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Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated November 13, 2017

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(to Prospectus dated May 2, 2017)

\$

Solar Capital Ltd.

% Notes due 2023

We are offering \$ _____ in aggregate principal amount of _____ % notes due January _____, 2023 which we refer to as the Notes. The Notes will mature on January _____, 2023. We will pay interest on the Notes on _____ and _____ of each year, beginning on _____, 2018. We may redeem the Notes in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the redemption price discussed under the caption Description of Notes Optional Redemption in this prospectus supplement. In addition, holders of the Notes can require us to repurchase the Notes at 100% of their principal amount upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined herein). The Notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The Notes will be our direct senior unsecured obligations and rank *pari passu* with all current and future unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness issued by Solar Capital Ltd.

We are an externally managed, non-diversified, closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the 1940 Act. Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in leveraged companies, including middle-market companies, in the form of senior secured loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities. Securities rated below investment grade, including the investments we target, are often referred to as leveraged loans, high yield or junk securities, and may be considered high risk compared to debt instruments that are rated investment grade.

We are managed by Solar Capital Partners, LLC. Solar Capital Management, LLC provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

This prospectus supplement, and the accompanying prospectus, contains important information about us that a prospective investor 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 are required to file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information about us with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). This information is available free of charge by contacting us by mail at 500 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022, by telephone at (212) 993-1670 or on our website at <http://www.solarcapltd.com>. The SEC also maintains a website at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains such information. Information contained on our website is not

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incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider that information to be part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

An investment in the Notes is very risky and highly speculative. In addition, the companies in which we invest are subject to special risks. See Risk factors beginning on page S-17 of this prospectus supplement and page 16 of the accompanying prospectus to read about factors you should consider, including the risk of leverage, before investing in the Notes.

	Per note	Total ⁽³⁾
Public offering price ⁽¹⁾	%	\$
Underwriting discount (sales load)	%	\$
Proceeds to Solar Capital Ltd. (before expenses) ⁽²⁾	%	\$

(1) The public offering price set forth above does not include accrued interest, if any. Interest on the Notes will accrue from _____, 2017 and must be paid by the purchaser if the Notes are delivered after _____, 2017

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

(3) For additional underwriting compensation information, see Underwriting.

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

Delivery of the Notes in book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company will be made on or about _____, 2017.

Joint Book-Running Managers

J.P. Morgan

The date of this prospectus supplement is November _____, 2017.

Wells Fargo Securities

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About this prospectus supplement

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 from that contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any Notes by any person in any jurisdiction where it is unlawful for that person to make such an offer or solicitation or to any person in any jurisdiction to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. The information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is complete and accurate only as of their respective dates, regardless of the time of their delivery or sale of the Notes. This prospectus supplement supersedes the accompanying prospectus to the extent it contains information different from or additional to the information in that prospectus.

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of this offering of Notes and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which gives more general information and disclosure. To the extent the information contained in this prospectus supplement differs from the information contained in the accompanying prospectus, the information in this prospectus supplement shall control. You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus together with the additional information described under the heading **Available Information** before investing in the Notes.

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Cautionary statement regarding forward-looking statements

This prospectus supplement contains forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but rather are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about Solar Capital Ltd., our current and prospective portfolio investments, our industry, our beliefs, and our assumptions. Words such as anticipates, expects, intends, plans, believes, seeks, estimates, would, should, targets, projects, and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus involve risks and uncertainties, including statements as to:

our future operating results;

our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies;

the impact of investments that we expect to make;

our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties;

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

the ability of our portfolio companies to achieve their objectives;

our expected financings and investments;

our breach of any of the covenants or other provisions in our debt agreements;

the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital; and

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

These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors, some of which are beyond our control and difficult to predict and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in the forward-looking statements, including without limitation:

an economic downturn could impair our portfolio companies' ability to continue to operate, which could lead to the loss of some or all of our investments in such portfolio companies;

a contraction of available credit and/or an inability to access the equity markets could impair our lending and investment activities;

interest rate volatility could adversely affect our results, particularly if we elect to use leverage as part of our investment strategy;

currency fluctuations could adversely affect the results of our investments in foreign companies, particularly to the extent that we receive payments denominated in foreign currency rather than U.S. dollars; and

the risks, uncertainties and other factors we identify in Risk Factors and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and in our filings with the SEC.

Although we believe that the assumptions on which these forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of those assumptions could prove to be inaccurate, and as a result, the forward-looking statements based on those assumptions also could be inaccurate. Important assumptions include our ability to

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originate new loans and investments, certain margins and levels of profitability and the availability of additional capital. In light of these and other uncertainties, the inclusion of a projection or forward-looking statement in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus should not be regarded as a representation by us that our plans and objectives will be achieved. These risks and uncertainties include those described or identified in Risk Factors and elsewhere in the accompanying prospectus. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this prospectus supplement. However, we will update this prospectus supplement to reflect any material changes to the information contained herein. The forward-looking statements and projections contained in this prospectus supplement are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act).

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Prospectus supplement summary

This summary highlights some of the information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. It is not complete and may not contain all of the information that you may want to consider. You should read carefully the more detailed information set forth under "Risk Factors" and the other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents to which we have referred.

We were formed in February 2007 as Solar Capital LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, and commenced operations in March 2007, after conducting a private placement of units of membership interest ("units"), with initial capital of \$1.2 billion of which 47.04% was funded by affiliated parties. On February 9, 2010, Solar Capital LLC was merged with and into Solar Capital Ltd., a Maryland corporation, which we refer to as the "Solar Capital Merger," concurrent with the pricing of our initial public offering, leaving Solar Capital Ltd. as the surviving entity. Except where the context suggests otherwise, the terms "we," "us," "our," "the Company" and "Solar Capital" refer to Solar Capital LLC prior to the Solar Capital Merger, and Solar Capital Ltd. after the Solar Capital Merger. In addition, the terms "Solar Capital Partners" or the "Investment Adviser" refer to Solar Capital Partners, LLC, and "Solar Capital Management" or the "Administrator" refers to Solar Capital Management, LLC.

In this prospectus supplement, we use the term "leveraged" to refer to companies of any size with non-investment grade debt outstanding or, if not explicitly rated, those which we believe would be rated as non-investment grade based on their leverage levels and other terms. In addition, we use the term "middle-market" to refer to companies with annual revenues between \$50 million and \$1 billion.

Solar Capital

Solar Capital Ltd., a Maryland corporation formed in November 2007, is a closed-end, externally managed, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company ("BDC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). Furthermore, as the Company is an investment company, it continues to apply the guidance in the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 946. In addition, for tax purposes, we have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

On February 9, 2010, we priced our initial public offering, selling 5.68 million shares of our common stock. Concurrent with our initial public offering, Michael S. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Bruce Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer, collectively purchased an additional 0.6 million shares of our common stock through a private placement transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act (the "Concurrent Private Placement").

We invest primarily in privately held U.S. middle-market companies, where we believe the supply of primary capital is limited and the investment opportunities are most attractive. Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in leveraged middle-market companies in the form of senior secured loans, unitranche loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities. From time to time, we may also invest in public companies. Our business is focused primarily on the direct origination of investments through portfolio companies or their financial sponsors. Our investments generally range between \$5 million and \$100 million each, although we expect that this investment size will vary with the size of our capital base and/or strategic initiatives.

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In addition, we may invest a portion of our portfolio in other types of investments, which we refer to as opportunistic investments, which are not our primary focus but are intended to enhance our overall returns. These investments may include, but are not limited to, direct investments in public companies that are not thinly traded and securities of leveraged companies located in select countries outside of the United States. The securities that we invest in are typically rated below investment grade. Securities rated below investment grade are often referred to as leveraged loans, high yield or junk securities, and may be considered high risk compared to debt instruments that are rated investment grade. In addition, some of our debt investments will not fully amortize during their lifetime, which could result in a loss or a substantial amount of unpaid principal and interest due upon maturity.

Our investment activities are managed by our Investment Adviser, Solar Capital Partners, LLC, and supervised by our board of directors (the Board), a majority of whom are non-interested, as such term is defined in the 1940 Act. Our Administrator, Solar Capital Management, LLC, provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

As of September 30, 2017, our investment portfolio totaled \$1.4 billion and our net asset value was \$921.2 million. Our portfolio was comprised of debt and equity investments in 88 portfolio companies with our portfolio of income producing investments, which is not our entire portfolio, having a weighted average annualized yield on a fair value and cost basis of approximately 10.2% and 10.6%, respectively. Portfolio yield does not represent an actual investment return to stockholders.

Recent developments

On October 24, 2017, the Company issued notice of its intent to redeem \$25 million of the 6.75% senior unsecured notes due 2042 (the 2042 Unsecured Notes) on November 24, 2017.

On November 2, 2017, our Board declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.40 per share payable on January 4, 2018 to holders of record as of December 21, 2017.

On November 2, 2017, our Board declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.41 per share payable on April 3, 2018 to holders of record as of March 22, 2018.

On November 2, 2017, our Board amended the First Amended and Restated Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between Solar Capital Ltd. and Solar Capital Partners in order to lower the base management fee payable thereunder from 2.0% per annum to 1.75% per annum, to be effective as of January 1, 2018.

About Solar Capital Partners

Solar Capital Partners, our Investment Adviser, is controlled and led by Michael S. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Bruce Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer. They are supported by a team of dedicated investment professionals. Solar Capital Partners' investment team has extensive experience in leveraged lending and private equity, as well as significant contacts with financial sponsors.

In addition, Solar Capital Partners serves as investment adviser to Solar Senior Capital Ltd., or Solar Senior, a publicly traded BDC that invests in the senior debt securities of leveraged middle-market companies similar to those we target for investment. Through September 30, 2017, the investment team led by Messrs. Gross and Spohler has invested approximately \$6.6 billion in more than 310 different portfolio companies for Solar Capital and Solar Senior, collectively, which investments involved an aggregate of more than 185 different financial

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sponsors. Since Solar Capital's inception, these investment professionals have used their relationships in the middle-market financial sponsor and financial intermediary community to generate deal flow. As of November 10, 2017, Mr. Gross and Mr. Spohler beneficially owned, either directly or indirectly, approximately 5.7 % and 5.2%, respectively, of our outstanding common stock.

Mr. Gross has over 25 years of experience in the private equity, distressed debt and mezzanine lending businesses and has been involved in originating, structuring, negotiating, consummating and managing private equity, distressed debt and mezzanine (i.e., actually or structurally subordinated) lending transactions. We also rely on the over 25 years of experience of Mr. Spohler, who has served as our Chief Operating Officer and a partner of Solar Capital Partners since its inception.

Solar Capital Partners' senior investment professionals have been active participants in the primary and secondary leveraged credit markets throughout their careers. They have effectively managed portfolios of distressed and mezzanine (i.e., actually or structurally subordinated) debt as well as other investment types. The depth of their prior experience and credit market expertise has led them through various stages of the economic cycle as well as several market disruptions.

Market opportunity

Solar Capital invests primarily in senior secured loans, unitranche loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities of middle-market leveraged companies. We believe that the size of this market, coupled with leveraged companies' need for flexible sources of capital at attractive terms and rates, creates an attractive investment environment for us. See Business Market Opportunity in the accompanying prospectus.

Middle-market companies have faced increasing difficulty in accessing the capital markets. While many well-established middle-market companies were formerly able to raise funds by issuing high-yield bonds, we believe this approach to financing has become more difficult in recent years as institutional investors have sought to invest in larger, more liquid offerings. In addition, many private finance companies that historically financed their lending and investing activities through securitization transactions have either lost that source of funding or it has been reduced significantly. Moreover, consolidation of lenders and market participants and the illiquid nature of investments have resulted in fewer middle-market lenders and market participants.

There is a large pool of uninvested private equity capital likely to seek additional capital to support their investments. We believe there is more than \$500 billion of uninvested private equity capital seeking debt financing to support acquisitions. Included are many middle-market private equity firms that we expect will continue to seek financing support for their investments with secured debt sources such as Solar Capital.

The significant amount of debt maturing through 2018 should provide additional demand for capital. A high volume of financings were completed between the years 2004 and 2007, which are expected to mature over the next few years. We believe that this supply of prospective lending opportunities coupled with a lack of available credit in the middle-market lending space may offer attractive risk-adjusted returns to investors. Risk-adjusted return compares returns against the amount of risk incurred. The term risk-adjusted return does not imply that an investment is no risk or low risk.

Investing in private middle-market debt provides an attractive risk reward profile. In general, terms for illiquid, middle-market subordinated debt have been more attractive than those for larger corporations which are typically more liquid. We believe this is because fewer institutions are able to invest in illiquid asset classes.

Therefore, we believe that there is an attractive opportunity to invest in senior secured loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities of leveraged companies, and that we are well positioned to serve this market.

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Competitive advantages and strategy

We believe that we have the following competitive advantages over other providers of financing to leveraged companies. See Business Competitive Advantages and Strategy in the accompanying prospectus.

Management expertise

As managing partner, Mr. Gross has principal management responsibility for Solar Capital Partners, to which he currently dedicates substantially all of his time. Mr. Gross has over 25 years of experience in leveraged finance, private equity and distressed debt investing. Mr. Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer and a partner of Solar Capital Partners, has over 25 years of experience in evaluating and executing leverage finance transactions.

Investment capacity

The proceeds from our initial public offering and the Concurrent Private Placement, the borrowing capacity under the senior secured credit facility led by Citibank, N.A. (the Credit Facility), \$100 million of 2042 Unsecured Notes, our \$150 million of unsecured senior notes due 2022 (the 2022 Unsecured Notes and, together with the 2042 Unsecured Notes, the Unsecured Notes) and the expected repayments of existing investments provide us with a substantial amount of capital available for deployment into new investment opportunities. We believe we are well positioned for the current marketplace.

Solar Capital's Limited Leverage

As of September 30, 2017, we had total outstanding borrowings of approximately \$475 million. Under the provisions of the 1940 Act, we are permitted to issue senior securities in amounts such that our asset coverage ratio, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% of gross assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, after each issuance of senior securities. As of September 30, 2017, our asset coverage ratio was 293.9%. We believe our relatively low level of leverage provides us with a competitive advantage, allowing us to anticipate providing a consistent distribution to our investors, as proceeds from our investments are available for reinvestment as opposed to being consumed by debt repayment. We may increase our relative level of debt in the future. However, we do not currently anticipate operating with a substantial amount of debt relative to our total assets.

Proprietary sourcing and origination

We believe that Solar Capital Partners' senior investment professionals' longstanding relationships with financial sponsors, commercial and investment banks, management teams and other financial intermediaries provide us with a strong pipeline of proprietary origination opportunities. We expect to continue leveraging the relationships Mr. Gross established while sourcing and originating investments at Apollo Investment Corporation as well as the financial sponsor relationships Mr. Spohler developed while he was a co-head of CIBC World Markets U.S. Leveraged Finance Group.

Since its inception, Solar Capital Partners has sourced investments in more than 310 different portfolio companies for both Solar Capital and Solar Senior, collectively, which investments involved an aggregate of more than 185 different financial sponsors, through September 30, 2017.

Versatile transaction structuring and flexibility of capital

We believe Solar Capital Partners' senior investment team's broad expertise and ability to draw upon its extensive experience enable us to identify, assess and structure investments successfully across all levels of a

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company's capital structure and to manage potential risk and return at all stages of the economic cycle. The attempt to manage risk does not imply low risk or no risk. While we are subject to significant regulation as a BDC, we are not subject to many of the regulatory limitations that govern traditional lending institutions such as banks. As a result, we believe that we can be more flexible than such lending institutions in selecting and structuring investments, adjusting investment criteria, transaction structures and, in some cases, the types of securities in which we invest.

Emphasis on achieving strong risk-adjusted returns

Solar Capital Partners uses a structured investment and risk management process that emphasizes research and analysis. Solar Capital Partners seeks to build our portfolio on a bottom-up basis, choosing and sizing individual positions based on their relative risk/reward profiles as a function of the associated downside risk, volatility, correlation with the existing portfolio and liquidity. At the same time, Solar Capital Partners takes into consideration a variety of factors in managing our portfolio and imposes portfolio-based risk constraints promoting a more diverse portfolio of investments and limiting issuer and industry concentration. We do not pursue short-term origination targets. We believe this approach enables us to build an attractive investment portfolio that meets our return and value criteria over the long term. We believe it is critical to conduct extensive due diligence on investment targets. In evaluating new investments we, through Solar Capital Partners, conduct a rigorous due diligence process.

Deep industry focus with substantial information flow

We concentrate our investing activities in industries characterized by strong cash flow and in which Solar Capital Partners' investment professionals have deep investment experience. As a result of their investment experience, Messrs. Gross and Spohler, together with Solar Capital Partners' other senior investment professionals, have long-term relationships with management consultants and management teams in the industries we target, as well as substantial information concerning those industries.

Longer investment horizon

Unlike private equity and venture capital funds, we are not subject to standard periodic capital return requirements. Such requirements typically stipulate that the capital of these funds, together with any capital gains on such invested funds, can only be invested once and must be returned to investors after a pre-agreed time period. We believe that our flexibility to make investments with a long-term view and without the capital return requirements of traditional private investment vehicles provides us with the opportunity to generate favorable returns relative to the risks of our invested capital and enables us to be a better long-term partner for our portfolio companies.

Summary risk factors

The value of our assets, as well as the market price of the Notes, if any, will fluctuate. Our investments may be risky, and you may lose all or part of your investment in us. Investing in Solar Capital involves other risks, including the following:

The Notes will be unsecured and therefore will be effectively subordinated to the secured indebtedness we currently have outstanding or may incur in the future to the extent of the value of the collateral thereof;

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

The indenture governing the Notes will contain limited protection for holders of the Notes;

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The optional redemption provision may materially adversely affect your expected return on the Notes;

We may be subject to certain corporate-level taxes which could adversely affect our cash flow and consequently adversely affect availability to make payments on the Notes;

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

We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities;

Our investments are very risky and highly speculative;

The lack of liquidity in our investments may make it difficult for us to dispose of our investments at favorable prices, which may adversely affect our ability to meet our investment objectives;

Our portfolio may be concentrated in a limited number of portfolio companies and industries, which will subject us to a risk of significant loss if any of these companies performs poorly or defaults on its obligations under any of its debt instruments or if there is a downturn in a particular industry;

Our investments in securities rated below investment grade are speculative in nature and are subject to additional risks, such as increased possibility of default, illiquidity of the security, and changes in value based on changes in interest rates;

A disruption in the global and U.S. capital markets and the credit markets could impair our ability to raise money and negatively affect our business and harm our operating results;

To the extent we use debt or preferred stock to finance our investments, changes in interest rates will affect our cost of capital and net investment income;

We are dependent upon Solar Capital Partners' key personnel for our future success;

Our financial condition and results of operations will depend on our ability to manage future growth effectively;

Regulations governing our operation as a BDC affect our ability to, and the way in which we will, raise additional capital. As a BDC, the necessity of raising additional capital may expose us to risks, including the typical risks associated with leverage.

We have and will continue to borrow money, which would magnify the potential for loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing in us;

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Our quarterly and annual operating results are subject to fluctuation as a result of the nature of our business, and if we fail to achieve our investment objective, the net asset value of our common stock may decline;

There will be uncertainty as to the value of our portfolio investments, which may impact our net asset value;

There are significant potential conflicts of interest, including Solar Capital Partners' management of Solar Senior, which could impact our investment returns, and an investment in Solar Capital is not an investment in Solar Senior;

We may become subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax if we are unable to maintain our qualification as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code; and

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The failure in cyber security systems, as well as the occurrence of events unanticipated in our disaster recovery systems and management continuity planning could impair our ability to conduct business effectively. See **Risk factors** beginning on page S-17 of this prospectus supplement and page 16 of the accompanying prospectus and the other information included in the accompanying prospectus for additional discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in the Notes.

Operating and regulatory structure

Immediately prior to the pricing of our initial public offering, Solar Capital LLC was merged with and into Solar Capital Ltd., a Maryland corporation that is an externally managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company which has elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. As a BDC, we are required to meet regulatory tests, including the requirement to invest at least 70% of our total assets in qualifying assets. Qualifying assets generally include, among other things, securities of eligible portfolio companies. Eligible portfolio companies generally include U.S. companies that are not investment companies and that do not have securities listed on a national exchange. See **Regulation as a Business Development Company** in the accompanying prospectus. We may also borrow funds to make investments. In addition, we have elected to be treated for federal income tax purposes, and intend to continue to qualify annually, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. See **Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations** in the accompanying prospectus.

Our investment activities are managed by Solar Capital Partners and supervised by our Board. Solar Capital Partners is an investment adviser that is registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. Under our investment advisory and management agreement (the **Advisory Agreement**), we have agreed to pay Solar Capital Partners an annual base management fee based on our gross assets as well as an incentive fee based on our performance. See **Recent developments** and **Investment Advisory and Management Agreement** in the accompanying prospectus. We have also entered into an administration agreement (the **Administration Agreement**), under which we have agreed to reimburse Solar Capital Management for the allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Solar Capital Management in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including furnishing us with office facilities, equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at such facilities, as well as providing us with other administrative services. See **Administration Agreement** in the accompanying prospectus.

Our corporate information

Our offices are located at 500 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, and our telephone number is (212) 993-1670.

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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 under the heading "Description of Notes" in this prospectus supplement and 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	Solar Capital Ltd.
Title of the securities	% Notes due 2023
Initial aggregate principal amount being offered	\$
Initial public offering price	% of the principal amount of each Note
Type of note	Fixed rate note
Interest rate	%
Day count basis	360-day year of twelve 30-day months
Original issue date	, 2017
Stated maturity date	, 2023
Date interest starts accruing	, 2017
Interest payment dates	and , commencing , 2018. 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 , 2017, to, but excluding, the initial interest payment date, and the subsequent interest periods will be the periods from and including an interest payment date to, but excluding, the next interest payment date or the stated maturity date, as the case may be.

Regular record dates for interest and

Specified currency U.S. Dollars

Place of payment New York City

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Ranking of notes

The Notes will be our general, unsecured obligations and will be:

equal in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior, unsecured indebtedness (including our \$250 million aggregate principal amount of the Unsecured Notes);

senior in right of payment to any of our future unsecured indebtedness that expressly provides it is subordinated, or junior, to the Notes;

effectively subordinated, or junior, to our existing and future secured indebtedness (including indebtedness that is initially unsecured in respect of which we subsequently grant security), including without limitation, approximately \$225 million aggregate principal amount of our indebtedness outstanding as of September 30, 2017 under our \$445 million Credit Facility (comprised of a \$395 million revolving credit facility and a \$50 million term loan), to the extent of the value of the assets securing the Credit Facility or such other secured indebtedness; and

structurally subordinated, or junior, to all existing and future indebtedness and other obligations of any of our subsidiaries or financing vehicles, if any.

As of September 30, 2017, we and our subsidiaries had \$475 million of senior indebtedness outstanding, \$225 million of which was secured indebtedness and \$250 million of which was unsecured indebtedness.

Denominations

We will issue the Notes in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 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

We may redeem some or all of the Notes at any time, or from time to time. If we choose to redeem any Notes prior to maturity, we will pay a redemption price per Note equal to the greater of the following amounts:

100% of the principal amount of each Note to be redeemed; or

the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (exclusive of accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption) on each Note to be redeemed, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) using the applicable Treasury Rate plus basis points.

plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date; *provided*, however, that if we redeem any Notes on or after , 2022 (the date falling one month prior to the maturity date of the Notes), the redemption price for each such Note will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of each Note to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

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Sinking fund	The Notes will not be subject to any sinking fund. A sinking fund is a reserve fund accumulated over a period of time for the retirement of debt.
Offer to purchase upon a change of control repurchase event	If a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs prior to maturity, holders will have the right, at their option, to require us to repurchase for cash some or all of the Notes at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the repurchase date.
Defeasance	The Notes are subject to legal and covenant defeasance by us. Under the Credit Facility and the note purchase agreement governing our 2022 Unsecured Notes, we currently would not be permitted to exercise our rights to effect defeasance or covenant defeasance without complying with certain conditions or obtaining the consent of the lenders under the Credit Facility and the holders of the 2022 Unsecured Notes.
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 (DTC) or its nominee. This means that, 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 that are participants in DTC.
Trustee, Paying Agent, and Security Registrar	U.S. Bank National Association
Events of default	If an event of default (as described herein under Description of Notes) on the Notes occurs, the principal amount of the Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, may be declared immediately due and payable, subject to conditions set forth in the indenture. These amounts automatically become due and payable in the case of certain types of bankruptcy or insolvency events involving us.
Other covenants	In addition to the covenants described in the accompanying prospectus, 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) of the 1940 Act 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. Currently, 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. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure Pending legislation may allow us to incur additional leverage in the accompanying prospectus.

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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, as amended (the Exchange Act), to file any periodic reports with the SEC, we agree to furnish to holders of the Notes and the trustee, for the period of time during which the Notes are outstanding, our audited annual consolidated financial statements, within 90 days of our fiscal year end, and unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, within 45 days of our fiscal quarter end (other than our fourth fiscal quarter). All such financial statements will be prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP, as applicable.

No established trading market

The Notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. The Notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or quoted on any automated dealer quotation system. Although the underwriters have informed us that they intend to make a market in the Notes, as permitted by applicable laws and regulations, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue any such market making activities at any time without notice. See Underwriting in this prospectus supplement. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that a liquid market for the Notes will develop or be maintained.

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 Company, 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.

Governing law

The indenture provides that it and the Notes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without regard to principles of conflicts of laws that would cause the application of the laws of another jurisdiction.

Table of Contents**Selected financial and other data**

The selected financial and other data below should be read in conjunction with our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. Financial information is presented for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012. The selected financial data for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 is derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements. In the opinion of management, the selected financial data for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 reflects all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that are necessary to present fairly the results for such interim period. The selected financial data for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 may not be indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2017 or for any other period. Financial information for the periods ending December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 has been derived from our consolidated financial statements that were audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. See Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations and Senior securities in this prospectus supplement for more information.

(\$ in thousands, except per share data)	Nine months ended September 30, 2017 (unaudited)	Year ended December 31, 2016	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014	Year ended December 31, 2013	Year ended December 31, 2012
Income statement data:						
Total investment income	\$ 104,427	\$ 151,839	\$ 115,560	\$ 121,937	\$ 163,593	\$ 153,253
Net expenses	\$ 54,703	\$ 80,738	\$ 51,204	\$ 55,230	\$ 78,658	\$ 71,326
Net investment income	\$ 49,724	\$ 71,101	\$ 64,356	\$ 66,707	\$ 84,935	\$ 81,927
Net realized gain (loss)	\$ (8,063)	\$ 776	\$ (4,874)	\$ (36,840)	\$ (44,425)	\$ (32,537)
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	\$ 11,443	\$ 34,938	\$ (45,402)	\$ 18,585	\$ 34,800	\$ 66,371
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 53,104	\$ 106,815	\$ 14,080	\$ 48,452	\$ 75,310	\$ 115,761
Per share data:						
Net investment income ⁽³⁾	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.68	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.91	\$ 2.20
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) ⁽³⁾	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.84	\$ (1.18)	\$ (0.43)	\$ (0.22)	\$ 0.91
Dividends and distributions declared	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.60	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.40
Balance sheet data:						
Total investment portfolio	\$ 1,391,963	\$ 1,304,778	\$ 1,312,591	\$ 1,020,738	\$ 1,088,399	\$ 1,395,522
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 205,444	\$ 312,046	\$ 277,570	\$ 635,340	\$ 586,979	\$ 15,039
Total assets	\$ 1,628,062	\$ 1,650,547	\$ 1,620,300	\$ 1,686,334	\$ 1,708,442	\$ 1,430,403
Debt	\$ 475,000	\$ 390,200	\$ 432,900	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 489,452
Net assets	\$ 921,183	\$ 918,507	\$ 882,698	\$ 936,568	\$ 995,637	\$ 878,273
Per share data:						
Net asset value per share	\$ 21.80	\$ 21.74	\$ 20.79	\$ 22.05	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.70

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(\$ in thousands, except per share data)	Nine months ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	September 30, 2017 (unaudited)	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Other data (unaudited):						
Weighted average annualized yield on income producing investments ⁽⁴⁾ :						
On fair value ⁽¹⁾	10.2%	10.0%	10.5%	9.9%	11.3%	14.2%
On cost ⁽²⁾	10.6%	10.4%	10.2%	10.4%	12.2%	14.2%
Total Return ⁽⁵⁾	9.71%	37.5%	(0.29)%	(13.58)%	2.82%	20.03%
Number of portfolio companies at period end	88	63	54	43	40	40

- (1) Throughout this document, the weighted average yield on income producing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing loans and debt securities plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities, plus the effective interest yield on preferred shares divided by (b) total income producing investments at fair value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date and excludes assets on non-accrual status or on a cost recovery basis as of such date.
- (2) For this calculation, the weighted average yield on income producing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing loans and debt securities plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities, plus the effective interest yield on preferred shares divided by (b) total income producing investments at cost. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date and excludes assets on non-accrual status or on a cost recovery basis as of such date.
- (3) The per-share calculations are based on weighted average shares of 42,260,826, 42,258,143, 42,465,158, 42,888,232, 44,571,118 and 37,231,341 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.
- (4) The weighted average annualized yield on income producing investments does not represent a return to shareholders.
- (5) Total return is based on the change in market price per share during the period and takes into account distributions, if any, reinvested in accordance with the dividend reinvestment plan. Total return does not include a sales load.

Selected Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

	2017		
	Q3	Q2	Q1
Total investment income	\$ 36,147	\$ 33,888	\$ 34,392
Net investment income	\$ 17,315	\$ 16,079	\$ 16,330
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	\$ (152)	\$ 2,704	\$ 828
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 17,163	\$ 18,783	\$ 17,158
Earnings per share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.41
Net asset value per share at the end of the quarter ⁽²⁾	\$ 21.80	\$ 21.79	\$ 21.75

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	Q4	Q3	Q2	2016 Q1
Total investment income	\$ 36,638	\$ 39,798	\$ 41,369	\$ 34,033
Net investment income	\$ 17,648	\$ 17,004	\$ 19,533	\$ 16,915
Net realized and unrealized gain	\$ 195	\$ 8,615	\$ 15,642	\$ 11,262
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 17,843	\$ 25,619	\$ 35,175	\$ 28,177
Earnings per share ⁽³⁾	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.67
Net asset value per share at the end of the quarter ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 21.74	\$ 21.72	\$ 21.51	\$ 21.08

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	Q4	Q3	Q2	2015 Q1
Total investment income	\$ 31,507	\$ 30,445	\$ 27,978	\$ 25,630
Net investment income	\$ 16,987	\$ 16,989	\$ 15,991	\$ 14,390
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	\$ (31,167)	\$ (16,903)	\$ 1,285	\$ (3,491)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (14,180)	\$ 86	\$ 17,276	\$ 10,899
Earnings (loss) per share ⁽⁵⁾	\$ (0.33)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.26
Net asset value per share at the end of the quarter ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 20.79	\$ 21.52	\$ 21.92	\$ 21.91

- (1) Based on 42,248,525, 42,248,525 and 42,260,826 weighted average shares of Solar Capital Ltd. outstanding during the first, second and third quarters of 2017, respectively.
- (2) Based on 42,248,525 and 42,248,525 weighted average shares of Solar Capital Ltd. outstanding during the first and second quarters of 2017, respectively.
- (3) Based on 42,248,525, 42,248,525, 42,248,525 and 42,248,525 weighted average shares of Solar Capital Ltd. outstanding during first, second, third, and fourth quarters of 2016, respectively.
- (4) Based on 42,248,525, 42,248,525, 42,248,525 and 42,248,525 weighted average shares of Solar Capital Ltd. outstanding during first, second, third, and fourth quarters of 2016, respectively.
- (5) Based on 42,465,162, 42,465,162, 42,465,162 and 42,465,145 weighted average shares of Solar Capital Ltd. outstanding during first, second, third, and fourth quarters of 2015, respectively.
- (6) Based on 42,465,162, 42,465,162, 42,465,162 and 42,464,762 shares of Solar Capital Ltd. outstanding as of the end of the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2015, respectively.

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Investing in the Notes involves a high degree of risk. In addition to the other information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should carefully consider the following supplementary risk factors together with the risk factors set forth in the accompanying prospectus before making an investment in the Notes. 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 that we currently deem immaterial might also impair or adversely affect our operations and performance. If any of the events described herein or in the accompanying prospectus occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. In such case, the value of the Notes could decline, and you may lose part or all of your investment.

The Notes will be unsecured and therefore will be effectively subordinated to any secured indebtedness we currently have outstanding 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, or junior, to any secured indebtedness we or our subsidiaries currently have outstanding 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 September 30, 2017, we had \$225 million of secured indebtedness outstanding under the Credit Facility, comprised of \$175 million of revolving credit and \$50 million of term loans. We may from time-to-time amend or modify the terms of our Credit Facility, including, among other things, the interest rate, the maturity date, the revolving period and the size of the Credit Facility. We also had \$250 million outstanding of the Unsecured Notes as of September 30, 2017.

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

The Notes are obligations exclusively of Solar Capital 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 portion of the indebtedness required to be consolidated on our balance sheet is held through subsidiary financing vehicles and secured by certain assets of such subsidiaries. The assets of such subsidiaries are not directly available to satisfy the claims of our creditors, including holders of the Notes.

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. In addition, our subsidiaries may incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future, all of which would be structurally senior to the Notes.

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The indenture governing the Notes will contain limited protection for holders of the Notes.

The indenture governing the Notes 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) of the 1940 Act as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the 1940 Act or any successor provisions (giving effect to any exemptive relief granted to us by the SEC);

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;

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.

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. 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. For example, in addition to regulatory requirements that restrict our ability to raise capital, the Credit Facility and the 2022 Unsecured Notes contain various covenants that, if not complied with, could accelerate repayment under the Credit Facility and the 2022 Unsecured Notes absent a waiver from the lenders or holders of such indebtedness, thereby materially and adversely affecting our liquidity, financial condition and results of operation. The issuance or incurrence of any such debt with incremental protections could affect the market for and trading levels and prices of the Notes.

Table of Contents***We may not be able to repurchase the Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event.***

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event, as defined in the indenture that governs the Notes, subject to certain conditions, we will be required to offer to repurchase all outstanding Notes at 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The source of funds for that purchase of Notes will be our available cash or cash generated from our operations or other potential sources, including borrowings, investment repayments, sales of assets or sales of equity. We cannot assure you that sufficient funds from such sources will be available at the time of any Change of Control Repurchase Event to make required repurchases of Notes tendered. Before making any such repurchase of Notes, we would also have to comply with certain requirements under our Credit Facility and the note purchase agreement governing our 2022 Unsecured Notes, to the extent such requirements remain in effect at such time, or otherwise obtain consent from the lenders under the Credit Facility and the holders of the 2022 Unsecured Notes. The terms of our Credit Facility provide that certain change of control events will constitute an event of default thereunder entitling the lenders to accelerate any indebtedness outstanding under the Credit Facility at that time and to terminate the Credit Facility. Similarly, the note purchase agreement governing our 2022 Unsecured Notes contains a provision that would require us to offer to purchase the 2022 Unsecured Notes upon the occurrence of certain change of control events. In addition, the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event enabling the holders of the Notes to require the mandatory purchase of the Notes would constitute an event of default under our Credit Facility, and may constitute an event of default under the note purchase agreement governing the 2022 Unsecured Notes, entitling the lenders to accelerate any indebtedness outstanding under our Credit Facility at that time and to terminate the Credit Facility and entitling the holders of the 2022 Unsecured Notes to accelerate any indebtedness outstanding under the note purchase agreement. Our future debt instruments also may contain similar restrictions and provisions. If the holders of the Notes exercise their right to require us to repurchase all the Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event, the financial effect of this repurchase could cause a default under our future debt instruments, even if the Change of Control Repurchase Event itself would not cause a default. It is possible that we will not have sufficient funds at the time of the Change of Control Repurchase Event to make the required repurchase of the Notes and/or our other debt. See Description of notes Offer to repurchase upon a change of control repurchase event in this prospectus supplement.

If an active trading market does not develop for the Notes, you may not be able to resell them.

The Notes are a new issue of debt securities for which there currently is no trading market. We do not intend to apply for listing of the Notes on any securities exchange or for quotation of the Notes on any automated dealer quotation system. If no active trading market develops, you may not be able to resell your Notes at their fair market value or at all. 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.

Proposed Tax Legislation

Draft legislation encompassing current proposals for U.S. federal income tax reform has recently been released. The changes to the tax law that are set forth in the draft legislation would represent a significant change from current tax law, if enacted into law in the form currently proposed. As the legislation has not yet been approved and may be modified, it is unclear precisely how the proposed bill might affect us and holders of the Notes.

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The following table sets forth the actual capitalization of Solar Capital Ltd. at September 30, 2017.

You should read this table together with "Use of Proceeds" described in this prospectus supplement and our most recent balance sheet included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

(in thousands)	As of September 30, 2017 Solar Capital Ltd. (unaudited)
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 205,444
Investments at fair value	\$ 1,391,963
Other assets	\$ 30,655
Total assets	\$ 1,628,062
Liabilities⁽¹⁾:	
Credit Facility	\$ 175,000
Unsecured Notes	\$ 247,196
Term loan	\$ 50,000
Other Liabilities	\$ 234,683
Total Liabilities	\$ 706,879
Net Assets:	
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; 200,000,000 shares authorized and 42,260,826 shares issued and outstanding	\$ 423
Paid-in capital in excess of par value	\$ 990,011
Distributions in excess of net investment income	\$ (12,831)
Accumulated net realized loss	\$ (70,684)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 14,264
Total Net Assets	\$ 921,183

- (1) The above table reflects the carrying value of indebtedness outstanding as of September 30, 2017. As of November 10, 2017, outstanding indebtedness under our Credit Facility and the Unsecured Notes was \$213 million and \$250 million, respectively. The net proceeds from the sale of the Notes in this offering are expected to be used to pay down outstanding indebtedness under our Credit Facility. See "Use of proceeds" in this prospectus supplement.

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Use of proceeds

We estimate that the net proceeds we will receive from the sale of the \$ million aggregate principal amount of Notes in this offering will be approximately \$ million assuming a public offering price of 100% of par, after deducting the underwriting discount of \$ million payable by us and estimated offering expenses of approximately \$ payable by us.

