such commitment.

**Company Stage of Development.** While we invest in companies at various stages of development, we generally require that prospective portfolio companies be beyond the seed stage of development and generally have received or anticipate having commitments for their first institutional round of equity financing for early stage companies. We expect a prospective portfolio company to demonstrate progress in its product development or demonstrate a path towards revenue generation or increase its revenues and operating cash flow over time. The anticipated growth rate of a prospective portfolio company is a key factor in determining the value that we ascribe to any warrants or other equity securities that we may acquire in connection with an investment in debt securities.

**Operating Plan.** We generally require that a prospective portfolio company, in addition to having potential access to capital to support leverage, demonstrate an operating plan capable of generating cash flows or the ability to potentially raise the additional capital necessary to cover its operating expenses and service its debt for a specific period. Specifically, we require that a prospective portfolio company demonstrate at the time of our proposed investment that it has cash on its balance sheet, or is in the process of completing a financing so that it will have cash on its balance sheet, sufficient to support its operations for a minimum of six to 12 months.

**Security Interest.** In many instances we seek a first priority security interest in all of the portfolio companies' tangible and intangible assets as collateral for our debt investment, subject in some cases to permitted exceptions. In other cases we may obtain a negative pledge prohibiting a company from pledging or otherwise encumbering their intellectual property. Although we do not intend to operate as an asset-based lender, the estimated liquidation value of the assets, if any, collateralizing the debt securities that we hold is an important factor in our credit analysis and subject to assumptions that may change over the life of the investment especially when attempting to estimate the value of intellectual property. We generally evaluate both tangible assets, such as accounts receivable, inventory and equipment, and intangible assets, such as intellectual property, customer lists, networks and databases.

**Covenants.** Our investments may include one or more of the following covenants: cross-default, or material adverse change provisions, require the portfolio company to provide periodic financial reports and operating metrics and will typically limit the portfolio company's ability to incur additional debt, sell assets, dividend recapture, engage in transactions with affiliates and consummate an extraordinary transaction, such as a merger or recapitalization without our consent. In addition, we may require other performance or financial based covenants, as we deem appropriate.

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**Exit Strategy.** Prior to making a debt investment that is accompanied by an equity-related security in a prospective portfolio company, we analyze the potential for that company to increase the liquidity of its equity through a future event that would enable us to realize appreciation in the value of our equity interest. Liquidity events may include an initial public offering, a private sale of our equity interest to a third party, a merger or an acquisition of the company or a purchase of our equity position by the company or one of its stockholders.

**Investment Process**

We have organized our management team around the four key elements of our investment process:

Origination;

Underwriting;

Documentation; and

Loan and Compliance Administration.

Our investment process is summarized in the following chart:

***Origination***

The origination process for our investments includes sourcing, screening, preliminary due diligence and deal structuring and negotiation, all leading to an executed non-binding term sheet. As of March 31, 2014, our investment origination team, which consists of approximately 38 investment professionals, is headed by our Chief Investment Officer and our Chief Executive Officer. The origination team is responsible for sourcing potential investment opportunities and members of the investment origination team use their extensive relationships with various leading financial sponsors, management contacts within technology-related companies, trade sources, technology conferences and various publications to source prospective portfolio companies. Our investment origination team is divided into special opportunity lower middle market, technology, energy technology, and life science sub-teams to better source potential portfolio companies.

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In addition, we have developed a proprietary and comprehensive SQL-based database system to track various aspects of our investment process including sourcing, originations, transaction monitoring and post-investment performance. This proprietary SQL system allows our origination team to maintain, cultivate and grow our industry relationships while providing our origination team with comprehensive details on companies in the technology-related industries and their financial sponsors.

If a prospective portfolio company generally meets certain underwriting criteria, we perform preliminary due diligence, which may include high level company and technology assessments, evaluation of its financial sponsors' support, market analysis, competitive analysis, identify key management, risk analysis and transaction size, pricing, return analysis and structure analysis. If the preliminary due diligence is satisfactory, and the origination team recommends moving forward, we then structure, negotiate and execute a non-binding term sheet with the potential portfolio company. Upon execution of a term sheet, the investment opportunity moves to the underwriting process to complete formal due diligence review and approval.

### ***Underwriting***

The underwriting review includes formal due diligence and approval of the proposed investment in the portfolio company.

*Due Diligence.* Our due diligence on a prospective investment is typically completed by two or more investment professionals whom we define as the underwriting team. The underwriting team for a proposed investment consists of the deal sponsor who typically possesses general industry knowledge and is responsible for originating and managing the transaction, other investment professional(s) who perform due diligence, credit and corporate financial analyses and, as needed, our legal professionals. To ensure consistent underwriting, we generally use our standardized due diligence methodologies, which include due diligence on financial performance and credit risk as well as an analysis of the operations and the legal and applicable regulatory framework of a prospective portfolio company. The members of the underwriting team work together to conduct due diligence and understand the relationships among the prospective portfolio company's business plan, operations and financial performance.

As part of our evaluation of a proposed investment, the underwriting team prepares an investment memorandum for presentation to the investment committee. In preparing the investment memorandum, the underwriting team typically interviews select key management of the company and select financial sponsors and assembles information necessary to the investment decision. If and when appropriate, the investment professionals may also contact industry experts and customers, vendors or, in some cases, competitors of the company.

*Approval Process.* The sponsoring managing director or principal presents the investment memorandum to our investment committee for consideration. The approval of a majority of our investment committee and an affirmative vote by our Chief Executive Officer is required before we proceed with any investment. The members of our investment committee are our Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Financial Officer and our Chief Investment Officer. The investment committee generally meets weekly and more frequently on an as-needed basis. The Senior Managing Directors abstain from voting with respect to investments they originate.

### ***Documentation***

Our documentation group, currently headed by our General Counsel, administers the documentation process for our investments. This group is responsible for documenting the transactions approved by our investment committee with a prospective portfolio company. This group negotiates loan documentation and, subject to appropriate approvals, final documents are prepared for execution by all parties. The documentation group generally uses the services of external law firms to complete the necessary documentation.

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Our loan and compliance administration group, headed by our Chief Financial Officer and Chief Investment Officer, administers loans and tracks covenant compliance, if applicable, of our investments and oversees periodic reviews of our critical functions to ensure adherence with our internal policies and procedures. After funding of a loan in accordance with the investment committee's approval, the loan is recorded in our loan administration software and our SQL-based database system. The loan and compliance administration group is also responsible for ensuring timely interest and principal payments and collateral management as well as advising the investment committee on the financial performance and trends of each portfolio company, including any covenant violations that occur, to aid us in assessing the appropriate course of action for each portfolio company and evaluating overall portfolio quality. In addition, the loan and compliance administration group advises the investment committee and the Valuation Committee of our Board of Directors, accordingly, regarding the credit and investment grading for each portfolio company as well as changes in the value of collateral that may occur.

The loan and compliance administration group monitors our portfolio companies in order to determine whether the companies are meeting our financing criteria and their respective business plans and also monitors the financial trends of each portfolio company from its monthly or quarterly financial statements to assess the appropriate course of action for each company and to evaluate overall portfolio quality. In addition, our management team closely monitors the status and performance of each individual company through our SQL-based database system and periodic contact with our portfolio companies' management teams and their respective financial sponsors.

*Credit and Investment Grading System.* Our loan and compliance administration group uses an investment grading system to characterize and monitor our outstanding loans. Our loan and compliance administration group monitors and, when appropriate, recommends changes to investment grading. Our investment committee reviews the recommendations and/or changes to the investment grading, which are submitted on a quarterly basis to the Valuation Committee and our Board of Directors for approval.

From time to time, we will identify investments that require closer monitoring or become workout assets. We develop a workout strategy for workout assets and our investment committee monitors the progress against the strategy. We may incur losses from our investing activities, however, we work with our troubled portfolio companies in order to recover as much of our investments as is practicable, including possibly taking control of the portfolio company. There can be no assurance that principal will be recovered.

We use the following investment grading system approved by our Board of Directors:

- Grade 1. Loans involve the least amount of risk in our portfolio. The borrower is performing above expectations, and the trends and risk profile is generally favorable.
- Grade 2. The borrower is performing as expected and the risk profile is neutral to favorable. All new loans are initially graded 2.
- Grade 3. The borrower may be performing below expectations, and the loan's risk has increased materially since origination. We increase procedures to monitor a borrower that may have limited amounts of cash remaining on the balance sheet, is approaching its next equity capital raise within the next three to six months, or if the estimated fair value of the enterprise may be lower than when the loan was originated. We will generally lower the loan grade to a level 3 even if the company is performing in accordance to plan as it approaches the need to raise additional cash to fund its operations. Once the borrower closes its new equity capital raise, we may increase the loan grade back to grade 2 or maintain it at a grade 3 as the company continues to pursue its business plan.
- Grade 4. The borrower is performing materially below expectations, and the loan risk has substantially increased since origination. Loans graded 4 may experience some partial loss or full return of

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principal but are expected to realize some loss of interest which is not anticipated to be repaid in full, which, to the extent not already reflected, may require the fair value of the loan to be reduced to the amount we anticipate will be recovered. Grade 4 investments are closely monitored.

Grade 5. The borrower is in workout, materially performing below expectations and a significant risk of principal loss is probable. Loans graded 5 will experience some partial principal loss or full loss of remaining principal outstanding is expected. Grade 5 loans will require the fair value of the loans be reduced to the amount, if any, we anticipate will be recovered.

At March 31, 2014, our investments had a weighted average investment grading of 2.05.

***Managerial Assistance***

As a business development company, we are required to offer, and provide upon request, managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. This assistance could involve, among other things, monitoring the operations of our portfolio companies, participating in board and management meetings, consulting with and advising officers of portfolio companies and providing other organizational and financial guidance. We may receive fees for these services.

**COMPETITION**

Our primary competitors provide financing to prospective portfolio companies and include non-bank financial institutions, federally or state chartered banks, venture debt funds, financial institutions, venture capital funds, private equity funds, investment funds and investment banks. Many of these entities have greater financial and managerial resources than we have, and the 1940 Act imposes certain regulatory restrictions on us as a business development company to which many of our competitors are not subject. However, we believe that few of our competitors possess the expertise to properly structure and price debt investments to venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets. We believe that our specialization in financing technology-related companies will enable us to determine a range of potential values of intellectual property assets, evaluate the business prospects and operating characteristics of prospective portfolio companies and, as a result, identify investment opportunities that produce attractive risk-adjusted returns. For additional information concerning the competitive risks we face, see **Risk Factors Risks Related to our Business and Structure**. We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities, and we may not be able to compete effectively.

**EMPLOYEES**

As of March 31, 2014, we had approximately 38 investment and portfolio management professionals, all of whom have extensive experience working on financing transactions for technology-related companies.

**LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

We may, from time to time, be involved in litigation arising out of our operations in the normal course of business or otherwise. Furthermore, third parties may try to seek to impose liability on us in connection with the activities of our portfolio companies. While the outcome of any current legal proceedings cannot at this time be predicted with certainty, we do not expect any current matters will materially affect our financial condition or results of operations; however, there can be no assurance whether any pending legal proceedings will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations in any future reporting period.

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The following tables set forth certain information as of March 31, 2014 regarding each portfolio company in which we had a debt or equity investment. The general terms of our loans and other investments are described in Business Our Investments. We offer to make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. In addition, we may receive rights to observe the Board of Directors meetings of our portfolio companies.

<b>Portfolio Company</b>	<b>Sub-Industry</b>	<b>Type of Investment<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Interest Rate and Floor</b>	<b>Principal Amount</b>	<b>Cost<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Value<sup>(3)</sup></b>
<b>Debt</b>							
<b>Biotechnology Tools</b>							
<b>1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
Labcyte, Inc. <sup>(11)(14)(15)</sup>	Biotechnology	Senior Secured	June 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 6.70% or Floor rate of 9.95%	\$ 3,890	\$ 3,976	\$ 3,936
1190 Borregas Avenue	Tools						
Sunnyvale, CA 94089							
<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>						3,976	3,936
<b>Subtotal: Biotechnology Tools (0.60%)*</b>						3,976	3,936
<b>Energy Technology</b>							
<b>Under 1 Year Maturity</b>							
American Superconductor Corporation <sup>(3)(11)(14)</sup>	Energy	Senior Secured	December 2014	Interest rate PRIME + 7.25% or Floor rate of 11.00%	\$ 3,462	3,892	3,892
64 Jackson Rd	Technology						
Devens, MA 01434							
Enphase Energy, Inc. <sup>(11)(14)</sup>	Energy	Senior Secured	June 2014	Interest rate PRIME + 5.75% or Floor rate of 9.00%	\$ 669	717	717
1420 North McDowell Blvd.	Technology						
Petaluma, CA 94954							
Scifiniti (pka Integrated Photovoltaics, Inc.) <sup>(15)</sup>	Energy	Senior Secured	February 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 7.38% or Floor rate of 10.63%	\$ 1,166	1,154	1,154
51 Daggett Drive	Technology						
San Jose, CA 95134							
Stion Corporation <sup>(4)(6)(14)</sup>	Energy	Senior Secured	February 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 8.75% or Floor rate of 12.00%	\$ 4,182	4,169	4,169
6321 San Ignacio Avenue	Technology						
San Jose, CA 95119							
TAS Energy, Inc. <sup>(14)</sup>	Energy	Senior Secured			\$ 12,803	12,811	12,811



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6110 Cullen Blvd. Houston, TX 77021	Technology Energy Technology	Senior Secured	February 2015 February 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 7.75% or Floor rate of 11.00% Interest rate PRIME + 6.25% or Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 3,000	2,900	2,900
Total TAS Energy, Inc.					\$ 15,803	15,711	15,711
<b>Subtotal: Under 1 Year Maturity</b>						25,644	25,644
<b>1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
Agrivida, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 200 Boston Avenue Medford, MA 02155	Energy Technology	Senior Secured	December 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 6.75% or Floor rate of 10.00%	\$ 6,000	5,940	5,902
American Superconductor Corporation <sup>(3)(11)(14)</sup> 64 Jackson Rd Devens, MA 01434	Energy Technology	Senior Secured	November 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 7.25% or Floor rate of 11.00%	\$ 10,000	9,894	9,894
Amyris, Inc. <sup>(10)(14)</sup> 5885 Hollis Street, Ste. 100 Emeryville, CA 94608	Energy Technology	Senior Secured	February 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 6.25% or Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 25,000	24,703	24,703

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BioAmber, Inc. <sup>(5)(10)(14)</sup> 3850 Annapolis Lane North, Suite 180 Plymouth, MN 55447	Energy Technology	Senior Secured	June 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 6.75% or Floor rate of 10.00%	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,704	\$ 26,201
Enphase Energy, Inc. <sup>(11)</sup> 1420 North McDowell Blvd. Petaluma, CA 94954	Energy Technology	Senior Secured	August 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 8.25% or Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 7,181	7,229	7,373
Fluidic, Inc. <sup>(14)</sup> 8455 North 90th Street, Suite 4 Scottsdale, AZ 85258	Energy Technology	Senior Secured	March 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 8.00% or Floor rate of 11.25%	\$ 5,000	4,961	5,009
Fulcrum Bioenergy, Inc. <sup>(11)</sup> 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 220 Pleasanton, CA 94588	Energy Technology	Senior Secured	November 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 7.75% or Floor rate of 11.00%	\$ 9,733	9,713	9,545
Glori Energy, Inc. <sup>(11)(14)</sup> 4315 South Drive Houston, TX 77053	Energy Technology	Senior Secured	June 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 6.75% or Floor rate of 10.00%	\$ 4,444	4,616	4,601
Polyera Corporation <sup>(14)(15)</sup> 8045 Lamon Avenue, #140 Skokie, IL 60077	Energy Technology	Senior Secured	June 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 6.75% or Floor rate of 10.00%	\$ 5,289	5,346	5,273
TPI Composites, Inc. <sup>(14)</sup> 8501 N Scottsdale Rd, Gainey Center II, Suite 280 Scottsdale, AZ 85253	Energy Technology Energy Technology	Senior Secured Senior Secured	June 2016 June 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 8.00% or Floor rate of 11.25% Interest rate PRIME + 8.00% or Floor rate of 11.25%	\$ 5,000	4,905	4,905
ULTURA Inc. <sup>(13)(14)</sup> 100 West Broadway, Suite 200 Long Beach, CA 90802	Energy Technology	Senior Secured	April 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 6.75% or Floor rate of 10.00%	\$ 18,210	18,032	17,556
<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>						136,051	136,111

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<b>Subtotal: Energy Technology (24.76%)*</b>						161,695	161,755
<b>Communications &amp; Networking</b>							
<b>1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
OpenPeak, Inc. <sup>(11)(14)</sup>	Communications & Networking	Senior Secured	April 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 8.75% or Floor rate of 12.00%	\$ 10,500	10,367	10,367
1750 Clint Moore Road							
Boca Raton, FL 33487							
Spring Mobile Solutions, Inc. <sup>(14)</sup>	Communications & Networking	Senior Secured	November 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 8.00% or Floor rate of 11.25%	\$ 20,000	19,837	20,237
11710 Plaza America Drive,							
Suite 420							
Reston, VA 20190							
<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>						30,204	30,604
<b>Subtotal: Communications &amp; Networking (4.68%)*</b>						30,204	30,604
<b>Consumer &amp; Business Products</b>							
<b>1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
Fluc, Inc. <sup>(9)</sup>	Consumer & Business Products	Convertible Senior Debt	March 2017	Interest rate FIXED + 4.00%	\$ 100	100	100
1259 El Camino Real							
Menlo Park, CA 94025							
<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>						100	100
<b>Subtotal: Drug Delivery (0.02%)*</b>						100	100

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<b>Drug Delivery Under 1 Year Maturity</b>							
Revence Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(3)(14)</sup>	Drug Delivery	Senior Secured	March 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 6.60% or Floor rate of 9.85%	\$ 794	\$ 827	\$ 827
7555 Gateway Blvd Newark, CA 94560	Drug Delivery	Senior Secured	March 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 6.60% or Floor rate of 9.85%	\$ 7,942	8,222	8,222
Total Revance Therapeutics, Inc.					\$ 8,736	9,049	9,049
<b>Subtotal: Under 1 Year Maturity</b>						9,049	9,049
<b>1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)(10)(14)(15)</sup>	Drug Delivery	Senior Secured	October 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 3.85% or Floor rate of 9.10%	\$ 15,000	14,613	14,613
575 Chesapeake Drive Redwood City, CA 94063							
BIND Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(3)(14)(15)</sup>	Drug Delivery	Senior Secured	September 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 7.00% or Floor rate of 10.25%	\$ 4,500	4,424	4,560
325 Vassar St Cambridge, MA 02139							
Celsion Corporation <sup>(3)(14)</sup>	Drug Delivery	Senior Secured	June 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 8.00% or Floor rate of 11.25%	\$ 5,000	4,923	4,923
997 Lenox Drive, Suite 100 Lawrenceville, NJ 08648							
Dance Biopharm, Inc. <sup>(14)(15)</sup>	Drug Delivery	Senior Secured	August 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 7.40% or Floor rate of 10.65%	\$ 1,000	981	981
150 North Hill Drive, Suite 24 Brisbane, CA 94005kaleo, Inc. <sup>(11)(14)</sup>	Drug Delivery	Senior Secured	June 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 5.75% or Floor rate of 11.00%	\$ 13,678	13,958	13,958
111 Virginia St, Ste 300 Richmond, VA 23219							
Neos Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(14)(15)</sup>	Drug Delivery	Senior Secured	October 2017	Interest rate FIXED + 9.00%	\$ 10,000	9,828	9,828
2940 N. Highway 360 Suite 100 Grand Prarie, TX 75050							
<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>						48,728	48,863
<b>Subtotal: Drug Delivery (8.86%)*</b>						57,777	57,912
<b>Drug Discovery &amp; Development Under 1 Year Maturity</b>							

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Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)(15)</sup> 480 Arsenal Street, Building 1, Suite 120  Watertown, MA 02472	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Secured	January 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 4.40% or Floor rate of 10.15%	\$ 3,922	3,901	3,901
<b>Subtotal: Under 1 Year Maturity</b>						3,901	3,901
<b>1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
ADMA Biologics, Inc. <sup>(3)(13)(14)</sup> 465 Route 17 South  Ramsey, NJ 07446	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Secured	June 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 3.00% or Floor rate of 8.75%, PIK Interest of 1.95%	\$ 10,003	9,824	9,824
Anacor Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 1020 East Meadow Circle  Palo Alto, CA 94303	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Secured	July 2017	Interst rate PRIME + 6.40% or Floor rate of 11.65%	\$ 30,000	29,171	30,071

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Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)(10)(11)(14)(15)</sup> 650 E Kendall Street  Cambridge, MA 02142	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Secured	September 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 7.15% or Floor rate of 11.90%	\$ 16,872	\$ 16,872	\$ 17,040
Cell Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(11)(14)</sup> 3101 Western Avenue  Seattle, WA 98121	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Secured	October 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 9.00% or Floor rate 12.25%	\$ 15,000	14,946	14,946
Cempra, Inc. <sup>(3)(11)(14)</sup> Building Two Quadrangle,  6320 Quadrangle Drive,  Suite 360  Chapel Hill, NC 27517	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Secured	June 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 6.30% or Floor rate of 9.55%	\$ 15,000	14,975	14,975
Cleveland BioLabs, Inc. <sup>(3)(14)(15)</sup> 73 High Street  Buffalo, NY 14203	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Secured	January 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 6.20% or Floor rate of 10.45%	\$ 6,000	5,953	6,055
Concert Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)(4)</sup> 99 Hayden Avenue,  Suite 100  Lexington, MA 02421-7966	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Secured	October 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 3.25% or Floor rate of 8.50%	\$ 13,172	13,052	12,933
Insmmed, Incorporated <sup>(11)(14)</sup> 9 Deer Park Drive, Suite C  Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Secured	January 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 4.75% or Floor rate of 9.25%	\$ 20,000	19,815	19,904
Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)(14)</sup> One Kendall Square, Suite B7201  Cambridge, MA 02139	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Secured	November 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 5.30% or Floor rate of 10.55%	\$ 40,000	40,446	40,204
Neuralstem, Inc. <sup>(14)(15)</sup> 9700 Great Seneca Pkwy  Rockville, MD 20850	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Secured	June 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 7.75% or Floor rate of 11.00%	\$ 7,295	7,239	7,385
uniQure B.V. <sup>(3)(5)(10)(11)(14)</sup> PO Box 22506	Drug Discovery & Development	Senior Secured	October 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 8.60% or Floor rate of 11.85%	\$ 10,000	9,731	9,806