We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering to pay down outstanding indebtedness under our Credit Facility. However, we may reborrow under the Credit Facility to make investments in debt or equity securities consistent with our investment objective, to fund acquisitions and for other general corporate purposes, including for working capital and/or to redeem all or a portion of our outstanding 2042 Unsecured Notes. We are continuously identifying, reviewing and, to the extent consistent with our investment objective, funding new investments. As a result, we typically raise capital as we deem appropriate to fund such new investments.

Under the Credit Facility, which matures in September 2021 and generally bears interest at London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 2.00%-2.25% or the alternative base rate plus 1.00%-1.25%, we had \$213 million outstanding as of November 10, 2017, comprised of \$163 million of revolving credit and a \$50 million term loan. We also had \$250 million outstanding of the Unsecured Notes. We may from time-to-time amend or modify the terms of our Credit Facility, including, among other things, the interest rate, the maturity date, the revolving period and the size of the Credit Facility. For additional information regarding our Credit Facility and the Unsecured Notes, see Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations Liquidity and capital resources in this prospectus supplement.

Affiliates of certain of the underwriters are lenders under our Credit Facility. Accordingly, affiliates of certain of the underwriters may receive a portion of the net proceeds of this offering to the extent such proceeds are used to repay outstanding indebtedness under our Credit Facility.

Pending these uses, we will invest such net proceeds primarily in cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and other high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less.

Table of Contents**Ratio of earnings to fixed charges**

For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, and 2012 and the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the ratios of earnings to fixed charges of the Company, computed as set forth below, were as follows:

	For the nine months ended September 30, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	For the year ended December 31, 2013	For the year ended December 31, 2012
Earnings to Fixed Charges ⁽¹⁾	4.3	5.3	1.9	4.4	4.8	7.1

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

- (1) Earnings include net realized and unrealized gains or losses. Net realized and unrealized gains or losses can vary substantially from period to period. Excluding net realized gains or losses and the net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation, the earnings to fixed charges ratio would be 4.1 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, 3.9 for the year ended December 31, 2016, 5.1 for the year ended December 31, 2015, 5.6 for the year ended December 31, 2014, 5.3 for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 5.3 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

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Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations

The information contained in this section should be read in conjunction with Selected Financial and Other Data and our financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying Prospectus.

Overview

Solar Capital LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, was formed in February 2007 and commenced operations on March 13, 2007 with initial capital of \$1.2 billion of which 47.04% was funded by affiliated parties.

Solar Capital Ltd. (Solar Capital , the Company , we or our), a Maryland corporation formed in November 2007, is a closed-end, externally managed, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). Furthermore, as the Company is an investment company, it continues to apply the guidance in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 946. In addition, for tax purposes, the Company has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (RIC) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

On February 9, 2010, we priced our initial public offering, selling 5.68 million shares of our common stock. Concurrent with our initial public offering, Michael S. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Bruce Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer, collectively purchased an additional 0.6 million shares of our common stock through a private placement transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act (the Concurrent Private Placement).

We invest primarily in privately held U.S. middle-market companies, where we believe the supply of primary capital is limited and the investment opportunities are most attractive. Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in leveraged middle-market companies in the form of senior secured loans, stretch-senior loans, unitranche loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities. From time to time, we may also invest in public companies that are thinly traded. Our business is focused primarily on the direct origination of investments through portfolio companies or their financial sponsors. Our investments generally range between \$5 million and \$100 million each, although we expect that this investment size will vary proportionately with the size of our capital base and/or with strategic initiatives. Our investment activities are managed by Solar Capital Partners, LLC (the Investment Adviser) and supervised by our board of directors, a majority of whom are non-interested, as such term is defined in the 1940 Act. Solar Capital Management, LLC (the Administrator) provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

In addition, we may invest a portion of our portfolio in other types of investments, which we refer to as opportunistic investments, which are not our primary focus but are intended to enhance our overall returns. These investments may include, but are not limited to, direct investments in public companies that are not thinly traded and securities of leveraged companies located in select countries outside of the United States.

As of September 30, 2017, the Investment Adviser has invested approximately \$6.6 billion in more than 310 different portfolio companies for both Solar Capital and Solar Senior, collectively, since it was founded in 2006. Over the same period, the Investment Adviser completed transactions with more than 185 different financial sponsors.

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Recent Developments

On October 24, 2017, the Company issued notice of its intent to redeem \$25 million of the 2042 Unsecured Notes on November 24, 2017.

On November 2, 2017, our Board declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.40 per share payable on January 4, 2018 to holders of record as of December 21, 2017.

On November 2, 2017, our Board declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.41 per share payable on April 3, 2018 to holders of record as of March 22, 2018.

On November 2, 2017, our Board amended the First Amended and Restated Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between Solar Capital Ltd. and Solar Capital Partners, LLC in order to lower the base management fee payable thereunder from 2.0% per annum to 1.75% per annum, to be effective as of January 1, 2018.

Investments

Our level of investment activity can and does vary substantially from period to period depending on many factors, including the amount of debt and equity capital available to middle market companies, the level of merger and acquisition activity for such companies, the general economic environment and the competitive environment for the types of investments we make. As a BDC, we must not acquire any assets other than qualifying assets specified in the 1940 Act unless, at the time the acquisition is made, at least 70% of our total assets are qualifying assets (with certain limited exceptions). Qualifying assets include investments in eligible portfolio companies. The definition of eligible portfolio company includes certain public companies that do not have any securities listed on a national securities exchange and companies whose securities are listed on a national securities exchange but whose market capitalization is less than \$250 million.

Revenue

We generate revenue primarily in the form of interest and dividend income from the securities we hold and capital gains, if any, on investment securities that we may sell. Our debt investments generally have a stated term of three to seven years and typically bear interest at a floating rate usually determined on the basis of a benchmark London interbank offered rate (LIBOR), commercial paper rate, or the prime rate. Interest on our debt investments is generally payable quarterly but may be monthly or semi-annually. In addition, our investments may provide payment-in-kind (PIK) interest. Such amounts of accrued PIK interest are added to the cost of the investment on the respective capitalization dates and generally become due at maturity of the investment or upon the investment being called by the issuer. We may also generate revenue in the form of commitment, origination, structuring fees, fees for providing managerial assistance and, if applicable, consulting fees, etc.

Expenses

All investment professionals of the investment adviser and their respective staffs, when and to the extent engaged in providing investment advisory and management services, and the compensation and routine overhead expenses of such personnel allocable to such services, are provided and paid for by Solar Capital Partners. We bear all other costs and expenses of our operations and transactions, including (without limitation):

the cost of our organization and public offerings;

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the cost of calculating our net asset value, including the cost of any third-party valuation services;

the cost of effecting sales and repurchases of our shares and other securities;

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

fees payable to third parties relating to, or associated with, making investments, including fees and expenses associated with performing due diligence reviews of prospective investments and advisory fees;

transfer agent and custodial fees;

fees and expenses associated with marketing efforts;

federal and state registration fees, any stock exchange listing fees;

federal, state and local taxes;

independent directors' fees and expenses;

brokerage commissions;

fidelity bond, directors and officers errors and omissions liability insurance and other insurance premiums;

direct costs and expenses of administration, including printing, mailing, long distance telephone and staff;

fees and expenses associated with independent audits and outside legal costs;

costs associated with our reporting and compliance obligations under the 1940 Act and applicable federal and state securities laws; and

all other expenses incurred by either Solar Capital Management or us in connection with administering our business, including payments under the Administration Agreement that will be based upon our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Solar Capital Management in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent, the fees and expenses associated with performing compliance functions, and our allocable portion of the costs of compensation and related expenses of our chief compliance officer and our chief financial officer and any administrative support staff.

We expect our general and administrative operating expenses related to our ongoing operations to increase moderately in dollar terms. During periods of asset growth, we generally expect our general and administrative operating expenses to decline as a percentage of our total assets and increase during periods of asset declines. Incentive fees, interest expense and costs relating to future offerings of securities, among others, may

also increase or reduce overall operating expenses based on portfolio performance, interest rate benchmarks, and offerings of our securities relative to comparative periods, among other factors.

Portfolio and Investment Activity

During the three months ended September 30, 2017, we invested approximately \$226.1 million across 37 portfolio companies. This compares to investing approximately \$138.9 million in 8 portfolio companies for the three months ended September 30, 2016. Investments sold, prepaid or repaid during the three months ended September 30, 2017 totaled approximately \$55.7 million versus approximately \$273.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016.

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At September 30, 2017, our portfolio consisted of 88 portfolio companies and was invested 50.6% in senior secured loans, 15.3% in equipment financing, 1.0% in preferred equity and 33.1% in common equity/equity interests and warrants (of which 21.9% is Crystal Financial LLC, 6.5% is Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC and 3.5% is Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC) measured at fair value versus 66 portfolio companies invested 63.3% in senior secured loans, 2.1% in subordinated debt, 1.1% in preferred equity and 33.5% in common equity/equity interests and warrants (of which 22.2% is Crystal Financial LLC, 6.2% is Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC and 3.3% is Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC) measured at fair value at September 30, 2016.

At September 30, 2017, 81.4% or \$1,119.3 million of our income producing investment portfolio* is floating rate and 18.6% or \$255.8 million is fixed rate, measured at fair value. At September 30, 2016, 94.0% or \$1,257.0 million of our income producing investment portfolio* was floating rate and 6.0% or \$80.2 million was fixed rate, measured at fair value. As of September 30, 2017, no issuers were on non-accrual status. As of September 30, 2016, we had one issuer on non-accrual status.

Since inception through September 30, 2017, Solar Capital and its predecessor companies have invested approximately \$5.1 billion in more than 200 portfolio companies. Over the same period, Solar Capital has completed transactions with more than 140 different financial sponsors.

* We have included Crystal Financial LLC, NEF Holdings LLC, Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC and Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC within our income producing investment portfolio.

Crystal Financial LLC

On December 28, 2012, we completed the acquisition of Crystal Capital Financial Holdings LLC (Crystal Financial), a commercial finance company focused on providing asset-based and other secured financing solutions (the Crystal Acquisition). We invested \$275 million in cash to effect the Crystal Acquisition. Crystal Financial owned approximately 98% of the outstanding ownership interest in Crystal Financial LLC. The remaining financial interest was held by various employees of Crystal Financial LLC, through their investment in Crystal Management LP. Crystal Financial LLC had a diversified portfolio of 23 loans having a total par value of approximately \$400 million at November 30, 2012 and a \$275 million committed revolving credit facility. On January 27, 2014, the revolving credit facility was expanded to \$300 million. On March 31, 2014, we exchanged \$137.5 million of our equity interest in Crystal Financial in exchange for \$137.5 million in floating rate senior secured notes in Crystal Financial bearing interest at LIBOR plus 9.50%, maturing on March 31, 2019. On May 18, 2015, the revolving credit facility was expanded to \$350 million. Our financial statements, including our schedule of investments, reflected our investments in Crystal Financial on a consolidated basis. On July 28, 2016, the Company purchased Crystal Management LP s approximately 2% equity interest in Crystal Financial LLC for approximately \$5.7 million. Upon the closing of this transaction, the Company holds 100% of the equity interest in Crystal Financial LLC. On September 30, 2016, Crystal Capital Financial Holdings LLC was dissolved.

As of September 30, 2017, Crystal Financial LLC had 27 funded commitments to 24 different issuers with a total par value of approximately \$369.3 million on total assets of \$459.4 million. As of December 31, 2016, Crystal Financial LLC had 26 funded commitments to 25 different issuers with a total par value of approximately \$368.8 million on total assets of \$459.7 million. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the largest loan outstanding totaling \$40.1 million and \$36.3 million, respectively. For the same periods, the average exposure per issuer was \$15.4 million and \$14.8 million, respectively. Crystal Financial LLC s credit facility, which is non-recourse to Solar Capital, had approximately \$175.7 million and \$175.4 million of borrowings outstanding at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, Crystal Financial LLC had net income of \$7.7 million and \$4.7 million, respectively, on gross income of \$11.7 million and \$15.9 million, respectively. For the nine months

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ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, Crystal Financial LLC had net income of \$23.6 million and \$22.4 million, respectively, on gross income of \$39.8 million and \$49.0 million, respectively. Due to timing and non-cash items, there may be material differences between GAAP net income and cash available for distributions. As such, and subject to fluctuations in Crystal Financial LLC's funded commitments, the timing of originations, and the repayments of financings, the Company cannot guarantee that Crystal Financial LLC will be able to maintain consistent dividend payments to us.

NEF Holdings, LLC

On July 31, 2017, we completed the acquisition of NEF Holdings, LLC ("NEF"), which conducts its business through its wholly-owned subsidiary Nations Equipment Finance, LLC. NEF is an independent equipment finance company that provides senior secured loans and leases primarily to U.S. based companies. We invested \$209.9 million in cash to effect the transaction, of which \$145.0 million was invested in the equity of NEF through our wholly-owned consolidated taxable subsidiary NEFCORP LLC and our wholly-owned consolidated subsidiary NEFPASS LLC and \$64.9 million was used to purchase certain leases and loans held by NEF through NEFPASS LLC. Concurrent with the transaction, NEF refinanced its existing senior secured credit facility into a \$150.0 million non-recourse facility with an accordion feature to expand up to \$250.0 million. The maturity date of the facility is July 31, 2021. At July 31, 2017, NEF also had two securitizations outstanding, with an issued note balance of \$94.6 million.

As of September 30, 2017, NEF had 242 funded equipment-backed leases and loans to 115 different customers with a total net investment in leases and loans of approximately \$254.8 million on total assets of \$297.7 million. As of September 30, 2017, the largest position outstanding totaled \$15.9 million. For the same period, the average exposure per customer was \$2.2 million. NEF's credit facility, which is non-recourse to Solar Capital, had approximately \$70.8 million of borrowings outstanding at September 30, 2017. The securitization notes balance on September 30, 2017 was \$85.8 million. Since the acquisition on July 31, 2017 and through September 30, 2017, NEF had net income of \$2.5 million on gross income of \$6.0 million. Due to timing and non-cash items, there may be material differences between GAAP net income and cash available for distributions. As such, and subject to fluctuations in NEF Holdings, LLC funded commitments, the timing of originations, and the repayments of financings, the Company cannot guarantee that NEF Holdings, LLC will be able to maintain consistent dividend payments to us.

Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC

On September 2, 2014, the Company entered into a limited liability company agreement with an affiliate (the "Investor") of a fund managed by Pacific Investment Management Company LLC ("PIMCO") to co-invest in middle market senior secured unitranche loans sourced by the same origination platform used by the Company. Initial funding commitments to the unitranche strategy total \$600 million, consisting of direct equity investments and co-investment commitments as described below. The joint venture vehicle known as the Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC ("SSLP") is structured as an unconsolidated Delaware limited liability company. The Company and the Investor initially made equity commitments to the SSLP of \$300.0 million and \$43.25 million, respectively. All portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and PIMCO (with approval from a representative of each required).

On October 15, 2015, the Company entered into an amended and restated limited liability company agreement for its SSLP to add Voya Investment Management LLC ("Voya"), part of Voya Financial, Inc. (NYSE: VOYA), as a partner in SSLP in place of the investor that was previously the Company's partner in SSLP, though this investor may still co-invest up to \$300 million of equity in unitranche loans alongside SSLP. This joint venture is

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expected to invest primarily in senior secured loans, including unitranche loans, primarily to middle market companies predominantly owned by private equity sponsors or entrepreneurs, consistent with the Company's core origination and underwriting mandate. In addition to the Company's prior equity commitment of \$300.0 million to SSLP, Voya has made an initial equity commitment of \$25.0 million to SSLP, with the ability to upsize.

On November 2, 2015, the Company assigned \$125.0 million of its \$300.0 million commitment to SSLP to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC ("SSLP II"), a Delaware limited liability company.

On November 25, 2015, SSLP commenced operations. On June 30, 2016, SSLP as transferor and SSLP 2016-1, LLC, a newly formed wholly owned subsidiary of SSLP, as borrower entered into a \$200 million senior secured revolving credit facility (the "SSLP Facility") with Wells Fargo Bank, NA acting as administrative agent. Solar Capital Ltd. acts as servicer under the SSLP Facility. The SSLP Facility is scheduled to mature on June 30, 2021. The SSLP Facility generally bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 2.50%. SSLP and SSLP 2016-1, LLC, as applicable, have made certain customary representations and warranties, and are required to comply with various covenants, including leverage restrictions, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. The SSLP Facility also includes usual and customary events of default for credit facilities of this nature. There were \$71.8 and \$67.1 million of borrowings outstanding as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company and Voya had contributed combined equity capital in the amount of \$103.5 million and \$116.4 million, respectively. Of the \$103.5 million of contributed equity capital at September 30, 2017, the Company contributed \$29.9 million in the form of investments and \$60.7 million in the form of cash and Voya contributed \$12.9 million in the form of cash. As of September 30, 2017, the Company and Voya's remaining commitments to SSLP totaled \$84.4 million and \$12.1 million, respectively. The Company, along with Voya, controls the funding of SSLP and SSLP may not call the unfunded commitments without approval of both the Company and Voya.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, SSLP had total assets of \$178.6 million and \$184.8 million, respectively. For the same periods, SSLP's portfolio consisted of floating rate senior secured loans to 10 and 11 different borrowers, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, SSLP invested \$1.7 million in 2 portfolio companies and \$5.2 million in 2 portfolio companies, respectively. Investments prepaid totaled \$2.6 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. At September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the weighted average yield of SSLP's portfolio was 7.7% and 7.4%, respectively, measured at fair value and 7.8% and 7.5%, respectively, measured at cost.

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Description	Industry	Spread Above Index ⁽¹⁾	LIBOR Floor	Interest Rate ⁽²⁾	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
AccentCare, Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+575	1.00%	7.08%	9/3/21	\$ 12,652	\$ 12,616	\$ 12,652
Alera Group Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	Insurance	L+550	1.00%	6.74%	12/30/22	14,644	14,512	14,607
Associated Pathologists, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.32%	8/1/21	3,167	3,142	3,167
Empower Payments Acquisition, Inc. (RevSpring)	Professional Services	L+550	1.00%	6.83%	11/30/23	13,771	13,521	13,771
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽⁴⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.99%	12/14/21	32,271	31,905	32,271
Island Medical Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+550	1.00%	6.83%	9/1/22	13,743	13,614	13,606
Pet Holdings ULC & Pet Supermarket, Inc.	Specialty Retail	L+550	1.00%	6.80%	7/5/22	23,288	22,995	23,114
PPT Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+600	1.00%	7.33%	12/16/22	11,910	11,804	11,672
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.58%	11/25/21	1,925	1,911	1,925
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+829	1.00%	9.62%	11/25/21	22,250	21,913	21,805
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+600	1.00%	7.33%	4/20/21	23,606	23,460	23,369
							\$ 171,393	\$ 171,959

(1) Floating rate instruments accrue interest at a predetermined spread relative to an index, typically the LIBOR or PRIME rate. These instruments are typically subject to a LIBOR or PRIME rate floor.

(2) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of September 30, 2017.

(3) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board's valuation process described elsewhere herein.

(4) The Company also holds this security on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

Table of ContentsSSLP Portfolio as of December 31, 2016 (audited) (dollar amounts in thousands)

Description	Industry	Spread Above Index ⁽¹⁾	LIBOR Floor	Interest Rate ⁽²⁾	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
AccentCare, Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+575	1.00%	6.75%	9/3/21	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,875
Alera Group Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	Insurance	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	12/30/22	13,824	13,686	13,686
Associated Pathologists, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	8/1/21	3,292	3,261	3,275
CIBT Holdings, Inc.	Professional Services	L+525	1.00%	6.25%	6/28/22	13,102	12,979	12,971
Empower Payments Acquisition, Inc. (RevSpring)	Professional Services	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	11/30/23	13,875	13,600	13,597
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽⁴⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.75%	12/14/21	34,650	34,202	34,650
Pet Holdings ULC & Pet Supermarket, Inc.	Specialty Retail	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	7/5/22	20,625	20,336	20,367
PPT Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+600	1.00%	7.00%	12/16/22	12,000	11,881	11,880
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.25%	11/25/21	2,475	2,454	2,475
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+839	1.00%	9.39%	11/25/21	22,250	21,866	21,861
U.S. Anesthesia Partners Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	12/31/19	19,557	19,407	19,362
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+625	1.00%	7.25%	4/20/21	21,818	21,686	21,491
							\$ 180,233	\$ 180,490

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(2) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2016.

(3) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board's valuation process described elsewhere herein.

(4) The Company also holds this security on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

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Below is certain summarized financial information for SSLP as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016 (audited)
Selected Balance Sheet Information for SSLP (in thousands):		
Investments at fair value (cost \$171,393 and \$180,233, respectively)	\$ 171,959	\$ 180,490
Cash and other assets	6,626	4,326
Total assets	\$ 178,585	\$ 184,816
Debt outstanding	\$ 71,798	\$ 67,148
Distributions payable	2,286	1,688
Interest payable and other credit facility related expenses	1,108	660
Accrued expenses and other payables	213	287
Total liabilities	\$ 75,405	\$ 69,783
Members' equity	\$ 103,180	\$ 115,033
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 178,585	\$ 184,816

	Three months ended September 30, 2017	Three months ended September 30, 2016	Nine months ended September 30, 2017	Nine months ended September 30, 2016
Selected Income Statement Information for SSLP (in thousands):				
Interest income	\$ 3,495	\$ 2,615	\$ 10,730	\$ 6,374
Service fees*	\$ 28	\$ 23	\$ 89	\$ 58
Interest and other credit facility expenses	1,109	582**	2,795	3,233**
Other general and administrative expenses	21	37	96	102
Total expenses	1,158	642	2,980	3,393
Net investment income	\$ 2,337	\$ 1,973	\$ 7,750	\$ 2,981
Realized gain on investments			127	
Net change in unrealized gain on investments	88	251	310	159
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	88	251	437	159
Net income	\$ 2,425	\$ 2,224	\$ 8,187	\$ 3,140

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* Service fees are included within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations as other income.

** SSLP made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to the SSLP Facility, in accordance with ASC 825-10. As such, all expenses related to the establishment of the SSLP Facility were expensed during the periods shown. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, these amounts totaled \$140 and \$2,788, respectively.

Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC

On November 2, 2015, the Company assigned \$125.0 million of its \$300.0 million commitment to SSLP to SSLP II, a Delaware limited liability company. On August 5, 2016, the Company entered into an amended and restated limited liability company agreement with WFI Loanco, LLC (WFI) and SSLP II commenced operations. SSLP II is expected to invest primarily in senior secured loans, including unitranche loans, primarily to middle market

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companies predominantly owned by private equity sponsors or entrepreneurs, consistent with the Company's core origination and underwriting mandate. Also on August 5, 2016, the Company assigned approximately \$50.0 million of its \$125.0 million commitment to SSLP II to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program III LLC (SSLP III), a newly formed Delaware limited liability company. SSLP III, which had not commenced operations, was wholly owned by Solar Capital Ltd. but could have brought in unaffiliated investors at a later date. The Company and WFI's equity commitments to SSLP II now total \$75.0 million and \$18.0 million, respectively.

On November 15, 2016, SSLP II as transferor and SSLP II 2016-1, LLC, a newly formed wholly owned subsidiary of SSLP II, as borrower entered into a \$100 million senior secured revolving credit facility (the SSLP II Facility) with Wells Fargo Bank, NA acting as administrative agent. Solar Capital Ltd. acts as servicer under the SSLP II Facility. The SSLP II Facility is scheduled to mature on November 15, 2021. The SSLP II Facility generally bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 2.50%. SSLP II and SSLP II 2016-1, LLC, as applicable, have made certain customary representations and warranties, and are required to comply with various covenants, including leverage restrictions, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. The SSLP II Facility also includes usual and customary events of default for credit facilities of this nature. There were \$49.2 million and \$33.0 million of borrowings outstanding as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company and WFI contributed combined equity capital in the amount of \$59.8 million and \$58.2 million, respectively. Of the \$59.8 million of contributed equity capital at September 30, 2017, the Company contributed \$43.5 million in the form of investments and \$4.7 million in the form of cash and WFI contributed \$11.6 million in the form of cash. As of September 30, 2017, the Company and WFI's remaining commitments to SSLP II totaled \$26.8 million and \$6.4 million, respectively. The Company, along with WFI, controls the funding of SSLP II and SSLP II may not call the unfunded commitments without approval of both the Company and WFI.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, SSLP II had total assets of \$121.8 million and \$93.5 million, respectively. For the same periods, SSLP II's portfolio consisted of floating rate senior secured loans to 15 and 12 different borrowers, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2017, SSLP II invested \$11.7 million in 5 portfolio companies. For the period August 5, 2016 (commencement of operations) through September 30, 2016, SSLP II invested \$65.6 million in 8 portfolio companies. Investments prepaid totaled \$1.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. Investments prepaid for the period August 5, 2016 (commencement of operations) through September 30, 2016 totaled \$0.3 million. At September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the weighted average yield of SSLP II's portfolio was 7.7% and 7.6%, respectively, measured at fair value and 8.0% and 7.9%, respectively, measured at cost.

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SSLP II Portfolio as of September 30, 2017 (dollar amounts in thousands)

Description	Industry	Spread Above Index ⁽¹⁾	LIBOR Floor	Interest Rate ⁽²⁾	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
AccentCare, Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+575	1.00%	7.08%	9/3/21	\$ 6,913	\$ 6,882	\$ 6,913
Alera Group Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	Insurance	L+550	1.00%	6.74%	12/30/22	5,491	5,442	5,478
American Teleconferencing Services, Ltd. (PGI) ⁽⁴⁾	Communications Equipment	L+650	1.00%	7.78%	12/8/21	14,048	12,888	13,767
Associated Pathologists, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.32%	8/1/21	1,583	1,571	1,583
Empower Payments Acquisition, Inc. (RevSpring)	Professional Services	L+550	1.00%	6.83%	11/30/23	6,885	6,761	6,885
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽⁴⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.99%	12/14/21	10,193	10,193	10,193
Global Holdings LLC & Payment Concepts LLC	Consumer Finance	L+650	1.00%	7.82%	5/5/22	8,750	8,587	8,575
Island Medical Management Holdings, LLC ⁽⁴⁾	Health Care Providers & Services	L+550	1.00%	6.83%	9/1/22	6,872	6,807	6,803
Logix Holding Company, LLC	Communications Equipment	L+575	1.00%	6.98%	11/30/24	9,375	9,281	9,281
Pet Holdings ULC & Pet Supermarket, Inc.	Specialty Retail	L+550	1.00%	6.80%	7/5/22	10,247	10,116	10,170
PetVet Care Centers, LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+600	1.00%	7.31%	6/8/23	3,104	3,074	3,073
Polycom, Inc.	Communications Equipment	L+525	1.00%	6.48%	9/27/23	10,324	9,962	10,476
PPT Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+600	1.00%	7.33%	12/16/22	9,925	9,837	9,727
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.58%	11/25/21	770	770	770
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+829	1.00%	9.62%	11/25/21	8,900	8,767	8,722
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+600	1.00%	7.33%	4/20/21	5,554	5,459	5,499
							\$ 116,397	\$ 117,915

(1) Floating rate instruments accrue interest at a predetermined spread relative to an index, typically the LIBOR or PRIME rate. These instruments are typically subject to a LIBOR or PRIME rate floor.

(2) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of September 30, 2017.

(3) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board's valuation process described elsewhere herein.

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(4) The Company also holds this security on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

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SSLP II Portfolio as of December 31, 2016 (audited) (dollar amounts in thousands)

Description	Industry	Spread Above Index ⁽¹⁾	LIBOR Floor	Interest Rate ⁽²⁾	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
Alera Group Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	Insurance	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	12/30/22	\$ 5,184	\$ 5,132	\$ 5,132
American Teleconferencing Services, Ltd. (PGI) ⁽⁴⁾	Communications Equipment	L+650	1.00%	7.50%	12/8/21	14,619	13,244	14,217
Associated Pathologists, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	8/1/21	1,646	1,631	1,638
CIBT Holdings, Inc.	Professional Services	L+525	1.00%	6.25%	6/28/22	5,241	5,191	5,188
Empower Payments Acquisition, Inc. (RevSpring)	Professional Services	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	11/30/23	6,938	6,800	6,799
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽⁴⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.75%	12/14/21	10,945	10,945	10,945
Pet Holdings ULC & Pet Supermarket, Inc.	Specialty Retail	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	7/5/22	9,075	8,947	8,962
Polycom, Inc.	Communications Equipment	L+650	1.00%	7.50%	9/27/23	11,605	11,152	11,547
PPT Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+600	1.00%	7.00%	12/16/22	10,000	9,901	9,900
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.25%	11/25/21	990	990	990
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+839	1.00%	9.39%	11/25/21	8,900	8,748	8,744
U.S. Anesthesia Partners Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	12/31/19	4,988	4,938	4,938
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+625	1.00%	7.25%	4/20/21	2,840	2,787	2,797
							\$ 90,406	\$ 91,797

- (1) Floating rate instruments accrue interest at a predetermined spread relative to an index, typically the LIBOR or PRIME rate. These instruments are typically subject to a LIBOR or PRIME rate floor.
- (2) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2016.
- (3) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board's valuation process described elsewhere herein.
- (4) The Company also holds this security on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

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Below is certain summarized financial information for SSLP II as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and for the period August 5, 2016 (commencement of operations) through September 30, 2016:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016 (audited)
Selected Balance Sheet Information for SSLP II (in thousands):		
Investments at fair value (cost \$116,397 and \$90,406, respectively)	\$ 117,915	\$ 91,797
Cash and other assets	3,863	1,670
Total assets	\$ 121,778	\$ 93,467
Debt outstanding	\$ 49,188	\$ 32,950
Payable for investments purchased	9,281	
Distributions payable	1,614	1,460
Interest payable and other credit facility related expenses	581	147
Accrued expenses and other payables	196	183
Total liabilities	\$ 60,860	\$ 34,740
Members' equity	\$ 60,918	\$ 58,727
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 121,778	\$ 93,467

	Three months ended September 30, 2017	For the period August 5, 2016 (commencement of operations) through September 30, 2016	Nine months ended September 30, 2017
Selected Income Statement Information for SSLP II (in thousands):			
Interest income	\$ 2,363	\$ 710	\$ 6,616
Service fees*	\$ 28	\$ 9	\$ 80
Interest and other credit facility expenses	558		1,496
Other general and administrative expenses	20	68	85
Total expenses	\$ 606	\$ 77	\$ 1,661
Net investment income	\$ 1,757	\$ 633	\$ 4,955
Realized gain on investments			46
Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(297)	1,218	128
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(297)	1,218	174
Net income	\$ 1,460	\$ 1,851	\$ 5,129

* Service fees are included within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations as other income.

Stock Repurchase Programs

On July 31, 2013, the Board authorized a program for the purpose of repurchasing up to \$100 million of the Company's common stock. Under the repurchase program, the Company could have, but was not obligated to, repurchase its outstanding common stock in the open market from time to time provided that the Company complied with the prohibitions under its Insider Trading Policies and Procedures and the guidelines specified in Rules 10b-18 and 10b-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including certain price, market volume and timing constraints. On December 5, 2013, the Board extended the repurchase program to be in

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place until the earlier of July 31, 2014 or until \$100 million of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock had been repurchased. On July 31, 2014, the Company's stock repurchase program expired. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, the Company repurchased 1,779,033 shares at an average price of approximately \$21.97 per share, inclusive of commissions. The total dollar amount of shares repurchased in that period was \$39.1 million. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company repurchased 796,418 shares at an average price of approximately \$21.98 per share, inclusive of commissions, for a total dollar amount of \$17.5 million.

On October 7, 2015, the Board authorized a new share repurchase program to purchase common stock in the open market in an amount up to \$30 million. Under the repurchase program, the Company may, but is not obligated to, repurchase its outstanding common stock in the open market from time to time provided that the Company complies with the prohibitions under its Insider Trading Policies and Procedures and the guidelines specified in Rules 10b-18 and 10b-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including certain price, market volume and timing constraints. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company repurchased 216,237 shares at an average price of \$15.76 per share, inclusive of commissions. The total dollar amount of shares repurchased during the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$3.4 million. On October 7, 2016, the Company's stock repurchase program expired.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of consolidated financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the periods reported. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates. We have identified the following items as critical accounting policies. Within the context of these critical accounting policies and disclosed subsequent events herein, we are not currently aware of any other reasonably likely events or circumstances that would result in materially different amounts being reported.

Valuation of Portfolio Investments

We conduct the valuation of our assets, pursuant to which our net asset value is determined, at all times consistent with GAAP, and the 1940 Act. Our valuation procedures are set forth in more detail below:

Under procedures established by our board of directors (the Board), we value investments, including certain senior secured debt, subordinated debt and other debt securities with maturities greater than 60 days, for which market quotations are readily available, at such market quotations (unless they are deemed not to represent fair value). We attempt to obtain market quotations from at least two brokers or dealers (if available, otherwise from a principal market maker or a primary market dealer or other independent pricing service). We utilize mid-market pricing as a practical expedient for fair value unless a different point within the range is more representative. If and when market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value, we typically utilize independent third-party valuation firms to assist us in determining fair value. Accordingly, such investments go through our multi-step valuation process as described below. In each case, independent valuation firms consider observable market inputs together with significant unobservable inputs in arriving at their valuation recommendations. Debt investments with maturities of 60 days or less shall each be valued at cost plus accreted discount, or minus amortized premium, which is expected to approximate fair value, unless such valuation, in the judgment of the Investment Adviser, does not represent fair value, in which case such investments shall be valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our Board. Investments that are not publicly traded or whose market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our Board. Such determination of fair values involves subjective judgments and estimates.

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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 has approved a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

- (1) our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals of the Investment Adviser responsible for the portfolio investment;
- (2) preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with senior management of the Investment Adviser;
- (3) independent valuation firms engaged by our Board conduct independent appraisals and review the Investment Adviser's preliminary valuations and make their own independent assessment for all material assets;
- (4) the audit committee of the Board reviews the preliminary valuation of the Investment Adviser and that of the independent valuation firm and responds to the valuation recommendation of the independent valuation firm to reflect any comments; and
- (5) the Board discusses valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of the Investment Adviser, the respective independent valuation firm and the audit committee.

Investments in all asset classes are valued utilizing a market approach, an income approach, or both approaches, as appropriate. However, in accordance with ASC 820-10, certain investments that qualify as investment companies in accordance with ASC 946, may be valued using net asset value as a practical expedient for fair value. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities (including a business). The income approach uses valuation approaches to convert future amounts (for example, cash flows or earnings) to a single present amount (discounted). The measurement is based on the value indicated by current market expectations about those future amounts. In following these approaches, the types of factors that we may take into account in fair value pricing our investments include, as relevant: available current market data, including relevant and applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and multiples, security covenants, call protection provisions, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments, its earnings and discounted cash flows, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public, M&A comparables, our principal market (as the reporting entity) and enterprise values, among other factors. When available, broker quotations and/or quotations provided by pricing services are considered as an input in the valuation process. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, there has been no change to the Company's valuation approaches or techniques and the nature of the related inputs considered in the valuation process.

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820 classifies the inputs used to measure these fair values into the following hierarchy:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, accessible by the Company at the measurement date.

Level 2: Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other observable inputs other than quoted prices.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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In all cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to each investment. The exercise of judgment is based in part on our knowledge of the asset class and our prior experience.

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

Valuation of Credit Facility and 2022 Unsecured Notes

The Company has made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to its Credit Facility and 2022 Unsecured Notes, in accordance with ASC 825-10. We believe accounting for the Credit Facility and 2022 Unsecured Notes at fair value better aligns the measurement methodologies of assets and liabilities, which may mitigate certain earnings volatility.

Revenue Recognition

The Company records dividend income and interest, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, on an accrual basis. Investments that are expected to pay regularly scheduled interest and/or dividends in cash are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest/dividend cash payments are past due 30 days or more (90 days or more for equipment financing) and/or when it is no longer probable that principal or interest/dividend cash payments will be collected. Such non-accrual investments are restored to accrual status if past due principal and interest or dividends are paid in cash, and in management's judgment, are likely to continue timely payment of their remaining interest or dividend obligations. Interest or dividend cash payments received on investments may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment. Some of our investments may have contractual PIK interest or dividends. PIK interest and dividends computed at the contractual rate are accrued into income and reflected as receivable up to the capitalization date. PIK investments offer issuers the option at each payment date of making payments in cash or in additional securities. When additional securities are received, they typically have the same terms, including maturity dates and interest rates as the original securities issued. On these payment dates, the Company capitalizes the accrued interest or dividends receivable (reflecting such amounts as the basis in the additional securities received). PIK generally becomes due at the maturity of the investment or upon the investment being called by the issuer. At the point the Company believes PIK is not expected to be realized, the PIK investment will be placed on non-accrual status. When a PIK investment is placed on non-accrual status, the accrued, uncapitalized interest or dividends is reversed from the related receivable through interest or dividend income, respectively. The Company does not reverse previously capitalized PIK interest or dividends. Upon capitalization, PIK is subject to the fair value estimates associated with their related investments. PIK investments on non-accrual status are restored to accrual status if the Company again believes that PIK is expected to be realized. Loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discounts are capitalized and amortized into income using the interest method or straight-line, as applicable. Upon the prepayment of a loan, any unamortized loan origination fees are recorded as interest income. We record prepayment premiums on loans and other investments as interest income when we receive such amounts. Capital structuring fees are recorded as other income when earned.

The typically higher yields and interest rates on PIK securities, to the extent we invested, reflects the payment deferral and increased credit risk associated with such instruments and that such investments may represent a significantly higher credit risk than coupon loans. PIK securities may have unreliable valuations because their

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continuing accruals require continuing judgments about the collectability of the deferred payments and the value of any associated collateral. PIK interest has the effect of generating investment income and increasing the incentive fees payable at a compounding rate. In addition, the deferral of PIK interest also increases the loan-to-value ratio at a compounding rate. PIK securities create the risk that incentive fees will be paid to the Investment Adviser based on non-cash accruals that ultimately may not be realized, but the Investment Adviser will be under no obligation to reimburse the Company for these fees. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, capitalized PIK income totaled \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, there was no capitalized PIK income.

Net Realized Gain or Loss and Net Change in Unrealized Gain or Loss

We generally measure realized gain or loss by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the amortized cost basis of the investment, without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized, but considering unamortized origination or commitment fees and prepayment penalties. The net change in unrealized gain or loss reflects the change in portfolio investment values during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized gain or loss, when gains or losses are realized. Gains or losses on investments are calculated by using the specific identification method.

Income Taxes

Solar Capital, a U.S. corporation, has elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. In order to qualify for taxation as a RIC, the Company is required, among other things, to timely distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a given tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year distributions into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. To the extent that the Company determines that its estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year distributions, the Company accrues an estimated excise tax, if any, on estimated excess taxable income.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In October 2016, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission adopted new rules and amended rules (together, "final rules") intended to modernize the reporting and disclosure of information by registered investment companies. In part, the final rules amend Regulation S-X and require standardized, enhanced disclosure about derivatives in investment company financial statements, as well as other amendments. The compliance date for the amendments to Regulation S-X was August 1, 2017. The Company has evaluated the impact that the adoption of the amendments to Regulation S-X on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures and determined that the adoption of the amendments to Regulation S-X has not had a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In November 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows, which will amend FASB ASC 230. The amendments in this Update require that a statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. Therefore, amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents should be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts shown on the statement of cash flows. The amendments in this Update apply to all entities that have restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents and are required to present a statement of cash flows under Topic 230. For public business entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim

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period. The Company is evaluating the impact of ASU 2016-18 on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

In December 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-19, Technical Corrections and Improvements. As part of this guidance, ASU 2016-19 amends FASB ASC 820 to clarify the difference between a valuation approach and a valuation technique. The amendment also requires an entity to disclose when there has been a change in either or both a valuation approach and/or a valuation technique. ASU 2016-19 is effective on a prospective basis for financial statements issued for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2016 on a prospective basis. The Company has evaluated the impact of ASU 2016-19 on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures and determined that the adoption of ASU 2016-19 has not had a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-08, Premium Amortization on Purchased Callable Debt Securities, which will amend FASB ASC 310-20. The amendments in this Update shorten the amortization period for certain callable debt securities held at a premium, generally requiring the premium to be amortized to the earliest call date. For public business entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The Company is evaluating the impact of ASU 2017-08 on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASC 606, Revenue From Contracts With Customers, originally effective for public business entities with annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. On August 12, 2015, the FASB issued an ASU, Revenue From Contracts With Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date, which deferred the effective date of ASC 606 for one year. ASC 606 provides accounting guidance related to revenue from contracts with customers. For public business entities, ASC 606 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The Company is evaluating the impact of ASC 606 but does not currently believe that the application of ASC 606 will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Results comparisons are for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016:

Investment Income

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, gross investment income totaled \$36.1 million and \$104.4 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, gross investment income totaled \$39.8 million and \$115.2 million, respectively. The decrease in gross investment income for the year over year three and nine month periods was primarily due to an increase in the volume of prepayments and other exits which reduced the average size of the income-producing investment portfolio.

Expenses

Expenses totaled \$18.8 million and \$54.7 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, of which \$11.1 million and \$32.4 million, respectively, were base management fees and performance-based incentive fees and \$5.3 million and \$16.0 million, respectively, were interest and other credit facility expenses. Administrative services and other general and administrative expenses totaled \$2.4 million and \$6.3 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017. Expenses totaled \$22.8 million and \$61.7 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016,

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of which \$11.6 million and \$34.6 million, respectively, were base management fees and performance-based incentive fees and \$8.5 million and \$19.1 million, respectively, were interest and other credit facility expenses. Administrative services and other general and administrative expenses totaled \$2.7 million and \$8.0 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016. Expenses generally consist of management and performance-based incentive fees, administrative services fees, insurance expenses, legal fees, directors' fees, transfer agency fees, printing and proxy expenses, audit and tax services expenses, and other general and administrative expenses. Interest and other credit facility expenses generally consist of interest, unused fees, agency fees and loan origination fees, if any, among others. The decrease in expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 versus the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 was primarily due to lower management, performance-based incentive fees and interest expense on a smaller average portfolio size.

Net Investment Income

The Company's net investment income totaled \$17.3 million and \$49.7 million, or \$0.41 and \$1.18, per average share, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017. The Company's net investment income totaled \$17.0 million and \$53.5 million, or \$0.40 and \$1.26, per average share, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Net Realized Gain (Loss)

The Company had investment sales and prepayments totaling approximately \$56 million and \$271 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017. Net realized losses over the same periods were \$8.5 million and \$8.1 million, respectively. The Company had investment sales and prepayments totaling approximately \$273 million and \$365 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016. Net realized gains over the same periods were \$0.8 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. Net realized losses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 were primarily related to the exit of Direct Buy Inc. from the portfolio. Net realized gains for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 were related to the sale of select assets.

Net Change in Unrealized Gain (Loss)

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, net change in unrealized gain on the Company's assets and liabilities totaled \$8.4 million and \$11.4 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, net change in unrealized gain on the Company's assets and liabilities totaled \$7.8 million and \$34.8 million, respectively. Net unrealized gain for the three months ended September 30, 2017 is primarily due to the reversal of unrealized depreciation on our investment in Direct Buy Inc. due to its exit from the portfolio, as well as appreciation in the value of our investments in Breathe Technologies, Inc. and Aegis Toxicology Sciences Corporation, among others. Partially offsetting the net change in unrealized gain was depreciation on our investments in Rug Doctor, Kore Wireless Group, Inc., American Teleconferencing Services, Ltd. and Crystal Financial LLC, among others. Net unrealized gain for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 is primarily due to the reversal of unrealized depreciation on our investment in Direct Buy Inc. due to its exit from the portfolio, as well as appreciation in the value of our investments in Bishop Lifting Products, Inc., Breathe Technologies, Inc., Aegis Toxicology Sciences Corporation, and Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC, among others. Partially offsetting the net change in unrealized gain was unrealized depreciation on our investments in Rug Doctor and Kore Wireless Group, Inc., among others. Net unrealized gain for the three months ended September 30, 2016 is primarily due to appreciation in the value of our investments in Global Tel*Link Corporation, Bishop Lifting Products, Inc., and Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC,

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among others. Partially offsetting the net change in unrealized gain was depreciation on our investments in Breath Technologies, Inc. and Rug Doctor, among others. Net unrealized gain for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 is primarily due to appreciation in the value of our investments in WireCo Worldgroup Inc., Crystal Financial, LLC, Global Tel*Link Corporation, Asurion, LLC, Rug Doctor, The Robbins Company and LegalZoom.com, Inc., among others. Partially offsetting the net change in unrealized gain was depreciation on our investments in Senior Secured Unitranch Loan Program LLC, Breathe Technologies, Inc. and Aegis Toxicology Sciences Corporation, among others.

Net Increase in Net Assets From Operations

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company had a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of \$17.2 million and \$53.1 million, respectively. For the same periods, earnings per average share were \$0.41 and \$1.26, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company had a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of \$25.6 million and \$89.0 million, respectively. For the same periods, earnings per average share were \$0.61 and \$2.11, respectively.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's liquidity and capital resources are generated and generally available through its Credit Facility maturing in September 2021, through cash flows from operations, investment sales, prepayments of senior and subordinated loans, income earned on investments and cash equivalents, and periodic follow-on equity and/or debt offerings. As of September 30, 2017, we had a total of \$220.0 million of unused borrowing capacity under the Credit Facility, subject to borrowing base limits.

We may from time to time issue equity and/or debt securities in either public or private offerings. The issuance of such securities will depend on future market conditions, funding needs and other factors and there can be no assurance that any such issuance will occur or be successful. The primary uses of existing funds and any funds raised in the future is expected to be for investments in portfolio companies, repayment of indebtedness, cash distributions to our shareholders, or for other general corporate purposes.

On February 15, 2017, the Company closed a private offering of \$100 million of the 2022 Unsecured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 4.60% and a maturity date of May 8, 2022. Interest on the 2022 Unsecured Notes is due semi-annually on May 8 and November 8. The 2022 Unsecured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On November 8, 2016, the Company closed a private offering of \$50 million of the 2022 Unsecured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 4.40% and a maturity date of May 8, 2022. Interest on the 2022 Unsecured Notes is due semi-annually on May 8 and November 8. The 2022 Unsecured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On January 11, 2013, the Company closed its most recent follow-on public equity offering of 6.3 million shares of common stock raising approximately \$146.9 million in net proceeds. The primary uses of the funds raised were for investments in portfolio companies, reductions in revolving debt outstanding and for other general corporate purposes.

On November 16, 2012, we issued \$100 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2042 Unsecured Notes for net proceeds of \$96.9 million. Interest on the 2042 Unsecured Notes is paid quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15, at a rate of 6.75% per year, commencing on February 15, 2013. The 2042 Unsecured Notes mature on November 15, 2042. The Company may redeem the 2042 Unsecured Notes in whole or in part at any time or from time to time on or after November 15, 2017.

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On May 10, 2012, the Company closed a private offering of \$75 million of Senior Secured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 5.875% and a maturity date of May 10, 2017. Interest on the Senior Secured Notes was due semi-annually on May 10 and November 10. The Senior Secured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. On May 10, 2017, the Senior Secured Notes matured and were repaid in full by the Company.

The primary uses of existing funds and any funds raised in the future are expected to be for repayment of indebtedness, investments in portfolio companies, cash distributions to our shareholders or for other general corporate purposes.

Cash Equivalents

We deem certain U.S. Treasury bills, repurchase agreements and other high-quality, short-term debt securities as cash equivalents. The Company makes purchases that are consistent with its purpose of making investments in securities described in paragraphs 1 through 3 of Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act. From time to time, including at or near the end of each fiscal quarter, we consider using various temporary investment strategies for our business. One strategy includes taking proactive steps by utilizing cash equivalents as temporary assets with the objective of enhancing our investment flexibility pursuant to Section 55 of the 1940 Act. More specifically, from time-to-time we may purchase U.S. Treasury bills or other high-quality, short-term debt securities at or near the end of the quarter and typically close out the position on a net cash basis subsequent to quarter end. We may also utilize repurchase agreements or other balance sheet transactions, including drawing down on our credit facilities, as deemed appropriate. The amount of these transactions or such drawn cash for this purpose is excluded from total assets for purposes of computing the asset base upon which the management fee is determined. We held approximately \$200 million in cash equivalents as of September 30, 2017.

Debt

Unsecured Notes

On February 15, 2017, the Company closed a private offering of \$100 million of the 2022 Unsecured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 4.60% and a maturity date of May 8, 2022. Interest on the 2022 Unsecured Notes is due semi-annually on May 8 and November 8. The 2022 Unsecured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On November 8, 2016, the Company closed a private offering of \$50 million of the 2022 Unsecured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 4.40% and a maturity date of May 8, 2022. Interest on the 2022 Unsecured Notes is due semi-annually on May 8 and November 8. The 2022 Unsecured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On November 16, 2012, the Company and U.S. Bank National Association entered into an Indenture and a First Supplemental Indenture relating to the Company's issuance, offer and sale of \$100 million aggregate principal amount of its 2042 Unsecured Notes. The 2042 Unsecured Notes will mature on November 15, 2042 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at the Company's option at any time or from time to time on or after November 15, 2017 at a redemption price of \$25 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. The 2042 Unsecured Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.75% per year payable quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year. The 2042 Unsecured Notes are direct senior unsecured obligations of the Company.

Revolving & Term Loan Facility

On September 30, 2016, the Company entered into a second Credit Facility amendment. Post amendment, the Credit Facility was composed of \$505 million of revolving credit and \$50 million of term loans. Borrowings

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generally bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the base rate plus a range of 2.00-2.25% or the alternate base rate plus 1.00%-1.25%. The Credit Facility has no LIBOR floor requirement. The Credit Facility matures in September 2021 and includes ratable amortization in the final year. The Credit Facility may be increased up to \$800 million with additional new lenders or an increase in commitments from current lenders. The Credit Facility contains certain customary affirmative and negative covenants and events of default. In addition, the Credit Facility contains certain financial covenants that among other things, requires the Company to maintain a minimum shareholder's equity and a minimum asset coverage ratio. The Company also pays issuers of funded term loans quarterly in arrears a commitment fee at the rate of 0.25% per annum on the average daily outstanding balance. On February 23, 2017, the Company prepaid its non-extending lenders and terminated their commitments, reducing total outstanding revolving credit commitments by \$110 million to \$395 million. At September 30, 2017, outstanding USD equivalent borrowings under the Credit Facility totaled \$225 million, composed of \$175 million of revolving credit and \$50 million of term loans.

Senior Secured Notes

On May 10, 2012, the Company closed a private offering of \$75 million of Senior Secured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 5.875% and a maturity date of May 10, 2017. Interest on the Senior Secured Notes was due semi-annually on May 10 and November 10. The Senior Secured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. On May 10, 2017, the Senior Secured Notes matured and were repaid in full by the Company.

Certain covenants on our issued debt may restrict our business activities, including limitations that could hinder our ability to finance additional loans and investments or to make the distributions required to maintain our status as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. At September 30, 2017, the Company was in compliance with all financial and operational covenants required by the Credit Facilities.

Contractual Obligations

A summary of our significant contractual payment obligations is as follows as of September 30, 2017:

Payments Due by Period (in millions)

	Total	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More Than 5 Years
Revolving credit facility ⁽¹⁾	\$ 175.0	\$	\$	\$ 175.0	\$
Unsecured senior notes	250.0			150.0	100.0
Term Loans	50.0			50.0	

(1) As of September 30, 2017, we had a total of \$220.0 million of unused borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility, subject to borrowing base limits.

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Information about our senior securities is shown in the following table (in thousands) as of each year ended December 31 since the Company commenced operations, unless otherwise noted. The ⁽¹⁾ indicates information which the SEC expressly does not require to be disclosed for certain types of senior securities.

Class and Year	Total Amount Outstanding⁽¹⁾	Asset Coverage Per Unit⁽²⁾	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Unit⁽³⁾	Average Market Value Per Unit⁽⁴⁾
Revolving Credit Facility				
Fiscal 2017 (through September 30, 2017)	\$ 175,000	\$ 1,083		N/A
Fiscal 2016	115,200	990		N/A
Fiscal 2015	207,900	1,459		N/A
Fiscal 2014				N/A
Fiscal 2013				N/A
Fiscal 2012	264,452	1,510		N/A
Fiscal 2011	201,355	3,757		N/A
Fiscal 2010	400,000	2,668		N/A
Fiscal 2009	88,114	8,920		N/A
2022 Unsecured Notes				
Fiscal 2017 (through September 30, 2017)	\$ 150,000	\$ 928		N/A
Fiscal 2016	50,000	430		N/A
2042 Unsecured Notes				
Fiscal 2017 (through September 30, 2017)	\$ 100,000	\$ 619		\$ 1,014
Fiscal 2016	100,000	859		1,002
Fiscal 2015	100,000	702		982
Fiscal 2014	100,000	2,294		943
Fiscal 2013	100,000	2,411		934
Fiscal 2012	100,000	571		923
Senior Secured Notes				
Fiscal 2017 (through September 30, 2017)	\$	\$		N/A
Fiscal 2016	75,000	645		N/A
Fiscal 2015	75,000	527		N/A
Fiscal 2014	75,000	1,721		N/A
Fiscal 2013	75,000	1,808		N/A
Fiscal 2012	75,000	428		N/A
Term Loans				
Fiscal 2017 (through September 30, 2017)	\$ 50,000	\$ 309		N/A
Fiscal 2016	50,000	430		N/A
Fiscal 2015	50,000	351		N/A
Fiscal 2014	50,000	1,147		N/A
Fiscal 2013	50,000	1,206		N/A
Fiscal 2012	50,000	285		N/A
Fiscal 2011	35,000	653		N/A
Fiscal 2010	35,000	233		N/A

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Class and Year	Total Amount Outstanding⁽¹⁾	Asset Coverage Per Unit⁽²⁾	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Unit⁽³⁾	Average Market Value Per Unit⁽⁴⁾
Total Senior Securities				
Fiscal 2017 (through September 30, 2017)	\$ 475,000	\$ 2,939		N/A
Fiscal 2016	390,200	3,354		N/A
Fiscal 2015	432,900	3,039		N/A
Fiscal 2014	225,000	5,162		N/A
Fiscal 2013	225,000	5,425		N/A
Fiscal 2012	489,452	2,794		N/A
Fiscal 2011	236,355	4,410		N/A
Fiscal 2010	435,000	2,901		N/A
Fiscal 2009	88,114	8,920		N/A

(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 all senior securities representing indebtedness. This asset coverage ratio is multiplied by one thousand to determine the Asset Coverage Per Unit. In order to determine the specific Asset Coverage Per Unit for each class of debt, the total Asset Coverage Per Unit is allocated based on the amount outstanding in each class of debt at the end of the period. As of September 30, 2017, asset coverage was 293.9%.

(3) The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon the involuntary liquidation of the issuer in preference to any security junior to it.

(4) Not applicable except for the 2042 Unsecured Notes which are publicly traded. The Average Market Value Per Unit is calculated by taking the daily average closing price during the period and dividing it by twenty-five dollars per share and multiplying the result by one thousand to determine a unit price per thousand consistent with Asset Coverage Per Unit. The average market value for the fiscal 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 periods was \$101,360, \$100,175, \$98,196, \$94,301, \$93,392, and \$92,302, respectively.

We have also entered into two contracts under which we have future commitments: the Advisory Agreement, pursuant to which Solar Capital Partners, LLC has agreed to serve as our investment adviser, and the Administration Agreement, pursuant to which the Administrator has agreed to furnish us with the facilities and administrative services necessary to conduct our day-to-day operations and provide on our behalf managerial assistance to those portfolio companies to which we are required to provide such assistance. Payments under the Advisory Agreement are equal to (1) a percentage of the value of our average gross assets and (2) a two-part incentive fee. Payments under the Administration Agreement are equal to an amount based upon our allocable portion of the Administrator's overhead in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent, technology systems, insurance and our allocable portion of the costs of our chief financial officer and chief compliance officer and their respective staffs. Either party may terminate each of the Advisory Agreement and administration agreement without penalty upon 60 days' written notice to the other. See note 3 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

On October 15, 2015, SSLP entered into an amended and restated servicing agreement with the Company. SSLP engaged and retained the Company to provide certain administrative services relating to the facilities, supplies and necessary ongoing overhead support services for the operation of SSLP's ongoing business affairs in exchange for a fee. Either party may terminate this agreement upon 30 days' written notice to the other.

On August 5, 2016, SSLP II entered into a servicing agreement with the Company. SSLP II engaged and retained the Company to provide certain administrative services relating to the facilities, supplies and necessary ongoing overhead support services for the operation of SSLP II's ongoing business affairs in exchange for a fee. Either party may terminate this agreement upon 30 days' written notice to the other.

Table of Contents**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company had unfunded debt and equity commitments to various delayed draw loans as well as to Crystal Financial LLC. The total amount of these unfunded commitments as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 is \$54.9 million and \$64.0 million, respectively, comprised of the following:

(in millions)	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Crystal Financial LLC	\$ 44.3	\$ 44.3
Delphinus Medical Technologies, Inc.	3.7	
aTyr Pharma, Inc.	2.5	5.0
MRI Software LLC	2.4	
CardioFocus, Inc.	2.0	
Vapotherm, Inc.		10.0
SentreHeart, Inc.		2.5
Conventus Orthopaedics, Inc.		2.2
Total Commitments*	\$ 54.9	\$ 64.0

* The Company controls the funding of the Crystal Financial LLC commitment and may cancel it at its discretion.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had sufficient cash available and/or liquid securities available to fund its commitments as well as the commitments to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC (SSLP), Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC (SSLP II) and Solar Life Science Program LLC (LSJV), all disclosed in the notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

In the normal course of its business, we invest or trade in various financial instruments and may enter into various investment activities with off-balance sheet risk, which may include forward foreign currency contracts. Generally, these financial instruments represent future commitments to purchase or sell other financial instruments at specific terms at future dates. These financial instruments contain varying degrees of off-balance sheet risk whereby changes in the market value or our satisfaction of the obligations may exceed the amount recognized in our Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

Table of Contents**Distributions**

The following table reflects the cash distributions per share on our common stock for the two most recent fiscal years and the current fiscal year to date:

Date Declared	Record Date	Payment Date	Amount
Fiscal 2017			
November 2, 2017	December 21, 2017	January 4, 2018	\$ 0.40
August 1, 2017	September 21, 2017	October 3, 2017	0.40
May 2, 2017	June 22, 2017	July 5, 2017	0.40
February 22, 2017	March 23, 2017	April 4, 2017	0.40
<i>Total 2017</i>			\$ 1.60
Fiscal 2016			
November 2, 2016	December 15, 2016	January 4, 2017	\$ 0.40
August 2, 2016	September 22, 2016	October 4, 2016	0.40
May 3, 2016	June 23, 2016	July 1, 2016	0.40
February 24, 2016	March 24, 2016	April 1, 2016	0.40
<i>Total 2016</i>			\$ 1.60
Fiscal 2015			
November 3, 2015	December 17, 2015	January 6, 2016	\$ 0.40
August 4, 2015	September 24, 2015	October 2, 2015	0.40
May 5, 2015	June 25, 2015	July 1, 2015	0.40
February 25, 2015	March 19, 2015	April 2, 2015	0.40
<i>Total 2015</i>			\$ 1.60

Tax characteristics of all distributions will be reported to shareholders on Form 1099 after the end of the calendar year. Future quarterly distributions, if any, will be determined by our Board. We expect that our distributions to stockholders will generally be from accumulated net investment income, from net realized capital gains or non-taxable return of capital, if any, as applicable.

We have elected to be taxed as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. To maintain our RIC status, we must distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, out of the assets legally available for distribution. In addition, although we currently intend to distribute realized net capital gains (*i.e.*, net long-term capital gains in excess of short-term capital losses), if any, at least annually, out of the assets legally available for such distributions, we may in the future decide to retain such capital gains for investment.

We maintain an opt out dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders. As a result, if we declare a distribution, then stockholders cash distributions will be automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, unless they specifically opt out of the dividend reinvestment plan so as to receive cash distributions.

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 in the future be limited in our ability to make distributions. Also, our revolving credit facility may limit our ability to declare distributions if we default under certain provisions. If we do not distribute a certain percentage of our income annually, we will suffer adverse

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tax consequences, including possible loss of the tax benefits available to us as a regulated investment company. In addition, in accordance with GAAP and tax regulations, we include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest added to the loan balance that becomes due at the end of the loan term, or the accrual of original issue or market discount. Since we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty meeting the requirement to distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income to obtain tax benefits as a regulated investment company.

With respect to the distributions to stockholders, income from origination, structuring, closing and certain other upfront fees associated with investments in portfolio companies are treated as taxable income and accordingly, distributed to stockholders.

Related Parties

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

We have entered into the Advisory Agreement with Solar Capital Partners. Mr. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer and board member, are managing members and senior investment professionals of, and have financial and controlling interests in, the Investment Adviser. In addition, Mr. Peteka, our Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Corporate Secretary serves as the Chief Financial Officer for Solar Capital Partners.

The Administrator provides us with the office facilities and administrative services necessary to conduct day-to-day operations pursuant to our Administration Agreement. We reimburse the Administrator for the allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by it in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent, the fees and expenses associated with performing compliance functions, and the compensation of our chief compliance officer, our chief financial officer and any administrative support staff.

We have entered into a license agreement with the Investment Adviser, pursuant to which the Investment Adviser has granted us a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name Solar Capital.

The Investment Adviser may also manage other funds in the future that may have investment mandates that are similar, in whole and in part, with ours. For example, the Investment Adviser presently serves as investment adviser to Solar Senior Capital Ltd., a publicly traded BDC, which focuses on investing in senior secured loans, including first lien and second lien debt instruments. In addition, Michael S. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Bruce Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer, and Richard L. Peteka, our Chief Financial Officer, serve in similar capacities for Solar Senior Capital Ltd. The Investment Adviser and certain investment advisory affiliates may determine that an investment is appropriate for us and for one or more of those other funds. In such event, depending on the availability of such investment and other appropriate factors, the Investment Adviser or its affiliates may determine that we should invest side-by-side with one or more other funds. Any such investments will be made only to the extent permitted by applicable law and interpretive positions of the SEC and its staff, and consistent with the Investment Adviser's allocation procedures.

Related party transactions may occur between Solar Capital Ltd. and Crystal Financial LLC, between Solar Capital Ltd. and Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC, between Solar Capital Ltd. and SSLP 2016-1, LLC, between Solar Capital Ltd. and Solar Life Science Program LLC, between Solar Capital Ltd. and Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC, between Solar Capital Ltd. and SSLP II 2016-1, LLC and between Solar Capital Ltd. and NEF Holdings LLC. These transactions may occur in the normal course of business. No administrative

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fees are paid to Solar Capital Partners by Crystal Financial LLC, Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC, Solar Life Science Program LLC, Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC or NEF Holdings LLC.

In addition, we have adopted a formal code of ethics that governs the conduct of our officers and directors. Our officers and directors also remain subject to the duties imposed by both the 1940 Act and the Maryland General Corporation Law.

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Table of Contents**Senior securities**

Information about our senior securities is shown in the following table (in thousands) as of each year ended December 31 since the Company commenced operations and as of September 30, 2017, unless otherwise noted. The report of our independent registered public accounting firm on the senior securities table as of December 31 since the Company commenced operations, unless otherwise noted is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are a part. The indicates information which the SEC expressly does not require to be disclosed for certain types of senior securities.

Class and year	Total amount	Asset coverage	Involuntary liquidating preference	Average market value
	outstanding ⁽¹⁾	per unit ⁽²⁾	per unit ⁽³⁾	per unit ⁽⁴⁾
Revolving Credit Facility				
Fiscal 2017 (as of September 30, 2017, unaudited)	\$ 175,000	\$ 1,083		N/A
Fiscal 2016	115,200	990		N/A
Fiscal 2015	207,900	1,459		N/A
Fiscal 2014				N/A
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Fiscal 2012	264,452	1,510		N/A
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Fiscal 2009	88,114	8,920		N/A
2022 Unsecured Senior Notes				
Fiscal 2017 (as of September 30, 2017, unaudited)	\$ 150,000	\$ 928		N/A
Fiscal 2016	50,000	430		N/A
2042 Unsecured Senior Notes				
Fiscal 2017 (as of September 30, 2017, unaudited)	\$ 100,000	\$ 619		\$ 1,013
Fiscal 2016	100,000	859		1,002
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Senior Secured Notes				
Fiscal 2017 (as of September 30, 2017, unaudited)	\$	\$		N/A
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Fiscal 2017 (as of September 30, 2017, unaudited)	\$ 50,000	\$ 309		N/A
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Fiscal 2014	50,000	1,147		N/A
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Fiscal 2012	50,000	285		N/A
Fiscal 2011	35,000	653		N/A
Fiscal 2010	35,000	233		N/A
Total Senior Securities				
Fiscal 2017 (as of September 30, 2017, unaudited)	\$ 475,000	\$ 2,939		N/A
Fiscal 2016	390,200	3,354		N/A
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Fiscal 2010	435,000	2,901		N/A
Fiscal 2009	88,114	8,920		N/A

(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 all senior securities representing indebtedness. This asset coverage ratio is multiplied by one thousand to determine the Asset Coverage Per Unit. In order to determine the specific Asset Coverage Per Unit for each class of debt, the total Asset Coverage Per Unit is allocated based on the amount outstanding in each class of debt at the end of the period. As of September 30, 2017, asset coverage was 293.9%.

(3) The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon the involuntary liquidation of the issuer in preference to any security junior to it.

(4) Not applicable except for the 2042 Unsecured Notes which are publicly traded. The Average Market Value Per Unit is calculated by taking the daily average closing price during the period and dividing it by twenty-five dollars per share and multiplying the result by one thousand to determine a unit price per thousand consistent with Asset Coverage Per Unit. The average market value for the fiscal 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 periods was \$101,286, \$100,175, \$98,196, \$94,301, \$93,392, and \$92,302, respectively.

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Description of notes

The following description of the particular terms of the % Notes due January , 2023 supplements and, to the extent inconsistent with, replaces the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities set forth in the accompanying prospectus.

We will issue the Notes under a base indenture, dated as of November 16, 2012, between us and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the trustee), as supplemented by a separate supplemental indenture, to be dated as of the settlement date for the Notes. As used in this section, all references to the indenture mean the base indenture as supplemented by the supplemental indenture. The terms of the Notes include those expressly set forth in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the Notes and the indenture and does not purport to be complete. This summary is subject to and is qualified by reference to all the provisions of the Notes and the indenture, including the definitions of certain terms used in the indenture. We urge you to read these documents because they, and not this description, define your rights as a holder of the Notes.

For purposes of this description, references to we, our and us refer only to Solar Capital Ltd. and not to any of its current or future subsidiaries and references to subsidiaries refer only to our consolidated subsidiaries and exclude any investments held by Solar Capital Ltd. in the ordinary course of business which are not, under United States generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), consolidated on the financial statements of Solar Capital Ltd. and its subsidiaries.

General

The Notes:

will be our general unsecured, senior obligations;

will initially be issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$;

will mature on , 2023, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased, as discussed below;

will bear cash interest from , 2017, at an annual rate of %, payable semi-annually on and of each year, beginning on , 2018;

will be subject to redemption at our option as described under Optional Redemption;

will be subject to repurchase by us at the option of the holders following a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined below under Offer to repurchase upon a change of control repurchase event), at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of repurchase;

will be issued in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 thereof; and

will be represented by one or more registered Notes in global form, but in certain limited circumstances may be represented by Notes in definitive form. See Book-entry, settlement and clearance.

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The indenture does not limit the amount of debt that may be issued by us or our subsidiaries under the indenture or otherwise, but does contain a covenant regarding our asset coverage that would have to be satisfied at the time of incurrence of additional indebtedness. See Covenants Other covenants. The indenture does not contain any financial covenants and does not restrict us from paying dividends or

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distributions or issuing or repurchasing our other securities. Other than restrictions described under Offer to repurchase upon a change of control repurchase event and Merger, consolidation or sale of assets below, the indenture does not contain any covenants or other provisions designed to afford holders of the Notes protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction involving us or in the event of a decline in our credit rating as the result of a takeover, recapitalization, highly leveraged transaction or similar restructuring involving us that could adversely affect such holders.

We may, without the consent of the holders, issue additional Notes under the indenture with the same terms as the Notes offered hereby in an unlimited aggregate principal amount; *provided* that, if such additional Notes are not fungible with the Notes offered hereby (or any other tranche of additional Notes) for U.S. federal income tax purposes, then such additional Notes will have different CUSIP numbers from the Notes offered hereby (and any such other tranche of additional Notes).

We do not intend to list the Notes on any securities exchange or any automated dealer quotation system.

Payments on the notes; paying agent and registrar; transfer and exchange

We will pay the principal of, and interest on, the Notes in global form registered in the name of or held by DTC or its nominee in immediately available funds to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder of such global note.

Payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and any such interest on the Notes will be made at the corporate trust office of the trustee in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided*, however, that at our option payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the security register.

A holder of the Notes may transfer or exchange Notes at the office of the registrar in accordance with the indenture. The security registrar and the trustee may require a holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents. No service charge will be imposed by us, the trustee or the security registrar for any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, but we may require a holder to pay a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or other similar governmental charge required by law or permitted by the indenture.

The registered holder of a Note will be treated as its owner for all purposes.

Interest

The Notes will bear cash interest at a rate of % per year until maturity. Interest on the Notes will accrue from , 2017 or from the most recent date on which interest has been paid or duly provided for. Interest will be payable semi-annually in arrears on and of each year, beginning on , 2018.

Interest will be paid to the person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on or , as the case may be, immediately preceding the relevant interest payment date. Interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months.

If any interest payment date, the maturity date, a redemption date or any earlier required repurchase date upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event (defined below) of a Note falls on a day that is not a business day, the required payment will be made on the next succeeding business day and no interest on such payment will accrue in respect of the delay. The term business day means, with respect to any Note, each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday which is not a day on which banking institutions in New York City are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

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Ranking

The Notes will be our general, unsecured obligations and will rank:

equal in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior, unsecured indebtedness (including our \$250 million aggregate principal amount of the Unsecured Notes);

senior in right of payment to any of our future unsecured indebtedness that expressly provides it is subordinated, or junior, to the Notes;

effectively subordinated, or junior, to our existing and future secured indebtedness (including indebtedness that is initially unsecured in respect of which we subsequently grant security), including without limitation, approximately \$225 million aggregate principal amount of our indebtedness outstanding as of September 30, 2017 under our \$445 million Credit Facility (comprised of a \$395 million revolving credit facility and a \$50 million term loan), to the extent of the value of the assets securing the Credit Facility or such other secured indebtedness; and

structurally subordinated, or junior, to all existing and future indebtedness and other obligations of any of our subsidiaries or financing vehicles, if any.

As of September 30, 2017, we and our subsidiaries had \$475 million of senior indebtedness outstanding, \$225 million of which was secured indebtedness and \$250 million of which was unsecured indebtedness.

Optional redemption

We may redeem some or all of the Notes at any time, or from time to time. If we choose to redeem any Notes prior to maturity, we will pay a redemption price equal to the greater of the following amounts:

100% of the principal amount of each Note to be redeemed; or

the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (exclusive of accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption) on each Note to be redeemed, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) using the applicable Treasury Rate plus basis points.
plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date; *provided*, however, that if we redeem any Notes on or after , 2022 (the date falling one month prior to the maturity date of the Notes), the redemption price for each such Note will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of each Note to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

If we choose to redeem any Notes, we will deliver a notice of redemption to holders of Notes not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before the redemption date. If we redeem only some of the Notes, the trustee will determine the method for selection of the particular Notes to be redeemed, in accordance with the indenture and the 1940 Act, to the extent applicable, *provided*, however, that no such partial redemption shall reduce the portion of the principal amount of a Note not redeemed to less than \$2,000. 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. The Credit Facility and the note purchase agreement governing the 2022 Unsecured Notes include provisions that prohibit us from exercising our optional redemption right without complying with certain repurchase conditions or obtaining the consent of the lenders under the Credit Facility and the holders of the 2022 Unsecured Notes.

For purposes of calculating the redemption price in connection with the redemption of any Notes, on any redemption date, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

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Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by the Reference Treasury Dealer as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term of the Notes to be

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redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financing practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Notes being redeemed.

Comparable Treasury Price means (1) the average of the remaining Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for the redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the Quotation Agent obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

Quotation Agent means a Reference Treasury Dealer selected by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer means each of (1) J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and (2) Wells Fargo Securities, LLC or their respective affiliates that are primary U.S. government securities dealers and their respective successors; *provided*, however, that if any of the foregoing or their affiliates shall cease to be a primary U.S. government securities dealer in the United States (a **Primary Treasury Dealer**), we will select another Primary Treasury Dealer.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Quotation Agent, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Quotation Agent by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 3:30 p.m. New York time on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield-to-maturity or interpolated maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue (computed as of the third business day immediately preceding the redemption), assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date. The redemption price and the Treasury Rate will be determined by us.

Offer to repurchase upon a change of control repurchase event

If a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the Notes in full, we will make an offer to each holder of Notes to repurchase all or any part (in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 principal amount) of that holder's Notes at a repurchase price per Note in cash equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes repurchased to, but excluding, the date of purchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control Repurchase Event or, at our option, prior to any Change of Control, but after the public announcement of the Change of Control, we will send a notice to each holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control Repurchase Event and offering to repurchase Notes on the payment date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed. The notice will, if sent prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Repurchase Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice. We will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control Repurchase Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the Notes, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the Notes by virtue of such conflict.

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On the Change of Control Repurchase Event payment date, subject to extension if necessary to comply with the provisions of the 1940 Act, we will, to the extent lawful:

- (1) accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered pursuant to our offer;
- (2) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered; and
- (3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the Notes properly accepted, together with an officers certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes being purchased by us.

The paying agent will promptly remit to each holder of Notes properly tendered the purchase price for the Notes, and the trustee will promptly authenticate and deliver (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Notes surrendered; *provided* that each new Note will be in a minimum principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

We will not be required to make an offer to repurchase the Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event if a third party makes an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by us and such third party purchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

The source of funds that will be required to repurchase Notes in the event of a Change of Control Repurchase Event will be our available cash or cash generated from our operations or other potential sources, including funds provided by a purchaser in the Change of Control transaction, borrowings, sales of assets or sales of equity. We cannot assure you that sufficient funds from such sources will be available at the time of any Change of Control Repurchase Event to make required repurchases of Notes tendered. Before making any such repurchase of Notes, we would also have to comply with certain requirements under our Credit Facility and the 2022 Unsecured Notes, to the extent such requirements remain in effect at such time, or otherwise obtain consent from the lenders under the Credit Facility and the holders of the 2022 Unsecured Notes. The terms of our Credit Facility provide that certain change of control events will constitute an event of default thereunder entitling the lenders to accelerate any indebtedness outstanding under the Credit Facility at that time and to terminate the Credit Facility. Similarly, the note purchase agreement governing our 2022 Unsecured Notes contains a provision that would require us to offer to purchase the 2022 Unsecured Notes upon the occurrence of certain change of control events. In addition, the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event enabling the holders of the Notes to require the mandatory purchase of the Notes would constitute an event of default under our Credit Facility, and may constitute an event of default under the note purchase agreement governing the 2022 Unsecured Notes, entitling the lenders to accelerate any indebtedness outstanding under our Credit Facility at that time and to terminate the Credit Facility and entitling the holders of the 2022 Unsecured Notes to accelerate any indebtedness outstanding under the note purchase agreement. See Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations Liquidity and capital resources in this prospectus supplement for a general discussion of our indebtedness. Our future debt instruments may contain similar restrictions and provisions. If the holders of the Notes exercise their right to require us to repurchase Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event, the financial effect of this repurchase could cause a default under our future debt instruments, even if the Change of Control Repurchase Event itself would not cause a default. It is possible that we will not have sufficient funds at the time of the Change of Control Repurchase Event to make the required repurchase of the Notes and/or our other debt. See Risk Factors We may not be able to repurchase the Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of our properties or assets and those of our

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subsidiaries taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all, there is no precise, established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a holder of Notes to require us to repurchase the Notes as a result of a sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries taken as a whole to another person or group may be uncertain.

For purposes of the Notes:

Below Investment Grade Rating Event means the Notes are downgraded below Investment Grade by both Rating Agencies on any date from the date of the public notice of an arrangement that results in a Change of Control until the end of the 60-day period following public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the Notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by either of the Rating Agencies); *provided* that a Below Investment Grade Rating Event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Below Investment Grade Rating Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Repurchase Event hereunder) if the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not announce or publicly confirm or inform the trustee in writing at its request that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Below Investment Grade Rating Event).