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Amsterdam, Netherlands 1100 DA

**Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity** 182,025 183,143

**Subtotal: Drug Discovery & Development (28.63%)\*** 185,926 187,044

**Electronics & Computer Hardware  
1-5 Years Maturity**

Plures Technologies, Inc.<sup>(8)(13)</sup> Electronics & Senior Secured October Interest rate LIBOR +  
52987 Parkside Drive, Computer 2016 8.75% or Floor rate of  
Hardware 12.00%, PIK Interest of  
4.00%

Suite 400, Box 24

Canandaigua, NY 14424 \$ 571 483 307

**Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity** 483 307

**Subtotal: Electronics & Computer Hardware (0.05%)** 483 307

**Healthcare Services, Other  
1-5 Years Maturity**

InstaMed Communications, LLC<sup>(14)(15)</sup> Healthcare Senior Secured December Interest rate PRIME +  
1528 Walnut Street, Suite 1902 Services, Other 2016 7.25% or Floor rate of  
10.50%

Philadelphia, PA 19102

MDEverywhere, Inc. Healthcare Senior Secured June 2016 Interest rate LIBOR +  
230 Third Avenue Services, Other 10.75%

Waltham, MA 02451 \$ 1,875 1,754 1,792

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Orion Healthcorp, Inc. <sup>(13)</sup> 1805 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076	Healthcare Services, Other	Senior Secured	June 2016	Interest rate LIBOR + 8.25% or Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 500	\$ 469	\$ 469
	Healthcare Services, Other	Senior Secured	June 2017	Interest rate LIBOR + 9.50% or Floor rate of 11.00%	\$ 8,775	8,627	8,684
	Healthcare Services, Other	Senior Secured	June 2017	Interest rate LIBOR + 10.50% or Floor rate of 12.00%, PIK Interest 3.00%	\$ 6,641	6,524	6,580
Total Orion Healthcorp, Inc.					\$ 15,916	15,620	15,733
<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>						20,382	20,593
<b>Subtotal: Healthcare Services, Other (3.15%)*</b>						20,382	20,593
<b>Information Services</b>							
<b>1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
Eccentex Corporation <sup>(11)(14)</sup> 6101 W.Centinela Ave, Suite 110 Culver City, CA 90230	Information Services	Senior Secured	May 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 7.00% or Floor rate of 10.25%	\$ 548	553	244
InXpo, Inc. <sup>(14)(15)</sup> 770 N Halsted Street, Suite 6s Chicago, IL 60642	Information Services	Senior Secured	April 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 7.50% or Floor rate of 10.75%	\$ 2,307	2,264	2,207
Womensforum.com <sup>(11)(13)</sup> 444 N. Michigan Ave Chicago, IL 60611	Information Services	Senior Secured	October 2016	Interest rate LIBOR + 7.50% or Floor rate of 10.25%, PIK Interest 2.00%	\$ 4,630	4,565	4,565
	Information Services	Senior Secured	April 2015	Interest rate LIBOR + 6.50% or Floor rate of 9.00%	\$ 1,250	1,231	1,231
	Information Services	Senior Secured	October 2016	Interest rate LIBOR + 6.50% or Floor rate of 9.25%	\$ 6,600	6,506	6,506
Total Womensforum.com					\$ 12,480	12,302	12,302
<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>						15,119	14,753
<b>Subtotal: Information Services (2.26%)*</b>						15,119	14,753
<b>Internet Consumer &amp; Business Services</b>							
<b>Under 1 Year Maturity</b>							
Gazelle, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 25 Thomson Place, 3rd floor Boston, MA 02210	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	October 2014	Interest rate PRIME + 6.50% or Floor rate of 9.75%	\$ 1,021	1,006	1,006



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Tectura Corporation <sup>(8)(13)</sup> 4309 Hacienda Drive, Suite 550	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	May 2014	Interest rate LIBOR + 10.00% or Floor rate of 13.00%	\$ 563	563	180
Pleasanton, CA 94588	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	May 2014	Interest rate LIBOR + 10.00% or Floor rate of 13.00%	\$ 277	277	89

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	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	May 2014	Interest rate LIBOR + 10.00% or Floor rate of 13.00%	\$ 6,468	\$ 6,467	\$ 2,067
	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	May 2014	Interest rate LIBOR + 8.00% or Floor rate of 11.00%, PIK Interest 1.00%	\$ 10,777	10,777	3,445
	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	May 2014	Interest rate LIBOR + 10.00% or Floor rate of 13.00%	\$ 5,000	5,000	1,599
Total Tectura Corporation					\$ 23,085	23,084	7,380
<b>Subtotal: Under 1 Year Maturity</b>						24,090	8,386
<b>1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
Blurb, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 580 California St, Suite 300 San Francisco, CA 94104	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	December 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 5.25% or Floor rate of 8.50%	\$ 5,616	5,511	5,456
CashStar, Inc. <sup>(13)(15)</sup> 129 Middle Street, 2nd Floor Portland, ME 04101	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	June 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 6.25% or Floor rate 10.50%, PIK Interest 1.00%	\$ 8,028	7,846	7,993
Education Dynamics <sup>(13)(15)</sup> 5 Marine View Plaza, Suite 212 Hoboken, NJ 07030	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	March 2016	Interest rate LIBOR + 12.5% or Floor rate 12.50%, PIK Interest 1.50%	\$ 23,779	23,386	23,909
Gazelle, Inc. <sup>(13)(15)</sup> 25 Thomson Place, 3rd floor Boston, MA 02210	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	April 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 7.00% or Floor rate of 10.25%, PIK Interest 2.50%	\$ 12,443	12,375	12,375
Just Fabulous, Inc. <sup>(14)</sup> 2301 Rosecrans Avenue, Fifth Floor El Segundo, CA 90245	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	February 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 8.25% or Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 5,000	4,879	5,029
NetPlenish <sup>(8)(9)(15)</sup> 505 Poli Street, Suite 308 Ventura, CA 93001	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	April 2015	Interest rate FIXED + 10.00%	\$ 96	96	
	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	September 2015	Interest rate FIXED + 10.00%	\$ 382	374	0

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Total NetPlenish					\$	478	470	0
Reply! Inc. <sup>(11)(13)(14)</sup>	Internet	Senior Secured	September	Interest rate PRIME +				
12667 Alcosta Blvd., Suite 200	Consumer &		2015	7.25% or Floor rate of				
	Business			11.00%, PIK Interest				
	Services			2.00%				
San Ramon, CA 94583					\$	1,944	1,987	1,989

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	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	September 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 6.88% or Floor rate of 10.13%, PIK Interest 2.00%	\$ 8,821	\$ 8,840	\$ 8,884
	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	February 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 7.25% or Floor rate of 10.50%, PIK Interest 2.00%	\$ 3,046	2,828	2,887
Total Reply! Inc.					\$ 13,811	13,655	13,760
Vaultlogix <sup>(13)(14)(15)</sup> 75 Sylvan St Danvers, MA 01923	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	September 2016	Interest rate LIBOR + 8.50% or Floor rate of 10.00%, PIK interest 2.50%	\$ 7,999	7,961	7,961
	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	September 2015	Interest rate LIBOR + 7.00% or Floor rate of 8.50%	\$ 7,318	7,386	7,386
Total Vaultlogix					\$ 15,317	15,347	15,347
WaveMarket, Inc. <sup>(11)(14)</sup> 5858 Landregan Street Emeryville, CA 94608	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	March 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 6.50% or Floor rate of 9.75%	\$ 402	402	402
	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Senior Secured	September 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 5.75% or Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 10,000	9,961	9,747
Total WaveMarket, Inc.					\$ 10,402	10,363	10,149
<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>						93,832	94,018
<b>Subtotal: Internet Consumer &amp; Business Services (15.67%)*</b>						117,922	102,404
<b>Media/Content/Info Under 1 Year Maturity</b>							
Zoom Media and Marketing <sup>(13)</sup> 112 Madison Avenue 8th floor New York, NY 10016	Media/Content/Info	Senior Secured	December 2014	Interest rate PRIME + 5.25% or Floor rate of 8.50%	\$ 4,000	3,896	3,807
<b>Subtotal: Under 1 Year Maturity</b>						3,896	3,807
<b>1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
Rhapsody International Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 1420 Fifth Avenue Suite 1500 Seattle, WA 98101	Media/Content/Info	Senior Secured	April 2018	Interest rate PRIME + 5.25% or Floor rate of 9.00%, PIK interest of 1.5%	\$ 20,000	19,383	19,383
Zoom Media and Marketing <sup>(13)</sup>	Media/Content/Info	Senior Secured			\$ 3,866	3,736	3,729

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112 Madison Avenue

8th floor

New York, NY 10016

December Interest rate PRIME +  
2015 7.25% or Floor rate of  
10.50%. PIK Interest  
3.75%

<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>	23,119	23,112
<b>Subtotal: Media/Content/Info (4.12%)*</b>	27,015	26,919

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<b>Medical Devices &amp; Equipment Under 1 Year Maturity</b>							
Oraya Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(9)(11)(14)</sup> 8000 Jarvis Ave Newark, CA 94560	Medical Devices & Equipment	Senior Secured	December 2014	Interest rate FIXED + 7.00%	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 164
<b>Subtotal: Under 1 Year Maturity</b>						500	164
<b>1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
Baxano Surgical, Inc. <sup>(3)(14)</sup> 655 River Oaks Pkwy San Jose, CA 95134	Medical Devices & Equipment	Senior Secured	March 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 7.75% or Floor rate of 12.5%	\$ 7,500	7,284	7,225
Home Dialysis Plus <sup>(14)</sup> 257 Humboldt Ct. Sunnyvale, CA 94089	Medical Devices & Equipment	Senior Secured	April 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 6.35% or Floor rate of 9.60%	\$ 10,000	9,804	9,640
InspireMD, Inc. <sup>(3)(5)(10)(14)</sup> 4 Menorat Hamaor Street Tel Aviv, Israel 67448	Medical Devices & Equipment	Senior Secured	February 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 5.00% or Floor rate of 10.50%	\$ 10,000	9,791	9,791
Medrobotics Corporation <sup>(14)(15)</sup> 475 Paramount Drive Raynham, MA 02767	Medical Devices & Equipment	Senior Secured	March 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 7.85% or Floor rate of 11.10%	\$ 4,109	4,082	4,049
NetBio, Inc. 830 Winter Street Waltham, MA 02451	Medical Devices & Equipment	Senior Secured	August 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 5.00% or Floor rate of 11.00%	\$ 5,000	4,790	4,743
NinePoint Medical, Inc. <sup>(14)(15)</sup> 1 Kendall Square, B7501 Cambridge, MA 02139	Medical Devices & Equipment	Senior Secured	January 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 5.85% or Floor rate of 9.10%	\$ 5,291	5,301	5,236
Oraya Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(9)(11)(14)</sup> 8000 Jarvis Ave Newark, CA 94560	Medical Devices & Equipment	Senior Secured	September 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 5.50% or Floor rate of 10.25%, PIK Interest of 1.00%	\$ 6,132	6,069	4,380
SonaCare Medical, LLC (pka US HIFUM LLC) <sup>(11)(14)</sup>	Medical Devices & Equipment	Senior Secured	April 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 7.75% or Floor rate of 11.00%	\$ 5,167	5,307	5,390

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801 E. Morehead St.,

Suite 201

Charlotte, NC 28202

United Orthopedic Group, Inc.<sup>(14)</sup>

Medical Devices  
& Equipment

Senior Secured

July 2016

Interest rate PRIME +  
8.60% or Floor rate of  
11.85%

5796 Armada Dr

Carlsbad, CA 92008

\$ 25,000 24,898 24,898

ViewRay, Inc.<sup>(13)(15)</sup>

Medical Devices  
& Equipment

Senior Secured

June 2017

Interest rate PRIME +  
7.00% or Floor rate of  
10.25%, PIK Interest  
1.50%

2 Thermo Fisher Way

Oakwood Village, OH 44146

\$ 15,047 14,585 14,585

**Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity**

91,911 89,937

**Subtotal: Medical Devices & Equipment (13.79%)\***

92,411 90,101

**Semiconductors**

**Under 1 Year Maturity**

Achronix Semiconductor

Semiconductors

Senior Secured

January  
2015

Interest rate PRIME +  
10.60% or Floor rate of  
13.85%

\$ 809 804 804

2953 Bunker Hill Lane,

Suite 101

Santa Clara, CA 95054

**Subtotal: Under 1 Year Maturity**

804 804

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<b>1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
Avnera Corporation <sup>(14)</sup> 12730 High Bluff Drive Suite 160 San Diego, CA 92130	Semiconductors	Senior Secured	April 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 5.75% or Floor rate of 9.00%	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,924	\$ 4,924
SiTime Corporation <sup>(14)(15)</sup> 990 Almanor Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94085	Semiconductors	Senior Secured	September 2016	Interest rate PRIME + 6.50% or Floor rate of 9.75%	\$ 3,500	3,504	3,526
<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>						8,428	8,450
<b>Subtotal: Semiconductors (1.42%)</b>						9,232	9,254
<b>Software Under 1 Year Maturity</b>							
Clickfox, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 3445 Peachtree Road, Suite 450 Atlanta, GA 30326	Software	Senior Secured	September 2014	Interest rate PRIME + 6.75% or Floor rate of 10.00%	\$ 2,000	1,987	1,973
StartApp, Inc. <sup>(14)</sup> 10a Giborei Israel Street Netanya, Israel 42505	Software	Senior Secured	December 2014	Interest rate PRIME + 2.75% or Floor rate of 6.00%	\$ 200	193	193
Touchcommerce, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 30504 Agoura Road Agoura Hills, CA 91301	Software	Senior Secured	December 2014	Interest rate PRIME + 2.25% or Floor rate of 6.50%	\$ 3,511	3,481	3,356
<b>Subtotal: Under 1 Year Maturity</b>						5,661	5,522
<b>1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
Clickfox, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 3445 Peachtree Road, Suite 450 Atlanta, GA 30326	Software	Senior Secured	November 2015	Interest rate PRIME + 8.25% or Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 5,152	4,911	4,911
Hillcrest Laboratories, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup>	Software	Senior Secured	July 2015		\$ 2,270	2,249	2,252



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15245 Shady Grove Road, Suite 400 Rockville, MD 20850					Interest rate PRIME + 7.50% or Floor rate of 10.75%			
Knowledge Adventure, Inc. <sup>(14)(15)</sup> 2377 Crenshaw Blvd Suite 302 Torrance, CA 90501	Software	Senior Secured	March 2018		Interest rate PRIME + 8.25% or Floor rate of 11.50%	\$ 11,750	11,598	11,598
Mobile Posse, Inc. <sup>(14)(15)</sup> 1320 Old Chain Bridge Rd, Suite 240 McLean, VA 22101	Software	Senior Secured	December 2016		Interest rate PRIME + 7.50% or Floor rate of 10.75%	\$ 3,896	3,804	3,883
Neos Geosolutions, Inc. <sup>(14)(15)</sup> 6210 Stoneridge Mall , Suite 450 Pleasanton, CA 94588	Software	Senior Secured	May 2016		Interest rate PRIME + 5.75% or Floor rate of 10.50%	\$ 3,427	3,488	3,427
Sonian, Inc. <sup>(14)(15)</sup> 100 Crescent Road Needham, MA 02494	Software	Senior Secured	July 2017		Interest rate PRIME + 7.00% or Floor rate of 10.25%	\$ 5,500	5,362	5,362
StartApp, Inc. 10a Giborei Israel Street Netanya, Israel 42505	Software	Senior Secured	March 2017		Interest rate PRIME + 7.75% or Floor rate of 11.00%	\$ 3,500	3,521	3,554

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Touchcommerce, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 30504 Agoura Road Agoura Hills, CA 91301	Software	Senior Secured	June 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 6.00% or Floor rate of 10.25%	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,840
<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>						39,623	39,828
<b>Subtotal: Software (6.94%)*</b>						45,284	45,349
<b>Specialty Pharmaceuticals 1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
Cranford Pharmaceuticals, LLC <sup>(13)(14)(15)</sup> 11 Commerce Drive Cranford, NJ 07016	Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Senior Secured	February 2017	Interest rate LIBOR + 9.55% or Floor rate of 10.80%, PIK Interest of 1.35%	\$ 18,017	17,711	17,711
Total Cranford Pharmaceuticals, LLC	Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Senior Secured	August 2015	Interest rate LIBOR + 8.25% or Floor rate of 9.50%	\$ 2,500	2,446	2,446
Rockwell Medical, Inc. <sup>(14)(15)</sup> 30142 Wixom Road Wixom, MI 48393	Specialty	Senior Secured	March 2017	Interest rate PRIME + 9.25% or Floor rate of 12.50%	\$ 20,517	20,157	20,157
<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>						40,340	40,217
<b>Subtotal: Specialty Pharmaceuticals (6.16%)*</b>						40,340	40,217
<b>Surgical Devices 1-5 Years Maturity</b>							
Transmedics, Inc. <sup>(11)(14)</sup> 200 Minuteman Road, Suite 302 Andover, MA 01810	Surgical Devices	Senior Secured	November 2015	Interest rate FIXED + 12.95%	\$ 7,250	7,111	7,111
<b>Subtotal: 1-5 Years Maturity</b>						7,111	7,111
<b>Subtotal: Surgical Devices (1.09%)*</b>						7,111	7,111
<b>Total Debt (122.20%)*</b>						814,977	798,359

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<b>Portfolio Company Equity</b>	<b>Sub-Industry</b>	<b>Type of Investment<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Percentage Ownership</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Cost<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Value<sup>(3)</sup></b>
<b>Biotechnology Tools</b>							
NuGEN Technologies, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup>  201 Industrial Road, Suite 310  San Carlos, CA 94070	Biotechnology Tools	Equity	0.88%	Preferred Series C	189,394	\$ 500	\$ 476
<b>Subtotal: Biotechnology Tools (0.07%)*</b>						500	476
<b>Energy Technology</b>							
SCIEnergy, Inc. 4099 McEwen, Suite 420 Dallas, TX 75244	Energy Technology	Equity	0.09%	Preferred Series 1	385,000	761	29
<b>Subtotal: Energy Technology (0.00%)*</b>						761	29
<b>Communications &amp; Networking</b>							
GlowPoint, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>  430 Mountain Avenue, Suite 301  Murray Hill, NJ 07974	Communications & Networking	Equity	0.32%	Common Stock	114,192	102	192
Peerless Network, Inc. 222 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2730 Chicago, IL 60606	Communications & Networking	Equity	3.23%	Preferred Series A	1,000,000	1,000	3,201
Stoke, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 5403 Betsy Ross Drive Santa Clara, CA 95054	Communications & Networking	Equity	0.22%	Preferred Series E	152,905	500	215
<b>Subtotal: Communications &amp; Networking (0.55%)*</b>						1,602	3,608
<b>Consumer &amp; Business Products</b>							
Caivis Acquisition Corporation <sup>(15)</sup> 1000 Wisconsin Avenue N.W. Washington, DC 20007	Consumer & Business Products	Equity	0.75%	Common Stock	295,861	819	597
IPA Holdings, LLC 1105 Satellite Blvd., Suite 300 Suwanee, GA 30024	Consumer & Business Products	Equity	1.67%	LLC Interest	500,000	500	830
Market Force Information, Inc. PO Box 270355 Louisville, CO 80027	Consumer & Business Products	Equity	0.58%	Preferred Series B	187,970	500	500
<b>Subtotal: Consumer &amp; Business Products (0.30%)*</b>						1,819	1,927
<b>Diagnostic</b>							
Singulex, Inc. 1701 Harbor Way Parkway, Suite 200	Diagnostic	Equity	1.10%	Common Stock	937,998	750	750

Alameda, CA 94502

**Subtotal: Diagnostic (0.11%)\***

750

750

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<b>Drug Delivery</b>							
AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)(10)(15)</sup> 575 Chesapeake Drive Redwood City, CA 94063	Drug Delivery	Equity	0.13%	Common Stock	54,240	\$ 108	\$ 642
Merrion Pharmaceuticals, Plc <sup>(3)(5)(10)</sup> 3200 Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus Dublin, Ireland 24	Drug Delivery	Equity	0.11%	Common Stock	20,000	9	
Neos Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 2940 N. Highway 360 Suite 100 Grand Prarie, TX 75050	Drug Delivery	Equity	1.46%	Preferred Series C	300,000	1,500	1,505
Transcept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup> 1003 W. Cutting Blvd, Suite 110 Richmond, CA 94804	Drug Delivery	Equity	0.22%	Common Stock	41,570	500	129
<b>Subtotal: Drug Delivery (0.35%)*</b>						2,117	2,276
<b>Drug Discovery &amp; Development</b>							
Acceleron Pharma, Inc. <sup>(3)(15)</sup>  128 Sidney Street  Cambridge, MA 02139	Drug Discovery & Development	Equity	0.84%	Common Stock	262,786	1,505	9,030
Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)(10)(15)</sup>  650 E Kendall Street Cambridge, MA 02142	Drug Discovery & Development	Equity	0.32%	Common Stock	167,864	841	251
Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)(15)</sup>  480 Arsenal Street, Building 1, Suite 120 Watertown, MA 02472	Drug Discovery & Development	Equity	0.80%	Common Stock	142,858	1,000	4,036
Inotek Pharmaceuticals Corporation  131 Hartwell Ave, Suite 105 Lexington, MA 02421	Drug Discovery & Development	Equity	0.07%	Common Stock	15,334	1,500	
Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>  One Kendall Square, Suite B7201 Cambridge, MA 02139	Drug Discovery & Development	Equity	0.82%	Common Stock	848,591	3,213	4,122
Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  75 Kneeland Street  Boston, MA 02111	Drug Discovery & Development	Equity	0.01%	Common Stock	2,882	5	
	Drug Discovery & Development	Equity	0.30%	Preferred Series A	167,468	1,126	
Total Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc.					170,350	1,131	
<b>Subtotal: Drug Discovery &amp; Development (2.67%)*</b>						9,190	17,439