Change of Control means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation) in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of Solar Capital and its Controlled Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any person or group (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than to any Permitted Holders; *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, a pledge of assets pursuant to any secured debt instrument of Solar Capital or its Controlled Subsidiaries shall not be deemed to be any such sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or disposition;
- (2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person or group (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) (other than any Permitted Holders) becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the outstanding Voting Stock of Solar Capital, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; or
- (3) the approval by Solar Capital's shareholders of any plan or proposal relating to the liquidation or dissolution of Solar Capital.

Change of Control Repurchase Event means the occurrence of a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event.

Controlled Subsidiary means any subsidiary of Solar Capital, 50% or more of the outstanding equity interests of which are owned by Solar Capital and its direct or indirect subsidiaries and of which Solar Capital possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies, whether through the ownership of voting equity interests, by agreement or otherwise.

Fitch means Fitch, Inc., also known as Fitch Ratings, or any successor thereto.

Investment Grade means a rating of BBB or better by Fitch (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Fitch) and BBB or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of S&P)

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(or, in each case, if such Rating Agency ceases to rate the Notes for reasons outside of our control, the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any Rating Agency selected by us as a replacement Rating Agency).

Permitted Holders means (i) us, (ii) one or more of our Controlled Subsidiaries and (iii) Solar Capital LLC or any affiliate of Solar Capital LLC that is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction located in the United States of America and in the business of managing or advising clients.

Rating Agency means:

(1) each of Fitch and S&P; and

(2) if either of Fitch or S&P ceases to rate the Notes or fails to make a rating of the Notes publicly available for reasons outside of our control, a nationally recognized statistical rating organization as defined in Section (3)(a)(62) of the Exchange Act selected by us as a replacement agency for Fitch or S&P, or both, as the case may be.

S&P means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of McGraw-Hill, Inc., or any successor thereto.

Voting Stock as applied to stock of any person, means shares, interests, participations or other equivalents in the equity interest (however designated) in such person having ordinary voting power for the election of a majority of the directors (or the equivalent) of such person, other than shares, interests, participations or other equivalents having such power only by reason of the occurrence of a contingency.

Covenants

In addition to the covenants described in the base indenture, the following covenants shall apply to the Notes. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency between the base indenture and the following covenants, the following covenants shall govern:

Merger, consolidation or sale of assets

The indenture provides we may not consolidate with or merge with or into any other corporation or convey or transfer our properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any person, unless:

we are the continuing corporation, or the corporation (if other than us) formed by such consolidation or into which we are merged or the person which acquires by conveyance or transfer our properties and assets substantially as an entirety expressly assumes, by a supplemental indenture, executed and delivered to the trustee, in form satisfactory to the trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and interest, if any, on the Notes and the performance of every covenant of the indenture on our part to be performed or observed;

immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no default or event of default shall have happened and be continuing, as described under **Events of Default** below; and

we and the successor person have delivered to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel each stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer and such supplemental indenture comply with the relevant covenant in the indenture and that all conditions precedent therein provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with.

Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase **substantially all**, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, in certain circumstances there may be a

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degree of uncertainty as to whether a particular transaction would involve all or substantially all of the properties or assets of a person. As a result, it may be unclear as to whether the merger, consolidation or sale of assets covenant would apply to a particular transaction as described above absent a decision by a court of competent jurisdiction.

An assumption by any person of obligations under the Notes and the indenture might be deemed for U.S. federal income tax purposes to be an exchange of the Notes for new Notes by the holders thereof, resulting in recognition of gain or loss for such purposes and possibly other adverse tax consequences to the holders. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of such an assumption.

Other covenants

We agree that for the period of time during which the Notes are outstanding, we will not violate Section 18(a)(1)(A) of the 1940 Act 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. Currently, 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. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure Pending legislation may allow us to incur additional leverage in the accompanying prospectus.

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

Events of default

The term Event of Default in respect of the Notes means any of the following:

- (1) default in the payment of any interest upon any Note, when such interest becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
- (2) default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Note when it becomes due and payable at its maturity (including any redemption date or required repurchase date);
- (3) our failure for 60 consecutive days after written notice from the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding has been received to comply with any of our other agreements contained in the Notes or indenture;
- (4) default by us or any of our significant subsidiaries, as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act (but excluding any subsidiary which is (a) a non-recourse or limited recourse subsidiary, (b) a bankruptcy remote special purpose vehicle or (c) is not consolidated with Solar Capital Ltd. for purposes of GAAP), with respect to any mortgage, agreement or other instrument under which there may be outstanding, or by which there may be secured or evidenced, any indebtedness for money borrowed with a principal amount in excess of \$50 million in the aggregate of us and/or any such subsidiary, whether such indebtedness now exists or shall hereafter be created (i) resulting in such indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable or (ii) constituting a failure to pay the principal or interest of any such debt when due and payable at its stated maturity, upon required repurchase, upon

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declaration of acceleration or otherwise, unless, in either case, such indebtedness is discharged, or such acceleration is rescinded, stayed or annulled, within a period of 30 calendar days after written notice of such failure is given to us by the trustee or to us and the trustee by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding;

- (5) if, pursuant to Sections 18(a)(1)(c)(ii) and 61 of the 1940 Act, on the last business day of each of 24 consecutive calendar months any Notes shall have an asset coverage (as such term is used in the 1940 Act) of less than 100%; or
- (6) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization involving us occur and remain undischarged or unstayed for a period of 60 days.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, then and in every such case (other than an Event of Default specified in item (6) above) the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may declare the entire principal amount of Notes to be due and immediately payable, by a notice in writing to us (and to the trustee if given by the holders), and upon any such declaration such principal or specified portion thereof shall become immediately due and payable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of the events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization described in item (6) above, 100% of the aggregate principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes will automatically become due and payable.

At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to the Notes has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the trustee, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes, by written notice to us and the trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if: (i) we have paid or deposited with the trustee a sum sufficient to pay (A) all overdue installments of interest, if any, on all outstanding Notes, (B) the principal of (and premium, if any, on) all outstanding Notes that have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest thereon at the rate or rates borne by or provided for in such Notes, (C) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon overdue installments of interest at the rate or rates borne by or provided for in such Notes, and (D) all sums paid or advanced by the trustee and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the trustee, its agents and counsel, and (ii) all events of default with respect to the Notes, other than the nonpayment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) or interest on such Notes that have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived. No such rescission will affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

No holder of Notes will have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy under the indenture, unless:

- (i) such holder has previously given written notice to the trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Notes;
- (ii) the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes shall have made written request to the trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as trustee;
- (iii) such holder or holders have offered to the trustee reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;
- (iv) the trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and

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(v) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the trustee during such 60-day period by the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes; it being understood and intended that no one or more of such holders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of the indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other of such holders, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other of such holders or to enforce any right under the indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all such holders.

Notwithstanding any other provision in the indenture, the holder of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on such Note on the stated maturity or maturity expressed in such Note (or, in the case of redemption, on the redemption date or, in the case of repayment at the option of the holders, on the repayment date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such rights shall not be impaired without the consent of such holder.

The trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by the indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders of the Notes, unless such holders shall have offered to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction. Subject to the foregoing, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee with respect to the Notes, provided that (i) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with the indenture, (ii) the trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction and (iii) the trustee need not take any action that it determines in good faith may involve it in personal liability or be unjustly prejudicial to the holders of Notes not consenting.

The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may on behalf of the holders of all of the Notes waive any past default under the indenture with respect to the Notes and its consequences, except a default (i) in the payment of (or premium, if any, on) or interest, if any, on any Note, or (ii) in respect of a covenant or provision of the indenture which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Note affected. Upon any such waiver, such default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of the indenture, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

We are required to deliver to the trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year so long as any Note is outstanding, an officers certificate stating to the knowledge of the signers whether we are in compliance with all conditions and covenants under the indenture.

Within 90 days after the occurrence of any default under the indenture with respect to the Notes, the trustee shall transmit notice of such default known to the trustee, unless such default shall have been cured or waived; *provided*, however, that, except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) or interest, if any, on any Note, the trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or responsible officers of the trustee in good faith determines that withholding of such notice is in the interest of the holders of the Notes; *and provided further* that in the case of any default or breach of the character specified in (4) under Events of Default above, no such notice to holders shall be given until at least 60 days after the occurrence thereof.

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Satisfaction and discharge; defeasance

We may satisfy and discharge our obligations under the indenture by delivering to the registrar for cancellation all outstanding Notes or by depositing with the trustee or delivering to the holders, as applicable, after the Notes have become due and payable, or otherwise, moneys sufficient to pay all of the outstanding Notes and paying all other sums payable under the indenture by us. Such discharge is subject to terms contained in the indenture.

In addition, the Notes are subject to defeasance and covenant defeasance, in each case, in accordance with the terms of the indenture. **Covenant defeasance** refers to our ability, under current United States federal tax law and the indenture, to be released from some of the restrictive covenants in the indenture if certain conditions are satisfied. See **Description of Our Debt Securities Defeasance Covenant Defeasance** in the accompanying prospectus for more information. **Defeasance** or **full defeasance** refers to our ability, if there is a change in United States federal tax law or if we obtain an IRS ruling, to legally release ourselves from all payment and other obligations on the Notes if we put in place certain arrangements for you to be repaid. See **Description of Our Debt Securities Defeasance Full Defeasance** in the accompanying prospectus for more information. Under the Credit Facility and the note purchase agreement governing our 2022 Unsecured Notes, we currently would not be permitted to exercise our rights to effect defeasance or covenant defeasance without complying with certain conditions or obtaining the consent of the lenders under the Credit Facility and the holders of the 2022 Unsecured Notes.

Trustee

U.S. Bank National Association is the trustee, security registrar and paying agent. U.S. Bank National Association, in each of its capacities, including without limitation as trustee, security registrar and paying agent, assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the information concerning us or our affiliates or any other party contained in this document or the related documents or for any failure by us or any other party to disclose events that may have occurred and may affect the significance or accuracy of such information, or for any information provided to it by us, including but not limited to settlement amounts and any other information.

We may maintain banking relationships in the ordinary course of business with the trustee and its affiliates.

Governing law

The indenture provides that it and the Notes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without regard to principles of conflicts of laws that would cause the application of laws of another jurisdiction.

Book-entry, settlement and clearance

Global notes

The Notes will be initially issued in the form of one or more registered Notes in global form, without interest coupons (the **Global Notes**). Upon issuance, each of the Global Notes will be deposited with the trustee as custodian for DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Note will be limited to persons who have accounts with DTC (**DTC participants**) or persons who hold interests through DTC participants. We expect that under procedures established by DTC:

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upon deposit of a Global Note with DTC's custodian, DTC will credit portions of the principal amount of the Global Note to the accounts of the DTC participants designated by the underwriters; and

ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Note will be shown on, and transfer of ownership of those interests will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to interests of DTC participants) and the records of DTC participants (with respect to other owners of beneficial interests in the Global Note).

Beneficial interests in Global Notes may not be exchanged for Notes in physical, certificated form except in the limited circumstances described below.

Book-entry procedures for global notes

All interests in the Global Notes will be subject to the operations and procedures of DTC. We provide the following summary of those operations and procedures solely for the convenience of investors. The operations and procedures of DTC are controlled by that settlement system and may be changed at any time. Neither we nor the underwriters are responsible for those operations or procedures.

DTC has advised us that it is:

a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York;

a banking organization within the meaning of the New York State Banking Law;

a member of the Federal Reserve System;

a clearing corporation within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code; and

a clearing agency registered under Section 17A of the Exchange Act.

DTC was created to hold securities for its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its participants through electronic book-entry changes to the accounts of its participants. DTC's participants include securities brokers and dealers, including the underwriters; banks and trust companies; clearing corporations and other organizations. Indirect access to DTC's system is also available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies; these indirect participants clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a DTC participant, either directly or indirectly. Investors who are not DTC participants may beneficially own securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through DTC participants or indirect participants in DTC.

So long as DTC's nominee is the registered owner of a Global Note, that nominee will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Notes represented by that Global Note for all purposes under the indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a Global Note:

will not be entitled to have Notes represented by the Global Note registered in their names;

will not receive or be entitled to receive physical, certificated Notes; and

will not be considered the owners or holders of the Notes under the indenture for any purpose, including with respect to the giving of any direction, instruction or approval to the trustee under the indenture.

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As a result, each investor who owns a beneficial interest in a Global Note must rely on the procedures of DTC to exercise any rights of a holder of Notes under the indenture (and, if the investor is not a participant or an indirect participant in DTC, on the procedures of the DTC participant through which the investor owns its interest).

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Payments of principal and interest with respect to the Notes represented by a Global Note will be made by the trustee to DTC's nominee as the registered holder of the Global Note. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for the payment of amounts to owners of beneficial interests in a Global Note, for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of those interests by DTC, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records of DTC relating to those interests.

Payments by participants and indirect participants in DTC to the owners of beneficial interests in a Global Note will be governed by standing instructions and customary industry practice and will be the responsibility of those participants or indirect participants and DTC.

Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected under DTC's procedures and will be settled in same-day funds.

Cross-market transfers of beneficial interests in Global Notes between DTC participants, on the one hand, and Euroclear or Clearstream participants, on the other hand, will be effected within DTC through the DTC participants that are acting as depositaries for Euroclear and Clearstream. To deliver or receive an interest in a Global Note held in a Euroclear or Clearstream account, an investor must send transfer instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, under the rules and procedures of that system and within the established deadlines of that system. If the transaction meets its settlement requirements, Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, will send instructions to its DTC depository to take action to effect final settlement by delivering or receiving interests in the relevant Global Notes in DTC, and making or receiving payment under normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear and Clearstream participants may not deliver instructions directly to the DTC depositaries that are acting for Euroclear or Clearstream.

Because the settlement of cross-market transfers takes place during New York business hours, DTC participants may employ their usual procedures for sending securities to the applicable DTC participants acting as depositaries for Euroclear and Clearstream. The sale proceeds will be available to the DTC participant seller on the settlement date. Thus, to a DTC participant, a cross-market transaction will settle no differently from a trade between two DTC participants. Because of time zone differences, the securities account of a Euroclear or Clearstream participant that purchases an interest in a Global Note from a DTC participant will be credited on the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream immediately following the DTC settlement date. Cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream from the sale of an interest in a Global Note to a DTC participant will be reflected in the account of the Euroclear or Clearstream participant the following business day, and receipt of the cash proceeds in the Euroclear or Clearstream participant's account will be back-valued to the date on which settlement occurs in New York. DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream have agreed to the above procedures to facilitate transfers of interests in the Global Notes among participants in those settlement systems. However, the settlement systems are not obligated to perform these procedures and may discontinue or change these procedures at any time. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream or their participants or indirect participants of their obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations, including maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in Global Notes.

Certificated Notes

Notes in physical, certificated form will be issued and delivered to each person that DTC identifies as a beneficial owner of the related Notes only if:

DTC notifies us at any time that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the Global Notes and a successor depository is not appointed within 90 days;

DTC ceases to be registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act and a successor depository is not appointed within 90 days; or

an Event of Default with respect to the Notes has occurred and is continuing and such beneficial owner requests that its Notes be issued in physical, certificated form.

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The following discussion is a general summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations (and, in the case of a non-U.S. holder (as specifically defined for U.S. federal estate tax purposes), certain 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 tax considerations applicable to such an investment. The discussion is based upon 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, ownership and disposition of our Notes.

This summary is directed solely to U.S. holders and non-U.S. holders (each as defined below) that purchase the Notes offered by this prospectus supplement at their issue price (i.e., the first price at which a substantial amount of the Notes is sold to persons other than to bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents, or wholesalers) and hold such Notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code, which generally means as property held for investment. This summary is for general information only and does not purport to discuss all aspects of U.S. federal taxation that may be important to a particular holder or to deal with persons in special tax situations, such as financial institutions, insurance companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, controlled foreign corporations and passive foreign 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 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, S corporations, trusts and estates, or U.S. holders whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar. If you are considering purchasing the Notes, you should consult your own tax advisor concerning the application of the U.S. federal tax laws to you in light of your particular situation, as well as any consequences to you of purchasing, owning and disposing of the Notes under the laws of any state, local, foreign, or other taxing jurisdiction and the possible effects of changes in U.S. federal income or other tax laws.

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, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia, (iii) a trust (a) subject to the control of one or more United States persons and the primary supervision of a court in the United States, or (b) that has a valid election (under applicable Treasury Regulations) to be treated as a United States person, 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). An individual may, subject to exceptions, be deemed to be a resident alien, as opposed to a non-resident alien, by, among other ways, being present in the United States (i) on at least 31 days in the current calendar year, and (ii) for an aggregate of at least 183 days during a three-year period ending in the current calendar year, counting for such purposes all of the days present in the current year, one-third of the days present in the immediately preceding year, and one-sixth of the days present in the second preceding year. Resident aliens are subject to U.S. federal income tax as if they were U.S. citizens.

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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. Partners of partnerships holding Notes should consult their own tax advisors.

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

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.

Upon the sale, exchange, redemption or retirement 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 or retirement (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 Note was held for more than one year. Long-term capital gains recognized by individuals and certain other non-corporate U.S. holders generally are eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The distinction between capital gain or loss and ordinary income or loss is also important in other contexts; for example, for purposes of the limitations on a U.S. holder's ability to offset capital losses against ordinary income.

For U.S. holders, a tax of 3.8% will be imposed on the amount of net investment income, in the case of an individual, or undistributed net investment income, in the case of an estate or trust (other than a charitable trust), received by taxpayers with modified 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 disposition of the Notes. Qualified pension 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.

Taxation of non-U.S. holders

Subject to the discussion of backup withholding and FATCA below, a non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding taxes on payments of interest on a Note provided that (i) interest 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) 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 U.S. payer of interest does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a U.S. person and the non-U.S. holder (1) provides a statement on an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-8BEN or Form W-8BEN-E (or substantially similar substitute form) signed under penalties of perjury that includes its name and address and certifies that it is not a United States person in compliance with applicable requirements, or (2) in certain cases, satisfies documentary evidence requirements for establishing that it is a non-U.S. holder.

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A non-U.S. holder that is not exempt from tax under these rules generally will be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax on payments of interest on the Notes at a rate of 30% unless (i) an applicable income tax treaty provides for a lower rate of, or exemption from, withholding tax, or (ii) the income is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business. Interest income that is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business 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).

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 distribution 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.

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. Also, a non-U.S. holder who is claiming the benefits of a treaty may be required to obtain a United States taxpayer identification number and to provide certain documentary evidence issued by foreign governmental authorities to prove residence in the foreign country. A non-U.S. holder that is eligible for a reduced rate of U.S. federal withholding tax pursuant to an income tax treaty may be able to obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by filing an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS.

Subject to the discussion of backup withholding and FATCA below, a non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding taxes on any amount that constitutes capital gain upon the sale, exchange, redemption or retirement of a Note, provided the gain is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by the non-U.S. holder (or, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is not attributable to a United States permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. holder). Amounts realized that are attributable to accrued but unpaid interest (and not previously included in income) will be taxable as interest payments under the rules described above. Certain other exceptions or special rules may be applicable, and a non-U.S. holder should consult its tax advisor in this regard.

Estate tax

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 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder or (ii) such 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) generally will be subject to information reporting requirements with respect to payments of 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.

Information returns, including a Form 1042-S, will be filed with the IRS in connection with interest payments on the Notes to a non-U.S. holder, even if the non-U.S. holder is exempt from withholding tax. Copies of the

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information returns reporting the payments and 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 the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty or agreement. In addition, backup withholding tax and certain other information reporting requirements apply to payments of interest and certain reportable payments, unless an exemption applies. Backup withholding and other information reporting will not apply to payments made to a non-U.S. holder if (i) the non-U.S. holder has appropriately certified, under penalties of perjury, that such holder is not a U.S. holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the non-U.S. holder is a U.S. holder) or (ii) the non-U.S. holder is an exempt recipient. The certification procedures required to claim the exemption from withholding tax on interest described above will satisfy the certification requirements necessary to avoid backup withholding and other information reporting as well.

If a non-U.S. holder sells or redeems a Note through the U.S. office of a broker, the proceeds from such sale or redemption will be subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless such holder provides a withholding certificate or other appropriate documentary evidence establishing that the holder is not a U.S. holder to the broker and such broker does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a U.S. holder, or the 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 holder provides to such broker a withholding certificate or other appropriate documentary evidence establishing that the holder is not a U.S. holder and such broker does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a U.S. holder, or the 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 holder is a U.S. holder.

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. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a holder generally will be allowed as a credit against such holder's U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle the holder to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (together with related Treasury Regulations and other IRS guidance, referred to as "FATCA") may impose a 30% U.S. federal withholding tax on payments of interest on the Notes and, for a disposition of a Note occurring after December 31, 2018, the gross proceeds from such disposition, to certain non-U.S. entities (whether such non-U.S. entities are beneficial owners or intermediaries), including certain foreign financial institutions and investment funds, unless such non-U.S. entity complies with specified information reporting and other requirements. Such requirements include reporting on such entity's U.S. account holders (in the case of foreign financial institutions) or beneficial U.S. owners (in the case of non-financial foreign entities) as well as, in certain circumstances, withholding on certain payments. Accordingly, the entity through which a U.S. holder or a non-U.S. holder holds the Notes may affect whether withholding is required.

Foreign financial institutions located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States with respect to FATCA may be subject to different rules. In addition, under certain circumstances, a non-U.S. holder might be eligible for refunds or credits of any taxes imposed pursuant to FATCA.

Prospective purchasers of the Notes, including U.S. holders that intend to own their interest in the Notes through a foreign entity or intermediary, should consult their own tax advisors regarding these withholding and

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reporting provisions. We will not pay any additional amounts to U.S. holders or non-U.S. holders in respect of amounts withheld under FATCA.

The U.S. federal income tax discussion set forth above is included for general information only and may not be applicable depending upon a holder's particular situation. 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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J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC are acting as representatives of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an underwriting agreement among us and the underwriters, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from us, the aggregate principal amount of Notes set forth opposite its name below:

Underwriter	Aggregate principal amount
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	\$
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	\$
Total	\$

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

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

The underwriters are offering the Notes, subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued to and accepted by them, subject to approval of legal matters by their counsel, including the validity of the Notes, 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.

We expect that delivery of the Notes will be made against payment therefor on or about the business day following the date of confirmation of orders with respect to the Notes (this settlement cycle being referred to as "T+"). Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade prior to the delivery of the Notes hereunder on the date hereof will be required, by virtue of the fact that the Notes initially settle in T+, to specify an alternative settlement arrangement at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of Notes who wish to trade the Notes prior to their date of delivery hereunder should consult their own advisors.

Commissions and discounts

The following table shows the total underwriting discounts that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering.

	Per note	Total
Public offering price	%	\$
Underwriting discount (sales load)	%	\$
Proceeds to us (before expenses)	%	\$

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 may offer the Notes to certain other Financial Industry

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

The expenses of the offering, not including the underwriting discount, are estimated at \$ and are payable by us (and include up to \$15,000 in reimbursement of underwriters' counsel fees).

Because FINRA views the Notes offered hereby as interests in a direct participation program, the offering is being made in compliance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 2310. In compliance with such requirements, the underwriting discounts and commissions in connection with the sale of securities will not exceed 10.0% of gross proceeds of this offering.

No sales of similar securities

Subject to certain exceptions, we, Solar Capital Partners, Solar Capital Management and our officers and directors have agreed not to directly or indirectly, offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, or enter into any transaction which is designed to, or might reasonably be expected to, result in the disposition of any debt securities issued or guaranteed by the Company or file any registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any of the foregoing through the closing date of this offering without first obtaining the written consent of the representatives other than sales of certain private debt securities. 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. The Notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or quoted on any automated dealer quotation system. We have been advised by certain of the underwriters that certain of the underwriters presently intend to make a market in the Notes after completion of this offering as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. Such 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 such underwriters without any notice. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that an active and liquid public trading market for the Notes will develop or be maintained. 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 short sales and purchases on the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater principal amount of Notes than they are required to purchase in the offering. The underwriters must close out any short position by purchasing Notes in the open market. A short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the Notes in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.

Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriters' purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the Notes or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the Notes. As a result, the price of the Notes may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market.

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The underwriters may also 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.

Neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the Notes. In addition, neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation that the representatives will engage in these transactions or that these transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

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.

Other relationships

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage and other financial and non-financial activities and services. The underwriters and their respective 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 Solar Capital and our affiliates 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 Solar Capital or on behalf of Solar Capital or any of our portfolio companies and/or affiliates. In addition, the underwriters or their affiliates may act as arrangers, underwriters or placement agents for companies whose securities are sold to or whose loans are syndicated to Solar Capital or Solar Capital Partners and our affiliates.

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 Solar Capital, Solar Capital Partners 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 their businesses 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 Solar Capital or our

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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 Solar Capital to our noteholders or any other persons.

In the ordinary course of their 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. The underwriters and their respective 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.

Affiliates of certain of the underwriters serve as agents and/or lenders under our Credit Facility. Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates were underwriters in connection with our initial public offering and our subsequent common stock and debt offerings, for which they received customary fees.

We expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of the Notes in this offering to pay down outstanding indebtedness under our Credit Facility. Affiliates of the underwriters are lenders under our Credit Facility. Accordingly, affiliates of certain of the underwriters may receive a portion of the net proceeds of this offering to the extent such proceeds are used to repay outstanding indebtedness under our Credit Facility.

The addresses of the representatives of the underwriters are: J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, 383 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10179 and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, 550 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Notice to prospective investors in the European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area (each, a Relevant Member State), no offer of the Notes may be made to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;

to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representatives; or

in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of the Notes shall require Solar Capital or the representatives to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

Each person in a Relevant Member State who initially acquires any Notes or to whom any offer is made will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that it is a qualified investor within the meaning of the law in that Relevant Member State implementing Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive. In the case of any Notes being offered to a financial intermediary as that term is used in Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, each such financial intermediary will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that the Notes acquired by it in the offer have not been acquired on a non-discretionary basis on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in circumstances which may give rise to an offer of any Notes to the public other than their offer or resale in a Relevant Member State to qualified investors as so defined or in circumstances in which the prior consent of the representatives has been obtained to each such proposed offer or resale.

Solar Capital, the representatives and their affiliates will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations, acknowledgements and agreements.

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This prospectus supplement has been prepared on the basis that any offer of the Notes in any Relevant Member State will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus supplement may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for Solar Capital or any of the

underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive in relation to such offer. Neither Solar Capital nor the underwriters have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of Notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for Solar Capital or the underwriters to publish a prospectus for such offer.

For the purpose of the above provisions, the expression "an offer to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in the Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in the Relevant Member State and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member States) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression "2010 PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

Notice to prospective investors in the United Kingdom

In addition, in the United Kingdom, this document is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer subsequently made may only be directed at persons who are "qualified investors" (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19 (5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the "Order") and/or (ii) who are high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as "relevant persons"). This document must not be acted on or relied on in the United Kingdom by persons who are not relevant persons. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is only available to, and will be engaged in with, relevant persons.

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Legal matters

Certain legal matters in connection with the notes offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, Washington, DC, Proskauer Rose LLP, Los Angeles, California and Venable LLP, Baltimore, Maryland. Certain legal matters in connection with the offering will be passed upon for the underwriters by Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, New York, New York.

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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 the Notes offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The registration statement contains additional information about us and the Notes being offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

We are required to file with or submit to the SEC annual, quarterly and current periodic reports, proxy statements and other information meeting the informational requirements of the Exchange Act. You may inspect and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information, as well as the registration statement and related exhibits and schedules, at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information filed electronically by us with the SEC which are available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of these reports, proxy and information statements and other information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20549. This information will also be available free of charge by contacting us at Solar Capital Ltd., 500 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022, by telephone at (212) 993-1670, or on our website at <http://www.solarcapltd.com>.

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Table of Contents**SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

(in thousands, except share amounts)

	September 30, 2017 (unaudited)	December 31, 2016
Assets		
Investments at fair value:		
Companies less than 5% owned (cost: \$769,203 and \$815,955, respectively)	\$ 764,354	\$ 804,783
Companies 5% to 25% owned (cost: \$0 and \$8,511, respectively)		777
Companies more than 25% owned (cost: \$608,496 and \$477,491, respectively)	627,609	499,218
Cash	5,765	2,152
Cash equivalents (cost: \$199,679 and \$309,894, respectively)	199,679	309,894
Receivable for investments sold	7,925	13,602
Interest receivable	7,497	8,079
Dividends receivable	13,650	10,952
Other receivable	390	54
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,193	1,036
Total assets	\$ 1,628,062	\$ 1,650,547
Liabilities		
Revolving credit facility (see notes 6 and 8)	\$ 175,000	\$ 115,200
Unsecured senior notes due 2022 (see notes 6 and 8)	150,000	50,000
Unsecured senior notes due 2042 (\$100,000 and \$100,000 face amounts, respectively, reported net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$2,804 and \$2,886, respectively. See note 8)	97,196	97,114
Senior secured notes (see notes 6 and 8)		75,000
Term loan (see notes 6 and 8)	50,000	50,000
Distributions payable	16,904	16,899
Payable for investments and cash equivalents purchased	199,680	309,894
Management fee payable (see note 3)	6,751	6,870
Performance-based incentive fee payable (see note 3)	4,329	4,412
Interest payable (see note 8)	4,390	2,225
Administrative services expense payable (see note 3)	2,092	3,289
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	537	1,137
Total liabilities	\$ 706,879	\$ 732,040
Commitments and contingencies (see notes 12, 13, 14 and 15)		
Net Assets		
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 200,000,000 and 200,000,000 common shares authorized, respectively, and 42,260,826 and 42,248,525 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	\$ 423	\$ 422
Paid-in capital in excess of par	990,011	989,732
Distributions in excess of net investment income	(12,831)	(11,847)
Accumulated net realized loss	(70,684)	(62,621)
Net unrealized appreciation	14,264	2,821

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Total net assets	\$	921,183	\$	918,507
Net Asset Value Per Share	\$	21.80	\$	21.74

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Table of Contents**SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)**

(in thousands, except share amounts)

	Three months ended		September 30,	Nine months ended
	September 30,	September 30,	2017	September 30,
	2017	2016		2016
INVESTMENT INCOME:				
Interest:				
Companies less than 5% owned	\$ 21,465	\$ 29,076	\$ 64,882	\$ 83,375
Companies more than 25% owned	293	429	935	1,437
Dividends:				
Companies less than 5% owned	5	1	21	1
Companies more than 25% owned	13,726	9,852	37,080	29,604
Other income:				
Companies less than 5% owned	264	403	993	702
Companies more than 25% owned	394	37	516	81
Total investment income	36,147	39,798	104,427	115,200
EXPENSES:				
Management fees (see note 3)	\$ 6,751	\$ 7,318	\$ 20,037	\$ 21,245
Performance-based incentive fees (see note 3)	4,329	4,251	12,395	13,363
Interest and other credit facility expenses (see note 8)	5,348	8,519	15,974	19,083
Administrative services expense (see note 3)	1,346	1,617	3,994	4,417
Other general and administrative expenses	1,058	1,089	2,303	3,640
Total expenses	18,832	22,794	54,703	61,748
Net investment income	\$ 17,315	\$ 17,004	\$ 49,724	\$ 53,452
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCIES:				
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and cash equivalents:				
Companies less than 5% owned	\$ (28)	\$ 469	\$ 470	\$ 507
Companies 5% to 25% owned	(8,515)	301	(8,534)	201
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and cash equivalents	(8,543)	770	(8,064)	708
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currencies	2	(1)	1	1
Net realized gain (loss)	(8,541)	769	(8,063)	709
Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments and cash equivalents:				
Companies less than 5% owned	1,061	6,615	6,324	25,609
Companies 5% to 25% owned	8,511	(67)	7,734	60

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Companies more than 25% owned	(1,182)	1,298	(2,614)	9,141
Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments and cash equivalents	8,390	7,846	11,444	34,810
Net change in unrealized loss on foreign currencies	(1)		(1)	
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	8,389	7,846	11,443	34,810
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments, cash equivalents and foreign currencies	(152)	8,615	3,380	35,519
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 17,163	\$ 25,619	\$ 53,104	\$ 88,971
EARNINGS PER SHARE (see note 5)	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.61	\$ 1.26	\$ 2.11

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Table of Contents**SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

(in thousands, except share amounts)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2017 (unaudited)	Year ended December 31, 2016
Increase in net assets resulting from operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 49,724	\$ 71,101
Net realized gain (loss)	(8,063)	776
Net change in unrealized gain	11,443	34,938
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	53,104	106,815
Distributions to stockholders:		
From net investment income	(50,708)	(67,598)
Capital transactions (see note 17):		
Reinvestment of distributions	280	
Repurchases of common stock		(3,408)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from capital transactions	280	(3,408)
Total increase in net assets	2,676	35,809
Net assets at beginning of period	918,507	882,698
Net assets at end of period ⁽¹⁾	\$ 921,183	\$ 918,507
Capital stock activity:		
Common stock issued from reinvestment of distributions	12,301	
Common stock repurchased		(216,237)
Net increase (decrease) from capital stock activity	12,301	(216,237)

(1) Includes overdistributed net investment income of (\$12,831) and (\$11,847), respectively.
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Table of Contents**SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**

(in thousands)

	September 30, 2017	Nine months ended September 30, 2016
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 53,104	\$ 88,971
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from operations to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Net realized (gain) loss on investments and cash equivalents	8,064	(708)
Net realized gain on foreign currencies	(1)	(1)
Net change in unrealized (gain) loss on investments and cash equivalents	(11,444)	(34,810)
Net change in unrealized loss on foreign currencies	1	
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Purchase of investments	(351,516)	(372,727)
Proceeds from disposition of investments	267,739	358,767
Capitalization of payment-in-kind interest	(201)	
Collections of payment-in-kind interest	173	243
Receivable for investments sold	5,677	2,006
Interest receivable	582	(328)
Dividends receivable	(2,698)	(1,266)
Other receivable	(336)	(29)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(157)	(84)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Payable for investments and cash equivalents purchased	(110,214)	14,957
Management fee payable	(119)	795
Performance-based incentive fee payable	(83)	2,843
Administrative services expense payable	(1,197)	64
Interest payable	2,165	1,048
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	(600)	694
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	(141,061)	60,435
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Cash distributions paid	(50,423)	(50,785)
Proceeds from issuance of unsecured debt	100,000	
Deferred financing costs	82	83
Repurchase of common stock		(3,408)
Proceeds from secured borrowings	452,200	570,000
Repayment of secured borrowings	(467,400)	(560,200)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	34,459	(44,310)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(106,602)	16,125
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	312,046	277,570
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 205,444	\$ 293,695

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid for interest	\$ 13,809	\$ 18,035
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Non-cash financing activities consist of the reinvestment of distributions of \$280 and \$0 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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Table of Contents**SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.****CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)****SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

(in thousands, except share/unit amounts)

Description	Industry	Spread above index ⁽¹⁰⁾	LIBOR floor	Interest rate ⁽¹⁾	Acquisition date	Maturity date	Par amount	Cost	Fair value
Senior Secured Loans 76.4%									
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans									
AccentCare, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Providers & Services	L+950	1.00%	10.82%	9/3/2015	9/3/2022	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,864	\$ 9,900
Aegis Toxicology Sciences Corporation ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Providers & Services	L+850	1.00%	9.83%	2/20/2014	8/24/2021	31,000	30,584	30,380
American Teleconferencing Services, Ltd. (PGI) ⁽¹²⁾	Communications Equipment	L+650	1.00%	7.78%	5/5/2016	12/8/2021	21,924	21,374	21,486
Amerilife Group, LLC ⁽¹²⁾	Insurance	L+875	1.00%	9.98%	7/9/2015	1/10/2023	15,000	14,766	14,850
Argo Turboserve Corporation & Argo Tech, LLC ⁽¹²⁾	Air Freight & Logistics	L+1425 ⁽¹¹⁾		15.57%	5/2/2014	5/2/2018	11,799	11,459	11,799
AviatorCap SII, LLC I ⁽³⁾⁽¹²⁾	Aerospace & Defense			12.00%	5/31/2011	1/31/2019	142	142	142
Bishop Lifting Products, Inc. ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹²⁾	Trading Companies & Distributors	L+800	1.00%	9.24%	3/24/2014	3/27/2022	25,000	24,849	22,813
Datapipe, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	IT Services	L+800	1.00%	9.31%	8/14/2014	9/15/2019	27,000	26,723	27,270
DISA Holdings Acquisition Subsidiary Corp. ⁽¹²⁾	Professional Services	L+850	1.00%	9.80%	12/9/2014	6/9/2021	51,476	50,979	51,476
Easyfinancial Services, Inc. ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽¹²⁾	Consumer Finance	BA+699	1.00%	8.31%	9/27/2012	10/4/2019	C\$ 10,000	9,261	8,014
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽¹²⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.99%	12/7/2015	12/14/2021	\$ 9,467	9,430	9,467
Global Tel*Link Corporation	Communications Equipment	L+375	1.25%	5.33%	11/6/2015	5/23/2020	7,215	6,134	7,299
Global Tel*Link Corporation	Communications Equipment	L+775	1.25%	9.08%	5/21/2013	11/23/2020	18,500	18,304	18,469
Greystone Select Holdings LLC & Greystone & Co., Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Thrifts & Mortgage Finance	L+800	1.00%	9.26%	3/29/2017	4/17/2024	20,000	19,810	20,000
IHS Intermediate, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Providers & Services	L+825	1.00%	9.56%	6/19/2015	7/20/2022	25,000	24,623	24,500
K2 Pure Solutions NoCal, L.P. ⁽¹²⁾	Chemicals	L+900	1.00%	10.24%	8/19/2013	2/19/2021	7,475	7,393	7,232
Kore Wireless Group, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Wireless Telecommunication Services	L+825	1.00%	9.58%	9/12/2014	3/12/2021	55,500	54,824	54,390
MRI Software LLC ⁽¹²⁾	Software	L+600	1.00%	7.32%	6/7/2017	6/30/2023	15,210	15,061	15,058
PhyMed Management LLC ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Providers & Services	L+875	1.00%	10.07%	12/18/2015	5/18/2021	32,321	31,376	31,352
Rug Doctor LLC ⁽³⁾⁽¹²⁾	Diversified Consumer Services	L+975	1.50%	11.25%	12/23/2013	12/31/2018	9,111	8,995	9,111
Salient Partners, L.P. ⁽¹²⁾	Asset Management	L+850	1.00%	9.80%	6/10/2015	6/9/2021	14,180	13,989	14,180
Southern Auto Finance Company ⁽⁶⁾⁽¹²⁾	Consumer Finance			11.15%	10/19/2011	12/4/2018	25,000	24,881	24,750
The Octave Music Group, Inc. (fka TouchTunes) ⁽¹²⁾	Media	L+825	1.00%	9.57%	5/28/2015	5/27/2022	14,000	13,845	14,000
Varilease Finance, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Multi-Sector Holdings	L+825	1.00%	9.55%	8/22/2014	8/24/2020	48,000	47,511	48,000
Total Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans								\$ 496,177	\$ 495,938
Life Science Senior Secured Loans									
Achaogen, Inc. ⁽⁶⁾⁽¹²⁾	Pharmaceuticals	L+699	1.00%	8.23%	8/5/2015	8/5/2019	23,958	\$ 24,728	\$ 24,917
aTyr Pharma, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Pharmaceuticals	P+410		8.35%	11/18/2016	11/18/2020	7,500	7,472	7,575
Axcella Health Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Pharmaceuticals	L+880		10.04%	8/7/2015	8/31/2019	20,000	20,520	20,500
Breathe Technologies, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+830		9.54%	11/5/2015	11/5/2019	15,000	15,423	14,625
CardioDx, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Providers & Services	P+670		10.95%	6/18/2015	4/1/2019	4,750	5,190	5,106
CardioFocus, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+750		8.73%	3/31/2017	7/1/2020	4,300	4,289	4,300