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Good Technologies, Inc. (pka Visto Corporation) <sup>(15)</sup>	Information Services	Equity	0.17%	Common Stock	500,000	\$ 604	\$
430 N. Mary Avenue, Suite 200							
Sunnyvale, CA 94085							
<b>Subtotal: Information Services (0.00%)*</b>						604	
<b>Internet Consumer &amp; Business Services</b>							
Blurb, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup>	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Equity	0.43%	Preferred Series B	220,653	174	365
580 California St, Suite 300							
San Francisco, CA 94104							
Philotic, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Equity	0.05%	Common Stock	8,121	93	
548 4th street							
San Francisco, CA 94107							
Progress Financial	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Equity	0.11%	Preferred Series G	218,351	250	267
171 Constitution Drive							
Menlo Park, CA 94025							
Trulia, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Equity	0.08%	Common Stock	29,340	141	951
116 New Montgomery Street, Suite 300							
San Francisco, CA 94105							
<b>Subtotal: Internet Consumer &amp; Business Services (0.25%)*</b>						658	1,583
<b>Media/Content/Info</b>							
Everyday Health, Inc. (pka Waterfront Media, Inc.) <sup>(3)</sup>	Media/Content/Info	Equity	1.75%	Common Stock	97,060	1,000	1,358
345 Hudson Street, 16th Floor							
New York, NY 10014							
<b>Subtotal: Media/Content/Info (0.21%)*</b>						1,000	1,358
<b>Medical Devices &amp; Equipment</b>							
Gelesis, Inc. <sup>(6)(15)</sup>	Medical Devices & Equipment	Equity	5.80%	LLC Interest	2,024,092	925	492
500 Boylston Street, Suite 1600							
Boston, MA 02116							

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Medrobotics Corporation <sup>(15)</sup> 475 Paramount Drive Raynham, MA 02767	Medical Devices & Equipment	Equity	0.18%	Preferred Series E	136,798	250	288
Novasys Medical, Inc. 39684 Eureka Drive Newark, CA 94560	Medical Devices & Equipment	Equity	1.48%	Preferred Series D-1	4,118,444	1,000	
Optiscan Biomedical, Corp. <sup>(6)(15)</sup> 21021 Corsair Blvd. Hayward, CA 94545	Medical Devices & Equipment	Equity	0.89%	Preferred Series B	6,185,567	3,000	440
	Medical Devices & Equipment	Equity	0.28%	Preferred Series C	1,927,309	655	145
	Medical Devices & Equipment	Equity	5.94%	Preferred Series D	41,352,489	3,945	4,211
Total Optiscan Biomedical, Corp.					49,465,365	7,600	4,796
<b>Subtotal: Medical Devices &amp; Equipment (0.85%)*</b>						9,775	5,576

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<b>Software</b>							
Atrenta, Inc. 2077 Gateway Place, Suite 300 San Jose, CA 95110	Software	Equity	0.89%	Preferred Series C	1,196,845	\$ 986	\$ 1,953
	Software	Equity	0.47%	Preferred Series D	635,513	508	1,151
Total Atrenta, Inc.					1,832,358	1,494	3,104
Box, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 4440 El Camino Real Los Altos, CA 94022	Software	Equity	0.25%	Preferred Series B	271,070	251	4,955
	Software	Equity	0.54%	Preferred Series C	589,844	872	10,782
	Software	Equity	0.15%	Preferred Series D	158,133	500	2,891
	Software	Equity	0.17%	Preferred Series D-1	186,766	1,694	3,414
	Software	Equity	0.20%	Preferred Series D-2	220,751	2,001	4,035
	Software	Equity	0.04%	Preferred Series E	38,183	500	698
Total Box, Inc.					1,464,747	5,818	26,775
CapLinked, Inc. 2221 Park Place El Segundo, CA 90245	Software	Equity	0.47%	Preferred Series A-3	53,614	51	88
ForeScout Technologies, Inc. 900 E. Hamilton Avenue, Suite 300 Campbell, CA 95008	Software	Equity	0.64%	Preferred Series D	319,099	398	940
HighRoads, Inc. 3 Burlington Woods Dr Burlington, MA 01803	Software	Equity	0.85%	Preferred Series B	190,170	307	300
<b>Subtotal: Software (4.78%)*</b>						8,068	31,207
<b>Specialty Pharmaceuticals</b>							
QuatRx Pharmaceuticals Company	Specialty	Equity	0.24%	Preferred Series E	241,829	750	
777 East Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 100 Ann Arbor, MI 48108	Pharmaceuticals						
	Specialty	Equity	0.03%	Preferred Series E-1	26,955		
	Pharmaceuticals	Equity	4.62%	Preferred Series G	4,667,636		
Total QuatRx Pharmaceuticals Company					4,936,420	750	
<b>Subtotal: Specialty Pharmaceuticals (0.00%)*</b>						750	
<b>Surgical Devices</b>							
Gynesonics, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 604 5th Ave, Suite D Redwood City, CA 94063	Surgical Devices	Equity	0.16%	Preferred Series B	219,298	250	78
	Surgical Devices	Equity	0.47%	Preferred Series C	656,538	282	129
	Surgical Devices	Equity	1.15%	Preferred Series D	1,621,553	580	804
Total Gynesonics, Inc.					2,497,389	1,112	1,011
Transmedics, Inc. 200 Minuteman Road, Suite 302 Andover, MA 01810	Surgical Devices	Equity	0.24%	Preferred Series B	88,961	1,100	315
	Surgical Devices	Equity	0.32%	Preferred Series C	119,999	300	211
	Surgical Devices	Equity	0.69%	Preferred Series D	260,000	650	923
Total Transmedics, Inc					468,960	2,050	1,449



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<b>Subtotal: Surgical Devices (0.38%)*</b>	3,162	2,460
<b>Total Equity (10.52%)*</b>	40,756	68,689

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<b>Biotechnology Tools</b>							
Labcyte, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 1190 Borregas Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94089	Biotechnology Tools	Warrant	0.87%	Preferred Series C	1,127,624	\$ 323	\$ 129
<b>Subtotal: Biotechnology Tools (0.02%)*</b>						323	129
<b>Energy Technology</b>							
Agrivida, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 200 Boston Avenue Medford, MA 02155	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.30%	Preferred Series C	77,447	120	285
Alphabet Energy, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 26225 Eden Landing Road, Suite D Hayward, CA 94545	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.39%	Preferred Series A	86,329	82	139
American Superconductor Corporation <sup>(3)</sup> 64 Jackson Rd Devens, MA 01434	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.75%	Common Stock	512,820	391	152
Brightsource Energy, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 1999 Harrison Street, Suite 2150 Oakland, CA 94612	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.33%	Preferred Series 1	175,000	779	135
Calera, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 100 Albright Way, Suite A Los Gatos, CA 95032	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.17%	Preferred Series C	44,529	513	
EcoMotors, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 17000 Federal Dr., Suite 200 Allen Park, MI 48101	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.82%	Preferred Series B	437,500	308	498
Fluidic, Inc. 8455 North 90th Street, Suite 4 Scottsdale, AZ 85258	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.16%	Preferred Series C	59,665	102	79
Fulcrum Bioenergy, Inc.	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.28%	Preferred Series C-1	280,897	274	185

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4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 220

Pleasanton, CA 94588

Glori Energy, Inc.<sup>(12)</sup>

Energy  
Technology

Warrant

0.18%

Preferred Series C

145,932

165

54

4315 South Drive

Houston, TX 77053

GreatPoint Energy, Inc.<sup>(15)</sup>

Energy  
Technology

Warrant

0.12%

Preferred Series D-1

393,212

548

222 Third Street, Suite 2163

Cambridge, MA 02142

Polyera Corporation<sup>(15)</sup>

Energy  
Technology

Warrant

0.56%

Preferred Series C

161,575

69

48

8045 Lamon Avenue, #140

Skokie, IL 60077

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Propel Fuels <sup>(15)</sup> 503 Whipple Ave Redwood City, CA 94063	Energy Technology	Warrant	1.06%	Preferred Series C	3,200,000	\$ 211	\$ 141
SCIEnergy, Inc. 4099 McEwen, Suite 420 Dallas, TX 75244	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.13%	Common Stock	530,811	181	
	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.04%	Preferred Series 1	145,811	50	
Total SCI Energy, Inc.					676,622	231	
Scifiniti (pka Integrated Photovoltaics, Inc.) <sup>(15)</sup> 51 Daggett Drive San Jose, CA 95134	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.60%	Preferred Series B	390,000	82	83
Solexel, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 1530 McCarthy Blvd. Milpitas, CA 95035	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.76%	Preferred Series C	1,171,625	1,162	553
Stion Corporation <sup>(6)</sup> 6321 San Ignacio Avenue San Jose, CA 95119	Energy Technology	Warrant	7.89%	Preferred Series Seed	2,154	1,378	1,495
TAS Energy, Inc. 6110 Cullen Blvd. Houston, TX 77021	Energy Technology	Warrant	2.30%	Preferred Series F	428,571	299	419
TPI Composites, Inc. 8501 N Scottsdale Rd, Gainey Center II, Suite 280 Scottsdale, AZ 85253	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.64%	Preferred Series B	160	273	425
Trilliant, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 1100 Island Drive Redwood City, CA 94065	Energy Technology	Warrant	0.13%	Preferred Series A	320,000	162	7
<b>Subtotal: Energy Technology (0.71%)*</b>						7,149	4,698

**Communications & Networking**

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Intelepeer, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 177 Bovet Road, Suite 400 San Mateo, CA 94402	Communications & Networking	Warrant	0.25%	Preferred Series C	117,958	101	94
OpenPeak, Inc. 1750 Clint Moore Road Boca Raton, FL 33487	Communications & Networking	Warrant	0.47%	Common Stock	108,982	149	174
PeerApp, Inc. 375 Elliot Street, Suite 150K Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464	Communications & Networking	Warrant	0.42%	Preferred Series B	298,779	61	46
Peerless Network, Inc. 222 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2730 Chicago, IL 60606	Communications & Networking	Warrant	0.44%	Preferred Series A	135,000	95	330
Ping Identity Corporation 1001 17th Street, Suite 100 Denver, CO 80202	Communications & Networking	Warrant	0.58%	Preferred Series B	1,136,277	52	109

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Spring Mobile Solutions, Inc. 11710 Plaza America Drive, Suite 420 Reston, VA 20190	Communications & Networking	Warrant	0.97%	Preferred Series D	2,834,375	\$ 418	\$ 559
Stoke, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 5403 Betsy Ross Drive Santa Clara, CA 95054	Communications & Networking	Warrant	0.22%	Preferred Series C	158,536	53	1
	Communications & Networking	Warrant	0.17%	Preferred Series D	118,181	65	1
Total Stoke, Inc.					276,717	118	2
<b>Subtotal: Communications &amp; Networking (0.20%)*</b>						994	1,314
<b>Consumer &amp; Business Products</b>							
Intelligent Beauty, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 2301 Rosecrans Ave, Suite 4100 Manhattan Beach, CA 90245	Consumer & Business Products	Warrant	0.35%	Preferred Series B	190,234	230	708
IPA Holdings, LLC 1105 Satellite Blvd., Suite 300 Suwanee, GA 30024	Consumer & Business Products	Warrant	2.17%	Common Stock	650,000	275	517
Market Force Information, Inc. PO Box 270355 Louisville, CO 80027	Consumer & Business Products	Warrant	0.31%	Preferred Series A	99,286	24	30
<b>Subtotal: Consumer &amp; Business Products (0.08%)*</b>						529	1,255
<b>Diagnostic</b>							
Navidea Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. (pka Neoprobe) <sup>(3)(15)</sup> 425 Metro Place North, Suite 300 Dublin, OH 43017-1367	Diagnostic	Warrant	0.22%	Common Stock	333,333	244	108
<b>Subtotal: Diagnostic (0.02%)*</b>						244	108
<b>Drug Delivery</b>							
AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)(10)(15)</sup> 575 Chesapeake Drive	Drug Delivery	Warrant	0.41%	Common Stock	176,730	786	983

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Redwood City, CA 94063

Alexza Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>	Drug Delivery	Warrant	0.22%	Common Stock	37,639	645	
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2091 Stierlin Court

Mountain View, CA 94303

BIND Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(3)(15)</sup>	Drug Delivery	Warrant	0.43%	Common Stock	71,359	366	141
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325 Vassar St

Cambridge, MA 02139

Celsion Corporation <sup>(3)</sup>	Drug Delivery	Warrant	0.57%	Common Stock	97,493	227	210
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997 Lenox Drive, Suite 100

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Dance Biopharm, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup>	Drug Delivery	Warrant	0.39%	Preferred Series A	97,701	74	159
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150 North Hill Drive,  
Suite 24

Brisbane, CA 94005

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kaleo, Inc. 111 Virginia St, Ste 300 Richmond, VA 23219	Drug Delivery	Warrant	0.51%	Preferred Series B	82,500	\$ 594	\$ 1,062
Neos Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 2940 N. Highway 360 Suite 100 Grand Prarie, TX 75050	Drug Delivery	Warrant	0.29%	Preferred Series C	60,000	113	113
Revance Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup> 7555 Gateway Blvd Newark, CA 94560	Drug Delivery	Warrant	0.29%	Common Stock	53,511	557	477
Transcept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup> 1003 W. Cutting Blvd, Suite 110 Richmond, CA 94804	Drug Delivery	Warrant	0.33%	Common Stock	61,452	87	2
<b>Subtotal: Drug Delivery (0.48%)*</b>						3,449	3,147
<b>Drug Discovery &amp; Development</b>							
Acceleron Pharma, Inc. <sup>(3)(15)</sup> 128 Sidney Street Cambridge, MA 02139	Drug Discovery & Development	Warrant	0.04%	Common Stock	11,611	39	249
ADMA Biologics, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup> 465 Route 17 South Ramsey, NJ 07446	Drug Discovery & Development	Warrant	0.72%	Common Stock	66,550	218	170
Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)(15)</sup> 25801 Industrial Blvd, Suite B Hayward, CA 94545	Drug Discovery & Development	Warrant	0.20%	Common Stock	40,178	984	4
Cempra, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup> Building Two Quadrangle, 6320 Quadrangle Drive, Suite 360 Chapel Hill, NC 27517	Drug Discovery & Development	Warrant	0.42%	Common Stock	138,797	458	604
Chroma Therapeutics, Ltd. <sup>(5)(10)</sup> 93 Innovation Drive, Milton Park	Drug Discovery & Development	Warrant	0.61%	Preferred Series D	325,261	490	500



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Abingdon Oxon, UK OX14 4RZ

Cleveland BioLabs, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>	Drug Discovery & Development	Warrant	0.31%	Common Stock	156,250	105	31
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73 High Street

Buffalo, NY 14203

Concert Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>	Drug Discovery & Development	Warrant	0.40%	Common Stock	70,796	367	202
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99 Hayden Avenue, Suite 100

Lexington, MA 02421-7966

Coronado Biosciences, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>	Drug Discovery & Development	Warrant	0.16%	Common Stock	73,009	142	44
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24 New England Executive Park, Suite 105

Burlington, MA 01803

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Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(3)(15)</sup> 480 Arsenal Street, Building 1, Suite 120 Watertown, MA 02472	Drug Discovery & Development	Warrant	0.00%	Common Stock	200	\$ 28	\$
Horizon Pharma, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup> 520 Lake Cook Road, Suite 520 Deerfield, IL 60015	Drug Discovery & Development	Warrant	0.03%	Common Stock	22,408	231	46
uniQure B.V. <sup>(3)(5)(10)</sup> PO Box 22506 Amsterdam, Netherlands 1100 DA	Drug Discovery & Development	Warrant	0.21%	Common Stock	37,174	218	202
<b>Subtotal: Drug Discovery &amp; Development (0.31%)*</b>						3,280	2,052
<b>Electronics &amp; Computer Hardware</b>							
Clustrix, Inc. 201 Mission Street, Suite 800 San Francisco, CA 94105	Electronics & Computer Hardware	Warrant	0.32%	Common Stock	50,000	12	18
Identive Group, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup> 1900-B Carnegie Avenue, Building B Santa Ana, CA 92705	Electronics & Computer Hardware	Warrant	1.27%	Common Stock	992,084	247	467
<b>Subtotal: Electronics &amp; Computer Hardware (0.07%)*</b>						259	485
<b>Healthcare Services, Other</b>							
MDEverywhere, Inc. 230 Third Avenue Waltham, MA 02451	Healthcare Services, Other	Warrant	0.45%	Common Stock	129	94	33
<b>Subtotal: Healthcare Services, Other (0.01%)*</b>						94	33
<b>Information Services</b>							
Cha Cha Search, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 14550 Clay Terrace Blvd., Suite 130 Carmel, IN 46032	Information Services	Warrant	0.21%	Preferred Series G	48,232	59	10
InXpo, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup>		Warrant	0.60%	Preferred Series C	648,400	98	30

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770 N Halsted Street, Suite 6s	Information Services						
Chicago, IL 60642	Information Services	Warrant	0.54%	Preferred Series C-1	582,015	49	27
Total InXpo, Inc.					1,230,415	147	57
Jab Wireless, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup>	Information Services	Warrant	0.78%	Preferred Series A	266,567	265	282
400 Inverness Parkway, Suite 330							
Englewood, CO 80112							
RichRelevance, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup>	Information Services	Warrant	0.13%	Preferred Series E	112,612	98	
533 Folsom Street, 4th Floor							
San Francisco, CA 94107							
<b>Subtotal: Information Services (0.16%)*</b>						569	349

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<b>Internet Consumer &amp; Business Services</b>							
Blurb, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 580 California St, Suite 300 San Francisco, CA 94104	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Warrant	0.43%	Preferred Series B	218,684	\$ 299	\$ 108
	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Warrant	0.46%	Preferred Series C	234,280	636	183
Total Blurb, Inc.					452,964	935	291
CashStar, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 129 Middle Street, 2nd Floor Portland, ME 04101	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Warrant	0.56%	Preferred Series C-2	727,272	130	70
Gazelle, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 25 Thomson Place, 3rd floor Boston, MA 02210	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Warrant	0.80%	Preferred Series D	151,827	165	
Just Fabulous, Inc. 2301 Rosecrans Avenue, Fifth Floor El Segundo, CA 90245	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Warrant	0.32%	Preferred Series B	137,456	589	1,095
Prism Education Group, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 233 Needham Street, Suite 580 Newton, MA 02464	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Warrant	0.81%	Preferred Series B	200,000	43	
Progress Financial 171 Constitution Drive Menlo Park, CA 94025	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Warrant	0.08%	Preferred Series G	174,562	77	53
Reply! Inc. 12667 Alcosta Blvd., Suite 200 San Ramon, CA 94583	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Warrant	0.84%	Preferred Series B	137,225	320	144
ShareThis, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 4009 Miranda Avenue, Suite 200 Palo Alto, CA 94304-1227	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Warrant	0.96%	Preferred Series C	493,502	547	250
Tectura Corporation 4309 Hacienda Drive, Suite 550	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Warrant	0.22%	Preferred Series B-1	253,378	51	

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Pleasanton, CA 94588

WaveMarket, Inc.	Internet Consumer & Business Services	Warrant	0.34%	Preferred Series B-1	1,083,779	106	74
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5858 Landregan Street

Emeryville, CA 94608

<b>Subtotal: Internet Consumer &amp; Business Services (0.30%)</b>						2,963	1,977
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**Media/Content/Info**

Everyday Health, Inc. (pka Waterfront Media, Inc.) <sup>(3)</sup>	Media/Content/Info	Warrant	1.32%	Common Stock	73,345	60	500
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345 Hudson Street, 16th Floor

New York, NY 10014

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Glam Media, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 2000 Sierra Point Pkwy, Suite 1000 Brisbane, CA 94005	Media/Content/Info	Warrant	0.17%	Preferred Series D	407,457	\$ 482	\$
Rhapsody International Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 1420 Fifth Avenue Suite 1500 Seattle, WA 98101	Media/Content/Info	Warrant	0.58%	Common Stock	715,755	384	385
Zoom Media and Marketing 112 Madison Avenue 8th floor New York, NY 10016	Media/Content/Info	Warrant	0.46%	Preferred Series A	1,204	348	285
<b>Subtotal: Media/Content/Info (0.18%)*</b>						1,274	1,170
<b>Medical Devices &amp; Equipment</b>							
Baxano Surgical, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup> 655 River Oaks Pkwy San Jose, CA 95134	Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant	1.84%	Common Stock	882,353	440	319
Gelesis, Inc. <sup>(6)(15)</sup> 500 Boylston Street, Suite 1600 Boston, MA 02116	Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant	0.76%	LLC Interest	263,688	78	5
Home Dialysis Plus 257 Humboldt Ct. Sunnyvale, CA 94089	Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant	0.57%	Preferred Series A	300,000	245	313
InspireMD, Inc. <sup>(3)(5)(10)</sup> 4 Menorat Hamaor Street Tel Aviv, Israel 67448	Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant	0.49%	Common Stock	168,351	242	221
Medrobotics Corporation <sup>(15)</sup> 475 Paramount Drive Raynham, MA 02767	Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant	0.59%	Preferred Series E	455,539	370	339
MELA Sciences, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup> 50 South Buckhout Street, Suite 1 Irvington, NY 10533	Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant	1.33%	Common Stock	693,202	401	82
NetBio, Inc. 830 Winter Street Waltham, MA 02451	Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant	0.86%	Common Stock	2,568	408	243
NinePoint Medical, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 1 Kendall Square, B7501 Cambridge, MA 02139	Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant	0.55%	Preferred Series A-1	587,840	170	253
Novasys Medical, Inc. 39684 Eureka Drive Newark, CA 94560	Medical Devices & Equipment Medical Devices & Equipment Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant Warrant Warrant	0.04% 0.19% 0.02%	Common Stock Preferred Series D Preferred Series D-1	109,449 526,840 53,607	2 125 6	
Total Novasys Medical, Inc.					689,896	133	



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Optiscan Biomedical, Corp. <sup>(6)(15)</sup> 21021 Corsair Blvd. Hayward, CA 94545	Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant	1.51%	Preferred Series D	10,535,275	\$ 1,252	\$ 235
Oraya Therapeutics, Inc.  8000 Jarvis Ave  Newark, CA 94560	Medical Devices & Equipment Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant  Warrant	0.12%  0.92%	Common Stock  Preferred Series C-1	95,498  716,948	66  676	
Total Oraya Therapeutics, Inc.					812,446	742	
SonaCare Medical, LLC (pka US HIFUM LLC) 801 E. Morehead St., Suite 201 Charlotte, NC 28202	Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant	0.57%	Preferred Series A	409,704	188	214
United Orthopedic Group, Inc. 5796 Armada Dr Carlsbad, CA 92008	Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant	2.10%	Preferred Series A	423,076	608	820
ViewRay, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 2 Thermo Fisher Way Oakwood Village, OH 44146	Medical Devices & Equipment	Warrant	0.45%	Preferred Series C	312,500	333	340
<b>Subtotal: Medical Devices &amp; Equipment (0.52%)*</b>						5,610	3,384
<b>Semiconductors</b>							
Achronix Semiconductor Corporation 2953 Bunker Hill Lane, Suite 101 Santa Clara, CA 95054	Semiconductors	Warrant	0.48%	Preferred Series C	360,000	160	189
Avnera Corporation 12730 High Bluff Drive Suite 160 San Diego, CA 92130	Semiconductors	Warrant	0.21%	Preferred Series E	102,958	14	14
SiTime Corporation <sup>(15)</sup> 990 Almanor Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94085	Semiconductors	Warrant	0.10%	Preferred Series G	195,683	23	7
<b>Subtotal: Semiconductors (0.03%)*</b>						197	210
<b>Software</b>							
Atrenta, Inc. 2077 Gateway Place, Suite 300 San Jose, CA 95110	Software	Warrant	0.29%	Preferred Series D	392,670	121	361
Braxton Technologies, LLC 6 North Tejon Street, Suite 220 Colorado Springs, CO 80903	Software	Warrant	0.63%	Preferred Series A	168,750	188	
Central Desktop, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 129 N Hill Ave #202 Pasadena, CA 91106	Software	Warrant	1.79%	Preferred Series B	522,769	108	289