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Cardiva Medical, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+865		9.89%	2/2/2017	2/2/2021	6,000	6,089	6,030
CAS Medical Systems, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+875		9.99%	6/30/2016	7/1/2020	6,000	6,063	6,045
Cianna Medical, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+900		10.24%	9/28/2016	9/28/2020	7,500	7,576	7,556
Clinical Ink, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Technology	L+850	0.70%	9.74%	3/8/2016	3/8/2020	5,417	5,466	5,417
Conventus Orthopaedics, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+865		9.88%	6/15/2016	6/1/2020	5,250	5,263	5,093
Delphinus Medical Technologies, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+850		9.73%	8/18/2017	9/1/2021	3,750	3,647	3,675
Lumeris Solutions Company, LLC ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Technology	L+860	0.25%	9.83%	3/22/2017	2/1/2020	16,000	16,058	16,080
Mitralign, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Equipment & Supplies			9.48%	4/22/2016	12/1/2018	1,042	1,036	1,036
Nabsys 2.0 LLC ⁽¹²⁾	Life Sciences Tools & Services			8.90%	4/22/2016	10/13/2018	2,992	3,248	3,082
PQ Bypass, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+885		10.09%	4/21/2016	4/21/2020	5,000	4,992	4,975
Rapid Micro Biosystems, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Life Sciences Tools & Services	L+880		10.04%	6/30/2015	6/30/2019	15,360	16,039	15,130
scPharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Pharmaceuticals	L+845		9.68%	5/23/2017	5/1/2021	5,000	4,938	4,925
Scynexis, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Pharmaceuticals	L+849		9.72%	9/30/2016	9/30/2020	15,000	14,988	14,850
SentreHeart, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+885		10.09%	11/15/2016	11/15/2020	10,000	9,913	9,950
Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Pharmaceuticals	L+854		9.77%	3/31/2016	4/1/2020	3,750	3,748	3,769
Trevi Therapeutics, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Pharmaceuticals	L+775		8.99%	12/29/2014	6/29/2018	3,438	3,771	3,635
Vapotherm, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+899		10.23%	11/16/2016	5/16/2021	20,000	19,978	19,950

Total Life Science Senior Secured Loans

\$ 210,435 \$ 208,221

Total Senior Secured Loans

\$ 706,612 \$ 704,159

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(CONTINUED)****SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

(in thousands, except share/unit amounts)

Description	Industry	Interest rate ⁽¹⁾	Acquisition date	Maturity		Par amount	Cost	Fair value
				date	date			
Equipment Financing 23.1%								
Althoff Crane Service, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Commercial Services & Supplies	10.55%	7/31/2017	6/8/2022	\$ 1,564	\$ 1,564	\$ 1,564	
BB578, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Media	10.00%	7/31/2017	11/1/2021	832	832	836	
Beverly Hills Limo and Corporate Coach, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Road & Rail	10.34%	7/31/2017	2/28/2018	136	136	135	
Blue Star Materials II, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Construction Materials	39.06%	7/31/2017	5/1/2018	170	170	170	
Carl R. Bieber, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	9.92%	7/31/2017	1/13/2024	1,417	1,417	1,413	
Central Freight Lines, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Road & Rail	7.16%	7/31/2017	1/14/2024	2,043	2,043	2,043	
Cfactor Leasing Corp. & CZM USA, Corp. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Machinery	12.00-12.12%	7/31/2017	5/31/2019-1/15/2021	2,979	2,979	3,027	
Family First Freight, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Road & Rail	10.11%	7/31/2017	1/22/2022	530	530	529	
Haljoe Coaches USA, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Road & Rail	8.12-8.57%	7/31/2017	7/1/2022-11/15/2022	5,348	5,348	5,348	
Knight Transfer Services, Inc. & Dumpstr Xpress, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Commercial Services & Supplies	12.05-12.76%	7/31/2017	4/11/2020-4/30/2020	930	930	945	
Logicorp Enterprises, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Road & Rail	12.18%	7/31/2017	2/3/2021	4,214	4,214	4,214	
Marcal Manufacturing, LLC dba								
Soundview Paper Company, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Paper & Forest Products	12.91-12.98%	7/31/2017	7/30/2022-10/25/2022	1,720	1,720	1,720	
Meridian Consulting I Corp, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	10.72%	7/31/2017	12/4/2021	3,874	3,874	3,901	
Moore Freight Service, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Road & Rail	10.22%	7/31/2017	6/20/2019	870	870	870	
Mountain Air Helicopters, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Commercial Services & Supplies	10.00%	7/31/2017	4/30/2022	1,942	1,942	1,942	
OKK Equipment, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Commercial Services & Supplies	10.15%	7/31/2017	8/27/2023	732	732	733	
Reston Limousine & Travel Service, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Road & Rail	11.81%	9/13/2017	10/1/2021	1,955	1,984	1,984	
Rossco Crane & Rigging, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Commercial Services & Supplies	11.53%	8/25/2017	9/1/2022	739	739	739	
Royal Coach Lines, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Road & Rail	10.03%	7/31/2017	8/28/2018	514	514	509	
RVR Air Charter, LLC & RVR Aviation, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Airlines	12.00%	7/31/2017	1/1/2022	1,609	1,609	1,609	
Santek Environmental, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Commercial Services & Supplies	10.00%	7/31/2017	3/1/2021	166	166	163	
Santek Environmental of Alabama, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Commercial Services & Supplies	8.95-10.00%	7/31/2017	12/18/2020-11/29/2021	270	270	268	
Sidelines Tree Service LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Diversified Consumer Services	10.31-10.52%	7/31/2017	8/1/2022-10/1/2022	543	545	546	
Southern Nevada Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Health Care Providers & Services	12.00%	7/31/2017	3/1/2024	1,548	1,548	1,548	
ST Coaches, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Road & Rail	8.23-8.72%	7/31/2017	10/1/2022-11/18/2022	3,779	3,779	3,779	
Sturgeon Services International Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Energy Equipment & Services	17.07%	7/31/2017	2/28/2022	2,317	2,317	2,328	
Sun-Tech Leasing of Texas, L.P. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Road & Rail	8.68-17.37%	7/31/2017	5/4/2018-7/25/2021	1,624	1,624	1,619	
Superior Transportation, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Road & Rail	9.77-10.26%	7/31/2017	4/23/2022-11/25/2022	3,628	3,628	3,628	
The Smedley Company & Smedley Services, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Commercial Services & Supplies	11.63%	7/31/2017	2/10/2024	3,190	3,190	3,190	
Tornado Bus Company ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Road & Rail	10.78%	7/31/2017	9/1/2021	2,862	2,862	2,853	
Waste Services of Tennessee, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Commercial Services & Supplies	8.95-10.15%	7/31/2017	2/7/2021-11/29/2021	1,040	1,040	1,038	
Waste Services of Texas, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Commercial Services & Supplies	8.95%	7/31/2017	12/6/2021	200	200	200	
WJV658, LLC ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Airlines	8.50%	7/31/2017	7/1/2022	8,587	8,587	8,587	

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W.P.M., Inc., WPM-Southern, LLC, WPM Construction Services, Inc. ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁴⁾	Construction & Engineering	7.50%	7/31/2017	10/1/2022	4,175	4,175	4,175
					Shares/ units		
NEF Holdings, LLC Equity Interests ⁽³⁾⁽¹²⁾⁽¹³⁾	Multi-Sector Holdings		7/31/2017		200	145,000	145,000
Total Equipment Financing						\$ 213,078	\$ 213,153
Preferred Equity 1.5%							
SOAGG LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	Aerospace & Defense	8.00%	12/14/2010	6/30/2020	4,577	\$ 4,577	\$ 4,900
SOINT, LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	Aerospace & Defense	15.00%	6/8/2012	6/30/2020	83,808	8,381	8,750
Total Preferred Equity						\$ 12,958	\$ 13,650

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Description	Industry	Acquisition date	Shares/ units	Cost	Fair value
Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants 50.1%					
Ark Real Estate Partners LP ^{(2)(3)(12)*}	Diversified Real Estate Activities	3/12/2007		\$ 527	\$ 263
Ark Real Estate Partners II LP ^{(2)(3)(12)*}	Diversified Real Estate Activities	10/23/2012		12	6
aTyr Pharma, Inc. Warrants ^{(12)*}	Pharmaceuticals	11/18/2016	68,604	89	157
B Riley Financial Inc. ⁽⁶⁾	Research & Consulting Services	3/16/2007	38,015	2,684	648
CardioDx, Inc. Warrants ^{(12)*}	Health Care Providers & Services	6/18/2015	39,863	129	
CardioFocus, Inc. Warrants ^{(12)*}	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	3/31/2017	357,643	42	37
CAS Medical Systems, Inc. Warrants ^{(12)*}	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	6/30/2016	48,491	38	2
Cianna Medical, Inc. Warrants ^{(12)*}	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	9/28/2016	112,158	47	41
Conventus Orthopaedics, Inc. Warrants ^{(12)*}	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	6/15/2016	157,500	65	46
Crystal Financial LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽¹²⁾	Diversified Financial Services	12/28/2012	280,303	280,737	304,700
Delphinus Medical Technologies, Inc. Warrants ^{(12)*}	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	8/18/2017	380,904	74	66
Essence Group Holdings Corporation (Lumeris) Warrants ^{(12)*}	Health Care Technology	3/22/2017	208,000	63	163
PQ Bypass, Inc. Warrants ^{(12)*}	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	4/21/2016	176,471	70	41
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor) ^{(3)(12)*}	Diversified Consumer Services	12/23/2013	231,177	15,683	10,075
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor) Class B ^{(3)(12)*}	Diversified Consumer Services	12/23/2013	522	5,216	5,216
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor) Warrants ^{(3)(12)*}	Diversified Consumer Services	12/23/2013	30,370	381	34
Scynexis, Inc. Warrants ^{(12)*}	Pharmaceuticals	9/30/2016	122,435	105	7
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽¹²⁾	Asset Management	11/25/2015		90,591	90,282
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽¹²⁾	Asset Management	8/5/2016		48,254	49,130
SentreHeart, Inc. Warrants ^{(12)*}	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	11/15/2016	261,825	126	85
Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Warrants ^{(12)*}	Pharmaceuticals	3/31/2016	104,001	118	2
Total Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants				\$ 445,051	\$ 461,001
Total Investments⁽⁹⁾ 151.1%				\$ 1,377,699	\$ 1,391,963
				Par amount	
Cash Equivalents 21.7%					
U.S. Treasury Bill, 11/30/2017	Government	9/29/2017	\$ 200,000	\$ 199,679	\$ 199,679
Total Investments & Cash Equivalents 172.8%				\$ 1,577,378	\$ 1,591,642
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets (72.8%)					(670,459)
Net Assets 100.0%					\$ 921,183

(1) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of September 30, 2017.

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- (2) Ark Real Estate Partners is held through SLRC ADI Corp., a taxable subsidiary.
- (3) Denotes investments in which we are deemed to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act), due to beneficially owning, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the investment. Transactions during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 in these controlled investments are as follows:

Name of issuer	Fair value at December 31, 2016	Gross additions	Gross reductions	Realized gain (loss)	Change in unrealized gain (loss)	Interest/ dividend/ other income	Fair value at September 30, 2017
Ark Real Estate Partners LP	\$ 336	\$	\$	\$	\$ (73)	\$	\$ 263
Ark Real Estate Partners II LP	8				(2)		6
AviatorCap SII, LLC I	497		355			29	142
Crystal Financial LLC	305,000				(300)	23,700	304,700
NEF Holdings, LLC		145,000				2,395	145,000
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor, common equity)	13,574				(3,499)		10,075
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor, class B)	5,216						5,216
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor, warrants)	168				(134)		34
Rug Doctor LLC	9,111				(69)	860	9,111
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC (SSLP)	100,653		11,288		917	6,414	90,282
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC (SSLP II)	47,363	4,436	3,145		476	3,805	49,130
SOAGG LLC	5,806		1,046		140	305	4,900
SOINT, LLC	2,386		2,386		(6)	60	
SOINT, LLC (preferred equity)	9,100		286		(64)	963	8,750
	\$ 499,218	\$ 149,436	\$ 18,506	\$	\$ (2,614)	\$ 38,531	\$ 627,609

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- (4) Denotes investments in which we are an Affiliated Person but not exercising a controlling influence, as defined in the 1940 Act, due to beneficially owning, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 5% but less than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the investment. Transactions during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 in these affiliated investments are as follows:

Name of issuer	Fair value at December 31, 2016	Gross additions	Gross reductions	Realized gain (loss)	Change in unrealized gain (loss)	Interest/ dividend income	Fair value at September 30, 2017
Direct Buy Inc. (common equity)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Direct Buy Inc. (senior secured loan)	777	333	11,439	(8,511)	7,734		
DSW Group Holdings LLC				(23)			
	\$ 777	\$ 333	\$ 11,439	\$ (8,534)	\$ 7,734	\$	\$

- (5) The following entity is domiciled outside the United States and the investments are denominated in Canadian Dollars: Easyfinancial Services, Inc. in Canada.
- (6) Indicates assets that the Company believes may not represent qualifying assets under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act), as amended. If we fail to invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could be prevented from making follow-on investments in existing portfolio companies or could be required to dispose of investments at inappropriate times in order to comply with the 1940 Act. As of September 30, 2017, on a fair value basis, non-qualifying assets in the portfolio represented 31.4% of the total assets of the Company.
- (7) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in SOAGG, LLC and SOINT, LLC include a two and one dollar investment in common shares, respectively.
- (8) Bishop Lifting Products, Inc., SEI Holding I Corporation, Singer Equities, Inc. & Hampton Rubber Company are co-borrowers.
- (9) Aggregate net unrealized depreciation for U.S. federal income tax purposes is \$8,367; aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation for federal tax purposes is \$27,570 and \$19,203, respectively, based on a tax cost of \$1,383,596. All of the Company s investments are pledged as collateral against the borrowings outstanding on the revolving credit facility.
- (10) Floating rate instruments accrue interest at a predetermined spread relative to an index, typically the LIBOR or PRIME rate. These instruments are typically subject to a LIBOR or PRIME rate floor.

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- (11) Spread is 12.25% Cash / 2.00% PIK.

- (12) Investment valued using significant unobservable inputs.

- (13) NEF Holdings, LLC is held through NEFCORP LLC, a wholly-owned consolidated taxable subsidiary and NEFPASS LLC, a wholly-owned consolidated subsidiary.

- (14) Indicates an investment that is wholly held by Solar Capital Ltd. through NEFPASS LLC.

- * Non-income producing security.

Represents estimated change in receivable balance.

Investment contains a payment-in-kind (PIK) feature.

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Industry classification	Percentage of total investments (at fair value) as of September 30, 2017
Diversified Financial Services (Crystal Financial LLC)	21.9%
Multi-Sector Holdings (includes NEF Holdings, LLC)	13.9%
Asset Management (includes SSLP and SSLP II)	11.0%
Health Care Providers & Services	7.4%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	6.0%
Pharmaceuticals	5.7%
Wireless Telecommunication Services	3.9%
Professional Services	3.7%
Communications Equipment	3.4%
Consumer Finance	2.3%
Road & Rail	2.0%
IT Services	2.0%
Diversified Consumer Services	1.8%
Trading Companies & Distributors	1.6%
Health Care Technology	1.5%
Thrifts & Mortgage Finance	1.4%
Life Sciences Tools & Services	1.3%
Chemicals	1.2%
Software	1.1%
Insurance	1.1%
Media	1.1%
Aerospace & Defense	1.0%
Air Freight & Logistics	0.9%
Commercial Services & Supplies	0.8%
Airlines	0.7%
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	0.4%
Construction & Engineering	0.3%
Machinery	0.2%
Energy Equipment & Services	0.2%
Paper & Forest Products	0.1%
Research & Consulting Services	0.1%
Diversified Real Estate Activities	0.0%
Construction Materials	0.0%
 Total Investments	 100.0%

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Description	Industry	Spread above index ⁽¹⁰⁾	LIBOR floor	Interest rate ⁽¹⁾	Acquisition date	Maturity date	Par amount	Cost	Fair value
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans 85.8%									
AccentCare, Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+950	1.00%	10.50%	9/3/2015	9/3/2022	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,235	\$ 17,369
Achaogen, Inc. ⁽⁶⁾	Pharmaceuticals	L+699	1.00%	7.99%	8/5/2015	8/5/2019	25,000	25,297	25,625
Aegis Toxicology Sciences									
Corporation	Health Care Providers & Services	L+850	1.00%	9.50%	2/20/2014	8/24/2021	29,000	28,731	27,115
AgaMatrix, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+835		9.00%	2/6/2015	2/1/2019	8,667	8,708	8,753
AirXpanders, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies			7.34%	4/22/2016	7/14/2017	1,000	1,015	1,025
American Teleconferencing Services, Ltd. (PGI)									
	Communications Equipment	L+650	1.00%	7.50%	5/5/2016	12/8/2021	5,591	5,081	5,437
Amerilife Group, LLC									
	Insurance	L+875	1.00%	9.75%	7/9/2015	1/10/2023	15,000	14,742	14,700
Argo Turboserve Corporation & Argo Tech, LLC									
	Air Freight & Logistics	L+1025		11.19%	5/2/2014	5/2/2018	12,330	12,330	12,206
Asurion, LLC	Insurance	L+750	1.00%	8.50%	2/27/2014	3/3/2021	3,360	3,140	3,422
aTyr Pharma, Inc.	Pharmaceuticals	P+410		7.60%	11/18/2016	11/18/2020	5,000	4,896	4,880
AviatorCap SII, LLC I ⁽³⁾									
	Aerospace & Defense			12.00%	5/31/2011	1/31/2019	497	497	497
Axcella Health Inc.									
	Pharmaceuticals	L+880		9.41%	8/7/2015	8/31/2019	20,000	20,151	20,100
Bishop Lifting Products, Inc. ⁽⁸⁾									
	Trading Companies & Distributors	L+800	1.00%	9.00%	3/24/2014	3/27/2022	25,000	24,827	20,500
Breathe Technologies, Inc.									
	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+830		8.91%	11/5/2015	11/5/2019	15,000	15,089	12,750
CardioDx, Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	P+670		10.45%	6/18/2015	4/1/2019	7,000	7,205	6,860
Cardiva Medical, Inc.									
	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+870		9.31%	8/19/2015	8/19/2019	8,500	8,645	8,585
CAS Medical Systems, Inc.									
	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+875		9.36%	6/30/2016	7/1/2020	6,000	6,003	6,000
Cerapedics, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies			8.68-8.78%	4/22/2016	3/1/2019	6,394	6,181	6,394
Cianna Medical, Inc.									
	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+900		9.61%	9/28/2016	9/28/2020	6,000	5,988	6,000
Clinical Ink, Inc.	Health Care Technology	L+850	0.70%	9.20%	3/8/2016	3/8/2020	6,500	6,490	6,435
Conventus Orthopaedics, Inc.									
	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+865		9.28%	6/15/2016	6/1/2020	5,250	5,182	5,198
Datapipe, Inc.	IT Services	L+800	1.00%	9.00%	8/14/2014	9/15/2019	27,000	26,629	26,892
Delphinus Medical Technologies, Inc.									
	Health Care Equipment & Supplies			9.25-9.30%	4/22/2016	2/23/2017	400	434	420
Direct Buy Inc. ^{(4)**}									
	Multiline Retail			12.00% PIK	11/5/2012	10/31/2019	11,105	8,511	777
DISA Holdings Acquisition Subsidiary Corp.									
	Professional Services	L+850	1.00%	9.50%	12/9/2014	6/9/2021	51,476	50,898	50,704

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Easyfinancial Services, Inc. ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	Consumer Finance	BA+699	1.00%	7.99%	9/27/2012	10/4/2019	C\$ 10,000	9,261	7,410
Emerging Markets Communications, LLC	Wireless Telecommunication Services	L+962.5	1.00%	10.63%	6/29/2015	7/1/2022	\$ 27,000	26,658	27,000
Entegriion, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies			10.03%	4/22/2016	4/1/2017	400	414	412
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC)	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.75%	12/7/2015	12/14/2021	10,164	10,114	10,164
Global Tel*Link Corporation	Communications Equipment	L+375	1.25%	5.00%	11/6/2015	5/23/2020	7,328	5,978	7,310
Global Tel*Link Corporation	Communications Equipment	L+775	1.25%	9.00%	5/21/2013	11/23/2020	18,500	18,265	18,012
Greystone Select Holdings LLC & Greystone & Co., Inc.	Thrifts & Mortgage Finance	L+800	1.00%	9.00%	3/25/2014	3/26/2021	9,680	9,642	9,559
Hyland Software, Inc.	Software	L+725	1.00%	8.25%	6/12/2015	6/30/2023	5,000	4,979	5,000
IHS Intermediate, Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+825	1.00%	9.25%	6/19/2015	7/20/2022	25,000	24,578	24,125
Inmar Acquisition Sub, Inc.	Professional Services	L+700	1.00%	8.00%	1/27/2014	1/27/2022	10,000	9,929	9,850
K2 Pure Solutions NoCal, L.P.	Chemicals	L+900	1.00%	10.00%	8/19/2013	2/19/2021	7,475	7,398	7,176
Kore Wireless Group, Inc.	Wireless Telecommunication Services	L+825	1.00%	9.25%	9/12/2014	3/12/2021	55,500	54,704	54,945
Lumeris Solutions Company, LLC	Health Care Technology			9.42%	4/22/2016	12/27/2017	8,296	8,458	8,379
Mitralign, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies			9.48%	4/22/2016	12/1/2018	1,667	1,604	1,658
Nabsys 2.0 LLC	Life Sciences Tools & Services			8.90%	4/22/2016	10/13/2018	5,064	4,959	5,115
PhyMed Management LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+875	1.00%	9.75%	12/18/2015	5/18/2021	32,321	31,222	31,190
PQ Bypass, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+885		9.46%	4/21/2016	4/21/2020	5,000	4,933	4,950
Rapid Micro Biosystems, Inc.	Life Sciences Tools & Services	L+880		9.42%	6/30/2015	6/30/2019	16,000	16,331	15,760
Rug Doctor LLC ⁽³⁾	Diversified Consumer Services	L+975	1.50%	11.25%	12/23/2013	12/31/2018	9,111	8,927	9,111
Salient Partners, L.P.	Asset Management	L+850	1.00%	9.50%	6/10/2015	6/9/2021	14,993	14,757	14,619
Scynexis, Inc.	Pharmaceuticals	L+849		9.12%	9/30/2016	9/30/2020	15,000	14,806	14,850
SentreHeart, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+885		9.46%	11/15/2016	11/15/2020	7,500	7,341	7,325
SOINT, LLC ⁽³⁾	Aerospace & Defense			15.00%	6/8/2012	11/30/2018	2,386	2,381	2,386
Southern Auto Finance Company ⁽⁶⁾	Consumer Finance			11.15%	10/19/2011	12/4/2018	25,000	24,815	24,500
Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Pharmaceuticals	L+854		9.17%	3/31/2016	4/1/2020	7,500	7,398	7,463
TierPoint, LLC	IT Services	L+875-887.5	1.00%	9.75-9.88%	12/2/2014	12/2/2022	34,000	33,656	33,439
TMK Hawk Parent, Corp. (TriMark)	Trading Companies and Distributors	L+750	1.00%	8.50%	9/26/2014	10/1/2022	20,000	19,843	20,000
TouchTunes Interactive Networks, Inc.	Media	L+825	1.00%	9.25%	5/28/2015	5/27/2022	14,000	13,826	13,825
Trevi Therapeutics, Inc.	Pharmaceuticals	L+775		8.37%	12/29/2014	6/29/2018	6,531	6,720	6,597
U.S. Anesthesia Partners Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+925	1.00%	10.25%	9/24/2014	9/24/2020	30,000	29,795	29,700
Vapotherm, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+899		9.60%	11/16/2016	5/16/2021	10,000	9,915	9,900
Varilease Finance, Inc.	Multi-Sector Holdings	L+825	1.00%	9.25%	8/22/2014	8/24/2020	48,000	47,405	47,880
Total Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans								\$ 804,917	\$ 788,254

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Description	Industry	Spread above index ⁽¹⁰⁾	LIBOR floor	Interest rate ⁽¹⁾	Acquisition date	Maturity date	Par amount	Cost	Fair value
Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes 3.1%									
Alegeus Technologies Holdings Corp.	Health Care Technology	L+1200	1.00%	13.00%	6/24/2012	2/15/2019	28,200	\$ 27,937	\$ 28,059
							Shares/ Units		
Preferred Equity 1.6%									
SOAGG LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	Aerospace & Defense			8.00%	12/14/2010	6/30/2018	5,622	\$ 5,622	\$ 5,806
SOINT, LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	Aerospace & Defense			15.00%	6/8/2012	6/30/2018	86,667	8,667	9,100
Total Preferred Equity								\$ 14,289	\$ 14,906

Description	Industry	Interest rate ⁽¹⁾	Acquisition date	Maturity date	Shares/ units	Cost	Fair value	
Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants 51.6%								
Ark Real Estate Partners LP ^{(2)(3)*}	Diversified Real Estate Activities		3/12/2007			\$ 527	\$ 336	
Ark Real Estate Partners II LP ^{(2)(3)*}	Diversified Real Estate Activities		10/23/2012			12	8	
aTyr Pharma, Inc. Warrants*	Pharmaceuticals		11/18/2016		47,771	70	23	
B Riley Financial Inc. ⁽⁶⁾	Research & Consulting Services		3/16/2007		38,015	2,684	701	
CardioDx, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Providers & Services		6/18/2015		39,863	129		
CAS Medical Systems, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Equipment & Supplies		6/30/2016		48,491	38	29	
Cianna Medical, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Equipment & Supplies		9/28/2016		89,726	37	52	
Conventus Orthopaedics, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Equipment & Supplies		6/15/2016		157,500	65	67	
Crystal Financial LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾	Diversified Financial Services		12/28/2012		280,303	280,737	305,000	
Direct Buy Inc. ^{(4)*}	Multiline Retail		11/5/2012		76,999			
PQ Bypass, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Equipment & Supplies		4/21/2016		176,471	70	63	
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor) ^{(3)*}	Diversified Consumer Services		12/23/2013		231,177	15,683	13,574	
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor) Class B ^{(3)*}	Diversified Consumer Services		12/23/2013		522	5,216	5,216	
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor) Warrants ^{(3)*}	Diversified Consumer Services		12/23/2013		30,370	381	168	
Scynexis, Inc. Warrants*	Pharmaceuticals		9/30/2016		122,435	105	90	
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾	Asset Management		11/25/2015			101,878	100,653	
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾	Asset Management		8/5/2016			46,963	47,363	
SentreHeart, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Equipment & Supplies		11/15/2016		196,369	101	98	
Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Warrants*	Pharmaceuticals		3/31/2016		104,001	118	118	
Total Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants							\$ 454,814	\$ 473,559

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Total Investments⁽⁹⁾ 142.1%

\$ 1,301,957 \$ 1,304,778

				Par amount		
Cash Equivalents 33.7%						
U.S. Treasury Bill	Government	12/29/2016	2/2/2017	\$ 310,000	\$ 309,894	\$ 309,894
Total Investments & Cash Equivalents 175.8%					\$ 1,611,851	\$ 1,614,672
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets (75.8%)						(696,165)
Net Assets 100.0%						\$ 918,507

(1) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2016.

(2) Ark Real Estate Partners is held through SLRC ADI Corp., a taxable subsidiary.
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- (3) Denotes investments in which we are deemed to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act), due to beneficially owning, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the investment. Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2016 in these controlled investments are as follows:

Name of issuer	Fair value at December 31, 2015	Gross additions	Gross reductions	Realized gain (loss)	Interest/ dividend/ other income	Fair value at December 31, 2016
Ark Real Estate Partners LP	\$ 364	\$	\$	\$ (29)	\$	\$ 336
Ark Real Estate Partners II LP	9			(1)		8
AviatorCap SII, LLC I	914		417		85	497
AviatorCap SII, LLC II	350		350		15	
Crystal Financial LLC	290,000	5,737			31,600	305,000
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor, common equity).	14,335					13,574
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor, class B)	5,216					5,216
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor, warrants)	214					168
Rug Doctor LLC	8,838				1,151	9,111
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC	80,677	50,093	28,875		6,084	100,653
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC		63,093	16,130		1,228	47,363
SOAGG LLC	8,632		2,590		545	5,806
SOINT, LLC	5,705		3,318		602	2,386
SOINT, LLC (preferred equity)	9,316				1,304	9,100
	\$ 424,570	\$ 118,923	\$ 51,680	\$ (30)	\$ 42,614	\$ 499,218

- (4) Denotes investments in which we are an Affiliated Person but not exercising a controlling influence, as defined in the 1940 Act, due to beneficially owning, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 5% but less than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the investment. Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2016 in these affiliated investments are as follows:

Name of issuer	Fair value at December 31, 2015	Gross additions	Gross reductions	Realized gain (loss)	Interest/ dividend income	Fair value at December 31, 2016
Direct Buy Inc. (common equity)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Direct Buy Inc. (senior secured loan)	1,233	1,238				777
DSW Group Holdings LLC				197		
	\$ 1,233	\$ 1,238	\$	\$ 197	\$	\$ 777

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- (5) The following entity is domiciled outside the United States and the investments are denominated in Canadian Dollars: Easyfinancial Services, Inc. in Canada.
- (6) Indicates assets that the Company believes may not represent qualifying assets under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act), as amended. If we fail to invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could be prevented from making follow-on investments in existing portfolio companies or could be required to dispose of investments at inappropriate times in order to comply with the 1940 Act. As of December 31, 2016, on a fair value basis, non-qualifying assets in the portfolio represented 31.6% of the total assets of the Company.
- (7) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in SOAGG, LLC and SOINT, LLC include a two and one dollar investment in common shares, respectively.
- (8) Bishop Lifting Products, Inc., SEI Holding I Corporation, Singer Equities, Inc. & Hampton Rubber Company are co-borrowers.
- (9) Aggregate net unrealized depreciation for U.S. federal income tax purposes is \$7,928; aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation for federal tax purposes is \$27,715 and \$35,643, respectively, based on a tax cost of \$1,312,706. All of the Company s investments are pledged as collateral against the borrowings outstanding on the revolving credit facility.
- (10) Floating rate instruments accrue interest at a predetermined spread relative to an index, typically the LIBOR or PRIME rate. These instruments are typically subject to a LIBOR or PRIME rate floor.

* Non-income producing security.

** Investment is on non-accrual status.

Represents estimated change in receivable balance.

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Industry classification	Percentage of total investments (at fair value) as of December 31, 2016
Diversified Financial Services	23.4%
Asset Management	12.5%
Health Care Providers & Services	10.4%
Wireless Telecommunication Services	6.3%
Pharmaceuticals	6.1%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	6.1%
Professional Services	4.6%
IT Services	4.6%
Multi-Sector Holdings	3.7%
Health Care Technology	3.3%
Trading Companies & Distributors	3.1%
Consumer Finance	2.4%
Communications Equipment	2.4%
Diversified Consumer Services	2.1%
Life Sciences Tools & Services	1.6%
Insurance	1.4%
Aerospace & Defense	1.4%
Chemicals	1.3%
Media	1.1%
Air Freight & Logistics	0.9%
Thriffs & Mortgage Finance	0.7%
Software	0.4%
Multiline Retail	0.1%
Research & Consulting Services	0.1%
Diversified Real Estate Activities	0.0%
 Total Investments	 100.0%

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Note 1. Organization

Solar Capital LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, was formed in February 2007 and commenced operations on March 13, 2007 with initial capital of \$1,200,000 of which 47.04% was funded by affiliated parties.

Immediately prior to our initial public offering, through a series of transactions, Solar Capital Ltd. merged with Solar Capital LLC, leaving Solar Capital Ltd. as the surviving entity (the Merger). Solar Capital Ltd. issued an aggregate of approximately 26.65 million shares of common stock and \$125,000 in senior unsecured notes to the existing Solar Capital LLC unit holders in connection with the Merger. Solar Capital Ltd. had no assets or operations prior to completion of the Merger and as a result, the historical books and records of Solar Capital LLC have become the books and records of the surviving entity. The number of shares used to calculate weighted average shares for use in computations on a per share basis have been decreased retroactively by a factor of approximately 0.4022 for all periods prior to February 9, 2010. This factor represents the effective impact of the reduction in shares resulting from the Merger.

Solar Capital Ltd. (Solar Capital, the Company, we, us or our), a Maryland corporation formed in November 2007, is a closed-end, externally managed, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). Furthermore, as the Company is an investment company, it continues to apply the guidance in FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 946. In addition, for tax purposes, the Company has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (RIC) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

On February 9, 2010, Solar Capital priced its initial public offering, selling 5.68 million shares, including the underwriters over-allotment, at a price of \$18.50 per share. Concurrent with this offering, the Company's senior management purchased an additional 600,000 shares through a private placement, also at \$18.50 per share.

The Company's investment objective is to maximize both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. The Company invests primarily in leveraged middle market companies in the form of senior secured loans, unitranche loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities. From time to time, we may also invest in public companies that are thinly traded.

Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for the fair presentation of the results of the operations and financial condition for the periods presented. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. Certain prior period amounts may have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

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Interim consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP for interim financial information and pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-Q and Regulation S-X, as appropriate. Accordingly, they may not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for annual consolidated financial statements. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reported periods. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ materially.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments, which are of a normal recurring nature, considered necessary for the fair presentation of our consolidated financial statements, have been included.

The significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Company are:

- (a) Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date;

- (b) Under procedures established by our board of directors (the Board), we value investments, including certain senior secured debt, subordinated debt and other debt securities with maturities greater than 60 days, for which market quotations are readily available, at such market quotations (unless they are deemed not to represent fair value). We attempt to obtain market quotations from at least two brokers or dealers (if available, otherwise from a principal market maker or a primary market dealer or other independent pricing service). We utilize mid-market pricing as a practical expedient for fair value unless a different point within the range is more representative. If and when market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value, we typically utilize independent third-party valuation firms to assist us in determining fair value. Accordingly, such investments go through our multi-step valuation process as described below. In each case, independent valuation firms consider observable market inputs together with significant unobservable inputs in arriving at their valuation recommendations. Debt investments with maturities of 60 days or less shall each be valued at cost plus accreted discount, or minus amortized premium, which is expected to approximate fair value, unless such valuation, in the judgment of Solar Capital Partners, LLC (the Investment Adviser), does not represent fair value, in which case such investments shall be valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our Board. Investments that are not publicly traded or whose market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our Board. Such determination of fair values involves subjective judgments and estimates.

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 has approved a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

- (1) our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals of the Investment Adviser responsible for the portfolio investment;

- (2) preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with senior management of the Investment Adviser;

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- (3) independent valuation firms engaged by our Board conduct independent appraisals and review the Investment Adviser's preliminary valuations and make their own independent assessment for all material assets;
- (4) the audit committee of the Board reviews the preliminary valuation of the Investment Adviser and that of the independent valuation firm and responds to the valuation recommendation of the independent valuation firm to reflect any comments; and
- (5) the Board discusses valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of the Investment Adviser, the respective independent valuation firm and the audit committee.

Investments in all asset classes are valued utilizing a market approach, an income approach, or both approaches, as appropriate. However, in accordance with ASC 820-10, certain investments that qualify as investment companies in accordance with ASC 946, may be valued using net asset value as a practical expedient for fair value. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities (including a business). The income approach uses valuation approaches to convert future amounts (for example, cash flows or earnings) to a single present amount (discounted). The measurement is based on the value indicated by current market expectations about those future amounts. In following these approaches, the types of factors that we may take into account in fair value pricing our investments include, as relevant: available current market data, including relevant and applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and multiples, security covenants, call protection provisions, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments, its earnings and discounted cash flows, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public, M&A comparables, our principal market (as the reporting entity) and enterprise values, among other factors. When available, broker quotations and/or quotations provided by pricing services are considered as an input in the valuation process. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, there has been no change to the Company's valuation approaches or techniques and the nature of the related inputs considered in the valuation process.

ASC Topic 820 classifies the inputs used to measure these fair values into the following hierarchy:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, accessible by the Company at the measurement date.

Level 2: Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other observable inputs other than quoted prices.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

In all cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our

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assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to each investment. The exercise of judgment is based in part on our knowledge of the asset class and our prior experience.