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Clickfox, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 3445 Peachtree Road, Suite 450 Atlanta, GA 30326	Software	Warrant	1.48%	Preferred Series B	1,038,563	\$ 329	\$ 523
	Software	Warrant	0.84%	Preferred Series C	592,019	730	380
Total Clickfox, Inc.					1,630,582	1,059	903
Daegis Inc. (pka Unify Corporation) <sup>(3)(15)</sup> 600 E. Las Colinas Blvd, Suite 1500 Irving, TX 75039	Software	Warrant	4.39%	Common Stock	718,860	1,434	99
ForeScout Technologies, Inc. 900 E. Hamilton Avenue, Suite 300 Campbell, CA 95008	Software	Warrant	0.16%	Preferred Series E	80,587	41	116
Hillcrest Laboratories, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 15245 Shady Grove Road, Suite 400 Rockville, MD 20850	Software	Warrant	0.70%	Preferred Series E	1,865,650	55	153
Knowledge Adventure, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 2377 Crenshaw Blvd Suite 302 Torrance, CA 90501	Software	Warrant	0.43%	Preferred Series E	550,781	15	15
Mobile Posse, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 1320 Old Chain Bridge Rd, Suite 240 McLean, VA 22101	Software	Warrant	1.15%	Preferred Series C	396,430	129	118
Neos Geosolutions, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 6210 Stoneridge Mall , Suite 450 Pleasanton, CA 94588	Software	Warrant	0.23%	Preferred Series 3	221,150	22	
Sonian, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 100 Crescent Road Needham, MA 02494	Software	Warrant	0.54%	Preferred Series C	185,949	106	83
SugarSync, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 1810 Gateway Drive, Suite 200 San Mateo, CA 94404	Software	Warrant	0.41%	Preferred Series CC	332,726	78	101
	Software	Warrant	0.13%	Preferred Series DD	107,526	34	34
Total SugarSync, Inc.					440,252	112	135
Touchcommerce, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 30504 Agoura Road Agoura Hills, CA 91301	Software	Warrant	0.68%	Preferred Series E	992,595	252	187
White Sky, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 526 Clyde Avenue Mountain View, CA 94043	Software	Warrant	0.34%	Preferred Series B-2	124,295	54	1

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WildTangent, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 18578 NE 67th Court, Building 5 Redmond, WA 98052	Software	Warrant	0.17%	Preferred Series 3	100,000	\$ 238	\$ 61
<b>Subtotal: Software (0.39%)*</b>						3,934	2,521
<b>Specialty Pharmaceuticals</b>							
QuatRx Pharmaceuticals Company 777 East Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 100 Ann Arbor, MI 48108	Specialty Pharmaceuticals	Warrant	0.15%	Preferred Series	155,324	307	
<b>Subtotal: Specialty Pharmaceuticals (0.00%)*</b>						307	
<b>Surgical Devices</b>							
Gynesonics, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup> 604 5th Ave, Suite D Redwood City, CA 94063	Surgical Devices	Warrant	0.13%	Preferred Series C	180,480	75	29
	Surgical Devices	Warrant	1.12%	Preferred Series D	1,575,965	320	406
Total Gynesonics, Inc.					1,756,445	395	435
Transmedics, Inc. 200 Minuteman Road, Suite 302 Andover, MA 01810	Surgical Devices	Warrant	0.11%	Preferred Series B	40,436	225	7
	Surgical Devices	Warrant	0.47%	Preferred Series D	175,000	100	340
Total Transmedics, Inc.					215,436	325	347
<b>Subtotal: Surgical Devices (0.12%)*</b>						720	782
<b>Total Warrant (3.60%)*</b>						31,895	23,614
<b>Total Investments (136.32%)*</b>						887,628	890,662

\* 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 \$47.2 million, \$45.8 million and \$1.4 million respectively. The tax cost of investments is \$885.7 million.
- (3) Except for warrants in twenty-four publicly traded companies and common stock in ten publicly traded companies, all investments are restricted at March 31, 2014 and were valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Valuation Committee of 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 HTGC 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 HTGC 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, 2014, and is therefore considered non-income producing.
- (9) Denotes that all or a portion of the debt investment is convertible senior debt.
- (10) Indicates assets that the Company deems not qualifying assets under section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Qualifying assets must represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets at the time of acquisition of any additional non-qualifying assets.

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- (11) Denotes that all or a portion of the debt investment secures the notes offered in the Debt Securitization (as defined in Note 4).
- (12) Subsequent to March 31, 2014, this company completed a reverse merger. Note that the March 31, 2014 fair value does not reflect any potential impact of the conversion of our preferred shares to the new entity.
- (13) Denotes that all or a portion of the debt investment principal includes accumulated PIK, or paid-in-kind, interest and is net of repayments.
- (14) Denotes that all or a portion of the debt investment includes an exit fee receivable.
- (15) Denotes that all or a portion of the investment in this portfolio company is held by HT II or HT III, the Company's wholly-owned SBIC subsidiaries.

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Information about our senior securities is shown in the following table for the periods as of December 31, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004 and as of March 31, 2014. The information as of December 31, 2009 has been derived from our audited financial statements as of and for the period ended December 31, 2009, which has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, our former independent registered public accounting firm. The information as of December 31, 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010 has been derived from our audited financial statements for these periods, which have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm. The supplementary report of Ernst & Young LLP on the senior securities information as of December 31, 2009 is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP on the senior securities table as of December 31, 2013 is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The        indicates information that the SEC expressly does not require to be disclosed for certain types of senior securities.

<b>Class and Year</b>	<b>Total Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Treasury Securities<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Asset Coverage per Unit<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Average Market Value per Unit</b>
<b>Bridge Loan Credit Facility with Alcmene Funding L.L.C.<sup>(3)</sup></b>			
31-Dec-04			N/A
December 31, 2005	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 2,505	N/A
December 31, 2006			N/A
December 31, 2007			N/A
December 31, 2008			N/A
December 31, 2009			N/A
December 31, 2010			N/A
December 31, 2011			N/A
December 31, 2012			N/A
December 31, 2013			N/A
December 31, 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)			N/A
<b>Securitized Credit Facility with Wells Fargo Capital Finance<sup>(3)</sup></b>			
December 31, 2004			N/A
December 31, 2005	\$ 51,000,000	\$ 2,505	N/A
December 31, 2006	\$ 41,000,000	\$ 7,230	N/A
December 31, 2007	\$ 79,200,000	\$ 6,755	N/A
December 31, 2008	\$ 89,582,000	\$ 6,689	N/A
December 31, 2009 <sup>(6)</sup>			N/A
December 31, 2010 <sup>(6)</sup>			N/A
December 31, 2011	\$ 10,186,830	\$ 73,369	N/A
December 31, 2012			N/A
December 31, 2013			N/A
December 31, 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)			N/A
<b>Securitized Credit Facility with Union Bank, NA<sup>(3)</sup></b>			
December 31, 2004			N/A
December 31, 2005			N/A
December 31, 2006			N/A
December 31, 2007			N/A
December 31, 2008			N/A
December 31, 2009 <sup>(6)</sup>			N/A
December 31, 2010 <sup>(6)</sup>			N/A
December 31, 2011 <sup>(6)</sup>			N/A
December 31, 2012			N/A
December 31, 2013			N/A
December 31, 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)			N/A



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<b>Class and Year</b>	<b>Total Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Treasury Securities<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Asset Coverage per Unit<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Average Market Value per Unit</b>
<b>Small Business Administration Debentures (HT II)<sup>(3)(4)</sup></b>			
December 31, 2004			N/A
December 31, 2005			N/A
December 31, 2006			N/A
December 31, 2007	\$ 55,050,000	\$ 9,718	N/A
December 31, 2008	\$ 127,200,000	\$ 4,711	N/A
December 31, 2009	\$ 130,600,000	\$ 3,806	N/A
December 31, 2010	\$ 150,000,000	\$ 3,942	N/A
December 31, 2011	\$ 125,000,000	\$ 5,979	N/A
December 31, 2012	\$ 76,000,000	\$ 14,786	N/A
December 31, 2013	\$ 76,000,000	\$ 16,075	N/A
December 31, 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	\$ 41,200,000	\$ 28,141	N/A
<b>Small Business Administration Debentures (HT III)<sup>(3)(5)</sup></b>			
December 31, 2004			N/A
December 31, 2005			N/A
December 31, 2006			N/A
December 31, 2007			N/A
December 31, 2008			N/A
December 31, 2009			N/A
December 31, 2010	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 29,564	N/A
December 31, 2011	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 7,474	N/A
December 31, 2012	\$ 149,000,000	\$ 7,542	N/A
December 31, 2013	\$ 149,000,000	\$ 8,199	N/A
December 31, 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	\$ 149,000,000	\$ 7,781	N/A
<b>Senior Convertible Notes</b>			
December 31, 2011	\$ 70,352,983	\$ 10,623	\$ 885
December 31, 2012	\$ 71,435,783	\$ 15,731	\$ 1,038
December 31, 2013	\$ 72,518,583	\$ 16,847	\$ 1,403
December 31, 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	\$ 72,789,283	\$ 15,928	\$ 1,213
<b>April 2019 Notes Payable</b>			
December 31, 2012	\$ 84,489,500	\$ 13,300	\$ 986
December 31, 2013	\$ 84,489,500	\$ 14,460	\$ 1,021
December 31, 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	\$ 84,489,500	\$ 13,722	\$ 1,035
<b>September 2019 Notes Payable</b>			
December 31, 2012	\$ 85,875,000	\$ 13,086	\$ 1,003
December 31, 2013	\$ 85,875,000	\$ 14,227	\$ 1,016
December 31, 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	\$ 85,875,000	\$ 13,501	\$ 1,030
<b>Asset-Backed Notes</b>			
December 31, 2012	\$ 129,300,000	\$ 8,691	\$ 1,000
December 31, 2013	\$ 89,556,972	\$ 13,642	\$ 1,004
December 31, 2014 (as of March 31, 2014, unaudited)	\$ 63,781,949	\$ 18,178	\$ 1,003

(1) Total amount of each class of senior securities outstanding at the end of the period presented.

(2) The asset coverage ratio for a class of senior securities representing indebtedness is calculated as our consolidated total assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, divided by senior securities representing indebtedness. This asset coverage ratio is multiplied by \$1,000 to determine the Asset Coverage per Unit.

(3) Not applicable because senior securities are not registered for public trading.

(4) Issued by HT II, one of our SBIC subsidiaries, to the SBA. These categories of senior securities were not subject to the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act as a result of exemptive relief granted to us by the SEC.

(5) Issued by HT III, one of our SBIC subsidiaries, to the SBA. These categories of senior securities were not subject to the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act as a result of exemptive relief granted to us by the SEC.

(6) The Company's Wells Facility and Union Bank Facility had no borrowings outstanding during the periods noted above.

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Our business and affairs are managed under the direction of our Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors elects our officers who serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors currently consists of four members, one who is an interested person of Hercules Technology Growth Capital as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act and three who are not interested persons and who we refer to as our independent directors.

**Directors, Executive Officers and Key Employees**

Our executive officers, directors and key employees and their positions are set forth below. The address for each executive officer, director and key employee is c/o Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc., 400 Hamilton Avenue, Suite 310, Palo Alto, California 94301.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Positions</b>
<b><i>Interested Director:</i></b>		
Manuel A. Henriquez <sup>(1)</sup>	50	Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer
<b><i>Independent Directors:</i></b>		
Robert P. Badavas	61	Director
Joseph W. Chow <sup>(2)</sup>	61	Director
Allyn C. Woodward, Jr.	73	Director
<b><i>Executive Officers:</i></b>		
Jessica Baron	39	Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Scott Bluestein	36	Chief Investment Officer
Michael Penney	37	General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary
Parag I. Shah	42	Senior Managing Director and Life Sciences Group Head

(1) Mr. Henriquez is an interested person, as defined in section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act, of the Company due to his position as an executive officer of the Company.

(2) Mr. Chow has notified the board that he will not stand for re-election at our 2014 annual meeting of shareholders.

Set forth below is information regarding our current directors, including each director's (i) name and age; (ii) a brief description of their recent business experience, including present occupations and employment during at least the past five years; (iii) directorships, if any, that each director holds and has held during the past five years; and (iv) the year in which each person became a director of the Company. As the information that follows indicates, the nominee and each continuing director brings strong and unique experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills to the Board. This provides the Board, collectively, with competence, experience, and perspective in a variety of areas, including: (i) corporate governance and Board service; (ii) executive management, finance, and accounting; (iii) venture capital financing with a technology-related focus; (iv) business acumen; and (v) an ability to exercise sound judgment.

Moreover, the nominating and corporate governance committee believes that it is important to seek a broad diversity of experience, professions, skills, geographic representation and backgrounds. The nominating and corporate governance committee does not assign specific weights to particular criteria and no particular criterion is necessarily applicable to all prospective nominees. We believe that the backgrounds and qualifications of the directors, considered as a group, should provide a significant composite mix of experience, knowledge and abilities that will allow the Board to fulfill its responsibilities. Our Board does not have a specific diversity policy, but considers diversity of race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, cultural background and professional experiences in evaluating candidates for Board membership.



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*Mr. Henriquez is an interested director because he is our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.*

**Manuel A. Henriquez** is a co-founder of Hercules and has been our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since 2004 and our President since 2005. Prior to co-founding Hercules, Mr. Henriquez was a partner at VantagePoint Venture Partners, a \$2.5 billion multi-stage technology venture fund, from August 2000 through July 2003. Prior to VantagePoint Venture Partners, Mr. Henriquez was the President and Chief Investment Officer of Comdisco Ventures, a division of Comdisco, Inc., a leading technology and financial services company, from November 1999 to March 2000. Prior to that, from March 1997 to November 1999, Mr. Henriquez was a Managing Director of Comdisco Ventures. Mr. Henriquez was a senior member of the investment team at Comdisco Ventures that originated over \$2.0 billion of equipment lease, debt and equity transactions from 1997 to 2000. Mr. Henriquez serves on the board of directors of Northeastern University, a global, experiential research university, the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, the sole fundraising entity for Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and the child health programs at Stanford University School of Medicine, as well as the Children's Health Council, a diagnostic and treatment center for children and adolescents facing developmental and behavioral challenges. Mr. Henriquez received a B.S. in Business Administration from Northeastern University.

Through his broad experience as an officer and director of several private and public companies, in addition to skills acquired with firms engaged in investment banking, banking and financial services, Mr. Henriquez brings to the Company a unique business expertise and knowledge of financing technology related companies as well as extensive financial and risk assessment abilities. Mr. Henriquez possesses a vast array of knowledge in venture capital financing which assists us in the markets in which we compete. Mr. Henriquez's years of experience as our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since co-founding the Company demonstrate his leadership skills that are valuable in his role as our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

**Independent Directors**

*The following directors are independent under the NYSE rules and each of the following directors is not an interested person as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act.*

**Robert P. Badavas** has served as a director since March 2006. Since January 2012, Mr. Badavas has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of PlumChoice, Inc. a venture backed technology, software and services company. Mr. Badavas also has served on the board of directors of PlumChoice since November 2010. Previously, Mr. Badavas served as President of Petros Ventures, Inc., a management and advisory services firm. Mr. Badavas was President and Chief Executive Officer of TAC Worldwide, a multi-national technical workforce management and business services company, from December 2005 through October 2009, and was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of TAC Worldwide from November 2003 to December 2005. Prior to joining TAC Worldwide, Mr. Badavas was a Partner and Chief Operating Officer of Atlas Venture, an international venture capital firm, from September 2001 to September 2003 and Chief Executive Officer at Cerulean Technology, Inc., a venture capital backed wireless application software company. Since May 2007, Mr. Badavas has served on the board of directors and is chairman of the Audit Committee of Constant Contact, Inc. (NASDAQ: CTCT), a provider of email and other engagement marketing products and services for small and medium sized organizations. In addition, Mr. Badavas serves as Vice-Chairman of the board of trustees of Bentley University in Waltham, MA. Mr. Badavas also serves on the board of Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, MA where he serves on the Executive Committee of the board as its Treasurer and Chair of the Real Estate and Investment Committees. Mr. Badavas is Chairman Emeritus of The Learning Center for the Deaf in Framingham, MA and currently serves on the board's Advancement and Finance Committees. Mr. Badavas is a certified public accountant with nine years of experience at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. Also,

Mr. Badavas has completed a program that studied strategies to make corporate boards more effective at the

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Harvard Business School. Mr. Badavas is active in board of director organizations and regularly attends professional seminars addressing issues of current import to boards of directors. Mr. Badavas is a magna cum laude graduate of Bentley University with a B.S. in Accounting and Finance.

Through his prior experience as a director, chief executive officer, chief operating officer and chief financial officer, Mr. Badavas brings business expertise, executive leadership experience, finance, and audit skills to his Board service with the Company. Mr. Badavas' expertise, experience and skills closely align with our operations, and his prior investment experience with venture capital firms and technology companies facilitates an in-depth understanding of our investment business. Mr. Badavas' expertise and experience also qualify him to serve as Chairman of our Audit Committee and as our audit committee financial expert.

**Joseph W. Chow** has served as a director since February 2004. Mr. Chow has notified the board that he will not stand for re-election at our 2014 annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Chow retired in March 2011 as Executive Vice President at State Street Corporation (NYSE: STT), a leading global provider of asset servicing and investment management services to institutional investors, where he was responsible for the development of business strategies for emerging economies. He served on the company's Asia Pacific and European Executive Boards, as a board director of State Street's Technology Center in China, and chaired State Street's Corporate Environmental Sustainability Committee. Previously, having retired from State Street in 2003 and returned in 2004, he assumed the role of Executive Vice President and Chief Risk and Corporate Administration Officer responsible for Enterprise Risk Management, Compliance, Regulatory Affairs, Basel Capital Accord Implementation, and Community Affairs; he was a member of the Operating Group, the company's most senior 11-member strategy and policy management committee. Prior to 2003, Mr. Chow was State Street's Executive Vice President and Head of Credit and Risk Policy responsible for corporate-wide risk management, focusing on credit, market, operational, fiduciary, and compliance risks. He chaired the company's Major Risk Committee, Fiduciary Review Committee, and Securities Finance Risk Management Committee and served as a member of the Asset Liability Management Committee and Financial Policy Committee. Before joining State Street, Mr. Chow worked at Bank of Boston in various international and corporate banking roles from 1981 to 1990 and specialized in the financing of emerging-stage high technology companies. Mr. Chow is a board trustee/director, and serves on the audit and investment committees of the Delaware Investments Family of Funds, a trustee of the Boston Children's Museum and is a director of the Hong Kong Association of Massachusetts. He served on the board of directors of China Universal Asset Management, Inc. in Shanghai, the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, and the Asian Community Development Corporation, a not-for-profit community development corporation focused on building affordable housing in Boston. Mr. Chow is a graduate of Brandeis University with a B.A. in Economics. He also received a Master in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.S. in Management (Finance) from the MIT Sloan School of Management.

Through his experience as a senior executive of a major financial institution, Mr. Chow brings business expertise, finance and risk assessment skills to his Board service with the Company. Mr. Chow's experience and skills closely align with our business, and his lending and credit experience facilitates an in-depth understanding of risk associated with the structuring of investments in technology related companies. Mr. Chow's risk management expertise and credit related experience also qualify him to serve as Chairman of our Valuation Committee.

**Allyn C. Woodward, Jr.** has served as a director since February 2004. Mr. Woodward was Vice Chairman of Adams Harkness Financial Group (AHFG-formerly Adams, Harkness & Hill) from April 2001 until January 2006 when AHFG was sold to Canaccord, Inc., an independent investment dealer. He previously served as President of AHFG from 1995 to 2001. AHFG was an independent institutional research, brokerage and investment banking firm headquartered in Boston, MA. Prior to joining AHFG, Mr. Woodward worked for Silicon Valley Bank from April 1990 to April 1995, initially as Executive Vice President and Co-founder of the Wellesley, MA office and subsequently as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the parent bank in California. Silicon Valley Bank is a commercial bank, headquartered in Santa Clara, CA whose principal lending focus is directed toward the technology, healthcare and venture capital industries. Prior to

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joining Silicon Valley Bank, Mr. Woodward was Senior Vice President and Group Manager of the Technology group at Bank of New England, Boston, MA where he was employed from 1963-1990. He is also a former director and chairman of Lecroy Corporation which was sold in August, 2012 and a former director of Viewlogic Systems, Inc. and Cayenne Software, Inc. Mr. Woodward serves on the boards of three private companies and is on the boards of advisors of five venture capital funds. Mr. Woodward holds an Executive Masters Professional Director Certification, their highest level award, from the American College of Corporate Directors, a public company director education and credentialing organization, is a member of the Board Leaders Group, and is a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors. Mr. Woodward is on the Board of Overseers and a member of the Finance Committee of Newton Wellesley Hospital, a 250 bed hospital located in Newton, MA. Mr. Woodward is a member of the Investment Committee, the Finance Committee and the Private Equity Committee of Babson College in Babson Park, MA. Mr. Woodward graduated from Babson College with a degree in finance and accounting. He also graduated from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.

Mr. Woodward's executive and board experience brings extensive business, finance and investment expertise to his Board service with the Company. His experiences with financial services, bank and technology-related companies provide a unique perspective on matters involving business, finance and technology. Mr. Woodward's many board related experiences makes him skilled in leading committees requiring substantive expertise. He is uniquely qualified to lead in the continued development of our Board's policies regarding compensation and governance best practices by serving as Chairman of our Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and by serving as our Lead Independent Director.

**Information about Executive Officers who are not Directors**

The following information, as of May 14, 2014, pertains to our executive officers who are not directors of the Company.