- (c) Gains or losses on investments are calculated by using the specific identification method.
- (d) The Company records dividend income and interest, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, on an accrual basis. Loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discounts are capitalized and we amortize such amounts into income using the effective interest method or on a straight-line basis, as applicable. Upon the prepayment of a loan, any unamortized loan origination fees are recorded as interest income. We record call premiums received on loans repaid as interest income when we receive such amounts. Capital structuring fees, amendment fees, consent fees, and any other non-recurring fee income as well as management fee and other fee income for services rendered, if any, are recorded as other income when earned.
- (e) The Company intends to comply with the applicable provisions of the Code pertaining to regulated investment companies to make distributions of taxable income sufficient to relieve it of substantially all U.S. federal income taxes. The Company, at its discretion, may carry forward taxable income in excess of calendar year distributions and pay a 4% excise tax on this income. The Company will accrue excise tax on such estimated excess taxable income as appropriate.
- (f) Book and tax basis differences relating to stockholder distributions and other permanent book and tax differences are typically reclassified among the Company's capital accounts annually. In addition, the character of income and gains to be distributed is determined in accordance with income tax regulations that may differ from GAAP.
- (g) Distributions to common stockholders are recorded as of the record date. The amount to be paid out as a distribution is determined by the Board. Net realized capital gains, if any, are generally distributed or deemed distributed at least annually.
- (h) In accordance with Regulation S-X and ASC Topic 810 *Consolidation*, the Company consolidates its interest in investment company subsidiaries, financing subsidiaries and certain wholly-owned holding companies that serve to facilitate investment in portfolio companies. In addition, the Company may also consolidate any controlled operating companies substantially all of whose business consists of providing services to the Company.
- (i) The accounting records of the Company are maintained in U.S. dollars. Any assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based on the rate of exchange of such currencies against U.S. dollars on the date of valuation. The Company will not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations would be included with the net unrealized gain or

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loss from investments. The Company's investments in foreign securities, if any, may involve certain risks, including without limitation: foreign exchange restrictions, expropriation, taxation or other political, social or economic risks, all of which could affect the market and/or credit risk

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of the investment. In addition, changes in the relationship of foreign currencies to the U.S. dollar can significantly affect the value of these investments in terms of U.S. dollars and therefore the earnings of the Company.

- (j) The Company has made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to its senior secured credit facility (the Credit Facility) and its unsecured senior notes due 2022 (the 2022 Unsecured Notes) (see note 6 and 8), in accordance with ASC 825-10. The Company uses an independent third-party valuation firm to assist in measuring their fair value.
- (k) In accordance with ASC 835-30, the Company records origination and other expenses related to certain debt issuances as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the debt liability. These expenses are deferred and amortized using either the effective interest method or the straight-line method over the stated life. The straight-line method may be used on revolving facilities and when it approximates the effective yield method.
- (l) The Company may enter into forward exchange contracts in order to hedge against foreign currency risk. These contracts are marked-to-market by recognizing the difference between the contract exchange rate and the current market rate as unrealized appreciation or depreciation. Realized gains or losses are recognized when contracts are settled.
- (m) The Company records expenses related to shelf registration statements and applicable equity offering costs as prepaid assets. These expenses are typically charged as a reduction of capital upon utilization, in accordance with ASC 946-20-25. Certain subsequent costs are expensed per the AICPA Audit & Accounting Guide for Investment Companies.
- (n) Investments that are expected to pay regularly scheduled interest in cash are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest cash payments are past due 30 days or more (90 days or more for equipment financing) and/or when it is no longer probable that principal or interest cash payments will be collected. Such non-accrual investments are restored to accrual status if past due principal and interest are paid in cash, and in management's judgment, are likely to continue timely payment of their remaining principal and interest obligations. Cash interest payments received on investments may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending on management's judgment.
- (o) The Company defines cash equivalents as securities that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and so near their maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of changes in interest rates. Generally, only securities with a maturity of three months or less would qualify, with limited exceptions. The Company believes that certain U.S. Treasury bills, repurchase agreements and other high-quality, short-term debt securities would qualify as cash equivalents.

Recent accounting pronouncements

In October 2016, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission adopted new rules and amended rules (together, final rules) intended to modernize the reporting and disclosure of information by registered investment companies. In part, the final rules amend Regulation S-X and

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require standardized, enhanced disclosure about derivatives in investment company financial statements, as well as other amendments.

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The compliance date for the amendments to Regulation S-X was August 1, 2017. The Company has evaluated the impact that the adoption of the amendments to Regulation S-X on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures and determined that the adoption of the amendments to Regulation S-X has not had a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows, which will amend FASB ASC 230. The amendments in this Update require that a statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. Therefore, amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents should be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts shown on the statement of cash flows. The amendments in this Update apply to all entities that have restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents and are required to present a statement of cash flows under Topic 230. For public business entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The Company is evaluating the impact of ASU 2016-18 on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

In December 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-19, Technical Corrections and Improvements. As part of this guidance, ASU 2016-19 amends FASB ASC 820 to clarify the difference between a valuation approach and a valuation technique. The amendment also requires an entity to disclose when there has been a change in either or both a valuation approach and/or a valuation technique. ASU 2016-19 is effective on a prospective basis for financial statements issued for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2016 on a prospective basis. The Company has evaluated the impact of ASU 2016-19 on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures and determined that the adoption of ASU 2016-19 has not had a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-08, Premium Amortization on Purchased Callable Debt Securities, which will amend FASB ASC 310-20. The amendments in this Update shorten the amortization period for certain callable debt securities held at a premium, generally requiring the premium to be amortized to the earliest call date. For public business entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The Company is evaluating the impact of ASU 2017-08 on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASC 606, Revenue From Contracts With Customers, originally effective for public business entities with annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. On August 12, 2015, the FASB issued an ASU, Revenue From Contracts With Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date, which deferred the effective date of ASC 606 for one year. ASC 606 provides accounting guidance related to revenue from contracts with customers. For public business entities, ASC 606 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The Company is evaluating the impact of ASC 606 but does not currently believe that the application of ASC 606 will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

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Solar Capital has an Advisory Agreement with the Investment Adviser, under which the Investment Adviser will manage the day-to-day operations of, and provide investment advisory services to, Solar Capital. For providing these services, the Investment Adviser receives a fee from Solar Capital, consisting of two components—a base management fee and a performance-based incentive fee. The base management fee is determined by taking the average value of Solar Capital's gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters calculated at an annual rate of 2.00%. For purposes of computing the base management fee, gross assets exclude temporary assets acquired at the end of each fiscal quarter for purposes of preserving investment flexibility in the next fiscal quarter. Temporary assets include, but are not limited to, U.S. treasury bills, other short-term U.S. government or government agency securities, repurchase agreements or cash borrowings.

The performance-based incentive fee has two parts, as follows: one part is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based on Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income for the immediately preceding calendar quarter. For this purpose, pre-incentive fee net investment income means interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees (other than fees for providing managerial assistance), such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence and consulting fees or other fees that we receive from portfolio companies) accrued during the calendar quarter, minus Solar Capital's operating expenses for the quarter (including the base management fee, any expenses payable under the Administration Agreement, and any interest expense and distributions paid on any issued and outstanding preferred stock, but excluding the performance-based incentive fee). Pre-incentive fee net investment income does not include any realized capital gains or losses, or unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation. Pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a rate of return on the value of Solar Capital's net assets at the end of the immediately preceding calendar quarter, is compared to the hurdle rate of 1.75% per quarter (7% annualized). Solar Capital pays the Investment Adviser a performance-based incentive fee with respect to Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows: (1) no performance-based incentive fee in any calendar quarter in which Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate; (2) 100% of Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 2.1875% in any calendar quarter; and (3) 20% of the amount of Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter. These calculations are appropriately pro-rated for any period of less than three months.

The second part of the performance-based incentive fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), and will equal 20% of Solar Capital's cumulative realized capital gains less cumulative realized capital losses, unrealized capital depreciation (unrealized depreciation on a gross investment-by-investment basis at the end of each calendar year) and all net capital gains upon which prior performance-based capital gains incentive fee payments were previously made to the Investment Adviser. For financial statement purposes, the second part of the performance-based incentive fee is accrued based upon 20% of cumulative net realized gains and net unrealized capital appreciation. No accrual was required for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

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For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recognized \$6,751 and \$20,037, respectively, in base management fees and \$4,329 and \$12,395, respectively, in performance-based incentive fees. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company recognized \$7,318 and \$21,245, respectively, in base management fees and \$4,251 and \$13,363, respectively, in performance-based incentive fees.

Solar Capital has also entered into an Administration Agreement with Solar Capital Management, LLC (the Administrator) under which the Administrator provides administrative services to Solar Capital. For providing these services, facilities and personnel, Solar Capital reimburses the Administrator for Solar Capital's allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by the Administrator in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent. The Administrator will also provide, on Solar Capital's behalf, managerial assistance to those portfolio companies to which Solar Capital is required to provide such assistance. The Company typically reimburses the Administrator on a quarterly basis.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recognized expenses under the Administration Agreement of \$1,346 and \$3,994, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company recognized expenses under the Administration Agreement of \$1,617 and \$4,417, respectively. No managerial assistance fees were accrued or collected for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Note 4. Net asset value per share

At September 30, 2017, the Company's total net assets and net asset value per share were \$921,183 and \$21.80, respectively. This compares to total net assets and net asset value per share at December 31, 2016 of \$918,507 and \$21.74, respectively.

Note 5. Earnings per share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net increase in net assets per share resulting from operations, pursuant to ASC 260-10, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<u>Earnings per share (basic & diluted)</u>				
Numerator net increase in net assets resulting from operations:	\$ 17,163	\$ 25,619	\$ 53,104	\$ 88,971
Denominator weighted average shares:	42,260,826	42,248,525	42,256,636	42,261,372
Earnings per share:	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.61	\$ 1.26	\$ 2.11

Note 6. Fair value

Fair value is defined 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. GAAP establishes a framework for measuring fair value that includes a hierarchy used to classify the

inputs used in measuring fair value. The

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hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuations used to measure fair value into three levels. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets;
- c) Pricing models whose inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and
- d) Pricing models whose inputs are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or other means for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs reflect management's and, if applicable, an independent third-party valuation firm's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability.

When the inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the level within which the fair value measurement is categorized is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For example, a Level 3 fair value measurement may include inputs that are observable (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable (Level 3).

Gains and losses for assets and liabilities categorized within the Level 3 table below may include changes in fair value that are attributable to both observable inputs (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable inputs (Level 3).

A review of fair value hierarchy classifications is conducted on a quarterly basis. Changes in the observability of valuation inputs may result in a reclassification for certain financial assets or liabilities. Such reclassifications are reported as transfers in/out of the appropriate category as of the end of the quarter in which the reclassifications occur.

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The following tables present the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

Fair Value Measurements**As of September 30, 2017**

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Measured at net asset value*	Total
Assets:					
Senior Secured Loans	\$	\$ 25,768	\$ 678,391	\$	\$ 704,159
Equipment Financing			213,153		213,153
Preferred Equity			13,650		13,650
Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants	648		320,941	139,412	461,001
Total Investments	\$ 648	\$ 25,768	\$ 1,226,135	\$ 139,412	\$ 1,391,963
Liabilities:					
Credit Facility and 2022 Unsecured Notes	\$	\$	\$ 375,000	\$	\$ 375,000

* In accordance with ASC 820-10, certain investments that are measured using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient for fair value have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities. The two portfolio investments in this category are SSLP and SSLP II. See Note 13 & 14, respectively, for more information on these investments, including their investment strategies and the Company's unfunded equity commitments to SSLP and SSLP II. Neither of these investments are redeemable by the Company absent an election by the members of the entities to liquidate all investments and distribute the proceeds to the members.

Fair Value Measurements**As of December 31, 2016**

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Measured at net asset value*	Total
Assets:					
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans	\$	\$ 28,744	\$ 759,510	\$	\$ 788,254

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Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes			28,059		28,059
Preferred Equity			14,906		14,906
Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants	701		324,842	148,016	473,559
Total Investments	\$ 701	\$ 28,744	\$ 1,127,317	\$ 148,016	\$ 1,304,778
Liabilities:					
Credit Facility, Senior Secured Notes and 2022 Unsecured Notes	\$	\$	\$ 290,200	\$	\$ 290,200

* In accordance with ASC 820-10, certain investments that are measured using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient for fair value have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

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The following tables provide a summary of the changes in fair value of Level 3 assets and liabilities for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and the year ended December 31, 2016 as well as the portion of gains or losses included in income attributable to unrealized gains or losses related to those assets and liabilities still held at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

Fair Value Measurements Using Level 3 Inputs

	Senior secured loans	Equipment financing	Subordinated debt/ corporate notes	Preferred equity	Common equity/ equity interests/ warrants
Fair value, December 31, 2016	\$ 759,510	\$	\$ 28,059	\$ 14,906	\$ 324,842
Total gains or losses included in earnings:					
Net realized gain (loss)	(8,093)				
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	14,236	76	(122)	75	(4,133)
Purchase of investment securities	131,764	214,938	36		232
Proceeds from dispositions of investment securities	(219,026)	(1,861)	(27,973)	(1,331)	
Transfers in/out of Level 3					
Fair value, September 30, 2017	\$ 678,391	\$ 213,153	\$	\$ 13,650	\$ 320,941
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period relating to those Level 3 assets that were still held by the Company at the end of the period:					
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	\$ 6,943	\$ 76	\$	\$ 75	\$ (4,133)

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, there were no transfers in and out of Levels 1 and 2.

The following table shows a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for fair valued liabilities measured using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the nine months ended September 30, 2017:

	For the nine months ended September 30, 2017
Credit Facility, Senior Secured Notes and 2022 Unsecured Notes	
Beginning fair value	\$ 290,200
Net realized (gain) loss	
Net change in unrealized (gain) loss	

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Borrowings		552,200
Repayments		(467,400)
Transfers in/out of Level 3		
Ending fair value	\$	375,000

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The Company has made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to the Credit Facility and the 2022 Unsecured Notes, in accordance with ASC 825-10. On September 30, 2017, there were borrowings of \$225,000 and \$150,000, respectively, on the Credit Facility and the 2022 Unsecured Notes. The Company used an independent third-party valuation firm to assist in measuring the fair value of the Credit Facility and the 2022 Unsecured Notes.

Fair Value Measurements Using Level 3 Inputs

	Bank debt/ senior secured loans	Subordinated debt/ corporate notes	Preferred equity	Common equity/ equity interests/ warrants
Fair value, December 31, 2015	\$ 800,291	\$ 67,314	\$ 17,948	\$ 310,239
Total gains or losses included in earnings:				
Net realized gain (loss)	702	77		(144)
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	10,613	8,479	(452)	8,360
Purchase of investment securities	317,268	189		6,387
Proceeds from dispositions of investment securities	(369,364)	(48,000)	(2,590)	
Transfers in/out of Level 3				
Fair value, December 31, 2016	\$ 759,510	\$ 28,059	\$ 14,906	\$ 324,842
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period relating to those Level 3 assets that were still held by the Company at the end of the period:				
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	\$ 6,943	\$ 602	\$ (452)	\$ 8,362

During the year ended December 31, 2016, there were no transfers in and out of Levels 1 and 2.

The following table shows a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for fair valued liabilities measured using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended December 31, 2016:

	For the year ended December 31, 2016
Credit Facility, Senior Secured Notes and 2022 Unsecured Notes	
Beginning fair value	\$ 332,900
Net realized (gain) loss	

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Net change in unrealized (gain) loss	
Borrowings	728,500
Repayments	(771,200)
Transfers in/out of Level 3	
Ending fair value	\$ 290,200

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The Company has made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to the Credit Facility, the Senior Secured Notes and the 2022 Unsecured Notes, in accordance with ASC 825-10. On December 31, 2016, there were borrowings of \$165,200, \$75,000 and \$50,000, respectively, on the Credit Facility, the Senior Secured Notes and the 2022 Unsecured Notes. The Company used an independent third-party valuation firm to assist in measuring the fair value of the Credit Facility, the Senior Secured Notes and the 2022 Unsecured Notes.

Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The Company typically determines the fair value of its performing debt investments utilizing a yield analysis. In a yield analysis, a price is ascribed for each investment based upon an assessment of current and expected market yields for similar investments and risk profiles. Additional consideration is given to current contractual interest rates, relative maturities and other key terms and risks associated with an investment. Among other factors, a significant determinant of risk is the amount of leverage used by the portfolio company relative to the total enterprise value of the company, and the rights and remedies of our investment within each portfolio company.

Significant unobservable quantitative inputs typically used in the fair value measurement of the Company's Level 3 assets and liabilities primarily reflect current market yields, including indices, and readily available quotes from brokers, dealers, and pricing services as indicated by comparable assets and liabilities, as well as enterprise values, returns on equity and earnings before income taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) multiples of similar companies, and comparable market transactions for equity securities.

Quantitative information about the Company's Level 3 asset and liability fair value measurements as of September 30, 2017 is summarized in the table below:

	Asset or liability	Fair value at September 30, 2017	Principal valuation technique/methodology	Unobservable input	Range (weighted average)
Senior Secured Loans	Asset	\$ 678,391	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	7.7% 19.5% (11.6%)
Equipment Financing		\$ 68,153			
			Yield Analysis Enterprise Value	Market Yield	7.2% 39.1% (10.3%)
Preferred Equity	Asset	\$ 145,000		Return on Equity	11.7% 11.7% (11.7%)
Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants	Asset	\$ 13,650	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	6.7% 14.1% (11.4%)
		\$ 16,241			
			Enterprise Value Enterprise Value	EBITDA Multiple	5.5x 6.5x (6.3x)
Credit Facility	Asset	\$ 304,700		Return on Equity	7.2% 13.2% (13.2%)
	Liability	\$ 225,000	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	L+1.4% L+4.8%
					(L+2.0%)
2022 Unsecured Notes	Liability	\$ 150,000	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	4.5% 4.6% (4.5%)

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Quantitative information about the Company's Level 3 asset and liability fair value measurements as of December 31, 2016 is summarized in the table below:

	Asset or liability	Fair value at December 31, 2016	Principal valuation technique/methodology	Unobservable input	Range (weighted average)	
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans		\$ 758,733				
	Asset	\$ 777	Yield Analysis Enterprise Value	Market Yield EBITDA Multiple	8.2% 4.0x	51.6% (11.5%) 5.0x (4.5x)
Subordinated Debt/Corporate Note	Asset	\$ 28,059	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	14.9%	14.9% (14.9%)
Preferred Equity	Asset	\$ 14,906	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	8.0%	11.3% (10.0%)
Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants		\$ 19,842				
	Asset	\$ 305,000	Enterprise Value	EBITDA Multiple		5.5x 6.5x (6.3x)
	Asset	\$ 305,000	Enterprise Value	Return on Equity	7.7%	12.5% (11.9%)
Credit Facility	Liability	\$ 165,200	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	L+1.4%	L+4.8%
						(L+2.0%)
Senior Secured Notes	Liability	\$ 75,000	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	5.6%	6.1% (5.9%)
2022 Unsecured Notes	Liability	\$ 50,000	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	4.4%	4.7% (4.4%)

Significant increases or decreases in any of the above unobservable inputs in isolation, including unobservable inputs used in deriving bid-ask spreads, if applicable, could result in significantly lower or higher fair value measurements for such assets and liabilities.

Note 7. Derivatives

The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk through its investments denominated in foreign currencies. The Company may mitigate this risk through the use of foreign currency forward contracts, borrowing in local currency under its Credit Facility, or similar. As an investment company, all changes in the fair value of assets, including changes caused by foreign currency fluctuation, flow through current earnings.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, there were no open forward foreign currency contracts outstanding. The Company also had no derivatives designated as hedging instruments at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

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Note 8. Debt

Unsecured senior notes

On November 16, 2012, the Company and U.S. Bank National Association entered into an Indenture and a First Supplemental Indenture relating to the Company's issuance, offer and sale of \$100,000 aggregate principal amount of its 6.75% Unsecured Senior Notes due 2042 (the "2042 Unsecured Notes"). The 2042 Unsecured Notes will mature on November 15, 2042 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at the Company's option at any time or from time to time on or after November 15, 2017 at a redemption price of \$25 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. The 2042 Unsecured Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.75% per year payable quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year. The 2042 Unsecured Notes are direct senior unsecured obligations of the Company.

On November 8, 2016, the Company closed a private offering of \$50,000 of the 2022 Unsecured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 4.40% and a maturity date of May 8, 2022. Interest on the 2022 Unsecured Notes is due semi-annually on May 8 and November 8. The 2022 Unsecured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On February 15, 2017, the Company closed a private offering of \$100,000 of additional 2022 Unsecured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 4.60% and a maturity date of May 8, 2022. Interest on the 2022 Unsecured Notes is due semi-annually on May 8 and November 8. The 2022 Unsecured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Revolving and term loan facility

On September 30, 2016, the Company entered into a second Credit Facility amendment. Post amendment, the Credit Facility was composed of \$505,000 of revolving credit and \$50,000 of term loans. Borrowings generally bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the base rate plus a range of 2.00-2.25% or the alternate base rate plus 1.00%-1.25%. The Credit Facility has no LIBOR floor requirement. The Credit Facility matures in September 2021 and includes ratable amortization in the final year. The Credit Facility may be increased up to \$800,000 with additional new lenders or an increase in commitments from current lenders. The Credit Facility contains certain customary affirmative and negative covenants and events of default. In addition, the Credit Facility contains certain financial covenants that among other things, requires the Company to maintain a minimum shareholder's equity and a minimum asset coverage ratio. The Company also pays issuers of funded term loans quarterly in arrears a commitment fee at the rate of 0.25% per annum on the average daily outstanding balance. On February 23, 2017, the Company prepaid its non-extending lenders and terminated their commitments, reducing total outstanding revolving credit commitments by \$110,000 to \$395,000. At September 30, 2017, outstanding USD equivalent borrowings under the Credit Facility totaled \$225,000, composed of \$175,000 of revolving credit and \$50,000 of term loans.

Senior secured notes

On May 10, 2012, the Company closed a private offering of \$75,000 of Senior Secured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 5.875% and a maturity date of May 10, 2017. Interest on the Senior Secured Notes was due semi-annually on May 10 and November 10. The Senior Secured Notes were issued in a private placement only to

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qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. On May 10, 2017, the Senior Secured Notes matured and were repaid in full by the Company.

Certain covenants on our issued debt may restrict our business activities, including limitations that could hinder our ability to finance additional loans and investments or to make the distributions required to maintain our status as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

The Company has made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to its Credit Facility and 2022 Unsecured Notes, in accordance with ASC 825-10. We believe accounting for the Credit Facility and 2022 Unsecured Notes at fair value better aligns the measurement methodologies of assets and liabilities, which may mitigate certain earnings volatility. ASC 825-10 requires entities to display the fair value of the selected assets and liabilities on the face of the Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities and changes in fair value of the Credit Facility and the 2022 Unsecured Notes are reported in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

The average annualized interest cost for all borrowings for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and the year ended December 31, 2016 was 4.88% and 4.11%, respectively. These costs are exclusive of other credit facility expenses such as unused fees, agency fees and other prepaid expenses related to establishing and/or amending the Credit Facility, the 2022 Unsecured Notes and the 2042 Unsecured Notes (collectively the Credit Facilities), if any. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company expensed \$591 in conjunction with the February issue of 2022 Unsecured Notes. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company expensed \$2,781 in conjunction with the September 2016 amendment to the Credit Facility and \$280 in conjunction with the November issue of the 2022 Unsecured Notes. The maximum amounts borrowed on the Credit Facilities during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and the year ended December 31, 2016 were \$520,000 and \$610,900, respectively.

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Note 9. Financial highlights and senior securities table

The following is a schedule of financial highlights for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and for the year ended December 31, 2016:

	Nine months ended September 30, 2017 (unaudited)	Year ended December 31, 2016
Per Share Data:^(a)		
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 21.74	\$20.79
Net investment income	1.18	1.68
Net realized and unrealized gain	0.08	0.84
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	1.26	2.52
Distributions to stockholders:		
From net investment income	(1.20)	(1.60)
Anti-dilution		0.03
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 21.80	\$21.74
Per share market value, end of period	\$ 21.64	\$20.82
Total Return ^(b)	9.71%	37.49%
Net assets, end of period	\$ 921,183	\$918,507
Shares outstanding, end of period	42,260,826	42,248,525
Ratios to average net assets ^(c) :		
Net investment income	5.41%	7.91%
Operating expenses	4.21%	6.25%
Interest and other credit facility expenses*	1.74%	2.73%
Total expenses	5.95%	8.98%
Average debt outstanding	\$ 389,145	\$495,795
Portfolio turnover ratio	20.5%	31.0%

(a) Calculated using the average shares outstanding method.

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(b) Total return is based on the change in market price per share during the period and takes into account distributions, if any, reinvested in accordance with the dividend reinvestment plan. Total return does not include a sales load.

(c) Not annualized for periods less than one year.

* Ratios shown without the non-recurring costs associated with the amendment of the Credit Facility and establishment of the 2022 Unsecured Notes would be 1.67% and 2.39%, respectively for the periods shown.

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Information about our senior securities is shown in the following table as of each year ended December 31 since the Company commenced operations, unless otherwise noted. The ⁽¹⁾ indicates information which the SEC expressly does not require to be disclosed for certain types of senior securities.

Class and year	Total amount outstanding⁽¹⁾	Asset coverage per unit⁽²⁾	Involuntary liquidating preference per unit⁽³⁾	Average market value per unit⁽⁴⁾
Revolving Credit Facility				
Fiscal 2017 (through September 30, 2017)	\$ 175,000	\$ 1,083		N/A
Fiscal 2016	115,200	990		N/A
Fiscal 2015	207,900	1,459		N/A
Fiscal 2014				N/A
Fiscal 2013				N/A
Fiscal 2012	264,452	1,510		N/A
Fiscal 2011	201,355	3,757		N/A
Fiscal 2010	400,000	2,668		N/A
Fiscal 2009	88,114	8,920		N/A
2022 Unsecured Notes				
Fiscal 2017 (through September 30, 2017)	\$ 150,000	\$ 928		N/A
Fiscal 2016	50,000	430		N/A
2042 Unsecured Notes				
Fiscal 2017 (through September 30, 2017)	\$ 100,000	\$ 619		\$ 1,014
Fiscal 2016	100,000	859		1,002
Fiscal 2015	100,000	702		982
Fiscal 2014	100,000	2,294		943
Fiscal 2013	100,000	2,411		934
Fiscal 2012	100,000	571		923
Senior Secured Notes				
Fiscal 2017 (through September 30, 2017)	\$	\$		N/A
Fiscal 2016	75,000	645		N/A
Fiscal 2015	75,000	527		N/A
Fiscal 2014	75,000	1,721		N/A
Fiscal 2013	75,000	1,808		N/A
Fiscal 2012	75,000	428		N/A

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Class and year	Total amount outstanding⁽¹⁾	Asset coverage per unit⁽²⁾	Involuntary liquidating preference per unit⁽³⁾	Average market value per unit⁽⁴⁾
Term Loans				
Fiscal 2017 (through September 30, 2017)	\$ 50,000	\$ 309		N/A
Fiscal 2016	50,000	430		N/A
Fiscal 2015	50,000	351		N/A
Fiscal 2014	50,000	1,147		N/A
Fiscal 2013	50,000	1,206		N/A
Fiscal 2012	50,000	285		N/A
Fiscal 2011	35,000	653		N/A
Fiscal 2010	35,000	233		N/A
Total Senior Securities				
Fiscal 2017 (through September 30, 2017)	\$ 475,000	\$ 2,939		N/A
Fiscal 2016	390,200	3,354		N/A
Fiscal 2015	432,900	3,039		N/A
Fiscal 2014	225,000	5,162		N/A
Fiscal 2013	225,000	5,425		N/A
Fiscal 2012	489,452	2,794		N/A
Fiscal 2011	236,355	4,410		N/A
Fiscal 2010	435,000	2,901		N/A
Fiscal 2009	88,114	8,920		N/A

(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 all senior securities representing indebtedness. This asset coverage ratio is multiplied by one thousand to determine the Asset Coverage Per Unit. In order to determine the specific Asset Coverage Per Unit for each class of debt, the total Asset Coverage Per Unit is allocated based on the amount outstanding in each class of debt at the end of the period. As of September 30, 2017, asset coverage was 293.9%.

(3) The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon the involuntary liquidation of the issuer in preference to any security junior to it.

(4) Not applicable except for the 2042 Unsecured Notes which are publicly traded. The Average Market Value Per Unit is calculated by taking the daily average closing price during the period and dividing it by twenty-five dollars per share and multiplying the result by one thousand to determine a unit price per thousand consistent with Asset Coverage Per Unit. The average market value for the fiscal 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 periods was \$101,360,

\$100,175, \$98,196, \$94,301, \$93,392, and \$92,302, respectively.

Note 10. Crystal Financial LLC

On December 28, 2012, we completed the acquisition of Crystal Capital Financial Holdings LLC (Crystal Financial), a commercial finance company focused on providing asset-based and other secured financing solutions (the Crystal Acquisition). We invested \$275,000 in cash to effect the Crystal Acquisition. Crystal Financial owned approximately 98% of the outstanding ownership interest in Crystal Financial LLC. The remaining financial interest was held by various employees of Crystal Financial LLC, through their investment in Crystal Management LP. Crystal Financial LLC had a diversified portfolio of 23 loans having a total par value of

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approximately \$400,000 at November 30, 2012 and a \$275,000 committed revolving credit facility. On January 27, 2014, the revolving credit facility was expanded to \$300,000. On March 31, 2014, we exchanged \$137,500 of our equity interest in Crystal Financial in exchange for \$137,500 in floating rate senior secured notes in Crystal Financial bearing interest at LIBOR plus 9.50%, maturing on March 31, 2019. On May 18, 2015, the revolving credit facility was expanded to \$350,000. Our financial statements, including our schedule of investments, reflected our investments in Crystal Financial on a consolidated basis. On July 28, 2016, the Company purchased Crystal Management LP's approximately 2% equity interest in Crystal Financial LLC for approximately \$5,737. Upon the closing of this transaction, the Company holds 100% of the equity interest in Crystal Financial LLC. On September 30, 2016, Crystal Capital Financial Holdings LLC was dissolved.

As of September 30, 2017 Crystal Financial LLC had 27 funded commitments to 24 different issuers with a total par value of approximately \$369,324 on total assets of \$459,401. As of December 31, 2016, Crystal Financial LLC had 26 funded commitments to 25 different issuers with a total par value of approximately \$368,784 on total assets of \$459,732. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the largest loan outstanding totaled \$40,069 and \$36,255, respectively. For the same periods, the average exposure per issuer was \$15,389 and \$14,751, respectively. Crystal Financial LLC's credit facility, which is non-recourse to Solar Capital, had approximately \$175,744 and \$175,422 of borrowings outstanding at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, Crystal Financial LLC had net income of \$7,749 and \$4,720, respectively, on gross income of \$11,716 and \$15,941, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, Crystal Financial LLC had net income of \$23,619 and \$22,384, respectively, on gross income of \$39,755 and \$49,004, respectively. Due to timing and non-cash items, there may be material differences between GAAP net income and cash available for distributions. The latest audited financial statements for Crystal Financial LLC were attached to our most recent Form 10-K filing with the SEC.

Note 11. Stock repurchase programs

On July 31, 2013, the Board authorized a program for the purpose of repurchasing up to \$100,000 of the Company's common stock. Under the repurchase program, the Company could have, but was not obligated to, repurchase its outstanding common stock in the open market from time to time provided that the Company complied with the prohibitions under its Insider Trading Policies and Procedures and the guidelines specified in Rules 10b-18 and 10b-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including certain price, market volume and timing constraints. On December 5, 2013, the Board extended the repurchase program to be in place until the earlier of July 31, 2014 or until \$100,000 of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock had been repurchased. On July 31, 2014, the Company's stock repurchase program expired. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, the Company repurchased 1,779,033 shares at an average price of approximately \$21.97 per share, inclusive of commissions. The total dollar amount of shares repurchased in that period was \$39,078. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company repurchased 796,418 shares at an average price of approximately \$21.98 per share, inclusive of commissions, for a total dollar amount of \$17,508.

On October 7, 2015, the Board authorized a new share repurchase program to purchase common stock in the open market in an amount up to \$30,000. Under the repurchase program, the Company may, but is not obligated to, repurchase its outstanding common stock in the open market from time to time provided that the

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Company complies with the prohibitions under its Insider Trading Policies and Procedures and the guidelines specified in Rules 10b-18 and 10b-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including certain price, market volume and timing constraints. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company repurchased 216,237 shares at an average price of \$15.76 per share, inclusive of commissions. The total dollar amount of shares repurchased for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$3,408. On October 7, 2016, the Company's stock repurchase program expired.

Note 12. Commitments and contingencies

The Company had unfunded debt and equity commitments to various delayed draw loans as well as to Crystal Financial LLC. The total amount of these unfunded commitments as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 is \$54,874 and \$64,013, respectively, comprised of the following:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Crystal Financial LLC	\$ 44,263	\$ 44,263
Delphinus Medical Technologies, Inc.	3,750	
aTyr Pharma, Inc	2,500	5,000
MRI Software LLC	2,361	
CardioFocus, Inc	2,000	
Vapotherm, Inc		10,000
SentreHeart, Inc		2,500
Conventus Orthopaedics, Inc.		2,250
Total Commitments*	\$ 54,874	\$ 64,013

* The Company controls the funding of the Crystal Financial LLC commitment and may cancel it at its discretion.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had sufficient cash available and/or liquid securities available to fund its commitments as well as the commitments to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC (SSLP) disclosed in Note 13, Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC (SSLP II) disclosed in Note 14 and Solar Life Science Program LLC (LSJV) disclosed in Note 15.

Note 13. Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC

On September 2, 2014, the Company entered into a limited liability company agreement with an affiliate (the Investor) of a fund managed by Pacific Investment Management Company LLC (PIMCO) to co-invest in middle market senior secured unitranche loans sourced by the same origination platform used by the Company. Initial funding commitments to the unitranche strategy total \$600,000, consisting of direct equity investments and co-investment commitments as described below. The joint venture vehicle known as the SLP is structured as an unconsolidated Delaware limited liability company. The Company and the Investor initially made equity commitments to the SLP of \$300,000

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and \$43,250, respectively. All portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and PIMCO (with approval from a representative of each required).

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On October 15, 2015, the Company entered into an amended and restated limited liability company agreement for its SSLP to add Voya Investment Management LLC (Voya), part of Voya Financial, Inc. (NYSE: VOYA), as a partner in SSLP in place of the investor that was previously the Company's partner in SSLP, though this investor may still co-invest up to \$300,000 of equity in unitranche loans alongside SSLP. This joint venture is expected to invest primarily in senior secured loans, including unitranche loans, primarily to middle market companies predominantly owned by private equity sponsors or entrepreneurs, consistent with the Company's core origination and underwriting mandate. In addition to the Company's prior equity commitment of \$300,000 to SSLP, Voya has made an initial equity commitment of \$25,000 to SSLP, with the ability to upsize.

On November 2, 2015, the Company assigned \$125,000 of its \$300,000 commitment to SSLP to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC (SSLP II), a Delaware limited liability company.

On November 25, 2015, SSLP commenced operations. On June 30, 2016, SSLP as transferor and SSLP 2016-1, LLC, a newly formed wholly owned subsidiary of SSLP, as borrower entered into a \$200,000 senior secured revolving credit facility (the SSLP Facility) with Wells Fargo Bank, NA acting as administrative agent. Solar Capital Ltd. acts as servicer under the SSLP Facility. The SSLP Facility is scheduled to mature on June 30, 2021. The SSLP Facility generally bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 2.50%. SSLP and SSLP 2016-1, LLC, as applicable, have made certain customary representations and warranties, and are required to comply with various covenants, including leverage restrictions, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. The SSLP Facility also includes usual and customary events of default for credit facilities of this nature. There were \$71,798 and \$67,148 of borrowings outstanding as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company and Voya had contributed combined equity capital in the amount of \$103,533 and \$116,433, respectively. Of the \$103,533 of contributed equity capital at September 30, 2017, the Company contributed \$29,884 in the form of investments and \$60,707 in the form of cash and Voya contributed \$12,942 in the form of cash. As of September 30, 2017, the Company and Voya's remaining commitments to SSLP totaled \$84,409 and \$12,058, respectively. The Company, along with Voya, controls the funding of SSLP and SSLP may not call the unfunded commitments without approval of both the Company and Voya.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, SSLP had total assets of \$178,585 and \$184,816, respectively. For the same periods, SSLP's portfolio consisted of floating rate senior secured loans to 10 and 11 different borrowers, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, SSLP invested \$1,694 in 2 portfolio companies and \$5,194 in 2 portfolio companies, respectively. Investments prepaid totaled \$2,574 for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and \$364 for the three months ended September 30, 2016. At September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the weighted average yield of SSLP's portfolio was 7.7% and 7.4%, respectively, measured at fair value and 7.8% and 7.5%, respectively, measured at cost.

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SSLP Portfolio as of September 30, 2017

Description	Industry	Spread above index⁽¹⁾	LIBOR floor	Interest rate⁽²⁾	Maturity date	Par amount	Cost	Fair value⁽³⁾
AccentCare, Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+575	1.00%	7.08%	9/3/21	\$ 12,652	\$ 12,616	\$ 12,652
Alera Group Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	Insurance	L+550	1.00%	6.74%	12/30/22	14,644	14,512	14,607
Associated Pathologists, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.32%	8/1/21	3,167	3,142	3,167
Empower Payments Acquisition, Inc. (RevSpring)	Professional Services	L+550	1.00%	6.83%	11/30/23	13,771	13,521	13,771
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽⁴⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.99%	12/14/21	32,271	31,905	32,271
Island Medical Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+550	1.00%	6.83%	9/1/22	13,743	13,614	13,606
Pet Holdings ULC & Pet Supermarket, Inc.	Specialty Retail	L+550	1.00%	6.80%	7/5/22	23,288	22,995	23,114
PPT Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+600	1.00%	7.33%	12/16/22	11,910	11,804	11,672
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.58%	11/25/21	1,925	1,911	1,925
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+829	1.00%	9.62%	11/25/21	22,250	21,913	21,805
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+600	1.00%	7.33%	4/20/21	23,606	23,460	23,369
							\$ 171,393	\$ 171,959

(1) Floating rate instruments accrue interest at a predetermined spread relative to an index, typically the LIBOR or PRIME rate. These instruments are typically subject to a LIBOR or PRIME rate floor.

(2) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of September 30, 2017.

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- (3) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board's valuation process described elsewhere herein.