**Jessica Baron** joined Hercules in October 2006 as Corporate Controller and was promoted to Vice President of Finance in October 2010. Effective June 1, 2011, our board appointed Ms. Baron as Interim Chief Financial Officer and our board confirmed her appointment as the our permanent Chief Financial Officer on March 27, 2012. During her tenure at Hercules, Ms. Baron has been involved in financial reporting, financial process and systems design and implementation. Prior to joining Hercules, Ms. Baron served in strategic finance roles at Cisco Systems, Inc. from 2004 to 2006 and at Levi Strauss and Company from 2002 to 2004. Ms. Baron also served as a finance and accounting manager at Dominion Ventures and Dominion Capital Management from 2000 to 2002. She also was at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in supervisory roles in both its consulting and business assurance divisions from 1997 to 2000. Ms. Baron earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Biology and a Master of Arts degree in Sociology from Stanford University and a Master of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Finance from the University of California, Berkeley, Haas School of Business. She is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of California.

**Parag Shah** joined Hercules in November 2004 as Managing Director of Life Sciences and was promoted to Senior Managing Director in June 2006. During March 2008 Mr. Shah was promoted by our board to the position of Life Science Group Head. Prior to joining Hercules, Mr. Shah served as Managing Director for Biogenesys Capital from April 2004 to November 2004. From April 2000 to April 2004, Mr. Shah was employed by Imperial Bank, where he served as a Senior Vice President and East Coast Life Sciences Group Head in Imperial Bank's Technology and Life Sciences Division, beginning in October 2000, which was acquired by Comerica Bank in early 2001. Prior to working at Comerica Bank, Mr. Shah was an Assistant Vice President at Bank Boston from January 1997 to March 2000. Bank Boston was acquired by Fleet Bank in 1999. Mr. Shah completed his Masters degrees in Technology, Management and Policy as well as his Bachelor's degree in Molecular Biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, or MIT. During his tenure at MIT, Mr. Shah conducted research at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research and was chosen to serve on the Whitehead Institute's Board of Associates in 2003.

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**Scott Bluestein** joined Hercules in November 2010 as Chief Credit Officer, and he was promoted to Chief Investment Officer in April 2014. Mr. Bluestein previously served as founder and partner of Century Tree Capital Management from February 2009 until June 2010. Prior to that, he was managing director at Laurus-Valens Capital Management, a New York based investment firm specializing in providing financing to small and micro cap growth oriented businesses through a combination of secured debt and equity securities, including new investments, portfolio management, and restructurings from June 2003 until February 2010. Previously, Mr. Bluestein worked at UBS Investment Bank, where he was a member of their Financial Institutions Coverage Group focused on the Financial Technology space. Mr. Bluestein received his B.B.A. from Emory University.

**Michael Penney** joined Hercules in 2013 as General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary. Prior to joining Hercules, he served as Vice President and Senior Counsel for State Street Bank and Trust Company, where he was responsible for domestic and cross-border M&A and joint venture transactions, public offerings and general corporate and SEC matters from 2009 to 2013. From 2004 to 2009, Mr. Penney was a corporate associate with Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP. Mr. Penney earned his J.D. from Boston College, and he received a B.A. in political science and economics from the University of Nebraska.

### **Board of Directors**

The number of directors is currently fixed at four directors. However, our board has reduced the size of the board to three directors effective upon the expiration of Mr. Chow's term immediately prior to our 2014 annual meeting.

Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes. Class I directors hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2014, Class II directors hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2015 and Class III directors hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2016. Each director holds office for the term to which he or she is elected and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies. Mr. Woodward's term expires in 2015, Mr. Henriquez's term expires in 2016 and Messrs. Badavas and Chow's terms expire in 2014. At each annual meeting of our stockholders, the successors to the class of directors whose terms expire at such meeting will be elected to hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the third year following the year of their election and until their successors are duly elected and qualify.

### **Compensation of Directors**

The Compensation Committee has the authority from the Board for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the Company's outside compensation consultant. The Compensation Committee generally engages a compensation consultant every other year to assist the Compensation Committee with its responsibilities related to the Company's director compensation program.

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The following table discloses the cash, equity awards and other compensation earned, paid or awarded, as the case may be, to each of our directors during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Total (\$)
Robert P. Badavas	\$ 167,000			\$ 2,716	\$ 169,716
Joseph W. Chow	\$ 169,000			\$ 2,716	\$ 171,716
Allyn C. Woodward, Jr.	\$ 184,000			\$ 4,566	\$ 188,566
Manuel A. Henriquez <sup>(3)</sup>					

(1) Messrs. Badavas, Chow and Woodward earned \$117,000, \$119,000 and \$134,000, respectively, and each elected to receive an additional retainer fee of 3,445 shares of our common stock in lieu of cash. The total value of the shares issued to each of Mr. Badavas, Mr. Chow and Mr. Woodward for services in fiscal 2013 was \$50,000.

(2) Represents dividends paid on unvested restricted stock awards during 2013.

(3) As an employee director, Mr. Henriquez does not receive any compensation for his service as a director. The compensation Mr. Henriquez receives as our chief executive officer is disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table.

As of December 31, 2013, Messrs. Badavas, Chow and Woodward had outstanding options in the amount of 5,000, 5,000 and 10,000, respectively. As of December 31, 2013, Messrs. Badavas, Chow and Woodward held unvested shares of restricted stock in the amount of 1,666, 1,666 and 3,333, respectively.

As compensation for serving on our Board, each of our independent directors receives an annual fee of \$50,000 and the chairperson of each committee receives an additional \$15,000 annual fee. Each independent director also receives \$2,000 for each board or committee meeting they attend, whether in person or telephonically. In 2013, we granted each independent director an additional retainer of \$50,000, which was distributed as shares of common stock in lieu of cash. In addition, upon re-election to the board of directors, each independent director is granted an option to purchase 15,000 shares and an additional award of 5,000 shares of restricted stock; however, no such options or awards were granted in 2013 because the director re-elected to our board, Manuel Henriquez, is an interested, employee director and is not eligible to receive such a grant. Employee directors and non-independent directors do not receive compensation for serving on our board. In addition, we reimburse our directors for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending board meetings.

Directors do not receive any perquisites or other personal benefits from the Company.

Our Board has implemented caps on the total annual compensation payable to our non-employee directors. Pursuant to the caps approved by our Board, the total annual compensation payable to each director (other than the director serving as chair of our audit committee) will be limited to \$175,000 per year. The total annual compensation payable to the director serving as chair of our audit committee will be limited to \$200,000 per year.

Under current SEC rules and regulations applicable to business development companies ( BDC ), a BDC may not grant options or restricted stock to non-employee directors unless it receives exemptive relief from the SEC. The Company filed an exemptive relief request with the SEC to allow options and restricted stock to be issued to its non-employee directors, which was approved on October 10, 2007. On June 22, 2010, the Company received approval from the SEC regarding its exemptive relief request permitting its employees to exercise their stock options and restricted stock and pay any related income taxes using a cashless exercise program.

On June 21, 2007, the stockholders approved amendments to the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan allowing for the grant of restricted stock. The 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan limit the combined maximum amount of restricted stock that may be issued under both of the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan to 10% of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock on the effective date of the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan plus 10% of the number of shares of common stock issued or delivered by the Company during the terms of the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan.

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**Stock Ownership Guidelines**

The Company implemented stock ownership guidelines which are outlined in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Company has implemented stock ownership guidelines because it believes that material stock ownership by directors plays a role in effectively aligning the interests of directors with those of our stockholders and strongly motivates the building of long-term stockholder value. Pursuant to the Company's stock ownership guidelines, each director is required to beneficially own at least three times the individual's annual retainer fee in Company stock, based on market value, within three years of joining the Company. The Board may make exceptions to this requirement based on particular circumstances. Each director has exceeded his respective guideline as of May 14, 2014.

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Our business, property and affairs are managed under the direction of our Board. Members of our Board are kept informed of our business through discussions with our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Financial Officer, our Chief Investment Officer, our Secretary, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, and other officers and employees, and by reviewing materials provided to them and participating in meetings of the Board and its committees.

**Corporate Governance Changes in Fiscal Year 2013 and for Fiscal Year 2014**

Because our board is committed to strong and effective corporate governance, it regularly monitors our corporate governance policies and practices to ensure we meet or exceed the requirements of applicable laws, regulations and rules, and the NYSE's listing standards. The board has approved corporate governance guidelines that provide a framework for the operation of the board and address key governance practices. The board has adopted a number of policies to support our values and good corporate governance, including corporate governance guidelines, board committee charters, insider trading policy, code of ethics, code of business conduct, and related person transaction approval policy.

As part of its on-going review of our corporate governance policies, our board has approved the following changes to our corporate governance guidelines.

*Director term limits* All new directors will be limited to terms of 10 years, and the mandatory retirement age is set at 75 (with Messrs. Badavas and Woodward being exempt from such term limits).

*Committee chair term limits* The chairpersons of the nominating and corporate governance committee and the compensation committee will be limited to three year terms, and the chairperson of the audit committee will be limited to a five year term (with Mr. Badavas, the current audit committee chairperson, being excluded from such term limits).

Our board will continue to review and update the corporate governance guidelines and our corporate governance framework, including the potential expansion of the size of our board.

**Board Leadership Structure**

***Chairman and Chief Executive Officer***

Our board currently combines the role of chairman of the board with the role of chief executive officer, coupled with a lead independent director position to further strengthen our governance structure. Our board believes this provides an efficient and effective leadership model for our company. Combining the chairman and chief executive officer roles fosters clear accountability, effective decision-making, and alignment on corporate strategy. Since 2004, Mr. Henriquez has served as both chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

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No single leadership model is right for all companies at all times. Our board recognizes that depending on the circumstances, other leadership models, such as a separate independent chairman of the board, might be appropriate. Accordingly, our board periodically reviews its leadership structure.

Moreover, our board believes that its governance practices provide adequate safeguards against any potential risks that might be associated with having a combined chairman and chief executive officer. Specifically:

two of our three current directors who will serve on our board following the annual meeting are independent directors, and during his term Mr. Chow was an independent director;

all of the members of our audit committee, compensation committee, nominating and corporate governance committee and valuation committee are independent directors;

our board and its committees regularly conduct scheduled meetings in executive session, out of the presence of Mr. Henriquez and other members of management;

our board and its committees regularly conduct meetings which specifically include Mr. Henriquez;

our board and its committees remain in close contact with, and receive reports on various aspects of Hercules' s management and enterprise risk directly from our senior management and independent auditors; and

our board and its committees interact with employees of the company outside the ranks of senior management.

***Lead Independent Director***

Our board has instituted the lead independent director position to provide an additional measure of balance, ensure our board's independence, and enhance its ability to fulfill its management oversight responsibilities. Allyn C. Woodward, Jr., the chairman of our compensation committee and our nominating and corporate governance committee, currently serves as the lead independent director. The lead independent director:

presides over all meetings of the directors at which our chairman is not present, including executive sessions of the independent directors;

has the authority to call meetings of the independent directors;

frequently consults with our chairman and chief executive officer about strategic policies;

provides our chairman and chief executive officer with input regarding board meetings;

serves as a liaison between the chairman and chief executive officer and the independent directors; and

otherwise assumes such responsibilities as may be assigned to him by the independent directors.

Having a combined chairman and chief executive officer, coupled with a substantial majority of independent, experienced directors, including a lead independent director with specified responsibilities on behalf of the independent directors, provides the right leadership structure for our company and is best for us and our stockholders at this time.

#### **Board Oversight of Risk**

While risk management is primarily the responsibility of our management team, our board is responsible for oversight of the material risks faced by us at both the full board level and at the committee level.

Our audit committee has oversight responsibility not only for financial reporting with respect to our major financial exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, but also for the



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effectiveness of management's enterprise risk management process that monitors and manages key business risks facing our company. In addition to our audit committee, the other committees of our board consider the risks within their areas of responsibility. For example, our compensation committee considers the risks that may be implicated by our executive compensation program.

Management provides regular updates throughout the year to our board regarding the management of the risks they oversee at each regular meeting of our board. Also, our board receives presentations throughout the year from various department and business group heads that include discussion of significant risks as necessary. Additionally, our full board reviews our short and long-term strategies, including consideration of significant risks facing our business and their potential impact.

Our board has established an audit committee, a valuation committee, a compensation committee, and a nominating and corporate governance committee. A brief description of each committee is included in this proxy statement and the charters of the audit, compensation, and nominating and corporate governance committees are available on the Investor Relations section of our website at <http://investor.htgc.com/governance.cfm>

The table below provides current membership (M) and chairmanship (C) information for each standing board committee.

Name	Audit	Valuation	Compensation	Nominating and Corporate Governance
Robert P. Badavas	C	M	M	M
Joseph W. Chow <sup>(1)</sup>	M	C	M	M
Allyn C. Woodward, Jr.	M	M	C	C
Manuel A. Henriquez				

(1) Mr. Chow has notified the board that he will not stand for re-election at the annual meeting, and his term will expire immediately prior to the 2014 annual meeting.

During 2013, our board held 15 full board meetings, 20 committee meetings and acted by written consent. All of the directors attended at least 95% of the full board meetings and all of the respective committee meetings on which they serve. Each director makes a diligent effort to attend all board and committee meetings, as well as our annual meeting of stockholders. Each of the directors attended our 2013 annual meeting of stockholders in person.

**Audit Committee.** Our board has established an audit committee. Our audit committee comprises Messrs. Badavas, Chow and Woodward, each of whom is an independent director and satisfies the independence requirements for purposes of the rules promulgated by the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, and the requirements to be a non-interested director as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Mr. Badavas currently serves as chairman of our audit committee and is an audit committee financial expert as defined by applicable Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, rules. Our audit committee is responsible for assisting our board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities related to: (i) appointing, overseeing and replacing, if necessary, our independent auditor; (ii) overseeing the accounting and financial reporting processes of Hercules and our subsidiaries; (iii) overseeing the integrity of the financial statements of Hercules and our subsidiaries; (iv) establishing procedures for complaints relating to accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, (v) examining the independence qualifications and; (vi) preparing the report required by the SEC to be included in our annual proxy statement; (vii) assisting our board's oversight of our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; and (viii) assisting our board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities related to the systems of internal controls and disclosure controls which management has established regarding finance, accounting, and regulatory compliance. During the last fiscal year, the audit committee held seven meetings and acted by written consent.

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Our audit committee provides assistance to our board in various matters, including, among other things, fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to the following:

annually, evaluating the appointment, compensation and retention of any registered public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for Hercules and our subsidiaries, including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditor regarding financial reporting;

preapproving any independent auditors' engagement to render audit and/or permissible non-audit services (including the fees charged and proposed to be charged by the independent auditors);

receiving formal written statements, at least annually, from the independent auditor regarding the auditor's independence, including a delineation of all relationships between the auditor and us; discussing with the independent auditor any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the independent auditor, addressing, at least annually, the matters, required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; recommending to our board actions to satisfy our board of the independence of the audit; and, if so determined by our audit committee, recommending that our board take appropriate action to oversee the independence of the auditor;

at least annually, obtaining and reviewing a report from the independent auditor detailing the firm's internal quality control procedures, any material issues raised by the independent auditor's internal quality control review, peer review or any governmental or other professional inquiry performed within the past five years and any remedial actions implemented by the firm and all relationships between the independent auditor and us;

annually, obtaining from the independent auditors a formal written statement of the fees billed in the last fiscal year for categories of services rendered by the independent auditors, and listed in our audit committee charter;

monitoring the rotation of the lead (or coordinating) audit partner (or other employees of the independent auditor if required by SEC rules and regulations) having primary responsibility for the audit and the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit;

considering the effect on us of: (i) any changes in accounting principles or practices proposed by management or the independent auditors; and (ii) any changes in service providers, such as the accountants, that could impact our internal control over financial reporting;

evaluating the efficiency and appropriateness of the services provided by the independent auditors, including any significant difficulties with the audit or any restrictions on the scope of their activities or access to required records, data and information;

reviewing with the independent auditors the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance sheet structures, on our financial statements;

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reviewing with the independent auditor the overall scope and plans for audits, including authority and organizational reporting lines and adequacy of staffing and compensation;

interacting with the independent auditors, including meeting with the independent auditors at least four times during each fiscal year, reviewing and, where necessary, resolving any problems or difficulties the independent auditor may have encountered in connection with the annual audit or otherwise, any management letters provided to our audit committee and our responses;

reviewing and discussing with management and the independent auditor our system of internal controls (including any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of those controls which could adversely affect our ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data), its financial and critical accounting practices, and policies relating to risk assessment and management;

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receiving and reviewing reports of the independent auditor discussing: (i) all critical accounting policies and practices to be used in the firm's audit of our financial statements, (ii) all alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles, referred to as GAAP, that have been discussed with management, ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the independent auditor, and (iii) other material written communications between the independent auditor and management, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences;

reviewing and discussing with management and the independent auditor our annual and quarterly financial statements;

reviewing material pending legal proceedings involving us and other contingent liabilities;

periodically, meeting separately with management (or other personnel responsible for the internal audit function) and with independent auditors to discuss results of examinations of our internal controls and procedures;

discussing with the independent auditors the matters required to be communicated to our audit committee in accordance with Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61;

establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by us regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and the confidential, anonymous submissions by employees, consultants or contractors of concerns regarding questionable accounting or accounting matters;

setting hiring policies relating to our hiring of employees or former employees of the independent auditors;

producing an audit committee report for inclusion in our annual report on Form 10-K or proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders;

reviewing the adequacy of our audit committee charter annually and submitting an audit committee charter to our board for approval;

reporting recommendations to our board on a regular basis and annually performing, or participating in, an evaluation of our audit committee;

reviewing such other matters as our board or the audit committee shall deem appropriate; and

determining funding necessary for ordinary administrative expenses that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out our audit committee's duties.

**Valuation Committee.** Our board has established a valuation committee. Our valuation committee comprises Messrs. Badavas, Chow and Woodward, each of whom is an independent director and satisfies the independence requirements for purposes of the rules promulgated by the NYSE and the requirements to be a non-interested director as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Mr. Chow currently serves as chairman of our valuation committee. Following his retirement from the board, the chairmanship of the valuation committee will be reassigned, or the functions of the committee will be reallocated to the audit committee. Our valuation committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending to our full board the fair value of debt and equity securities in accordance with established valuation procedures. Our valuation

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committee may utilize the services of an independent valuation firm in determining the fair value of these securities. During the last fiscal year, our valuation committee held four meetings.

Our committee provides assistance to our board in various matters, including, among other things, fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to the following:

determining the fair value of our portfolio debt and equity securities and other assets in accordance with the 1940 Act and the valuation policies and procedures adopted by our board, as amended from time to time, in order to recommend the portfolio valuation to our full board for approval; and

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retaining, terminating and determining the compensation for an independent valuation firm and any legal, accounting or other expert or experts to assist in: (i) reviewing our valuation processes applicable to non-publicly traded companies; (ii) reviewing fair market value calculations as requested from time to time with respect to select companies; and (iii) carrying out our valuation committee's duties and responsibilities.

**Compensation Committee.** Our board has established a compensation committee. Our compensation committee comprises Messrs. Badavas, Chow and Woodward, each of whom is an independent director and satisfies the independence requirements for purposes of the rules promulgated by the NYSE and the requirements to be a non-interested director as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Mr. Woodward currently serves as chairman of our compensation committee. Our compensation committee determines compensation for our executive officers, and it administers our 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan. During the last fiscal year, our compensation committee held seven meetings and acted by written consent.

Our compensation committee provides assistance to our board in various matters, including, among other things, fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to the following:

assisting our board in developing and evaluating potential candidates for executive positions (including the chief executive officer) and overseeing the development of executive succession plans;

annually, reviewing and approving corporate objectives relevant to our chief executive officer's and our other executive officer's total compensation, evaluating our chief executive officer's and our other executive officers' performance to ensure that it is designed to achieve the objectives of rewarding our executive officers appropriately for their contributions to corporate growth and profitability and, together with our chief executive officer, evaluating and approving the compensation of our other executive officers;

annually, determining and approving the compensation paid to our chief executive officer;

annually, reviewing our compensation practices and the relationship among risk, risk management and compensation in light of our corporate objectives, including their safety and soundness and the avoidance of practices that would encourage excessive risk;

periodically, reviewing our incentive compensation plans and perquisites, making recommendations to our board regarding the adoption of new employee incentive compensation plans and equity-based plans, and administering our existing incentive compensation plans and equity-based plans;

periodically, evaluating the compensation of directors and making recommendations regarding adjustments to such compensation;

producing a committee report on executive compensation for inclusion in the our annual report on Form 10-K or proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders in accordance with Item 407(e)(5) of Regulation S-K;

annually reviewing and discussing with our management the executive compensation disclosure to be included in our annual report on Form 10-K or our proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402 of Regulation S-K, and subsequent to such review determining whether to recommend to our board that such disclosure be included in our annual report on Form 10-K or our proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders;

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periodically, reviewing and assessing the adequacy of our compensation committee charter and submitting any changes to our board for approval;

determining funding necessary for ordinary administrative expenses that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out the committee's duties;

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regularly, reporting recommendations to our board, and annually performing, or participating in, an evaluation of the committee, the results of which shall be presented to our board;

when it is determined by the committee that a consulting firm (or other expert) is to assist in the assessment of the CEO's or other executive officer's compensation, our committee is responsible for retaining and terminating such firm or experts and approving the consulting firm or other expert's fee and other retention terms;

retaining legal, accounting or other experts that our committee determines to be necessary to carry out its duties and determining compensation for such advisors; and

reviewing such other matters as our board or the compensation committee deem appropriate.

***Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.*** Our board has established a nominating and corporate governance committee. Our nominating and corporate governance committee comprises Messrs. Badavas, Chow and Woodward, each of whom is an independent director and satisfies the independence requirements for purposes of the rules promulgated by the NYSE and the requirements to be a non-interested director as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Mr. Woodward currently serves as chairman of our nominating and corporate governance committee. Our nominating and corporate governance committee will nominate to our board for consideration candidates for election as directors to our board. During the last fiscal year, our nominating and corporate governance committee held two meetings. Our nominating and corporate governance committee met in December 2013 to consider candidates for election to our board for our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders.

Our nominating and corporate governance committee provides assistance to our board in various matters, including, among other things, fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to the following:

identifying individuals qualified to become board members, consistent with criteria approved by our board, receiving nominations for such qualified individuals, selecting, or recommending that our board select, the director nominees for our next annual meeting taking into account each candidate's ability, judgment and experience and the overall diversity and composition of our board;

recommending to our board candidates for election to our board and evaluating our board in accordance with criteria set forth in the committee's charter;

monitoring board composition and recommending candidates as necessary to ensure that the number of independent directors serving on the Board satisfies the NYSE and SEC requirements;

developing and periodically evaluating initial orientation guidelines and continuing education guidelines for each member of our board and each member of each committee thereof regarding his or her responsibilities as a director generally and as a member of any applicable committee of our board;

establishing a policy under which our stockholders may recommend a candidate to the nominating and corporate governance committee for consideration for nomination as a director;

recommending to our board qualified individuals to serve as committee members on the various board committees;



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recommending to our board or to the appropriate committee thereto processes for annual evaluations of the performance of our board, our chairman of the board and chief executive officer, and its standing audit committee, compensation committee and valuation committee;

clearly articulating to each director what is expected of their tenure on our board, including directors' basic duties and responsibilities with respect to attendance at board meetings and advance review of meeting materials;

developing and periodically evaluating orientation guidelines and continuing education guidelines for each member of our board and each member of each committee thereof regarding his or her responsibilities as a director generally and as a member of any applicable committee of our board;

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reviewing our practices and policies with respect to directors, including the size of our board, the ratio of employee directors to non-employee directors, the meeting frequency of our board and the structure of board meetings and making recommendations to our board with respect thereto;

overseeing the maintenance and presentation to our board of management's plans for succession to senior management positions in the company;

monitoring and making recommendations to our board on matters of our policies and practices relating to corporate governance;

annually, evaluating our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and, if appropriate, recommending changes to that code;

in concert with our board, reviewing our policies with respect to significant issues of corporate public responsibility, including charitable contributions;

considering and reporting to our board any questions of possible conflicts of interest of board members;

reviewing stockholder proposals regarding corporate governance and making recommendations to our board;

reviewing and assessing the adequacy of the committee charter and the charters of other existing board committees, submitting any changes to our board for approval;

reporting committee actions to our board on a regular basis and annually performing, or participating in, an evaluation of the committee;

annually, performing or participating in, an evaluation of the performance of the committee, the results of which shall be presented to our board;

retaining and terminating a search firm to assist in the identification of director candidates, and approving the search firm's fees and other retention terms; and

retaining legal, accounting or other experts that our committee determines to be necessary to carry out its duties, and to determine compensation for such advisors.

Our nominating and corporate governance committee will consider qualified director nominees recommended by stockholders when such recommendations are submitted in accordance with our bylaws and any other applicable law, rule or regulation regarding director nominations. When submitting a nomination to our for consideration, a stockholder must provide certain information that would be required under applicable SEC rules, including the following minimum information for each director nominee: full name, age, and address; class, series and number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned by the nominee, if any; the date such shares were acquired and the investment intent of such acquisition; whether such stockholder believes the individual is an interested person of Hercules, as defined in the 1940 Act; and all other information required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors in an election contest or is otherwise required.

In evaluating director nominees, our nominating and corporate governance committee considers the following factors:

the appropriate size and the diversity of our board;

whether or not the nominee is an interested person of Hercules as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act;

our needs with respect to the particular talents and experience of its directors;

the knowledge, skills and experience of nominees in light of prevailing business conditions and the knowledge, skills and experience already possessed by other members of our board;

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experience with accounting rules and practices;

the desire to balance the considerable benefit of continuity with the periodic injection of the fresh perspective provided by new members; and

all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and listing standards.

Our nominating and corporate governance committee identifies nominees by first evaluating our current board members willing to continue in service. Our current board members with skills and experience that are relevant to our business and who are willing to continue in service are considered for re-nomination, balancing the value of continuity of service by existing members of our board with that of obtaining a new perspective. If any member of our board does not wish to continue in service or if our nominating and corporate governance committee or our board decides not to re-nominate a member for re-election, or if our nominating and corporate governance committee recommends to expand the size of our board, our nominating and corporate governance committee identifies the desired skills and experience of a new nominee in light of the criteria above. Current members of our nominating and corporate governance committee and our Board provide suggestions as to individuals meeting the criteria of our nominating and corporate governance committee. Consultants may also be engaged to assist in identifying qualified individuals.

#### **Director Independence**

The NYSE's listing standards and Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act require that a majority of our board and every member of our audit, compensation, and nominating and corporate governance committees are independent. Under the NYSE's listing standards and our corporate governance guidelines, no director will be considered to be independent unless and until our board affirmatively determines that such director has no direct or indirect material relationship with our company or our management. Our board reviews the independence of its members annually.

In determining that Messrs. Badavas and Woodward are independent, our board, through the nominating and corporate governance committee, considered the financial services, commercial, family and other relationships between each director and his or her immediate family members or affiliated entities, on the one hand, and Hercules and its subsidiaries, on the other hand.

#### **Communication with the Board**

We believe that communications between our board, our stockholders and other interested parties are an important part of our corporate governance process. Stockholders with questions about Hercules are encouraged to contact our Investor Relations department at (650) 289-3060. However, if stockholders believe that their questions have not been addressed, they may communicate with our board by sending their communications to Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc., c/o Michael Penney, secretary and general counsel, 400 Hamilton Avenue, Suite 310, Palo Alto, California 94301. All stockholder communications received in this manner will be delivered to one or more members of our board.

Allyn C. Woodward, Jr., the chairman of our compensation committee and our nominating and corporate governance committee, currently serves as the lead independent director, and presides over all meetings of the directors, including executive sessions of the independent directors. Parties may communicate directly with Mr. Woodward by sending their communications to Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc., c/o Michael Penney, secretary and general counsel. All communications received in this manner will be delivered to Mr. Woodward.

All communications involving accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing matters, possible violations of, or non-compliance with, applicable legal and regulatory requirements or the Codes, or retaliatory

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acts against anyone who makes such a complaint or assists in the investigation of such a complaint, will be referred to our secretary and general counsel. The communication will be forwarded to the chair of our audit committee if our secretary and general counsel determines that the matter has been submitted in conformity with our whistleblower procedures or otherwise determines that the communication should be so directed.

The acceptance and forwarding of a communication to any director does not imply that the director owes or assumes any fiduciary duty to the person submitting the communication, all such duties being only as prescribed by applicable law.

**Code of Ethics**

Our code of ethics, which is signed by our directors and executive officers, requires that our directors and executive officers avoid any conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between an individual's personal interests and the interests of Hercules. Pursuant to our code of ethics, which is available on our website at <http://investor.htgc.com/governance.cfm>, each director and executive officer must disclose any conflicts of interest, or actions or relationships that might give rise to a conflict, to our audit committee. Certain actions or relationships that might give rise to a conflict of interest are reviewed and approved by our board.

**Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

All members of our compensation committee are independent directors and none of the members are present or past employees of Hercules. No member of our compensation committee: (i) has had any relationship with Hercules requiring disclosure under Item 404 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or (ii) is an executive officer of another entity, at which one of our executive officers serves on our board.

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

**Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

**Executive Summary**

Hercules continued its strong performance during 2013. As discussed below and detailed in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, in 2013 Hercules posted a 52.0% increase in net investment income to approximately \$73.1 million on record levels of total investment income of approximately \$139.7 million. Our financial position at the conclusion of 2013 was also strong as evidenced by our \$373.4 million of available liquidity at December 31, 2013.

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The total realized shareholder return on our common stock during fiscal 2013 was approximately 59%\*, which ranked first against our Current Peer Group (as defined below under *Assessment of Market Data; Changes to Peer Group* ). In addition to our 2013 financial results, the following graph details the total shareholder return to our shareholders during the last five years, as compared to our Current Peer Group, the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index and the Dow Jones Industrial Average:

We believe our compensation actions relating to 2013 corporate and individual performance illustrate an alignment between the compensation of our named executive officers, or NEOs, during 2013, and the performance of Hercules on an absolute and relative basis. We further believe that our executive compensation programs utilize an effective mix of short- and long-term compensation components determined relative to key measures of our performance and the returns enjoyed by our shareholders. Consistent with our pay-for-performance philosophy, our compensation committee will make future compensation decisions in light of our performance, and, if our future performance were to lag behind our peers, our compensation committee would adjust NEO compensation accordingly.

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis, or CD&A, provides information relating to the following NEOs during 2013.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Manuel Henriquez	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, or CEO
Jessica Baron	Chief Financial Officer
Parag Shah	Senior Managing Director and Life Science Group Head
Scott Bluestein <sup>(1)</sup>	Chief Credit Officer
Todd Jaquez-Fissori <sup>(2)</sup>	Senior Managing Director and Clean Technology Group Head

(1) Mr. Bluestein was promoted to Chief Investment Officer as of April 30, 2014.

(2) Mr. Fissori resigned from Hercules as of April 25, 2014.

\* For purposes of this calculation and comparison, total shareholder return is calculated as price appreciation plus reinvestment of dividends and the compounding effect of dividends paid on reinvested dividends.

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**Compensation Philosophy and Objectives**

Our compensation committee developed our 2013 compensation program, and the compensation paid to our NEOs during 2013 was approved by all of our independent directors. Our compensation programs are intended to align the interests of our shareholders with the interests of management, and to reward our NEOs for their collective and independent contributions to our performance. Our compensation programs are intended to, among other things:

provide the compensation and incentives necessary to attract, motivate and retain key executives critical to our continued success and growth, while also aligning management interests with the interests of our shareholders,

focus management behavior and decision-making on goals that are consistent with the overall strategy of the business,

ensure a linkage between NEO compensation and individual contributions to our performance, and

manage risk appropriately.

We believe that our continued success during 2013 was attributable to our ability to motivate and retain and motivate our outstanding executive talent through the use of both current and long-term incentive compensation programs, especially in an environment of competition for top-quality executive talent in the venture debt industry.

**Overview**

Our compensation objectives are achieved through our executive compensation program, which for 2013 consisted of the following elements:

<b>Compensation Element</b>	<b>Form of Compensation</b>	<b>Compensation Objective</b>
Annual Base Salary	Cash paid on a regular basis throughout the year	Provide a level of fixed income that is competitive and allows us to retain and attract executive talent
Annual Cash Bonus Awards	Cash awards paid on an annual basis following year-end	Reward executives who contribute to our financial performance and strategic success during the year, and reward individual NEO achievements
Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards	Equity incentive awards vesting ratably over three years based on continued employment with Hercules	Reward executives who contribute to our success through the creation of shareholder value and to provide meaningful retention incentives, and reward individual NEO achievements

Our compensation committee has also designed our compensation programs to reflect what it believes to be certain best practices in executive compensation. In particular:

we do not have employment agreements with any of our NEOs,

we do not provide for cash severance payments or change of control benefits,

we do not have guaranteed retirement benefits,

we do not provide our NEOs with executive perquisite allowances beyond the benefit programs offered to all of our employees,

we maintain stock ownership guidelines that require members of senior management to own at least two times his or her annual salary in our common stock, and

our compensation committee engaged an independent compensation consultant in connection with its review of incentive compensation to be paid with respect to 2013 and to assist in the design of compensation structures applicable to 2014 and future fiscal periods.



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As discussed below under *Annual Cash Bonuses*, Hercules experienced strong financial performance during 2013. We believe that the compensation package paid to each NEO with respect to our 2013 performance appropriately rewarded each NEO for his or her contribution to such performance.

### **Response to 2013 Shareholder Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation**

At our 2013 annual meeting of shareholders, we provided our shareholders with the opportunity to cast an advisory vote on say-on-pay with respect to NEO compensation disclosed in our proxy statement for the 2013 annual meeting. As reported, 48% of our shareholders voted in favor of this advisory vote.

In response to the less-than-majority support of our 2013 advisory vote on executive compensation, we sought feedback from our top 25 institutional shareholders who collectively held approximately 35% of our outstanding shares as of December 31, 2013. Through this outreach program, we engaged in direct dialogue with our largest institutional shareholders to gain broad-based insights on our executive compensation and corporate governance practices in an effort to provide clarity about our compensation practices and to better understand and address their concerns. Our compensation committee has considered this feedback in connection with its compensation decisions for 2013, and, in coordination with our compensation consultant, revised our peer group to better align it with our business. Our compensation committee reviewed in detail our company-specific performance factors (as further discussed below under *Assessment of Hercules Performance*) against those of our revised, Current Peer Group in its evaluation of compensation paid with respect to 2013. Further, our compensation committee is continuing its work with our compensation consultant to review and evaluate the insights gained from this outreach and to design compensation structures intended to even more closely align NEO compensation with our performance.

### **Establishing Compensation Levels**

Our compensation committee provides primary oversight of our compensation programs, including the design and administration of executive compensation plans, assessment and setting of corporate performance, as well as individual performance, metrics, and the approval of executive compensation. In addition, our compensation committee retains an independent compensation consultant, and where appropriate, discusses compensation related matters with our CEO, as it relates to the other NEOs.

### ***Role of Compensation Committee***

Our compensation committee is comprised entirely of independent directors who are also non-employee directors as defined in Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, referred to as the 1934 Act, independent directors as defined by the NYSE rules, and are not interested persons of Hercules, as defined by Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, referred to as the 1940 Act. Messrs. Badavas, Chow and Woodward are the members of the compensation committee, and Mr. Woodward chairs the committee.

Our compensation committee operates pursuant to a charter that sets forth the mission of the committee and its specific goals and responsibilities. A key component of our compensation committee's goals and responsibilities is to evaluate and make recommendations to our board regarding the compensation of our NEOs, and to review their performance relative to their compensation to assure that they are compensated effectively in a manner consistent with the compensation philosophy discussed above. In addition, our compensation committee evaluates and makes recommendations to our board regarding the compensation of the directors for their services. Annually, our compensation committee:

evaluates our CEO's performance to ensure that the compensation program is designed to achieve the objectives of retaining and properly rewarding our CEO appropriately for his contributions to corporate performance,

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reviews our CEO's evaluation of the other NEOs' performance to ensure that the compensation program is designed to achieve the objectives of retaining and properly rewarding our other NEOs appropriately for their contributions to corporate performance,

determines and approves the compensation paid to our CEO, and

with input from our CEO, reviews and approves the compensation of the other NEOs.

Our compensation committee periodically reviews our compensation programs and equity incentive plans to ensure that such programs and plans are consistent with our corporate objectives and appropriately align our NEOs' interests with those of our shareholders. Our compensation committee also administers our stock incentive arrangements with our NEOs and other employees. Our compensation committee may not delegate its responsibilities discussed above.

### ***Role of Compensation Consultant***

Our compensation committee has engaged Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc., referred to as F.W. Cook, as an independent outside compensation consultant to assist the compensation committee and provide advice on a variety of compensation matters relating to CEO compensation, compensation paid to our other NEOs, peer group selection, compensation program design, market and industry compensation trends, director compensation levels and regulatory developments. F.W. Cook was hired by and reports directly to the compensation committee. While F. W. Cook may work directly with our CEO or other members of management on behalf of the compensation committee, any such work is under the control and supervision of the compensation committee. Our compensation consultant does not provide any other services to Hercules. The compensation committee has assessed the independence of F.W. Cook pursuant to the NYSE rules, and Hercules has concluded that the consultant's work for the compensation committee did not raise any conflicts of interest.

### ***Role of Chief Executive Officer***

From time to time and at our compensation committee's request, our CEO will attend limited and selected portions of the committee's meetings to discuss our performance and compensation-related matters. Our CEO does not attend executive sessions of the committee, unless invited by our compensation committee. While he does not participate in any deliberations relating to his own compensation, our CEO reviews on at least an annual basis the performance of each of the other NEOs and other executive officers. Based on these performance reviews and our overall performance, our CEO makes recommendations to our compensation committee on any changes to base salaries, incentive compensation awards and equity awards. Our compensation committee considers the recommendations submitted by our CEO, as well as data and analysis provided by management and F.W. Cook, but retains full discretion to approve or recommend for board approval all executive and director compensation.

### ***Assessment of Market Data; Changes to Peer Group***

To determine the competitiveness of executive compensation levels, our compensation committee analyzes market data of certain companies, including internally and externally managed BDCs, private equity firms and other asset management and financial services companies.

During 2013, the compensation committee primarily looked to a comparative group of companies to perform compensation comparisons. That comparative group of companies comprised: American Capital, Ltd.; BofI Holdings, Inc.; Bridge Capital Holdings; Capital Southwest Corporation; Fortress Investment Group LLC; ICG Group, Inc.; KCAP Financial, Inc.; Main Street Capital Corporation; MCG Capital Corporation; PacWest Bancorp; SVB Financial Group; and Triangle Capital Corporation.

During 2014, our compensation committee, based on the advice of F.W. Cook, performed a review of our peer group. Based on this review, and the advice of F.W. Cook, our compensation committee approved changes

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to our peer group to better align our peer group to our business. This revised peer group, referred to as the Current Peer Group, was used as a factor in determining the annual cash bonus awards made with respect to 2013 (which were paid in 2014), along with the various performance considerations further described below under *Annual Cash Bonus Awards*.

The Current Peer Group consists of the following 20 internally managed and externally managed BDCs:

<b>Internally Managed</b>	<b>Externally Managed</b>
American Capital	Apollo Investment
Capital Southwest	Ares Capital
KCAP Financial	BlackRock Kelso Capital
Main Street Capital	Fifth Street Finance
MCG Capital	Golub Capital BDC
Medallion Financial	Medley Capital
Triangle Capital	New Mountain Finance
	PennantPark Investment
	Prospect Capital
	Solar Capital
	TCP Capital
	THL Credit
	TICC Capital

The following table provides further financial information with respect to the Current Peer Group as of December 31, 2013.

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Financials (\$M)</b>			
	<b>Mgmt</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Market Cap as of 12/31/13</b>
Ares Capital Corp.	E	\$ 882	\$ 8,142	\$ 5,252
American Capital Ltd.	I	\$ 487	\$ 6,009	\$ 4,418
Prospect Capital Corp.	E	\$ 626	\$ 5,194	\$ 3,189
Apollo Investment Corp.	E	\$ 370	\$ 3,380	\$ 1,905
Fifth Street Finance Corp.	E	\$ 241	\$ 2,454	\$ 1,287
Solar Capital Ltd.	E	\$ 164	\$ 1,708	\$ 1,000
Main Street Capital Corp.	I	\$ 116	\$ 1,360	\$ 1,298
BlackRock Kelso Capital Corp.	E	\$ 132	\$ 1,282	\$ 694
PennantPark Investment Corp.	E	\$ 131	\$ 1,255	\$ 772
Golub Capital BDC Inc.	E	\$ 91	\$ 1,265	\$ 827
New Mountain Finance Corp.	E	\$ 115	\$ 1,148	\$ 679
TICC Capital Corp.	E	\$ 105	\$ 998	\$ 551
Triangle Capital Corp.	I	\$ 101	\$ 815	\$ 765
Medley Capital Corp.	E	\$ 103	\$ 885	\$ 557
TCP Capital Corp.	E	\$ 70	\$ 803	\$ 596
Capital Southwest Corp.	I	\$ 11	\$ 780	\$ 532
THL Credit Inc.	E	\$ 75	\$ 673	\$ 559
Medallion Financial Corp.	I	\$ 36	\$ 595	\$ 358
MCG Capital Corp.	I	\$ 50	\$ 514	\$ 313
KCAP Financial Inc.	I	\$ 48	\$ 459	\$ 269
<b>All Companies (n=20)</b>				
75th Percentile		\$ 183	\$ 1,895	\$ 1,290
Median		\$ 110	\$ 1,202	\$ 730
25th Percentile		\$ 73	\$ 797	\$ 555
Hercules Tech Growth Cap		\$ 140	\$ 1,222	\$ 1,013

\* E signifies that the BDC is externally managed, and I signifies that the BDC is internally managed.

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The items taken into account by our compensation committee include, but are not limited to, base compensation, bonus compensation, restricted stock awards, carried interest and other compensation paid by other internally managed and externally managed BDCs, including the 2% base management fee and 20% incentive fee generally charged by externally managed BDCs. In addition to actual levels of compensation, our compensation committee also analyzed the approach other BDCs were taking with regard to their compensation practices. However, our compensation committee does not specifically benchmark the compensation of our NEOs against that paid by other companies with publicly traded securities because, in addition to our Current Peer Group, our competitors for executive talent also include private equity firms, venture capital firms, mezzanine lenders, hedge funds and other specialty finance companies that do not publicly disclose compensation paid to individual executive officers.

***Assessment of Hercules Performance***

In determining annual compensation for our NEOs, our compensation committee analyzes and evaluates the individual achievements and performance of our NEOs as well as the overall operating performance and achievements of Hercules. We believe that the alignment of (i) our business plan, (ii) shareholder expectations and (iii) our employee compensation is essential to long-term business success in the interest of our shareholders and employees and to our ability to attract and retain executive talent, especially in an environment of competition for top-quality executive talent in the venture debt industry. Our business plan involves taking on investment risk over an extended period of time, and a premium is placed on our ability to maintain stability and growth of net asset values as well as continuity of earnings growth to pass through to shareholders in the form of recurring dividends over the long term. Our strategy is to generate income and capital gains from our investments in the debt with warrant securities, and to a lesser extent direct equity, of our portfolio companies. This income supports the anticipated payment of dividends to our shareholders. Therefore, a key element of our return to shareholders is current income through the payment of dividends. This recurring payout requires a methodical asset acquisition analyses as well as highly active monitoring and management of our investment portfolio over time. To accomplish these functions, our business requires implementation and oversight by management and key employees with highly specialized skills and experience in the venture debt industry. A substantial part of our employee base is dedicated to the generation of new investment opportunities to allow us to sustain and grow dividends and to the maintenance of asset values in our portfolio.

In reviewing and approving the compensation packages for our NEOs and other key employees, our compensation committee considers numerous factors relative to both the performance and achievement of our strategic and corporate objectives, executive performance factors and the individual performance of each of our NEOs. The most significant company-specific performance factors considered by our compensation committee include the following, among others:

performance against annual gross commitment origination goals,

performance against annual gross funding goals,

gross new commitment yields,

our efficiency ratio, which measures the ratio of our compensation and administrative expenses versus our revenues,

total and net investment income,

net investment margin,

realized and unrealized gains and losses,

overall credit performance,

liquidity levels,

total shareholder return,

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return on shareholder's equity, based on net investment income, and

return on average assets, based on net investment income.

**Elements of Executive Compensation and 2013 Compensation Determinations*****Base Salary***

We believe that base salaries are a fundamental element of our compensation program. Our compensation committee establishes base salaries for each NEO to reflect (i) the scope of the NEO's industry experience, knowledge and qualifications, (ii) the NEO's position and responsibilities and contributions to our business growth and (iii) salary levels and pay practices of those companies with whom we compete for executive talent.