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SSLP Portfolio as of December 31, 2016 (audited)

Description	Industry	Spread above index⁽¹⁾	LIBOR floor	Interest rate⁽²⁾	Maturity date	Par amount	Cost	Fair value⁽³⁾
AccentCare, Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+575	1.00%	6.75%	9/3/21	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,875
Alera Group Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	Insurance	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	12/30/22	13,824	13,686	13,686
Associated Pathologists, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	8/1/21	3,292	3,261	3,275
CIBT Holdings, Inc.	Professional Services	L+525	1.00%	6.25%	6/28/22	13,102	12,979	12,971
Empower Payments Acquisition, Inc. (RevSpring)	Professional Services	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	11/30/23	13,875	13,600	13,597
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽⁴⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.75%	12/14/21	34,650	34,202	34,650
Pet Holdings ULC & Pet Supermarket, Inc.	Specialty Retail	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	7/5/22	20,625	20,336	20,367
PPT Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+600	1.00%	7.00%	12/16/22	12,000	11,881	11,880
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.25%	11/25/21	2,475	2,454	2,475
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+839	1.00%	9.39%	11/25/21	22,250	21,866	21,861
U.S. Anesthesia Partners Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	12/31/19	19,557	19,407	19,362
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+625	1.00%	7.25%	4/20/21	21,818	21,686	21,491
							\$ 180,233	\$ 180,490

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(2) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2016.

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Below is certain summarized financial information for SSLP as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016 (audited)
Selected Balance Sheet Information for SSLP:		
Investments at fair value (cost \$171,393 and \$180,233, respectively)	\$ 171,959	\$ 180,490
Cash and other assets.	6,626	4,326
Total assets	\$ 178,585	\$ 184,816
Debt outstanding	\$ 71,798	\$ 67,148
Distributions payable	2,286	1,688
Interest payable and other credit facility related expenses	1,108	660
Accrued expenses and other payables	213	287
Total liabilities	\$ 75,405	\$ 69,783
Members' equity	\$ 103,180	\$ 115,033
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 178,585	\$ 184,816

	Three months ended September 30, 2017	Three months ended September 30, 2016	Nine months ended September 30, 2017	Nine months ended September 30, 2016
Selected Income Statement Information for SSLP:				
Interest income	\$ 3,495	\$ 2,615	\$ 10,730	\$ 6,374
Service fees*	\$ 28	\$ 23	\$ 89	\$ 58
Interest and other credit facility expenses	1,109	582**	2,795	3,233**
Other general and administrative expenses	21	37	96	102
Total expenses	1,158	642	2,980	3,393

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Net investment income	\$	2,337	\$	1,973	\$	7,750	\$	2,981
Realized gain on investments						127		
Net change in unrealized gain on investments		88		251		310		159
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments		88		251		437		159
Net income	\$	2,425	\$	2,224	\$	8,187	\$	3,140

* Service fees are included within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations as other income.

** SSLP made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to the SSLP Facility, in accordance with ASC 825-10. As such, all expenses related to the establishment of the SSLP Facility were expensed during the periods shown. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, these amounts totaled \$140 and \$2,788, respectively.

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On November 2, 2015, the Company assigned \$125,000 of its \$300,000 commitment to SSLP to SSLP II, a Delaware limited liability company. On August 5, 2016, the Company entered into an amended and restated limited liability company agreement with WFI Loanco, LLC (WFI) and SSLP II commenced operations. SSLP II is expected to invest primarily in senior secured loans, including unitranche loans, primarily to middle market companies predominantly owned by private equity sponsors or entrepreneurs, consistent with the Company's core origination and underwriting mandate. Also on August 5, 2016, the Company assigned \$49,977 of its \$125,000 commitment to SSLP II to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program III LLC (SSLP III), a newly formed Delaware limited liability company. SSLP III, which had not commenced operations, was wholly owned by Solar Capital Ltd. but could have brought in unaffiliated investors at a later date. The Company and WFI's equity commitments to SSLP II now total \$75,023 and \$18,000, respectively.

On November 15, 2016, SSLP II as transferor and SSLP II 2016-1, LLC, a newly formed wholly owned subsidiary of SSLP II, as borrower entered into a \$100,000 senior secured revolving credit facility (the SSLP II Facility) with Wells Fargo Bank, NA acting as administrative agent. Solar Capital Ltd. acts as servicer under the SSLP II Facility. The SSLP II Facility is scheduled to mature on November 15, 2021. The SSLP II Facility generally bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 2.50%. SSLP II and SSLP II 2016-1, LLC, as applicable, have made certain customary representations and warranties, and are required to comply with various covenants, including leverage restrictions, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. The SSLP II Facility also includes usual and customary events of default for credit facilities of this nature. There were \$49,188 and \$32,950 of borrowings outstanding as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company and WFI contributed combined equity capital in the amount of \$59,831 and \$58,231, respectively. Of the \$59,831 of contributed equity capital at September 30, 2017, the Company contributed \$43,498 in the form of investments and \$4,756 in the form of cash and WFI contributed \$11,577 in the form of cash. As of September 30, 2017, the Company and WFI's remaining commitments to SSLP II totaled \$26,769 and \$6,423, respectively. The Company, along with WFI, controls the funding of SSLP II and SSLP II may not call the unfunded commitments without approval of both the Company and WFI.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, SSLP II had total assets of \$121,778 and \$93,467, respectively. For the same periods, SSLP II's portfolio consisted of floating rate senior secured loans to 15 and 12 different borrowers, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2017, SSLP II invested \$11,668 in 5 portfolio companies. For the period August 5, 2016 (commencement of operations) through September 30, 2016, SSLP II invested \$65,630 in 8 portfolio companies. Investments prepaid totaled \$1,380 for the three months ended September 30, 2017. Investments prepaid for the period August 5, 2016 (commencement of operations) through September 30, 2016 totaled \$266. At September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the weighted average yield of SSLP II's portfolio was 7.7% and 7.6%, respectively, measured at fair value and 8.0% and 7.9%, respectively, measured at cost.

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SSLP II Portfolio as of September 30, 2017

Description	Industry	Spread above index⁽¹⁾	LIBOR floor	Interest rate⁽²⁾	Maturity date	Par amount	Cost	Fair value⁽³⁾
AccentCare, Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+575	1.00%	7.08%	9/3/21	\$ 6,913	\$ 6,882	\$ 6,913
Alera Group Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	Insurance	L+550	1.00%	6.74%	12/30/22	5,491	5,442	5,478
American Teleconferencing Services, Ltd. (PGI) ⁽⁴⁾	Communications Equipment	L+650	1.00%	7.78%	12/8/21	14,048	12,888	13,767
Associated Pathologists, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.32%	8/1/21	1,583	1,571	1,583
Empower Payments Acquisition, Inc. (RevSpring)	Professional Services	L+550	1.00%	6.83%	11/30/23	6,885	6,761	6,885
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽⁴⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.99%	12/14/21	10,193	10,193	10,193
Global Holdings LLC & Payment Concepts LLC	Consumer Finance	L+650	1.00%	7.82%	5/5/22	8,750	8,587	8,575
Island Medical Management Holdings, LLC ⁽⁴⁾	Health Care Providers & Services	L+550	1.00%	6.83%	9/1/22	6,872	6,807	6,803
Logix Holding Company, LLC	Communications Equipment	L+575	1.00%	6.98%	11/30/24	9,375	9,281	9,281
Pet Holdings ULC & Pet Supermarket, Inc.	Specialty Retail	L+550	1.00%	6.80%	7/5/22	10,247	10,116	10,170
PetVet Care Centers, LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+600	1.00%	7.31%	6/8/23	3,104	3,074	3,073
Polycom, Inc.	Communications Equipment	L+525	1.00%	6.48%	9/27/23	10,324	9,962	10,476
PPT Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+600	1.00%	7.33%	12/16/22	9,925	9,837	9,727
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.58%	11/25/21	770	770	770
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+829	1.00%	9.62%	11/25/21	8,900	8,767	8,722
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+600	1.00%	7.33%	4/20/21	5,554	5,459	5,499
							\$ 116,397	\$ 117,915

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- (2) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of September 30, 2017.
- (3) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board s valuation process described elsewhere herein.
- (4) The Company also holds this security on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

SSLP II Portfolio as of December 31, 2016 (audited)

Description	Industry	Spread above index ⁽¹⁾	LIBOR floor	Interest rate ⁽²⁾	Maturity date	Par amount	Cost	Fair value ⁽³⁾
Alera Group Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	Insurance	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	12/30/22	\$ 5,184	\$ 5,132	\$ 5,132
American Teleconferencing Services, Ltd. (PGI) ⁽⁴⁾	Communications Equipment	L+650	1.00%	7.50%	12/8/21	14,619	13,244	14,217
Associated Pathologists, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	8/1/21	1,646	1,631	1,638
CIBT Holdings, Inc.	Professional Services	L+525	1.00%	6.25%	6/28/22	5,241	5,191	5,188
Empower Payments Acquisition, Inc. (RevSpring)	Professional Services	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	11/30/23	6,938	6,800	6,799
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽⁴⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.75%	12/14/21	10,945	10,945	10,945
Pet Holdings ULC & Pet Supermarket, Inc.	Specialty Retail	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	7/5/22	9,075	8,947	8,962
Polycom, Inc.	Communications Equipment	L+650	1.00%	7.50%	9/27/23	11,605	11,152	11,547
PPT Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+600	1.00%	7.00%	12/16/22	10,000	9,901	9,900
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.25%	11/25/21	990	990	990
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+839	1.00%	9.39%	11/25/21	8,900	8,748	8,744
U.S. Anesthesia Partners Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	12/31/19	4,988	4,938	4,938

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VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+625	1.00%	7.25%	4/20/21	2,840	2,787	2,797	
									\$ 90,406 \$ 91,797

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- (2) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2016.
- (3) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board s valuation process described elsewhere herein.
- (4) The Company also holds this security on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.
- Below is certain summarized financial information for SSLP II as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and for the period August 5, 2016 (commencement of operations) through September 30, 2016:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016 (audited)
Selected Balance Sheet Information for SSLP II:		
Investments at fair value (cost \$116,397 and \$90,406, respectively)	\$ 117,915	\$ 91,797
Cash and other assets.	3,863	1,670
Total assets	\$ 121,778	\$ 93,467
Debt outstanding	\$ 49,188	\$ 32,950
Payable for investments purchased	9,281	
Distributions payable	1,614	1,460
Interest payable and other credit facility related expenses	581	147
Accrued expenses and other payables	196	183
Total liabilities	\$ 60,860	\$ 34,740
Members equity	\$ 60,918	\$ 58,727
Total liabilities and members equity	\$ 121,778	\$ 93,467

**Three months ended
September 30,
2017**

**For the period
August 5, 2016
(commencement of
operations) through**

**Nine months ended
September 30, 2017**

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September 30,
2016

Selected Income Statement Information for SSLP II:

Interest income	\$	2,363	\$	710	\$	6,616
Service fees*	\$	28	\$	9	\$	80
Interest and other credit facility expenses.		558				1,496
Other general and administrative expenses		20		68		85
Total expenses	\$	606	\$	77	\$	1,661
Net investment income	\$	1,757	\$	633	\$	4,955
Realized gain on investments						46
Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments		(297)		1,218		128
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments		(297)		1,218		174
Net income	\$	1,460	\$	1,851	\$	5,129

* Service fees are included within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations as other income.

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Note 15. Solar Life Science Program LLC

On February 22, 2017, the Company, through its commitment to SSLP III, and Solar Senior Capital Ltd. formed LSJV with an affiliate of Deerfield Management. SSLP III committed approximately \$49,977 to LSJV. On March 10, 2017, SSLP III was dissolved. As of September 30, 2017, LSJV has not commenced operations.

Note 16. NEF Holdings, LLC

On July 31, 2017, we completed the acquisition of NEF Holdings, LLC (NEF), which conducts its business through its wholly-owned subsidiary Nations Equipment Finance, LLC. NEF is an independent equipment finance company that provides senior secured loans and leases primarily to U.S. based companies. We invested \$209,866 in cash to effect the transaction, of which \$145,000 was invested in the equity of NEF through our wholly-owned consolidated taxable subsidiary NEFCORP LLC and our wholly-owned consolidated subsidiary NEFPASS LLC and \$64,866 was used to purchase certain leases and loans held by NEF through NEFPASS LLC. Concurrent with the transaction, NEF refinanced its existing senior secured credit facility into a \$150,000 non-recourse facility with an accordion feature to expand up to \$250,000. The maturity date of the facility is July 31, 2021. At July 31, 2017, NEF also had two securitizations outstanding, with an issued note balance of \$94,587.

As of September 30, 2017, NEF had 242 funded equipment-backed leases and loans to 115 different customers with a total net investment in leases and loans of approximately \$254,850 on total assets of \$297,668. As of September 30, 2017, the largest position outstanding totaled \$15,891. For the same period, the average exposure per customer was \$2,216. NEF's credit facility, which is non-recourse to Solar Capital, had approximately \$70,776 of borrowings outstanding at September 30, 2017. The securitization notes balance on September 30, 2017 was \$85,762. Since the acquisition on July 31, 2017 and through September 30, 2017, NEF had net income of \$2,466 on gross income of \$6,004. Due to timing and non-cash items, there may be material differences between GAAP net income and cash available for distributions.

Note 17. Capital share transactions

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, 200,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value capital stock were authorized.

Transactions in capital stock were as follows:

	Shares		Amount	
	Nine months ended September 30, 2017	Year ended December 31, 2016	Nine months ended September 30, 2017	Year ended December 31, 2016
Repurchases of common stock		(216,237)	\$	(\$ 3,408)
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	12,301		280	
Net increase (decrease)	12,301	(216,237)	\$ 280	(\$ 3,408)

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Note 18. Subsequent events

The Company has evaluated the need for disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events through the date the consolidated financial statements were issued.

On October 24, 2017, the Company issued notice of its intent to redeem \$25,000 of the 2042 Unsecured Notes on November 24, 2017.

On November 2, 2017, our Board declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.40 per share payable on January 4, 2018 to holders of record as of December 21, 2017.

On November 2, 2017, our Board declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.41 per share payable on April 3, 2018 to holders of record as of March 22, 2018.

On November 2, 2017, our Board amended the First Amended and Restated Investment Advisory and Management Agreement Between Solar Capital Ltd. and Solar Capital Partners, LLC in order to lower the base management fee payable thereunder from 2.0% per annum to 1.75% per annum, to be effective as of January 1, 2018.

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PROSPECTUS

\$1,000,000,000

Solar Capital Ltd.

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Debt Securities

Warrants

We are an externally 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. Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in leveraged companies, including middle-market companies, in the form of senior secured loans, unitranche loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities. Securities rated below investment grade, including the investments we target, are often referred to as leveraged loans, high yield or junk securities, and may be considered high risk compared to debt instruments that are rated investment grade.

We are managed by Solar Capital Partners, LLC. Solar Capital Management, LLC provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, up to \$1,000,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, or warrants, which we refer to, collectively, as the securities. The preferred stock and warrants offered hereby may be convertible or exchangeable into shares of our common stock. The securities may be offered at prices and on terms to be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus.

In the event we offer common stock, the offering price per share of our common stock less any underwriting commissions or discounts will generally not be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time we make the offering. However, we may issue shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus at a price per share that is less than our net asset value per share (a) with the prior approval of the majority of our common stockholders or (b) under such other circumstances as the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) may permit.

The securities may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, or through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to an offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of the securities, and will disclose any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters or among our underwriters or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See Plan of Distribution. We may not sell any of the securities through agents,

underwriters or dealers without delivery of this prospectus and a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such securities.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol SLRC. On April 26, 2017, the last reported sales price on the NASDAQ Global Select Market for our common stock was \$22.82 per share.

This prospectus, and the accompanying prospectus supplement, contains important information about us that a prospective investor should know before investing in our common stock. Please read this prospectus, and the accompanying prospectus supplement, before investing, and keep it for future reference. We are required to 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 by mail at 500 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022, by telephone at (212) 993-1670 or on our website at <http://www.solarcapltd.com>. The Securities and Exchange Commission also maintains a website at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains such information. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and you should not consider that information to be part of this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement.

An investment in our common stock is very risky and highly speculative. Shares of closed-end investment companies, including business development companies, frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value. In addition, the companies in which we invest are subject to special risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 16 to read about factors you should consider, including the risk of leverage, before investing in our common stock.

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 shares of common stock unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

May 2, 2017

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement to this prospectus. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained in this prospectus or any such supplements as if we had authorized it. This prospectus and any such supplements do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of any offer to buy any security other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do they constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The information contained in this prospectus and any such supplements is accurate as of the dates on their covers. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since then.

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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, or SEC, 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, or the Securities Act, we may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, up to \$1,000,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, or warrants on the terms to be determined at the time of the offering. 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. A prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Please carefully read this prospectus and any such supplements together with any exhibits and the additional information described under Available Information and in the Summary and Risk Factors sections before you make an investment decision.

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This summary highlights some of the information in this prospectus. It is not complete and may not contain all of the information that you may want to consider. You should read carefully the more detailed information set forth under Risk Factors and the other information included in this prospectus and the documents to which we have referred.

We were formed in February 2007 as Solar Capital LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, and commenced operations in March 2007, after conducting a private placement of units of membership interest (units), with initial capital of \$1.2 billion of which 47.04% was funded by affiliated parties. On February 9, 2010, Solar Capital LLC was merged with and into Solar Capital Ltd., a Maryland corporation, which we refer to as the Solar Capital Merger, concurrent with the pricing of our initial public offering, leaving Solar Capital Ltd. as the surviving entity. Except where the context suggests otherwise, the terms we, us, our, the Company and Solar Capital refer to Solar Capital LLC prior to the Solar Capital Merger, and Solar Capital Ltd. after the Solar Capital Merger. In addition, the terms Solar Capital Partners or the investment adviser refer to Solar Capital Partners, LLC, and Solar Capital Management or the administrator refers to Solar Capital Management, LLC.

In this prospectus, we use the term leveraged to refer to companies of any size with non-investment grade debt outstanding or, if not explicitly rated, those which we believe would be rated as non-investment grade based on their leverage levels and other terms. In addition, we use the term middle-market to refer to companies with annual revenues between \$50 million and \$1 billion.

Solar Capital

Solar Capital Ltd., a Maryland corporation formed in November 2007, is a closed-end, externally managed, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). Furthermore, as the Company is an investment company, it continues to apply the guidance in the Financial Accounting Standard Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 946. In addition, for tax purposes we have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (RIC) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

On February 9, 2010, we priced our initial public offering, selling 5.68 million shares of our common stock. Concurrent with our initial public offering, Michael S. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Bruce Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer, collectively purchased an additional 0.6 million shares of our common stock through a private placement transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act (the Concurrent Private Placement).

We invest primarily in privately held U.S. middle-market companies, where we believe the supply of primary capital is limited and the investment opportunities are most attractive. Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in leveraged middle-market companies in the form of senior secured loans, unitranche loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities. From time to time, we may also invest in public companies. Our business is focused primarily on the direct origination of investments through portfolio companies or their financial sponsors. Our investments generally range between \$5 million and \$100 million each, although we expect that this investment size will vary with the size of our capital base and/or strategic initiatives.

In addition, we may invest a portion of our portfolio in other types of investments, which we refer to as opportunistic investments, which are not our primary focus but are intended to enhance our overall returns. These

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investments may include, but are not limited to, direct investments in public companies that are not thinly traded and securities of leveraged companies located in select countries outside of the United States. The securities that we invest in are typically rated below investment grade. Securities rated below investment grade are often referred to as leveraged loans, high yield or junk securities, and may be considered high risk compared to debt instruments that are rated investment grade. In addition, some of our debt investments will not fully amortize during their lifetime, which could result in a loss or a substantial amount of unpaid principal and interest due upon maturity.

Our investment activities are managed by Solar Capital Partners and supervised by our board of directors, a majority of whom are non-interested, as such term is defined in the 1940 Act. Solar Capital Management provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

As of December 31, 2016, our investment portfolio totaled \$1.3 billion and our net asset value was \$918.5 million. Our portfolio was comprised of debt and equity investments in 63 portfolio companies with our portfolio of income producing investments, which is not our entire portfolio, having a weighted average annualized yield on a fair value and cost basis of approximately 10.0% and 10.4%, respectively. Portfolio yield does not represent an actual investment return to stockholders.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, we invested approximately \$428 million in 35 portfolio companies. Investments sold or prepaid during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 totaled approximately \$488 million.

Recent Developments

On February 15, 2017, the Company closed a private offering of \$100 million of additional unsecured senior notes due 2022 (the 2022 Unsecured Notes) with a fixed interest rate of 4.60% and a maturity date of May 8, 2022. Interest on the 2022 Unsecured Notes is due semi-annually on May 8 and November 8. The 2022 Unsecured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On February 22, 2017, the Company, through its commitment to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program III LLC (SSLP III), and Solar Senior formed Solar Life Science Program LLC (LSJV) with an affiliate of Deerfield Management. The Company is committing approximately \$50 million to LSJV.

On February 22, 2017, our Board declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.40 per share payable on April 4, 2017 to holders of record as of March 23, 2017.

About Solar Capital Partners

Solar Capital Partners, our investment adviser, is controlled and led by Michael S. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Bruce Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer. They are supported by a team of dedicated investment professionals. Solar Capital Partners' investment team has extensive experience in leveraged lending and private equity, as well as significant contacts with financial sponsors.

In addition, Solar Capital Partners serves as investment adviser to Solar Senior Capital Ltd., or Solar Senior, a publicly traded BDC that invests in the senior debt securities of leveraged middle-market companies similar to those we target for investment. Through December 31, 2016, investment team led by Messrs. Gross and Spohler has invested approximately \$6.0 billion in more than 265 different portfolio companies involving an aggregate of more than 165 different financial sponsors, through December 31, 2016. Since Solar Capital's

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inception, these investment professionals have used their relationships in the middle-market financial sponsor and financial intermediary community to generate deal flow. As of April 26, 2017, Mr. Gross and Mr. Spohler beneficially owned, either directly or indirectly, approximately 5.7% and 5.2%, respectively, of our outstanding common stock.

Mr. Gross has over 25 years of experience in the private equity, distressed debt and mezzanine lending businesses and has been involved in originating, structuring, negotiating, consummating and managing private equity, distressed debt and mezzanine (i.e., actually or structurally subordinated) lending transactions. We also rely on the over 25 years of experience of Mr. Spohler, who has served as our Chief Operating Officer and a partner of Solar Capital Partners since its inception.

Solar Capital Partners' senior investment professionals have been active participants in the primary and secondary leveraged credit markets throughout their careers. They have effectively managed portfolios of distressed and mezzanine (i.e., actually or structurally subordinated) debt as well as other investment types. The depth of their prior experience and credit market expertise has led them through various stages of the economic cycle as well as several market disruptions.

Market Opportunity

Solar Capital invests primarily in senior secured loans, unitranche loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities of middle-market leveraged companies. We believe that the size of this market, coupled with leveraged companies' need for flexible sources of capital at attractive terms and rates, creates an attractive investment environment for us. See [Business - Market Opportunity](#).

Middle-market companies have faced increasing difficulty in accessing the capital markets. While many middle-market companies were formerly able to raise funds by issuing high-yield bonds, we believe this approach to financing has become more difficult in recent years as institutional investors have sought to invest in larger, more liquid offerings. In addition, many private finance companies that historically financed their lending and investing activities through securitization transactions have lost that source of funding and reduced lending significantly. Moreover, consolidation of lenders and market participants and the illiquid nature of investments have resulted in fewer middle-market lenders and market participants.

There is a large pool of uninvested private equity capital likely to seek additional capital to support their investments. We believe there is more than \$500 billion of uninvested private equity capital seeking debt financing to support acquisitions. We expect that middle-market private equity firms will continue to invest the approximately \$185 billion raised since 2000 in middle-market companies and that those private equity firms will seek to support their investments with mezzanine loans from sources such as Solar Capital.

The significant amount of debt maturing through 2018 should provide additional demand for capital. A high volume of financings were completed between the years 2004 and 2007, which are expected to mature over the next few years. We believe that this supply of prospective lending opportunities coupled with a lack of available credit in the middle-market lending space may offer attractive risk-adjusted returns to investors. Risk-adjusted return compares returns against the amount of risk incurred. The term "risk-adjusted return" does not imply that an investment is no risk or low risk.

Investing in private middle-market debt provides an attractive risk reward profile. In general, terms for illiquid, middle-market subordinated debt have been more attractive than those for larger corporations which are typically more liquid. We believe this is because fewer institutions are able to invest in illiquid asset classes.

Therefore, we believe that there is an attractive opportunity to invest in senior secured loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities of leveraged companies, and that we are well positioned to serve this market.

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Competitive Advantages and Strategy

We believe that we have the following competitive advantages over other providers of financing to leveraged companies. See Business Competitive Advantages and Strategy.

Management Expertise

As managing partner, Mr. Gross has principal management responsibility for Solar Capital Partners, to which he currently dedicates substantially all of his time. Mr. Gross has over 25 years of experience in leveraged finance, private equity and distressed debt investing. Mr. Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer and a partner of Solar Capital Partners, has over 25 years of experience in evaluating and executing leverage finance transactions.

Investment Capacity

The proceeds from our initial public offering and the Concurrent Private Placement, the borrowing capacity under the senior secured credit facility led by Citibank, N.A. (the Credit Facility), our \$75 million senior secured notes (the Senior Secured Notes), \$100 million of 6.75% senior unsecured notes due 2042 (the 2042 Unsecured Notes), our \$150 million of 2022 Unsecured Notes and the expected repayments of existing investments provide us with a substantial amount of capital available for deployment into new investment opportunities. We believe we are well positioned for the current marketplace.

Solar Capital's Limited Leverage

As of December 31, 2016, we had total outstanding borrowings of approximately \$390.2 million. Under the provisions of the 1940 Act, we are permitted to issue senior securities in amounts such that our asset coverage ratio, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% of gross assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, after each issuance of senior securities. As of December 31, 2016, our asset coverage ratio was 335.4%. We believe our relatively low level of leverage provides us with a competitive advantage, allowing us to anticipate providing a consistent distribution to our investors, as proceeds from our investments are available for reinvestment as opposed to being consumed by debt repayment. We may increase our relative level of debt in the future. However, we do not currently anticipate operating with a substantial amount of debt relative to our total assets.

Proprietary Sourcing and Origination

We believe that Solar Capital Partners' senior investment professionals' longstanding relationships with financial sponsors, commercial and investment banks, management teams and other financial intermediaries provide us with a strong pipeline of proprietary origination opportunities. We expect to continue leveraging the relationships Mr. Gross established while sourcing and originating investments at Apollo Investment Corporation (Apollo) as well as the financial sponsor relationships Mr. Spohler developed while he was a co-head of CIBC World Markets' U.S. Leveraged Finance Group.

Since its inception, Solar Capital Partners has sourced investments in more than 265 different portfolio companies involving an aggregate of more than 165 different financial sponsors, through December 31, 2016.

Versatile Transaction Structuring and Flexibility of Capital

We believe Solar Capital Partners' senior investment team's broad expertise and ability to draw upon its extensive experience enable us to identify, assess and structure investments successfully across all levels of a company's capital

structure and to manage potential risk and return at all stages of the economic cycle. The attempt to manage risk does not imply low risk or no risk. While we are subject to significant regulation as a BDC, we are not subject to many of the regulatory limitations that govern traditional lending institutions such as

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banks. As a result, we believe that we can be more flexible than such lending institutions in selecting and structuring investments, adjusting investment criteria, transaction structures and, in some cases, the types of securities in which we invest.

Emphasis on Achieving Strong Risk-Adjusted Returns

Solar Capital Partners uses a structured investment and risk management process that emphasizes research and analysis. Solar Capital Partners seeks to build our portfolio on a bottom-up basis, choosing and sizing individual positions based on their relative risk/reward profiles as a function of the associated downside risk, volatility, correlation with the existing portfolio and liquidity. At the same time, Solar Capital Partners takes into consideration a variety of factors in managing our portfolio and imposes portfolio-based risk constraints promoting a more diverse portfolio of investments and limiting issuer and industry concentration. We do not pursue short-term origination targets. We believe this approach enables us to build an attractive investment portfolio that meets our return and value criteria over the long term. We believe it is critical to conduct extensive due diligence on investment targets. In evaluating new investments we, through Solar Capital Partners, conduct a rigorous due diligence process.

Deep Industry Focus with Substantial Information Flow

We concentrate our investing activities in industries characterized by strong cash flow and in which Solar Capital Partners' investment professionals have deep investment experience. As a result of their investment experience, Messrs. Gross and Spohler, together with Solar Capital Partners' other senior investment professionals, have long-term relationships with management consultants and management teams in the industries we target, as well as substantial information concerning those industries.

Longer Investment Horizon

Unlike private equity and venture capital funds, we will not be subject to standard periodic capital return requirements. Such requirements typically stipulate that the capital of these funds, together with any capital gains on such invested funds, can only be invested once and must be returned to investors after a pre-agreed time period. We believe that our flexibility to make investments with a long-term view and without the capital return requirements of traditional private investment vehicles provides us with the opportunity to generate favorable returns relative to the risks of our invested capital and enables us to be a better long-term partner for our portfolio companies.

Summary Risk Factors

The value of our assets, as well as the market price of shares of our common stock, will fluctuate. Our investments may be risky, and you may lose all or part of your investment in us. Investing in Solar Capital involves other risks, including the following:

We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities;

Our investments are very risky and highly speculative;

The lack of liquidity in our investments may make it difficult for us to dispose of our investments at a favorable price, which may adversely affect our ability to meet our investment objectives;

Our portfolio may be concentrated in a limited number of portfolio companies and industries, which will subject us to a risk of significant loss if any of these companies performs poorly or defaults on its obligations under any of its debt instruments or if there is a downturn in a particular industry;

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Our investments in securities rated below investment grade are speculative in nature and are subject to additional risk factors such as increased possibility of default, illiquidity of the security, and changes in value based on changes in interest rates;

A disruption in the global and U.S. capital markets and the credit markets could impair our ability to raise money and negatively affect our business and harm our operating results;

Our shares may trade at a substantial discount from net asset value and may continue to do so over the long term;

Our common stock price may be volatile and may decrease substantially;

There is a risk that our stockholders may not receive distributions or that our distributions may not grow over time;

Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market may have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock;

The net asset value per share of our common stock may be diluted if we issue or sell shares of our common stock at prices below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock;

To the extent we use debt or preferred stock to finance our investments, changes in interest rates will affect our cost of capital and net investment income;

We are dependent upon Solar Capital Partners' key personnel for our future success;

Our financial condition and results of operations will depend on our ability to manage future growth effectively;

Regulations governing our operation as a BDC affect our ability to, and the way in which we will, raise additional capital. As a BDC, the necessity of raising additional capital may expose us to risks, including the typical risks associated with leverage.

We have and will continue to borrow money, which would magnify the potential for loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing in us;

Our quarterly and annual operating results are subject to fluctuation as a result of the nature of our business, and if we fail to achieve our investment objective, the net asset value of our common stock may decline;

There will be uncertainty as to the value of our portfolio investments, which may impact our net asset value;

There are significant potential conflicts of interest, including Solar Capital Partners' management of Solar Senior, which could impact our investment returns, and an investment in Solar Capital is not an investment in Solar Senior;

We may become subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax if we are unable to maintain our qualification as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code; and

The failure in cyber security systems, as well as the occurrence of events unanticipated in our disaster recovery systems and management continuity planning could impair our ability to conduct business effectively.

See Risk Factors beginning on page 17 and the other information included in this prospectus, for additional discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our securities.

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Operating and Regulatory Structure

Immediately prior to the pricing of our initial public offering, Solar Capital LLC was merged with and into Solar Capital Ltd., a Maryland corporation that is an externally managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company which has elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. As a BDC, we are required to meet regulatory tests, including the requirement to invest at least 70% of our total assets in qualifying assets. Qualifying assets generally include, among other things, securities of eligible portfolio companies. Eligible portfolio companies generally include U.S. companies that are not investment companies and that do not have securities listed on a national exchange. See Regulation as a Business Development Company. We may also borrow funds to make investments. In addition, we have elected to be treated for federal income tax purposes, and intend to continue to qualify annually, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. See Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.

Our investment activities are managed by Solar Capital Partners and supervised by our board of directors. Solar Capital Partners is an investment adviser that is registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the Advisers Act). Under our investment advisory and management agreement, (the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement), we have agreed to pay Solar Capital Partners an annual base management fee based on our gross assets as well as an incentive fee based on our performance. See Investment Advisory and Management Agreement. We have also entered into an administration agreement, (the Administration Agreement), under which we have agreed to reimburse Solar Capital Management for the allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Solar Capital Management in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including furnishing us with office facilities, equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at such facilities, as well as providing us with other administrative services. See Administration Agreement.

Our Corporate Information

Our offices are located at 500 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, and our telephone number is (212) 993-1670.

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We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, up to \$1,000,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, or warrants, on terms to be determined at the time of the offering. We will offer our securities at prices and on terms to be set forth in one or more supplements to this prospectus.

At our 2016 Annual Stockholders Meeting, our stockholders approved our ability to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock, not exceeding 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such offering, at a price or prices below the then current net asset value per share, in each case subject to the approval of our board of directors and compliance with the conditions set forth in the proxy statement pertaining thereto, during a period beginning on June 7, 2016 and expiring on the earlier of the one-year anniversary of the date of the 2016 Annual Stockholders Meeting and the date of our 2017 Annual Stockholders Meeting, which is expected to be held in May 2017. However, notwithstanding such stockholder approval, since our IPO on February 9, 2010, we have not sold any shares of our common stock in an offering that resulted in proceeds to us of less than our then current net asset value per share. Any offering of our common stock that requires stockholder approval must occur, if at all, within one year after receiving such stockholder approval. However, any such issuance of shares of our common stock below net asset value will be dilutive to the net asset value of our common stock. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to an Investment in Our Securities and Sale of Common Stock Below Net Asset Value.

The securities may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, or through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to an offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of the securities, and will disclose any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters or among our underwriters or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See Plan of Distribution. We may not sell any of the securities through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of this prospectus and a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such securities.

Set forth below is additional information regarding offerings of our common stock:

Use of Proceeds	Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of our securities for general corporate purposes, which includes, among other things, (a) investing in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective and strategies and market conditions and (b) repaying indebtedness. Each supplement to this prospectus relating to an offering will more fully identify the use of the proceeds from such offering. See Use of Proceeds.
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Distributions	To the extent that we have income available, we intend to distribute quarterly distributions to our stockholders. The amount of our distributions, if any, will be determined by our board of directors. Any distributions to our stockholders will be declared out of assets legally available for distribution. The specific tax characteristics of our
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distributions will be reported to shareholders after the end of each calendar year. We may issue preferred stock from time to time, although we have no immediate intention to do so. If we issue shares

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of preferred stock, holders of such preferred stock will be entitled to receive cash distributions at an annual rate that will be fixed or will vary for the successive distribution periods for each series. In general, the distribution periods for fixed rate preferred stock will be quarterly.

Taxation

We have elected to be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and intend to continue to qualify annually, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. As a RIC, we generally will not have to pay U.S. corporate-level federal income taxes on any ordinary income or capital gains that we distribute to our stockholders as dividends. To continue to maintain our RIC tax treatment, we must meet specified source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and distribute annually at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any. See Plan of Distribution and Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations in this prospectus.

Leverage

We have historically and will in the future borrow funds to make investments. As a result, we will be exposed to the risks of leverage, which may be considered a speculative investment technique. The use of leverage magnifies the potential for loss on amounts invested and therefore increases the risks associated with investing in our securities. In addition, the costs associated with our borrowings, including any increase in the management fee payable to our investment adviser, Solar Capital Partners, will be borne by our common stockholders.

Investment Advisory Fees

We pay Solar Capital Partners a fee for its services under the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement consisting of two components—a base management fee and an incentive fee. The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 2.00% of our gross assets, which includes any borrowings for investment purposes. The incentive fee consists of two parts. The first part is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears and equals 20% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income for the immediately preceding quarter, subject to a preferred return, or hurdle, and a catch up feature. The second part is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement) in an amount equal to 20% of our realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid capital gain incentive fees. See Investment Advisory and Management Agreement in this prospectus.

Administration Agreement

We reimburse Solar Capital Management for the allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Solar Capital Management in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including furnishing us with office facilities, equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at such facilities, as well as

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providing us with other administrative services. In addition, we reimburse Solar Capital Management for the fees and expenses associated with performing compliance functions, and our allocable portion of the compensation of our chief financial officer and any administrative support staff. See Administration Agreement in this prospectus.

Trading

Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value. The risk that our shares may trade at a discount to our net asset value is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value per share may decline. We cannot predict whether our shares will trade above, at or below net asset value.

License Agreement

We have entered into a license agreement with Solar Capital Partners, pursuant to which Solar Capital Partners has agreed to grant us a non-exclusive license to use the name Solar Capital. See License Agreement in this prospectus.

Dividend Reinvestment Plan

We have adopted an opt out dividend reinvestment plan. If your shares of common stock are registered in your own name, your distributions will automatically be reinvested under our dividend reinvestment plan in additional whole and fractional shares of common stock, unless you opt out of our dividend reinvestment plan so as to receive cash dividends by delivering a written notice to our plan administrator. If your shares are held in the name of a broker or other nominee, you should contact the broker or nominee for details regarding opting out of our dividend reinvestment plan. Stockholders who receive distributions in the form of stock will be subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as stockholders who elect to receive their distributions in cash. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan in this prospectus.

Certain Anti-Takeover Measures

Our charter and bylaws, as well as certain statutory and regulatory requirements, contain certain provisions that may have the effect of discouraging a third party from making an acquisition proposal for us. These anti-takeover provisions may inhibit a change in control in circumstances that could give the holders of our common stock the opportunity to realize a premium over the market price for our common stock. See Description of Our Capital Stock in this prospectus.

Available Information

We are required to file periodic reports, current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. This information is available at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549 and on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. The public may

obtain information on the operation of the SEC's public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. This information is also available free of charge by contacting us at Solar Capital Ltd., 500 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022, by telephone at (212) 993-1670 or on our website at <http://www.solarcapltd.com>.

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The following table is intended to assist you in understanding the costs and expenses that you will bear directly or indirectly. We caution you that some of the percentages indicated in the table below are estimates and may vary. Except where the context suggests otherwise, whenever this prospectus contains a reference to fees or expenses paid by us or Solar Capital, or that we will pay fees or expenses, you will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as an investor in Solar Capital Ltd.