Our compensation committee considers base salary levels at least annually as part of its review of the performance of NEOs and from time to time upon a promotion or other change in job responsibilities. During its review of base salaries for our executives, the compensation committee primarily considers: individual performance of the executive, including leadership and execution of strategic initiatives and the accomplishment of business results for our company; market data provided by our compensation consultant; our NEOs total compensation, both individually and relative to our other NEOs; and for NEOs other than the CEO, the base salary recommendations of our CEO.

At its meeting on March 4, 2013, recognizing the continuing compensation objectives of retaining its senior management team, our compensation committee approved salary increases for Ms. Baron, Mr. Bluestein and Mr. Jaquez-Fissori. Also, on March 4, 2013, our compensation committee approved a 3% increase in base salary for Messrs. Henriquez and Shah. These salary increases for our NEOs are set forth in the table below.

NEO	2012 Base Salary	2013 Base Salary
Manuel Henriquez	\$ 735,000	\$ 757,050
Jessica Baron	\$ 235,000	\$ 285,000
Parag Shah	\$ 337,050	\$ 347,162
Scott Bluestein	\$ 270,000	\$ 300,000
Todd Jaquez-Fissori <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 225,000	\$ 260,000

(1) Mr. Fissori resigned from Hercules as of April 25, 2014.

Further information relating to base salary increases approved in 2014 is provided below under *SUBSEQUENT COMPENSATION ACTIONS*.

***Annual Cash Bonus Awards***

During 2013, our compensation committee, together with input from our CEO, developed a specific bonus pool for the 2013 operating year to be available for our annual cash bonus program. The amount determined to be available for our annual cash program was dependent upon many factors, including those outlined previously under *Assessment of Hercules Performance*.

Our compensation committee designs our annual cash bonuses to motivate our NEOs to achieve financial and non-financial objectives consistent with our operating plan. As a general guideline, our compensation committee generally targets cash bonuses to amounts equal to 50% to 100% of an NEO's base salary; however, such bonus amounts may exceed these targets in the event of exceptional company and individual performance. However, our compensation committee retains discretion in the sizing and awarding of cash bonuses for each NEO to ensure that individual bonus determinations appropriately balance the interests of our shareholders, while rewarding an NEO's contributions to our performance. Accordingly, should actual company and NEO performance exceed expected performance during the year, our compensation committee may adjust individual cash bonuses to take such superior performance into account. Conversely, where an NEO's performance is below expectations, our compensation committee will determine the NEO's annual cash bonus in light of such performance.





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We typically determine and award cash bonuses for our NEOs during the first quarter of the following year. In evaluating the performance of our NEOs to arrive at their 2013 cash bonus awards, our compensation committee considered the performance factor achievements discussed above under *Assessment of Hercules Performance*, and the committee compared our performance and the returns of our shareholders against the performance and shareholder returns of other BDCs. Our compensation committee also considered the following aspects of our 2013 operating performance in the sizing of the bonus pool with respect to 2013 and in the determination of specific NEO cash bonus awards:

*Shareholder Return* The total realized shareholder return on our common stock during fiscal 2013 was approximately 59%, which ranked first against our Current Peer Group (the 100<sup>th</sup> percentile)\*.

*Originations* We had record origination levels of approximately \$705.0 million in debt and equity commitments to new and existing portfolio companies.

*Total Investment Income* We had a record level of total investment income of approximately \$139.7 million, an increase of 43.3% compared to \$97.5 million in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, or fiscal 2012.

*Net Investment Income* We increased our net investment income, or NII, by 52.0% to approximately \$73.1 million, as compared to \$48.1 million for fiscal 2012. NII per share increased by approximately 27.1% to \$1.22 on 58.8 million basic weighted average shares outstanding, as compared to \$0.96 per share on 49.1 million basic weighted average shares outstanding for fiscal 2012.

*Strong Liquidity Position* We finished fiscal 2013 in a strong liquidity position with approximately \$373.4 million in available liquidity, including \$268.4 million in cash and \$105.0 million in bank credit facility availability.

*Record Level of M&A and IPO Exits* Our portfolio companies announced or completed 27 liquidity (M&A and IPOs) events during 2013, the highest in our history.

Our compensation committee further reviewed each NEO's specific performance achievements and contributions to our 2013 financial performance.

When sizing our cash bonus pool and allocating bonus awards, our compensation committee also evaluated the total compensation paid to our NEOs and other employees against the expense ratios of other BDCs. With respect to 2013, the committee considered company-wide compensation expense as a percentage of average assets among the peers in the Current Peer Group. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, our compensation expense fell between the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile and the median of the Current Peer Group.

Based on the foregoing considerations and analysis, and after due deliberation, our compensation committee awarded our NEOs the following annual cash bonuses with respect to 2013:

NEO	2013 Cash Bonus Award	As Percentage of 2013 Base Salary
Manuel Henriquez	\$ 1,136,000	150%
Jessica Baron	\$ 271,000	95%
Parag Shah	\$ 350,000	100%
Scott Bluestein	\$ 360,000	120%

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Todd Jaquez-Fissori <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 312,000	120%
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(1) Mr. Fissori resigned from Hercules as of April 25, 2014.

\* For purposes of this calculation and comparison, total shareholder return is calculated as price appreciation plus reinvestment of dividends and the compounding effect of dividends paid on reinvested dividends.

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Further information relating to bonus awards made subsequent to the 2013 cash bonus awards described above is provided below under *SUBSEQUENT COMPENSATION ACTIONS*.

#### ***Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation***

Our long-term equity incentive compensation is designed to develop a strong linkage between pay and our strategic goals and performance, as well as to align the interests of our NEOs, and other executives and key employees, with those of our shareholders by awarding long-term equity incentives in the form of stock options and restricted stock. These awards are made pursuant to our 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, referred to as the 2004 Plan.

#### ***Initial Option Grants***

Historically, we have issued option awards under our 2004 Plan upon initial employment. These options generally vest, subject to continued employment, over a period of three years. Options are granted as incentive stock options, within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent permitted, with the remainder granted as nonqualified stock options. The exercise price for option grants under our 2004 Plan is equal to the closing price of our common stock on the NYSE on the date that such grant is approved by our board.

During 2013, none of our NEOs received an option award, and no stock options were awarded to our NEOs for the 2012 fiscal year.

#### ***Restricted Stock Awards***

In May 2007, we received SEC exemptive relief, and our shareholders approved amendments to the 2004 Plan, permitting us to grant restricted stock awards. We believe that annual restricted stock awards to our NEOs are a critical part of our compensation program as they allow us to:

align our business plan, shareholders interests and employee concerns,

manage dilution associated with equity-based compensation,

match the return expectations of the business more closely with our equity-based compensation plan, and

retain key management talent.

In our view, restricted stock motivates performance that is more consistent with the type of return expectations that we have established for our shareholders. Accordingly, our compensation committee awards annual restricted stock award grants to our NEOs. These awards typically vest over three years.

For 2013, when determining the size of restricted stock grants for our NEOs, our compensation committee assessed each NEO's individual performance, our overall company performance, as well as the levels of equity compensation paid by other companies with whom we compete for executive talent.

Based on this performance assessment, and after due consideration, our compensation committee, on March 4, 2013, awarded the following short-term and long-term equity incentive awards, in the form of restricted stock, to our NEOs related to their performance during the prior fiscal year as set forth in the tables below. The value of the restricted stock awards listed below was determined to be the closing price of our common stock on the NYSE on March 4, 2013, the date of restricted stock award grants. These restricted stock awards vest subject to continued employment based on two vesting schedules: short-term awards vest one-half on the one year anniversary of the date of the grant and quarterly over the succeeding 12 months, and long-term awards vest one-fourth on the one year anniversary of the date of grant and quarterly over the succeeding 36 months.



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	<b>Grant Date</b>	<b>2013 Short-term Restricted Stock Awards</b>	<b>Fair Value of Restricted Stock Awards</b>
Manuel Henriquez	03/04/2013	103,774	\$ 1,320,005
Jessica Baron	03/04/2013	14,151	\$ 180,001
Parag Shah	03/04/2013	15,330	\$ 194,998
Scott Bluestein	03/04/2013	15,723	\$ 199,997
Todd Jaquez-Fissori	03/04/2013	13,267	\$ 168,756

*Long-term Awards*

	<b>Grant Date</b>	<b>2013 Long-term Restricted Stock Awards</b>	<b>Fair Value of Restricted Stock Awards</b>
Manuel Henriquez	03/04/2013	196,540	\$ 2,499,989
Jessica Baron	03/04/2013	18,082	\$ 230,003
Parag Shah	03/04/2013	51,101	\$ 650,005
Scott Bluestein	03/04/2013	39,308	\$ 499,998
Todd Jaquez-Fissori	03/04/2013	9,827	\$ 124,999

**Limitations on Grants Under 2004 Plan: Other Plan Terms**

The 2004 Plan limits the combined maximum amount of restricted stock that may be issued under both of our 2004 Plan and our 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan to 10% of the outstanding shares of our stock on the effective date of the 2004 Plan and 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan plus 10% of the number of shares of stock issued or delivered by us during the terms of the 2004 Plan and 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan. The prior amendments approved under our 2004 Plan further specify that no one person will be granted awards of restricted stock relating to more than 25% of the shares available for issuance under the 2004 Plan. Further, the amount of voting securities that would result from the exercise of all our outstanding warrants, options and rights, together with any restricted stock issued pursuant to the 2004 Plan and 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan, at the time of issuance will not exceed 25% of our outstanding voting securities, except that if the amount of voting securities that would result from such exercise of all of our outstanding warrants, options and rights issued to our directors and executive officers, together with any restricted stock issued pursuant to the 2004 Plan and 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan, would exceed 15% of our outstanding voting securities, then the total amount of voting securities that would result from the exercise of all outstanding warrants, options and rights, together with any restricted stock issued pursuant to the 2004 Plan and 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan, at the time of issuance will not exceed 20% of our outstanding voting securities.

All restricted stock grants under the 2004 Plan made prior to March 4, 2013 will continue to vest on a monthly basis following their one year anniversary over the succeeding 36 months. During 2012, the Compensation Committee adopted a policy that provided for awards with different vesting schedules for short and long-term awards. Under the 2004 Plan, restricted stock awards vest subject to continued employment based on two vesting schedules: short-term awards vest one-half on the one year anniversary of the date of the grant and quarterly over the succeeding 12 months, and long-term awards vest one-fourth on the one year anniversary of the date of grant and quarterly over the succeeding 36 months.

Eligibility includes all of our NEOs. Each grant of restricted stock under the 2004 Plan to our NEOs will contain such terms and conditions, including consideration and vesting, as our Board deems appropriate and as allowed for within the provisions of the 2004 Plan. Under the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan, restricted stock vests one-third each year on the anniversary of the date of the grant over a three-year period.



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In April 2014, our compensation committee further assessed each NEO's individual performance, our overall company performance and the levels of equity compensation paid by other companies with whom we compete for executive talent. Based on this assessment, and after due consideration, our compensation committee awarded the following equity incentive awards, in the form of restricted stock, in the amounts and on the dates set forth in the tables below. As discussed in this proxy statement under *SUBSEQUENT COMPENSATION ACTIONS*, our board approved amendments to these awards on May 22, 2014 to accelerate the vesting applicable to such awards.

	<b>Grant Date</b>	<b>Restricted Stock Awards<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Fair Value of Restricted Stock Awards on Grant Date<sup>(2)</sup></b>
Manuel Henriquez	04/10/2014	275,000	\$ 3,792,250
	04/15/2014	160,000	\$ 2,200,000
Jessica Baron	04/10/2014	20,000	\$ 275,800
	04/14/2014	17,500	\$ 242,025
Parag Shah	04/10/2014	60,000	\$ 827,400
	04/14/2014	75,000	\$ 1,037,250
Scott Bluestein	04/10/2014	25,000	\$ 344,750
	04/14/2014	45,000	\$ 622,350
Todd Jaquez-Fissori <sup>(3)</sup>	04/10/2014	20,000	\$ 275,800
	04/14/2014	30,000	\$ 414,900

- (1) Pursuant to award amendments adopted by our board on May 22, 2014, these restricted stock awards vest as to one-half on the one year anniversary of the date of grant and quarterly over the succeeding 12 months.
- (2) Based on the closing prices per share of our common stock of \$13.79, \$13.83 and \$13.75 on April 10, 2014, April 14, 2014 and April 15, 2014, respectively.
- (3) Mr. Fissori resigned from Hercules as of April 25, 2014.

**Other Elements of Compensation; Benefits and Perquisites; Change of Control Payments****Severance**

No NEO or employee of the Company has a written severance agreement.

**Benefits and Perquisites**

Our NEOs receive the same benefits and perquisites as other full-time employees. Our benefits program is designed to provide competitive benefits and is not based on performance. Other than the benefits described below, our NEOs do not receive any other benefits, including retirement benefits, or perquisites from Hercules. Our NEOs and other full-time employees receive general health and welfare benefits, which consist of life, long-term and short-term disability, health, dental, vision insurance benefits and the opportunity to participate in our defined contribution 401(k) plan. During 2013, our 401(k) plan provided for a match of contributions by the company for up to \$17,000 per full-time employee.

**Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change of Control**

No NEO or employee of Hercules has a written employment agreement.

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Upon specified covered transactions (as defined in the 2004 Plan), in which there is an acquiring or surviving entity, our board may provide for the assumption of some or all outstanding awards, or for the grant of new awards in substitution, by the acquirer or survivor or an affiliate of the acquirer or survivor, in each case on



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such terms and subject to such conditions as our board determines. In the absence of such an assumption or if there is no substitution, except as otherwise provided in the award, each award will become fully exercisable prior to the covered transaction on a basis that gives the holder of the award a reasonable opportunity, as determined by our board, to participate as a shareholder in the covered transaction following exercise, and the award will terminate upon consummation of the covered transaction. A covered transaction includes the following: (i) a merger or other transaction in which the company is not the surviving corporation or which results in the acquisition of all or substantially all of our then outstanding common stock by a single person or entity or by a group of persons and/or entities; (ii) a sale of substantially all of our assets; (iii) a dissolution or liquidation of Hercules; or (iv) a change in a majority of our board's composition unless approved by a majority of the directors continuing in office.

**Internal Pay Equity Analysis**

Our compensation program is designed with the goal of providing compensation to our NEOs that is fair, reasonable, and competitive. To achieve this goal, we believe it is important to compare compensation paid to each NEO not only with compensation in our comparative group companies, as discussed above, but also with compensation paid to each of our other NEOs. Such an internal comparison is important to ensure that compensation is equitable among our NEOs.

As part of our compensation committee's review, we made a comparison of our CEO's total compensation paid for the year ending December 31, 2013 against that paid to our other NEOs during the same year. Upon review, our compensation committee determined that our CEO's compensation relative to that of our other NEOs was justified relative to the compensation paid to our other NEOs because of his level and scope of responsibilities, expertise and performance history, and other factors deemed relevant by our compensation committee, as compared to the other NEOs. Our compensation committee also reviewed the mix of the individual elements of compensation paid to our NEOs for this period. In the course of its review, our compensation committee also considered the individual performance of each NEO and any changes in responsibilities of the NEO. Based on its review, our compensation committee determined that our CEO's total compensation comprised of base salary, annual cash bonus and short and long-term equity incentive and retention awards was properly aligned in comparison to total compensation paid to the other NEOs.

**Stock Ownership Guidelines**

We maintain stock ownership guidelines, which are outlined in our corporate governance guidelines, because we believe that material stock ownership by our executives plays a role in effectively aligning the interests of these employees with those of our shareholders and strongly motivates our executives to build long-term shareholder value. Pursuant to our stock ownership guidelines, each member of senior management is required to beneficially own at least two times the individual's annual salary in Hercules common stock, based on market value, within three years of joining Hercules. Our Board may make exceptions to this requirement based on particular circumstances. Each NEO has exceeded his respective guideline as of May 14, 2014.

**Tax and Accounting Matters**

*Stock-Based Compensation.* We account for stock-based compensation, including options and shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to our 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan in accordance with the requirements of FASB ASC Topic 718. Under the FASB ASC Topic 718, we estimate the fair value of our option awards at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option-pricing model, which requires the use of certain subjective assumptions. The most significant of these assumptions are our estimates on the expected term, volatility and forfeiture rates of the awards. Forfeitures are not estimated due to our limited history but are reversed in the period in which forfeiture occurs. As required under the accounting rules, we review our valuation assumptions at each grant date and, as a result, are likely to change our valuation assumptions used to value stock-based awards granted in future periods. We estimate the fair value of our restricted stock awards based on the grant date market closing price.

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*Deductibility of Executive Compensation.* When analyzing both total compensation and individual elements of compensation paid to our NEOs, our compensation committee considers the income tax consequences to Hercules of its compensation policies and procedures. In particular, our compensation committee considers Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, which limits the deductibility of non-performance-based compensation paid to certain of the NEOs to \$1,000,000 per affected NEO. Our compensation committee intends to balance its objective of providing compensation to our NEOs that is fair, reasonable, and competitive with the company's capability to take an immediate compensation expense deduction. Our board believes that the best interests of Hercules and our shareholders are served by executive compensation programs that encourage and promote our principal compensation philosophy, enhancement of shareholder value, and permit our compensation committee to exercise discretion in the design and implementation of compensation packages. Accordingly, we may from time to time pay compensation to our NEOs that may not be fully tax deductible, including certain bonuses and restricted stock. Stock options granted under our stock plan are intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) and are generally fully deductible. We will continue to review our executive compensation plans periodically to determine what changes, if any, should be made as a result of the limitation on deductibility.

**Subsequent Compensation Actions****Acceleration of Vesting of Restricted Stock Awards**

In April 2014, our compensation committee and board awarded the equity incentive awards detailed above in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement under *Elements of Executive Compensation Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation 2014 Restricted Stock Awards*. These awards are referred to as the April 2014 awards.

Based on its further assessment of the market for executive talent and increased competition for the service of Hercules' key employees, including our NEOs, on May 22, 2014 our board approved amendments to the April 2014 awards to accelerate the vesting schedules applicable to such awards. Pursuant to the revised vesting schedules, each April 2014 award made to Mr. Henriquez, Ms. Baron, Mr. Shah and Mr. Bluestein will vest as to one-half of the shares on the one year anniversary of the date of grant and quarterly over the succeeding 12 months. We have amended the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement accordingly, and we have updated the disclosures and the footnotes to the table included under *Elements of Executive Compensation Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation 2014 Restricted Stock Awards* to reflect the revised vesting terms for the April 2014 awards.

**NEO Base Salary Increases**

In connection with his promotion to chief investment officer, our compensation committee approved an increase in annual base salary for Mr. Bluestein. Also, our compensation committee approved a three percent (3%) increase in base salaries for each of the other NEOs listed below. The following table summarizes these salary increases.

	Fiscal	Fiscal
	Year 2013 Base	Year 2014 Base
	Salary	Salary
Manuel Henriquez	\$ 757,050	\$ 779,762
Jessica Baron	\$ 285,000	\$ 293,550
Scott Bluestein	\$ 300,000	\$ 420,000

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On May 22, 2014, our compensation committee and board of directors approved a key employee retention program, which also included retention bonus payments for the NEOs listed below. Subject to their continued employment, the NEOs listed below will receive, subject to our compensation committee's authority to terminate or amend the retention bonus program, in its sole discretion, the following additional cash bonuses during fiscal 2014 and 2015.

	October 2014	April 2015
	Retention Bonus Payment	Retention Bonus Payment
	Amount	Amount
Manuel Henriquez	\$ 136,458	\$ 136,458
Jessica Baron	\$ 51,371	\$ 51,371
Scott Bluestein	\$ 73,500	\$ 73,500

**Risk Assessment of the Compensation Programs**

Our board believes that risks arising from our compensation policies and practices for our employees are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on Hercules. We have designed our compensation programs, including our incentive compensation plans, with specific features to address potential risks while rewarding employees for achieving long-term financial and strategic objectives through prudent business judgment and appropriate risk taking. The Compensation Discussion and Analysis section describes generally our compensation policies and practices that are applicable for executive and management employees. We use common variable compensation designs across all employees of Hercules with a significant focus on individual performance and contribution along with achievement of certain corporate objectives as generally described in the foregoing Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

In view of the current economic and financial environment, our compensation committee and our board reviewed our compensation programs to assess whether any aspect of the programs would encourage any of our employees to take any unnecessary or inappropriate risks that could threaten the value of Hercules. Our compensation committee has designed our compensation programs to reward our employees for achieving annual profitability and long-term increase in stockholder value.

Our board recognizes that the pursuit of corporate objectives possibly leads to behaviors that could weaken the link between pay and performance, and, therefore, the correlation between the compensation delivered to employees and the return realized by shareholders. Accordingly, our compensation committee has designed our executive compensation program to mitigate these possibilities and to ensure that our compensation practices and decisions are consistent with our risk profile. These features include the following:

bonus payouts and short-term equity incentive awards that are not based solely on corporate performance objectives, but also require achievement of individual performance objectives,

the financial opportunity in our long-term equity incentive program that is best realized through long-term appreciation of our stock price, which mitigates excessive short-term risk-taking,

annual cash bonuses that are paid in one installment after the end of the fiscal year to which the bonus payout relates, and

final decision making by our compensation committee and our board on all awards.

Additionally, our compensation committee considered an assessment of compensation-related risks for all of our employees. Based on this assessment, the committee concluded that our compensation programs do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on Hercules. In making this evaluation, our compensation committee reviewed the key design elements of our compensation programs in relation to industry best practices, as well as the means by which any potential risks may be mitigated, such as through our internal controls and oversight by management and our board. In addition, management completed an inventory of incentive programs below the executive level and reviewed the design of these incentives and concluded that such incentive programs do not encourage excessive risk-taking.

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The following table provides information concerning the compensation earned by our NEOs for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013, December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Bonus (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	All Other Compensation (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	Total (\$)
Manuel Henriquez <i>Chairman &amp; Chief Executive Officer</i>	2013	\$ 757,050	\$ 1,136,000	\$ 3,819,994	\$ 639,950	\$ 6,352,994
	2012	\$ 735,000	\$ 880,000	\$ 2,648,450	\$ 439,683	\$ 4,703,133
	2011	\$ 735,000	\$ 825,000	\$ 1,395,000	\$ 288,834	\$ 3,243,834
Jessica Baron <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	2013	\$ 285,000	\$ 287,442	\$ 410,004	\$ 106,821	\$ 1,089,267
	2012	\$ 235,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 653,600	\$ 69,720	\$ 1,138,320
	2011	\$ 175,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 139,500	\$ 19,701	\$ 419,201
Parag Shah <i>Senior Managing Director and Life Science Group Head</i>	2013	\$ 347,162	\$ 350,000	\$ 845,003	\$ 225,899	\$ 1,768,064
	2012	\$ 337,050	\$ 195,000	\$ 1,140,455	\$ 212,965	\$ 1,885,470
	2011	\$ 337,050	\$ 275,000	\$ 697,500	\$ 160,652	\$ 1,470,202
Scott Bluestein <i>Chief Credit Officer</i>	2013	\$ 300,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 699,995	\$ 107,645	\$ 1,467,640
	2012	\$ 270,000	\$ 185,000	\$ 378,350	\$ 45,075	\$ 878,425
	2011	\$ 250,000	\$ 135,000	\$ 83,700	\$ 7,033	\$ 475,733
Todd Jaquez-Fissori <i>Former Senior Managing Director and Energy Technology Group Head</i> <sup>(5)</sup>	2013	\$ 260,000	\$ 312,000	\$ 293,755	\$ 80,056	\$ 945,811
	2012	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 439,450	\$ 44,550	\$ 934,000
	2011	\$ 175,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 111,600	\$ 6,600	\$ 438,200

- (1) Salary column amounts represent base salary compensation received by each NEO for the listed fiscal year.
- (2) Bonus column amounts represent the annual cash bonus earned during the fiscal year and awarded and paid out during the first quarter of the following fiscal year. The bonus amount for Ms. Baron includes a one-time bonus payment of \$16,442, which was awarded to her on September 12, 2013 in light of her strong continued performance during 2013.
- (3) The amounts reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock awards made to our NEOs during the applicable year computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. The grant date fair value of each restricted stock award is measured based on the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant.
- (4) Represents matching contributions under our 401(k) plan of (a) \$17,000 in 2013 to Messrs. Henriquez, Shah, Bluestein and Jaquez-Fissori and Ms. Baron, (b) \$6,500 in 2012 to Messrs. Henriquez, Shah, Bluestein and Jaquez-Fissori and Ms. Baron, (c) \$6,500 in 2011 to Messrs. Henriquez, Shah and Ms. Baron, and (d) \$2,083 to Mr. Bluestein in 2011. Dividends to Messrs. Henriquez, Shah, Bluestein, Jaquez-Fissori, and Ms. Baron in the amount of \$622,950, \$208,899, \$90,645, \$63,056 and \$89,821, respectively, were paid on unvested restricted stock awards during 2013. Dividends to Messrs. Henriquez, Shah, Bluestein, Jaquez-Fissori, and Ms. Baron in the amount of \$433,183, \$206,465, \$38,575, \$38,050 and \$63,220, respectively, were paid on unvested restricted stock awards during 2012. Dividends to Messrs. Henriquez, Shah, Bluestein, Jaquez-Fissori, and Ms. Baron in the amount of \$282,334, \$154,152, \$4,950, \$6,600 and \$13,201, respectively, were paid on unvested restricted stock awards during 2011. NEOs did not receive any other perquisites or personal benefits from Hercules.
- (5) Mr. Fissori resigned from Hercules as of April 25, 2014.

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The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the restricted stock awards granted during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 to each of our NEOs. No stock options were awarded to our NEOs during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

<b>Name and Principal Position</b>	<b>Grant Date</b>	<b>All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options</b>	<b>Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards<sup>(2)</sup></b>
<b>Short Term Awards</b>				
Manuel Henriquez <i>Chairman and Chief Executive Officer</i>	03/04/2013	103,774		\$ 1,320,005
Jessica Baron <sup>(3)</sup> <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	03/04/2013	14,151		\$ 180,001
Parag Shah <i>Senior Managing Director and Life Sciences Group Head</i>	03/04/2013	15,330		\$ 194,998
Scott Bluestein <i>Chief Credit Officer</i>	03/04/2013	15,723		\$ 199,997
Todd Jaquez-Fissori <sup>(4)</sup> <i>Senior Managing Director and Clean Technology Group Head</i>	03/04/2013	13,267		\$ 168,756
<b>Long Term Awards</b>				
Manuel Henriquez <i>Chairman and Chief Executive Officer</i>	03/04/2013	196,540		\$ 2,499,989
Jessica Baron <sup>(3)</sup> <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	03/04/2013	18,082		\$ 230,003
Parag Shah <i>Senior Managing Director and Life Sciences Group Head</i>	03/04/2013	51,101		\$ 650,005
Scott Bluestein <i>Chief Credit Officer</i>	03/04/2013	39,308		\$ 499,998
Todd Jaquez-Fissori <sup>(4)</sup> <i>Former Senior Managing Director and Clean Technology Group Head</i>	03/04/2013	9,827		\$ 124,999

- (1) Restricted stock awards vest based on two vesting schedules: short-term awards vest one-half on the one year anniversary of the date of the grant and quarterly over the succeeding 12 months, and long-term awards vest one-fourth on the one year anniversary of the date of grant and quarterly over the succeeding 36 months. When payable, dividends are paid on a current basis on the unvested shares.
- (2) The amounts reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock awards made to our NEOs during 2013 computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718.
- (3) Effective March 27, 2012, the Board promoted Ms. Baron from the Company's Interim Chief Financial Officer to the Company's Chief Financial Officer. In connection with such promotion, Ms. Baron was awarded 25,000 shares of restricted common stock.
- (4) On July 17, 2012, the Board appointed Mr. Jaquez-Fissori to Senior Managing Director and Clean Technology Group Head. In connection with such appointment, Mr. Jaquez-Fissori was awarded 15,000 shares of restricted common stock.

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The following table shows outstanding stock option awards classified as exercisable and unexercisable and stock awards as of December 31, 2013 for each of the NEOs:

Name and Principal Position	Option Awards				Stock Awards	
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(1)</sup>
Manuel Henriquez <i>Chairman and Chief Executive Officer</i>					14,063	\$ 230,633
					39,063	\$ 640,633
					137,813	\$ 2,260,133
					196,540	\$ 3,223,256
					103,774	\$ 1,701,894
Jessica Baron <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>					344	\$ 5,642
					125	\$ 2,050
					3,907	\$ 64,075
					19,688	\$ 322,883
					14,063	\$ 230,633
					18,082	\$ 296,545
Parag Shah <i>Senior Managing Director and Life Science Group Head</i>					14,151	\$ 232,076
					1,563	\$ 25,633
					6,563	\$ 107,633
					19,532	\$ 320,325
					59,344	\$ 973,242
Scott Bluestein <i>Chief Credit Officer</i>	95,539		\$ 9.90	11/23/2017	15,330	\$ 251,412
					51,101	\$ 838,056
					2,344	\$ 38,442
					19,688	\$ 322,883
					15,723	\$ 257,857
Todd Jaquez-Fissori <i>Former Senior Managing Director and Clean Technology Group Head</i>					39,308	\$ 644,651
					3,125	\$ 51,250
					14,063	\$ 230,633
					9,688	\$ 158,883
					13,267	\$ 217,579
				9,827	\$ 161,163	

(1) Market value is computed by multiplying the closing market price of the Company's stock at December 31, 2013 by the number of shares.

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The following table sets forth certain information with respect to options exercised and the shares of restricted stock that vested during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 to each of our NEOs.

Name and Principal Position	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise	Value Realized on Exercise	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting	Value Realized on Vesting
<b>Current NEOs</b>				
Manuel Henriquez <i>Chairman &amp; Chief Executive Officer</i>	798,116	\$ 1,402,859	200,938	\$ 2,731,718
Jessica Baron <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	38,759	\$ 60,468	31,249	\$ 419,694
Parag Shah <i>Senior Managing Director and Life Science Group Head</i>	394,055	\$ 1,319,604	97,094	\$ 1,320,086
Scott Bluestein <i>Chief Credit Officer</i>	29,461	\$ 114,723	17,187	\$ 228,931
Todd Jaquez-Fissori <i>Former Senior Managing Director and Clean Technology Group Head</i>			18,749	\$ 257,027

**Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

All members of our compensation committee are independent directors and none of the members are present or past employees of Hercules. No member of our compensation committee: (i) has had any relationship with Hercules requiring disclosure under Item 404 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or (ii) is an executive officer of another entity, at which one of our executive officers serves on our board.

**2004 Equity Incentive Plan**

Our Board and our stockholders have approved the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan for the purpose of attracting and retaining the services of executive officers, directors and other key employees. Under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan our Compensation Committee may award incentive stock options ( ISOs ), within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, and non-qualified stock options to employees and employee directors. The following is a summary of the material features of the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan.

Under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, we have authorized for issuance up to 8,000,000 shares of common stock of which 792,425 shares were available for issuance as of May 14, 2014. Participants in the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan may receive awards of options to purchase our common stock and/or restricted shares, as determined by our Compensation Committee. Options granted under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan generally may be exercised for a period of no more than ten years from the date of grant unless the option agreement provides for an earlier expiration. Unless sooner terminated by our Board, the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan will terminate on the tenth anniversary of the date it was last approved by our stockholders. Such approval was last given by our stockholders on June 1, 2011. The 2004 Equity Incentive Plan provides that all awards granted under the plan are subject to modification as required to ensure that such awards do not conflict with the requirements of the 1940 Act applicable to us.



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Options granted under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan will entitle the optionee, upon exercise, to purchase shares of common stock from us at a specified exercise price per share. ISOs must have a per share exercise price of no less than the fair market value of a share of stock on the date of the grant or, if the optionee owns or is treated as owning (under Section 424(d) of the Code) more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock, 110% of the fair market value of a share of stock on the date of the grant. Nonstatutory stock options granted under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan must have a per share exercise price of no less than the fair market value of a share of stock on the date of the grant. Options will not be transferable other than by laws of descent and distribution, or in the case of nonstatutory stock options, by gift, and will generally be exercisable during an optionee's lifetime only by the optionee.

Under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, we are permitted to issue shares of restricted stock to all key employees of the Company and its affiliates consistent with such terms and conditions as the Board shall deem appropriate. Our Board determines the time or times at which such shares of restricted stock will become exercisable and the terms on which such shares will remain exercisable. Any shares of restricted stock for which forfeiture restrictions have not vested at the point at which the participant terminates his employment will terminate immediately and such shares will be returned to the Company and will be available for future awards under this plan.

Our Board administers the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and has the authority, subject to the provisions of the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, to determine who will receive awards under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and the terms of such awards. The Board has the authority to adjust the number of shares available for awards, the number of shares subject to outstanding awards and the exercise price for awards following the occurrence of events such as stock splits, dividends, distributions and recapitalizations. The exercise price of an option may be paid in the form of shares of stock that are already owned by such option holder.

Upon specified covered transactions (as defined in the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan), all outstanding awards under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan may either be assumed or substituted for by the surviving entity. If the surviving entity does not assume or substitute similar awards, the awards held by the participants will be accelerated in full and then terminated to the extent not exercised prior to the covered transaction.

**2006 Non-Employee Director Plan**

Our Board and our stockholders have approved the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan. Under current SEC rules and regulations applicable to BDCs absent exemptive relief, a BDC may not grant options or shares of restricted stock to non-employee directors. On February 15, 2007, we received exemptive relief from the SEC to permit us to grant options to non-employee directors as a portion of their compensation for service on our Board. On May 23, 2007, we received exemptive relief from the SEC to permit us to grant shares of restricted stock to non-employee directors as a portion of their compensation for service on our Board. The following is a summary of the material features of the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan.

The Company has instituted the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan for the purpose of advancing the interests of the Company by providing for the grant of awards under the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan to eligible non-employee directors. Under the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan, we have authorized for issuance up to 1,000,000 shares of common stock of which 853,332 shares were available for issuance as of May 14, 2014. The 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan authorizes the issuance to non-employee directors of non-statutory stock options ( NSOs ) to purchase shares of common stock at a specified exercise price per share and/or restricted stock. NSOs granted under the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan will have a per share exercise price of no less than the current market value of a share of stock as determined in good faith by the Board on the date of the grant. The amount of the options that may be granted are limited by the terms of the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan, which prohibits any grant that would cause the Company to be in violation of Section 61(a)(3) of the 1940 Act.

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Under the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan, non-employee directors will each receive an initial grant of an option to purchase 10,000 shares of stock upon initial election to such position. The options granted will vest over two years, in equal installments on each of the first two anniversaries of the date of grant, provided that the non-employee director remains in service on such dates. In addition, each non-employee director shall automatically be granted an option to purchase 15,000 shares of stock on the date of such non-employee director's re-election to the Board and such grant will vest over three years, in equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, provided that the non-employee director remains in service on such dates. The Compensation Committee has, subject to SEC approval, the authority to determine from time to time which of the persons eligible under the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan shall be granted awards; when and how each award shall be granted, including the time or times when a person shall be permitted to exercise an award; and the number of shares of stock with respect to which an award shall be granted to such person. The exercise price of options granted under the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan is set at the closing price of the Company's market price on the NYSE as of the date of grant and will not be adjusted unless the Company receives an exemptive order from the SEC or written confirmation from the staff of the SEC that the Company may do so (except for adjustments resulting from changes in the Company's capital structure, such as stock dividends, stock splits and reverse stock splits).

Unless sooner terminated by the Board, the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan will terminate on June 21, 2017 and no additional awards may be made under the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan after that date. The 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan provides that all awards granted under the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan are subject to modification as required to ensure that such awards do not conflict with the requirements of the 1940 Act. The Compensation Committee will determine the period during which any options granted under the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan shall remain exercisable, provided that no option will be exercisable after the expiration of ten years from the date on which it was granted. Options granted under the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan are not transferable other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, or by gift, and will generally be exercisable during a non-employee director's lifetime only by such non-employee director. In general, any portion of any options that are not then exercisable will terminate upon the termination of the non-employee director's services to the Company. Generally, any portion of any options that are exercisable at the time of the termination of the non-employee director's services to the Company will remain exercisable for the lesser of (i) a period of three months (or one year if the non-employee director's services to the Company terminated by reason of the non-employee director's death) or (ii) the period ending on the latest date on which such options could have been exercised had the non-employee director's services to the Company not terminated. In addition, if the Board determines that a non-employee director's service to the Company terminated for reasons that cast such discredit on the non-employee director as to justify immediate termination of the non-employee director's options, then all options then held by the non-employee director will immediately terminate.

Under the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan, we also are permitted to issue shares of restricted stock to our non-employee directors. Upon initial election to such position, non-employee directors will automatically be granted 3,333 shares of restricted stock. The forfeiture restrictions for such initial shares of restricted stock will vest as to one-half of such shares on the first anniversary of the date of grant and as to an additional one-half of the restricted stock on the second anniversary of the date of grant. In addition, each non-employee director shall automatically be granted 5,000 shares of restricted stock on the date of such non-employee director's re-election to the Board and the forfeiture restrictions on such shares will vest as to one-third of such shares on the anniversary of such grant over three years, provided that the non-employee director remains in service on such dates.

The Compensation Committee administers the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan. If there is a change in the capital structure of the Company by reason of a stock dividend, stock split or combination of shares (including a reverse stock split), recapitalization or other change in the Company's capital structure, the Board will make appropriate adjustments to the number and class of shares of stock subject to the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan and each option outstanding under it. In the event of a consolidation, merger, stock sale, a sale of all or

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substantially all of the Company's assets, a dissolution or liquidation of the Company or other similar events (a Covered Transaction), the Board may provide for the assumption of some or all outstanding options or for the grant of new substitute options by the acquirer or survivor. If no such assumption or substitution occurs, all outstanding options will become exercisable prior to the Covered Transaction and will terminate upon consummation of the Covered Transaction.

The Board may, subject to SEC prior approval, at any time or times amend the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan or any outstanding award for any purpose which may at the time be permitted by law, and may at any time terminate the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan as to any future grants of awards; provided, that except as otherwise expressly provided in the 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan the Board may not, without the participant's consent, alter the terms of an award so as to affect adversely the participant's rights under the award, unless the Board expressly reserved the right to do so at the time of the grant of the award.

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The following table sets forth, as of May 14, 2014, the beneficial ownership of each current director, each nominee for director, the Company's executive officers, each person known to us to beneficially own 5% or more of the outstanding shares of our common stock, and the executive officers and directors as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and includes voting or investment power with respect to the securities. Common stock subject to options or warrants that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of May 14, 2014 are deemed to be outstanding and beneficially owned by the person holding such options or warrants. Such shares, however, are not deemed outstanding for the purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Percentage of ownership is based on 62,605,639 shares of common stock outstanding as of May 14, 2014.

Unless otherwise indicated, to our knowledge, each stockholder listed below has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares beneficially owned by the stockholder, except to the extent authority is shared by spouses under applicable law, and maintains an address of c/o Company. Our address is 400 Hamilton Avenue, Suite 310, Palo Alto, California 94301.

The Company's directors are divided into two groups: interested directors and independent directors. Interested directors are interested persons as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Owned Beneficially <sup>(1)</sup>	Percentage of Class
<b><i>Interested Director</i></b>		
Manuel A. Henriquez <sup>(2)</sup>	2,099,373	3.4%
<b><i>Independent Directors</i></b>		
Robert P. Badavas <sup>(3)</sup>	135,399	*
Joseph W. Chow <sup>(4)</sup>	129,325	*
Allyn C. Woodward, Jr. <sup>(5)</sup>	228,611	*
<b><i>Named Executive Officers</i></b>		
Scott Bluestein <sup>(6)</sup>	279,347	*
Parag Shah <sup>(7)</sup>	462,465	*
Jessica Baron <sup>(8)</sup>	141,736	*
<b>Executive officers and directors as a group<sup>(9)</sup></b>	<b>3,480,256</b>	<b>5.6%</b>

\* Less than 1%.

(1) Beneficial ownership has been determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(2) Includes 775,230 shares of restricted stock, and 54,348 shares of common stock held in trusts for the benefit of Mr. Henriquez's children and for which his spouse serves as trustee. Mr. Henriquez disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares held in trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(3) Includes 5,000 shares of common stock that can be acquired upon the exercise of outstanding options. Includes 1,666 shares of restricted common stock.

(4) Includes 5,000 shares of common stock that can be acquired upon the exercise of outstanding options. Includes 1,666 shares of restricted common stock.

(5) Includes 5,000 shares of common stock that can be acquired upon the exercise of outstanding options. Includes 3,333 shares of restricted common stock.

(6) Includes 95,539 shares of common stock that can be acquired upon the exercise of outstanding options and 125,104 shares of restricted common stock.

(7) Includes 243,669 shares of restricted common stock.

(8) Includes 125,104 shares of restricted common stock.

(9) Includes 110,539 shares of common stock that can be acquired upon the exercise of outstanding options and 1,243,693 shares of restricted common stock.

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The following table sets forth as of May 14, 2014, the dollar range of our securities owned by our directors and portfolio management employees.

Name	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Company <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Independent Directors:</b>	
Robert P. Badavas	over \$100,000
Joseph W. Chow	over \$100,000
Allyn C. Woodward, Jr.	over \$100,000
<b>Interested Director/Portfolio Management Employee:</b>	
Manuel A. Henriquez	over \$100,000
<b>Portfolio Management Employees:</b>	
Scott Bluestein	over \$100,000
Parag I. Shah	over \$100,000
Jessica Baron	over \$100,000

(1) Beneficial ownership has been determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

In the ordinary course of business, we enter into transactions with portfolio companies that may be considered related party transactions. In order to ensure that we do not engage in any prohibited transactions with any persons affiliated with us, we have implemented certain policies and procedures whereby our executive officers screen each of our transactions for any possible affiliations, close or remote, between the proposed portfolio investment, us, companies controlled by us and our employees and directors.

The Company will not enter into any agreements unless and until we are satisfied that no affiliations prohibited by the 1940 Act exist or, if such affiliations exist, the Company has taken appropriate actions to seek Board review and approval or exemptive relief for such transaction.

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The following discussion is a general summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to our qualification and taxation as a RIC and the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our preferred stock or common stock, but does not purport to be a complete description of the income tax considerations relating thereto. For example, we have not described tax consequences that we assume to be generally known by investors or certain considerations that may be relevant to certain types of investors subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws, including investors subject to the alternative minimum tax, tax-exempt organizations, insurance companies, dealers in securities, pension plans and trusts, financial institutions, traders in securities that elect to use the mark-to-market method of accounting for securities holdings, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, United States expatriates, United States persons with a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar, persons that hold notes as part of an integrated investment (including a straddle), controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies, or corporations that accumulate earnings to avoid United States federal income tax. This summary is limited to beneficial owners of our preferred stock or common stock that will hold our preferred stock or common stock as a capital asset (within the meaning of the Code). The discussion is based upon the Code, temporary and final U.S. Treasury regulations, and administrative and judicial interpretations, each as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly retroactively, which could affect the continuing validity of this discussion. We have not sought and will not seek any ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) regarding our preferred stock or common stock. This summary does not discuss any aspects of U.S. estate or gift tax or foreign, state or local tax. It does not discuss the special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws that could result if we invested in tax-exempt securities or certain other investment assets.

This summary does not discuss the consequences of an investment in our subscription rights, debt securities or warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our preferred stock, common stock or debt securities or as units comprised of combinations of securities. The U.S. federal income tax consequences of such an investment will be discussed in the relevant prospectus supplement. In addition, we may issue preferred stock with terms resulting in U.S. federal income taxation of beneficial owners with respect to such preferred stock in a manner different from as set forth in this summary. In such instances, such differences will be discussed in a relevant prospectus supplement.

If a partnership (including an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds shares of our preferred stock or common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner, the activities of the partnership and certain determinations made at the partner level. Investors treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes (or investors that are partners in such a partnership), are encouraged to consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences relating to the purchase, ownership and disposition of our preferred stock or common stock.

Tax matters are very complicated and the tax consequences to an investor of an investment in our securities will depend on the facts of their particular situation. We encourage investors to consult their own tax advisors regarding the specific consequences of such an investment, including tax reporting requirements, the applicability of federal, state, local and foreign tax laws, eligibility for the benefits of any applicable tax treaty and the effect of any possible changes in tax laws.

**Election to be Taxed as a RIC**

Effective beginning on January 1, 2006 we met the criteria specified below to qualify as a RIC, and elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code with the filing of our federal income tax return for 2006. As a RIC, we generally will not have to pay corporate taxes on any income we distribute to our stockholders as dividends, which allows us to reduce or eliminate our corporate level tax. On December 31, 2005, immediately before the effective date of our RIC election, we held assets with built-in gain, which are assets whose fair market value as of the effective date of the election exceeded their tax basis as of such date. We elected to

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recognize all of our net built-in gains at the time of the conversion and