Stockholder transaction expenses:

Sales load (as a percentage of offering price)	0%
Offering expenses (as a percentage of offering price)	0%
Dividend reinvestment plan expenses	0%

Total stockholder transaction expenses (as a percentage of offering price)	0%
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Annual expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock)⁽⁴⁾:

Base management fee	3.06% ⁽⁵⁾
Incentive fees payable under our Investment Advisory and Management Agreement (up to 20%)	1.94% ⁽⁶⁾
Interest payments on borrowed funds	2.67% ⁽⁷⁾
Acquired fund fees and expenses	0.54% ⁽⁸⁾
Other expenses (estimated)	1.12% ⁽⁹⁾

Total annual expenses	9.33%
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Example

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. In calculating the following expense amounts, we have assumed that our annual operating expenses would remain at the levels set forth in the table above and have excluded performance-based incentive fees. See Note 7 below for additional information regarding certain assumptions regarding our level of leverage. In the event that shares to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, a corresponding prospectus supplement will restate this example to reflect the applicable sales load.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a 5% annual return	\$ 74	\$ 217	\$ 352	\$ 665

- (1) In the event that the shares of common stock to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, a corresponding prospectus supplement will disclose the applicable sales load and the Example will be updated accordingly.
- (2) The prospectus supplement corresponding to each offering will disclose the applicable offering expenses and total stockholder transaction expenses.
- (3) The expenses of the dividend reinvestment plan are included in other expenses.

- (4) Annual Expenses are presented in this manner because common shareholders will bear all costs of running the Company.
- (5) Our 2% base management fee under the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement is based on our gross assets, which is defined as all the assets of Solar Capital, excluding temporary assets, including those acquired using borrowings for investment purposes, and assumes the base management fee remains consistent with fees incurred for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. See Investment Advisory and Management Agreement.
- (6) Assumes that annual incentive fees earned by our investment adviser, Solar Capital Partners, remain consistent with the incentive fees earned by Solar Capital Partners for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. The incentive fee consists of two parts:

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The first part, which is payable quarterly in arrears, equals 20% of the excess, if any, of our Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income that exceeds a 1.75% quarterly (7.00% annualized) hurdle rate, which we refer to as the Hurdle, subject to a catch-up provision measured at the end of each calendar quarter. The first part of the incentive fee is computed and paid on income that may include interest that is accrued but not yet received in cash. The operation of the first part of the incentive fee for each quarter is as follows:

no incentive fee is payable to our investment adviser in any calendar quarter in which our Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income does not exceed the Hurdle of 1.75%;

100% of our Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income with respect to that portion of such Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income, if any, that exceeds the Hurdle but is less than 2.1875% in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized) is payable to our investment adviser. We refer to this portion of our Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income (which exceeds the Hurdle but is less than 2.1875%) as the catch-up. The catch-up is meant to provide our investment adviser with 20% of our Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income, as if a Hurdle did not apply when our Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter; and

20% of the amount of our Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized) is payable to our investment adviser (once the Hurdle is reached and the catch-up is achieved, 20% of all Pre-Incentive Fee Investment Income thereafter is allocated to our investment adviser).

The second part of the incentive fee equals 20% of our Incentive Fee Capital Gains, if any, which equals our realized capital gains on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid capital gain incentive fees. The second part of the incentive fee is payable, in arrears, at the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, as of the termination date). For a more detailed discussion of the calculation of this fee, see Investment Advisory and Management Agreement.

(7) We have historically and will in the future borrow funds from time to time to make investments to the extent we determine that the economic situation is conducive to doing so. The costs associated with our outstanding borrowings are indirectly born by our investors. For purposes of this section, we have computed interest expense using the average balance outstanding for all borrowings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. We used the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) rate on December 31, 2016 and the interest rate on the Credit Facility, the Senior Secured Notes, the 2042 Unsecured Notes and the 2022 Unsecured Notes on December 31, 2016. We have also included the estimated amortization of fees incurred in establishing the Credit Facility, the Senior Secured Notes, the 2042 Unsecured Notes and the 2022 Unsecured Notes as of December 31, 2016. Additionally, we included the estimated cost of commitment fees for unused balances on the Credit Facility. As of December 31, 2016, we had \$165.2 million outstanding under the Credit Facility, and we had \$75 million, \$100 million and \$50 million outstanding under the Senior Secured Notes, the 2042 Unsecured Notes and the 2022 Unsecured Notes, respectively. We may also issue preferred stock, subject to our compliance with applicable requirements under the 1940 Act.

- (8) The holders of shares of our common stock indirectly bear the expenses of our investments in Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC (SSLP) and Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC (SSLP II). No management fee is charged on our investments in SSLP and SSLP II in connection with the administrative services provided to SSLP and SSLP II. Future expenses for SSLP and SSLP II may be substantially higher or lower because certain expenses may fluctuate over time.
- (9) Other expenses are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year, which considers the amounts incurred for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 and include our overhead expenses, including payments under our Administration Agreement based on our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Solar Capital Management in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement. See Administration Agreement.

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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 less than those shown. While the example assumes, as required by the SEC, a 5% annual return, our performance will vary and may result in a return greater or less than 5%. The incentive fee under the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, which, assuming a 5% annual return, would either not be payable or would have an insignificant impact on the expense amounts shown above, is not included in the example. This illustration assumes that we will not realize any capital gains (computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation) in any of the indicated time periods. If we achieve sufficient returns on our investments, including through the realization of capital gains, to trigger an incentive fee of a material amount, our expenses and returns to our investors would be higher. For example, if we assumed that we received our 5% annual return completely in the form of net realized capital gains on our investments, computed net of all cumulative unrealized depreciation on our investments, the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses set forth in the above illustration would be as follows:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a 5% annual return	\$ 84	\$ 243	\$ 392	\$ 722

In addition, the example assumes no sales load. Also, while the example assumes reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value, participants in our dividend reinvestment plan will receive a number of shares of our common stock, determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the distribution payable to a participant by the market price per share of our common stock at the close of trading on the distribution payment date, which may be at, above or below net asset value unless the company makes open market purchases and the shares received will be determined based on the average price paid by our agent, plus commissions. See [Dividend Reinvestment Plan](#) for additional information regarding our dividend reinvestment plan.

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The selected financial and other data below should be read in conjunction with our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. Financial information is presented for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012. Financial information for the periods ending December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, and 2012 has been derived from our consolidated financial statements that were audited by KPMG LLP (KPMG), an independent registered public accounting firm. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Senior Securities below for more information.

(\$ in thousands, except per share data)	Year ended December 31, 2016	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014	Year ended December 31, 2013	Year ended December 31, 2012
Income statement data:					
Total investment income	\$ 151,839	\$ 115,560	\$ 121,937	\$ 163,593	\$ 153,253
Net expenses	\$ 80,738	\$ 51,204	\$ 55,230	\$ 78,658	\$ 71,326
Net investment income	\$ 71,101	\$ 64,356	\$ 66,707	\$ 84,935	\$ 81,927
Net realized gain (loss)	\$ 776	\$ (4,874)	\$ (36,840)	\$ (44,425)	\$ (32,537)
Net change in unrealized gain (loss).	\$ 34,938	\$ (45,402)	\$ 18,585	\$ 34,800	\$ 66,371
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 106,815	\$ 14,080	\$ 48,452	\$ 75,310	\$ 115,761
Per share data:					
Net investment income ⁽³⁾	\$ 1.68	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.91	\$ 2.20
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) ⁽³⁾	\$ 0.84	\$ (1.18)	\$ (0.43)	\$ (0.22)	\$ 0.91
Dividends and distributions declared	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.60	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.40
	As of December 31, 2016	As of December 31, 2015	As of December 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013	As of December 31, 2012
Balance sheet data:					
Total investment portfolio	\$ 1,304,778	\$ 1,312,591	\$ 1,020,738	\$ 1,088,399	\$ 1,395,522
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 312,046	\$ 277,570	\$ 635,340	\$ 586,979	\$ 15,039
Total assets	\$ 1,650,547	\$ 1,620,300	\$ 1,686,334	\$ 1,708,442	\$ 1,430,403
Debt	\$ 390,200	\$ 432,900	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 489,452
Net assets	\$ 918,507	\$ 882,698	\$ 936,568	\$ 995,637	\$ 878,273
Per share data:					
Net asset value per share	\$ 21.74	\$ 20.79	\$ 22.05	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.70
Other data (unaudited):					
Weighted average annualized yield on income producing investments ⁽⁴⁾ :					
On fair value ⁽¹⁾	10.0%	10.5%	9.9%	11.3%	14.2%

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On cost ⁽²⁾	10.4%	10.2%	10.4%	12.2%	14.2%
Total return ⁽⁵⁾	37.5%	(0.3%)	(13.6%)	2.8%	20.0%
Number of portfolio companies at period end	63	54	43	40	40

- (1) Throughout this document, the weighted average yield on income producing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing loans and debt securities plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities, plus the effective interest yield on preferred shares divided by (b) total income producing investments at fair value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date and excludes assets on non-accrual status or on a cost recovery basis as of such date.

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- (2) For this calculation, the weighted average yield on income producing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing loans and debt securities plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities, plus the effective interest yield on preferred shares divided by (b) total income producing investments at cost. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date and excludes assets on non-accrual status or on a cost recovery basis as of such date.
- (3) The per-share calculations are based on weighted average shares of 42,258,143, 42,465,158, 42,888,232, 44,571,118 and 37,231,341 for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.
- (4) The weighted average annualized yield on income producing investments does not represent a return to stockholders and is not on our entire portfolio.
- (5) Total return is based on the change in market price per share during the year and takes into account dividends, if any, reinvested in accordance with the dividend reinvestment plan. Total return does not include a sales load.

Selected Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)**(in thousands, except per share data)**

The following tables set forth certain quarterly financial information for each of the quarters for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. This information was derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements. Results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for the past fiscal year or for any future quarter.

	2016			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Total investment income	\$ 36,638	\$ 39,798	\$ 41,369	\$ 34,033
Net investment income	\$ 17,648	\$ 17,004	\$ 19,533	\$ 16,915
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on assets	\$ 195	\$ 8,615	\$ 15,642	\$ 11,262
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 17,843	\$ 25,619	\$ 35,175	\$ 28,177
Earnings (loss) per share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.67
Net asset value per share at the end of the quarter ⁽²⁾	\$ 21.74	\$ 21.72	\$ 21.51	\$ 21.08

	2015			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Total investment income	\$ 31,507	\$ 30,445	\$ 27,978	\$ 25,630
Net investment income	\$ 16,987	\$ 16,989	\$ 15,991	\$ 14,390
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on assets	\$ (31,167)	\$ (16,903)	\$ 1,285	\$ (3,491)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (14,180)	\$ 86	\$ 17,276	\$ 10,899
Earnings (loss) per share ⁽³⁾	\$ (0.33)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.26
Net asset value per share at the end of the quarter ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 20.79	\$ 21.52	\$ 21.92	\$ 21.91

(1) Based on 42,287,207, 42,248,525, 42,248,525 and 42,248,525 weighted average shares of Solar Capital Ltd. outstanding during first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2016, respectively.

(2) Based on 42,248,525, 42,248,525, 42,248,525 and 42,248,525 shares of Solar Capital Ltd. outstanding during first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2016, respectively.

(3) Based on 42,465,162, 42,465,162, 42,465,162 and 42,465,145 weighted average shares of Solar Capital Ltd. outstanding during first, second, third, and fourth quarters of 2015, respectively.

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Based on 42,465,162, 42,465,162, 42,465,162 and 42,464,762 shares of Solar Capital Ltd. outstanding as of the end of the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2015, respectively.

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RISK FACTORS

Before you invest in our securities, you should be aware of various risks, including those described below. You should carefully consider these risk factors, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus, before you decide whether to make an investment in our securities. The risks set out below are not the only risks we face. If any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected. In such case, our net asset value and the trading price of our common stock could decline or the value of our preferred stock, debt securities, or warrants may decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Related to Our Investments

We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities.

A number of entities compete with us to make the types of investments that we target in leveraged companies. We compete with other BDCs, public and private funds, commercial and investment banks, commercial financing companies and, to the extent they provide an alternative form of financing, private equity funds. Many of our competitors are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. For example, some competitors may have a lower cost of funds and access to funding sources that are not available to us. In addition, some of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments than we have, which could allow them to consider a wider variety of investments and establish more relationships and offer better pricing and a more flexible structure than we are able to do. Furthermore, many of our potential competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a BDC. If we are unable to source attractive investments, we may hold a greater percentage of our assets in cash and cash equivalents than anticipated, which could impact potential returns on our portfolio. We cannot assure you that the competitive pressures we face will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Also, as a result of this competition, we may not be able to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities from time to time, and we can offer no assurance that we will be able to identify and make investments that are consistent with our investment objective.

Participants in our industry compete on several factors, including price, flexibility in transaction structure, customer service, reputation, market knowledge and speed in-decision making. We do not seek to compete primarily based on the interest rates we will offer, and we believe that some of our competitors may make loans with interest rates that will be comparable to or lower than the rates we offer. We may lose investment opportunities if we do not match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure. However, if we match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure, we may experience decreased net interest income and increased risk of credit loss.

Our investments are very risky and highly speculative.

We invest primarily in senior secured term loans, unitranche loans, mezzanine loans and preferred securities, and select equity investments issued by leveraged companies.

Senior Secured Loans. When we make a senior secured term loan investment, including unitranche loan investments, in a portfolio company, we generally take a security interest in the available assets of the portfolio company, including the equity interests of its subsidiaries, which we expect to help mitigate the risk that we will not be repaid. However, 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 the portfolio company to raise additional capital, and, in some circumstances, our lien could be subordinated to claims of other creditors. In addition, deterioration in a portfolio

company's financial condition and prospects, including its inability to raise additional capital, may be accompanied by deterioration in the value of the collateral for the loan. 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 at all, or that we will be able to collect on the loan should we be forced to enforce our remedies.

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Mezzanine Loans and Preferred Securities. Our mezzanine and preferred investments are generally subordinated to senior loans and are generally unsecured. As such, other creditors may rank senior to us in the event of an insolvency. This may result in an above average amount of risk and loss of principal.

Equity Investments. When we invest in senior secured loans, mezzanine loans or preferred securities, we may acquire common equity securities as well. In addition, we may invest directly in the equity securities of portfolio companies. Our goal is ultimately to exit such equity interests and realize gains upon our disposition of such interests. However, the equity interests 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 we experience.

In addition, investing in middle-market companies involves a number of significant risks, including:

these companies may have limited financial resources and may be unable to meet their obligations under their debt securities that we hold, which may be accompanied by a deterioration in the value of any collateral and a reduction in the likelihood of us realizing any guarantees we may have obtained in connection with our investment;

they typically have shorter operating histories, narrower product lines and smaller market shares than larger businesses, which tend to render them more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns;

they are more likely to depend on the management talents and efforts of a small group of persons; therefore, the death, disability, resignation or termination of one or more of these persons could have a material adverse impact on our portfolio company and, in turn, on us;

they generally have less predictable operating results, may from time to time be parties to litigation, may be engaged in rapidly changing businesses with products subject to a substantial risk of obsolescence, and may require substantial additional capital to support their operations, finance expansion or maintain their competitive position. In addition, our executive officers, directors and our investment adviser may, in the ordinary course of business, be named as defendants in litigation arising from our investments in the portfolio companies; and

they may have difficulty accessing the capital markets to meet future capital needs, which may limit their ability to grow or to repay their outstanding indebtedness upon maturity.

The lack of liquidity in our investments may make it difficult for us to dispose of our investments at a favorable price, which may adversely affect our ability to meet our investment objectives.

We generally make investments in private companies. 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. Investments purchased by us that are liquid at the time of purchase may subsequently become illiquid due to events relating to the

issuer of the investments, market events, economic conditions or investor perceptions. The illiquidity of our investments may make it difficult for us to sell such investments if the need arises. 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 have previously recorded our 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 BDC 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. Domestic and foreign markets are complex and interrelated, so that events in one sector of the world markets or economy, or in one geographical region, can reverberate and have materially negative consequences for other market, economic or regional sectors in a manner that may not be foreseen and which may negatively impact the liquidity of our investments and materially harm our business. In addition, we may face other restrictions on our ability to liquidate an investment in a portfolio company to the extent that we have material non-public information regarding such portfolio company.

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Our portfolio may be concentrated in a limited number of portfolio companies and industries, which will subject us to a risk of significant loss if any of these companies performs poorly or defaults on its obligations under any of its debt instruments or if there is a downturn in a particular industry.

Our portfolio may be concentrated in a limited number of portfolio companies and industries. Beyond the asset diversification requirements associated with our qualification as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, we do not have fixed guidelines for diversification, and while we are not targeting any specific industries, our investments may be concentrated in relatively few industries or portfolio companies. As a result, 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. Additionally, a downturn in any particular industry in which we are invested could also significantly impact the aggregate returns we realize.

Our investments in securities rated below investment grade are speculative in nature and are subject to additional risk factors such as increased possibility of default, illiquidity of the security, and changes in value based on changes in interest rates.

The securities that we invest in are typically rated below investment grade. Securities rated below investment grade are often referred to as leveraged loans, high yield or junk securities, and may be considered high risk compared to debt instruments that are rated investment grade. High yield securities are regarded as having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligations and involve major risk exposure to adverse conditions. In addition, high yield securities generally offer a higher current yield than that available from higher grade issues, but typically involve greater risk. These securities are especially sensitive to adverse changes in general economic conditions, to changes in the financial condition of their issuers and to price fluctuation in response to changes in interest rates. During periods of economic downturn or rising interest rates, issuers of below investment grade instruments may experience financial stress that could adversely affect their ability to make payments of principal and interest and increase the possibility of default. The secondary market for high yield securities may not be as liquid as the secondary market for more highly rated securities. In addition, many of our debt investments will not fully amortize during their lifetime, which could result in a loss or a substantial amount of unpaid principal and interest due upon maturity.

Price declines and illiquidity in the corporate debt markets have adversely affected, and may continue to adversely affect, the fair value of our portfolio investments, reducing our net asset value through increased net unrealized depreciation. Any unrealized depreciation that we experience on our loan portfolio may be an indication of future realized losses, which could reduce our income available for distribution and could adversely affect our ability to service our outstanding borrowings.

As a BDC, we are required to carry our investments at market value or, if no market value is ascertainable, at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our board of directors. Decreases in the market values or fair values of our investments are recorded as unrealized depreciation. Any unrealized depreciation in our loan portfolio could be an indication of a portfolio company's inability to meet its repayment obligations to us with respect to the affected loans. 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. Depending on market conditions, we could incur substantial losses in future periods, which could further reduce our net asset value and have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Global economic, political and market conditions may adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition, including our revenue growth and profitability.

The current worldwide financial market situation, as well as various social and political tensions in the United States and around the world, may contribute to increased market volatility, may have long-term effects on

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the U.S. and worldwide financial markets, and may cause economic uncertainties or deterioration in the United States and worldwide. The U.S. and global capital markets experienced extreme volatility and disruption during the economic downturn that began in mid-2007, and the U.S. economy was in a recession for several consecutive calendar quarters during the same period. In 2010, a financial crisis emerged in Europe, triggered by high budget deficits and rising direct and contingent sovereign debt, which created concerns about the ability of certain nations to continue to service their sovereign debt obligations. Risks resulting from such debt crisis, including any austerity measures taken in exchange for bailout of certain nations, and any future debt crisis in Europe or any similar crisis elsewhere could have a detrimental impact on the global economic recovery, sovereign and non-sovereign debt in certain countries and the financial condition of financial institutions generally. In June 2016, the United Kingdom held a referendum in which voters approved an exit from the European Union (Brexit) and, subsequently, on March 29, 2017, the U.K. government began the formal process of leaving the European Union. Brexit created political and economic uncertainty and instability in the global markets (including currency and credit markets), and especially in the United Kingdom and the European Union, and this uncertainty and instability may last indefinitely. There is 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. In addition, the fiscal and monetary policies of foreign nations, such as Russia and China, may have a severe impact on the worldwide and U.S. financial markets.

As a result of the 2016 U.S. election, the Republican Party currently controls both the executive and legislative branches of government, which increases the likelihood that legislation may be adopted that could significantly affect the regulation of U.S. financial markets. Areas subject to potential change, amendment or repeal include the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the authority of the Federal Reserve and the Financial Stability Oversight Council. The United States may also potentially withdraw from or renegotiate various trade agreements and take other actions that would change current trade policies of the United States. We cannot predict which, if any, of these actions will be taken or, if taken, their effect on the financial stability of the United States. Such actions could have a significant adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We cannot predict the effects of these or similar events in the future on the U.S. 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 we will be successful in doing so.

Volatility or a prolonged disruption in the credit markets could materially damage our business.

We are required to record our assets at fair value, as determined in good faith by our board of directors, in accordance with our valuation policy. As a result, volatility in the capital markets may have a material adverse effect on our valuations and our net asset value, even if we hold investments to maturity. Volatility or dislocation in the capital markets may depress our stock price below our net asset value per share and create a challenging environment in which to raise equity and debt capital. These conditions could continue for a prolonged period of time or worsen in the future. While these conditions persist, we and other companies in the financial services sector may have to access, if available, alternative markets for debt and equity capital. Equity capital may be difficult to raise because, subject to some limited exceptions which apply to us, as a BDC we are generally not able to issue additional shares of our common stock at a price less than net asset value without first obtaining approval for such issuance from our stockholders and our independent directors. At our 2016 Annual Stockholders Meeting, our stockholders approved our ability to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock, not exceeding 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such offering, at a price or prices below the then current net asset value per share, in each case subject to the approval of our board of directors and compliance with the conditions set forth in the proxy statement pertaining thereto, during a period beginning on June 7, 2016 and expiring on the earlier of the one-year anniversary of the date of the 2016 Annual Stockholders Meeting and the date of our 2017 Annual Stockholders Meeting, which is expected to be held in May 2017. However, notwithstanding such stockholder approval, since our initial public offering on February 9, 2010, we have not sold any shares of our common stock in an offering that

resulted in proceeds to us of less than our then current net asset value per share. Any offering of our common stock that requires stockholder approval must occur, if at all, within one year after receiving such stockholder approval. In addition,

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our ability to incur indebtedness (including by issuing preferred stock) is limited by applicable regulations such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, must equal at least 200% immediately after each time we incur indebtedness. The debt capital that will be available, if at all, may be at a higher cost and on less favorable terms and conditions in the future. Any inability to raise capital could have a negative effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Additionally, our ability to incur indebtedness is limited by the asset coverage ratio for a BDC, as defined under the 1940 Act. Declining portfolio values negatively impact our ability to borrow additional funds because our net asset value is reduced for purposes of the asset coverage ratio. If the fair value of our assets declines substantially, we may fail to maintain the asset coverage ratio stipulated by the 1940 Act, which could, in turn, cause us to lose our status as a BDC and materially impair our business operations. A lengthy disruption in the credit markets could also materially decrease demand for our investments.

The significant disruption in the capital markets experienced in the past has 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. The debt capital that may be available to us in the future may be at a higher cost and have less favorable terms and conditions than those currently in effect. If our financing costs increase and we have no increase in interest income, then our net investment income will decrease. A prolonged inability to raise capital may require us to reduce the volume of investments we originate and could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. This may also increase the probability that other structural risks negatively impact us. These situations may arise due to circumstances that we may be unable to control, such as a lengthy disruption in the credit markets, a severe decline in the value of the U.S. dollar, a sharp economic downturn or recession or an operational problem that affects third parties or us, and could materially damage our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If we cannot obtain additional capital because of either regulatory or market price constraints, we could be forced to curtail or cease our new lending and investment activities, our net asset value could decrease and our level of distributions and liquidity could be affected adversely.

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 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.

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.

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

In the recent past, 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

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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.

Economic recessions or downturns could impair the ability of our portfolio companies to repay loans and harm our operating results.

Many of our portfolio companies may be susceptible to economic slowdowns or recessions and may be unable to repay our loans during these periods. Therefore, our non-performing assets may increase and the value of our portfolio may decrease during these periods as we are required to record the values of our investments. Adverse economic conditions also may decrease the value of collateral securing some of our loans and the value of our equity investments at fair value. 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 result in our receipt of a reduced level of interest income from our portfolio companies and/or losses or charge offs related to our investments, and, in turn, may adversely affect distributable income and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

A portfolio company's failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by us or other lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, acceleration of the time when the loans are due 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 that we hold. We may incur additional expenses to the extent necessary to seek recovery upon default or to negotiate new terms with a defaulting portfolio company. In addition, if one of our portfolio companies were to go bankrupt, depending on the facts and circumstances, including the extent to which we actually provided significant managerial assistance to that portfolio company, a bankruptcy court might re-characterize our debt holdings and subordinate all or a portion of our claim to that of other creditors.

These portfolio companies may face intense competition, including competition from companies with greater financial resources, more extensive research and development, manufacturing, marketing and service capabilities and greater number of qualified and experienced managerial and technical personnel. They may need additional financing which they are unable to secure and which we are unable or unwilling to provide, or they may be subject to adverse developments unrelated to the technologies they acquire.

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. 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 inter-creditor arrangements may limit our

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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 further 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 business, financial condition and results of operations of our portfolio companies could be adversely affected by worldwide economic conditions, as well as political and economic conditions in the countries in which they conduct business.

The business and operating results of our portfolio companies may be impacted by worldwide economic conditions. Although the U.S. economy has in recent years shown signs of recovery from the 2008-2009 global recession, the strength and duration of any economic recovery will be impacted by worldwide economic growth. For instance, concerns of economic slowdown in China and other emerging markets and signs of deteriorating sovereign debt conditions in Europe could lead to disruption and instability in the global financial markets. The significant debt in the United States and European countries is expected to hinder growth in those countries for the foreseeable future. In the future, the U.S. government may not be able to meet its debt payments unless the federal debt ceiling is raised. If legislation increasing the debt ceiling is not enacted, as needed, and the debt ceiling is reached, the U.S. federal government may stop or delay making payments on its obligations, which could negatively impact the U.S. economy and our portfolio companies. Multiple factors relating to the international operations of some of our portfolio companies and to particular countries in which they operate could negatively impact their business, financial condition and results of operations.

Some of the products of our portfolio companies are developed, manufactured, assembled, tested or marketed outside the United States. 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.

Our failure to make follow-on investments in our portfolio companies could impair the value of our portfolio.

Following an initial investment in a portfolio company, we may make additional investments in that portfolio company as follow-on investments, in order to: (i) increase or maintain in whole or in part our ownership percentage; (ii) exercise warrants, options or convertible securities that were acquired in the original or subsequent financing; or (iii) attempt to preserve or enhance the value of our investment. We may elect not to make follow-on investments or otherwise lack sufficient funds to make those investments. We will have the discretion to make any follow-on investments, subject to the availability of capital resources. The failure to make follow-on investments may, in some

circumstances, jeopardize the continued viability of a portfolio company and our initial investment, or may result in a missed opportunity for us to increase our participation in a

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successful operation. Even if we have sufficient capital to make a desired follow-on investment, we may elect not to make a follow-on investment because we may not want to increase our concentration of risk, either because we prefer other opportunities or because we are subject to BDC requirements that would prevent such follow-on investments or the desire to maintain our RIC tax status.

Where we do not hold controlling equity interests in our portfolio companies, we may not be in a position to exercise control over our portfolio companies or to prevent decisions by management of our portfolio companies that could decrease the value of our investments.

Although we hold controlling equity positions in some of our portfolio companies, we do not currently hold controlling equity positions in the majority of our portfolio companies. As a result, we are subject to the risk that a portfolio company in which we do not have a controlling interest may make business decisions with which we disagree, and that the management and/or stockholders of such portfolio company may take risks or otherwise act in ways that are adverse to our interests. Due to the lack of liquidity of the debt and equity investments that we typically hold in our portfolio companies, we may not be able to dispose of our investments in the event we disagree with the actions of a portfolio company and may therefore suffer a decrease in the value of our investments.

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

We are subject to the risk that the investments we make in our portfolio companies may be prepaid prior to maturity. When this occurs, we may reduce our borrowings outstanding or reinvest these proceeds in temporary investments, pending their future investment in new portfolio companies. These temporary investments, if any, will typically have substantially lower yields than the debt investment 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 investment that was prepaid. 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 distributions, could adversely affect our results of operation and financial condition and cause the loss of all or part of your investment.

Our loans could be subject to equitable subordination by a court which would increase our risk of loss with respect to such loans.

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

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control resulting from the ownership of equity interests in a client. We have made direct equity investments or received warrants in connection with loans. Payments on one or more of our loans, particularly a loan to a client in which we may 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 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.

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, little public information exists about these companies, and we are required to rely on the ability of Solar Capital Partners' investment professionals 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, we may not make a fully informed investment decision, and we may lose money on our investments. Also, smaller privately held companies frequently have less diverse product lines and smaller market presence than larger competitors. These factors could adversely affect our investment returns as compared to companies investing primarily in the securities of public companies.

Our portfolio companies may incur debt that ranks equally with, or senior to, our investments in such companies.

We invest primarily in senior secured loans, mezzanine loans, preferred securities, and equity securities issued by our portfolio companies. Our portfolio companies typically have, or may be permitted to incur, other debt that ranks equally with, or senior to, the debt securities in which we invest. By their terms, such debt instruments may provide that the holders are entitled to receive payment of interest or principal on or before the dates on which we are entitled to receive payments in respect of the debt securities in which we invest. Also, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of a portfolio company, holders of debt instruments 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 senior creditors, such portfolio company may not have any remaining assets to use for repaying its obligation to us. In the case of debt ranking equally with debt securities in which we invest, we would have to share on an equal basis any distributions with other creditors holding such debt in the event of an insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of the relevant portfolio company. Any such limitations on the ability of our portfolio companies to make principal or interest payments to us, if at all, may reduce our net asset value and have a negative material adverse impact to our business, financial condition and results of operation.

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

Our investment strategy contemplates potential investments in debt securities of foreign companies. 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 United States, 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.

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Although most of our investments will be U.S. dollar-denominated, any investments denominated in a foreign currency will be subject to the risk that the value of a particular currency will change in relation to one or more other currencies. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, the level of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation, and political developments. We may employ hedging techniques to minimize these risks, but we can offer no assurance that we will, in fact, hedge currency risk, or that if we do, such strategies will be effective.

We may expose ourselves to risks if we engage in hedging transactions.

If we engage in hedging transactions, we may expose ourselves to risks associated with such transactions. We may utilize instruments such as forward contracts, currency options and interest rate swaps, caps, collars and floors to seek to hedge against fluctuations in the relative values of our portfolio positions from changes in currency exchange rates and market interest rates. Hedging against a decline in the values of our portfolio positions does not eliminate the possibility of fluctuations in the values of such positions or prevent losses if the values of such positions decline. However, such hedging can establish other positions designed to gain from those same developments, thereby offsetting the decline in the value of such portfolio positions. Such hedging transactions may also limit the opportunity for gain if the values of the underlying portfolio positions should increase. It may not be possible to hedge against an exchange rate or interest rate fluctuation that is so generally anticipated that we are not able to enter into a hedging transaction at an acceptable price.

The success of our hedging transactions will depend on our ability to correctly predict movements in currencies and interest rates. Therefore, while we may enter into such transactions to seek to reduce currency exchange rate and interest rate risks, unanticipated changes in currency exchange rates or interest rates may result in poorer overall investment performance than if we had not engaged in any such hedging transactions. In addition, the degree of correlation between price movements of the instruments used in a hedging strategy and price movements in the portfolio positions being hedged may vary. Moreover, for a variety of reasons, we may not seek to establish a perfect correlation between such hedging instruments and the portfolio holdings being hedged. Any such imperfect correlation may prevent us from achieving the intended hedge and expose us to risk of loss. In addition, it may not be possible to hedge fully or perfectly against currency fluctuations affecting the value of securities denominated in non-U.S. currencies because the value of those securities is likely to fluctuate as a result of factors not related to currency fluctuations. To the extent we engage in hedging transactions, we also face the risk that counterparties to the derivative instruments we hold may default, which may expose us to unexpected losses from positions where we believed that our risk had been appropriately hedged.

Our investment adviser may not be able to achieve the same or similar returns as those achieved by our senior investment professionals while they were employed at prior positions.

Although in the past our senior investment professionals held senior positions at a number of investment firms, their track record and achievements are not necessarily indicative of future results that will be achieved by our investment adviser. In their roles at such other firms, our senior investment professionals were part of investment teams, and they were not solely responsible for generating investment ideas. In addition, such investment teams arrived at investment decisions by consensus.

Risks Relating to an Investment in Our Securities

Our shares may trade at a substantial discount from net asset value and may continue to do so over the long term.

Shares of BDCs may trade at a market price that is less than the net asset value that is attributable to those shares. The possibility that our shares of common stock will trade at a substantial discount from net asset value over the long term is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value will decrease. We cannot predict

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whether shares of our common stock will trade above, at or below our net asset value in the future. If our common stock trades below its net asset value, we will generally not be able to issue additional shares or sell our common stock at its market price without first obtaining the approval for such issuance from our stockholders and our independent directors. At our 2016 Annual Stockholders Meeting, our stockholders approved our ability to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock, not exceeding 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such offering, at a price or prices below the then current net asset value per share, in each case subject to the approval of our board of directors and compliance with the conditions set forth in the proxy statement pertaining thereto, during a period beginning on June 7, 2016 and expiring on the earlier of the one-year anniversary of the date of the 2016 Annual Stockholders Meeting and the date of our 2017 Annual Stockholders Meeting, which is expected to be held in May 2017. However, notwithstanding such stockholder approval, since our initial public offering on February 9, 2010, we have not sold any shares of our common stock in an offering that resulted in proceeds to us of less than our then current net asset value per share. Any offering of our common stock that requires stockholder approval must occur, if at all, within one year after receiving such stockholder approval. If additional funds are not available to us, we could be forced to curtail or cease our new lending and investment activities, and our net asset value could decrease and our level of distributions could be impacted.

Our common stock price may be volatile and may decrease substantially.

The trading price of our common stock may fluctuate substantially. The price of our common stock that will prevail in the market may be higher or lower than the price you pay, depending on many factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be directly related to our operating performance. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

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

investor demand for our shares;

significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of BDCs or other companies in our sector, which are not necessarily related to the operating performance of these companies;

exclusion of our common stock from certain market indices, such as the Russell 2000 Financial Services Index, which could reduce the ability of certain investment funds to own our common stock and put short-term selling pressure on our common stock;

changes in regulatory policies or tax guidelines with respect to RICs or BDCs;

failure to qualify as a RIC, or the loss of RIC status;

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

changes, or perceived changes, in the value of our portfolio investments;

departures of Solar Capital Partners' key personnel;

operating performance of companies comparable to us;

changes in the prevailing interest rates;

loss of a major funding source; or

general economic conditions and trends and other external factors.

Our business and operation could be negatively affected if we become subject to any securities litigation or shareholder activism, which could cause us to incur significant expense, hinder execution of investment strategy and impact our stock price.

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. Shareholder activism, which could take many

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forms or arise in a variety of situations, has been increasing in the BDC space recently. While we are currently not subject to any securities litigation or shareholder activism, due to the potential volatility of our stock price and for a variety of other reasons, we may in the future become the target of securities litigation or shareholder activism. Securities litigation and shareholder activism, including potential proxy contests, could result in substantial costs and divert management's and our board of directors' attention and resources from our business. Additionally, such securities litigation and shareholder activism could give rise to perceived uncertainties as to our future, adversely affect our relationships with service providers and make it more difficult to attract and retain qualified personnel. Also, we may be required to incur significant legal fees and other expenses related to any securities litigation and activist shareholder matters. Further, our stock price could be subject to significant fluctuation or otherwise be adversely affected by the events, risks and uncertainties of any securities litigation and shareholder activism.

There is a risk that our stockholders 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 out of assets legally available for distribution. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results that will allow us to make a specified level of cash distributions or year-to-year increases in cash distributions. In addition, due to the asset coverage test applicable to us as a BDC, we may be limited in our ability to make distributions. To the extent we make distributions to stockholders which include a return of capital, that portion of the distribution essentially constitutes a return of the stockholders investment. Although such return of capital may not be taxable, such distributions may increase an investor's tax liability for capital gains upon the future sale of our common stock.

As a RIC, if we do not distribute a certain percentage of our income annually, we may suffer adverse tax consequences, including possibly losing the U.S. 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 choose to pay distributions in our own common stock, in which case our stockholders may be required to pay U.S. federal income taxes in excess of the cash distributions they receive.

We may distribute taxable distributions that are payable in cash or shares of our common stock at the election of each stockholder. Under certain applicable provisions of the Code and the Treasury regulations, distributions payable in cash or in shares of stock at the election of stockholders are treated as taxable distributions. The Internal Revenue Service has issued private rulings indicating that this rule will apply even where the total amount of cash that may be distributed is limited to no more than 20% of the total distribution. Under these rulings, if too many stockholders elect to receive their distributions in cash, each such stockholder would receive a pro rata share of the total cash to be distributed and would receive the remainder of their distribution in shares of stock. If we decide to make any distributions consistent with these rulings that are payable in part in our stock, taxable stockholders receiving such distributions will be required to include the full amount of the distribution (whether received in cash, our stock, or a combination thereof) as ordinary income (or as long-term capital gain to the extent such distribution is properly reported as a capital gain distribution) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, a U.S. stockholder may be required to pay tax with respect to such distributions in excess of any cash received. If a U.S. stockholder sells the stock it receives as a distribution in order to pay this tax, the sales proceeds may be less than the amount included in income with respect to the distribution, 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 U.S. tax with respect to such distributions, including in respect of all or a portion of such distribution 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 distributions, it may put downward pressure on the trading price of our stock.

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Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market may have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock.

The shares of our common stock beneficially owned by each of Messrs. Gross and Spohler immediately prior to completion of our initial public offering, including any shares that are attributable to such shares issued pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan, are no longer subject to lock-up restrictions that each of Messrs. Gross and Spohler agreed to in connection with our initial public offering, and are generally available for resale without restriction, subject to the provisions of Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act. In addition, on November 30, 2010, Messrs. Gross and Spohler jointly acquired 115,000 shares of our common stock in a private placement transaction conducted in accordance with Regulation D under the Securities Act. Such shares have been registered with the SEC and are generally available for resale. Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock, or the availability of such common stock for sale, could adversely affect the prevailing market prices for our common stock. If this occurs and continues, it could impair our ability to raise additional capital through the sale of securities should we desire to do so.

We may be unable to invest the net proceeds raised from any offerings on acceptable terms or allocate net proceeds from any offering of our securities in ways with which you may not agree.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to find enough appropriate investments that meet our investment criteria or that any investment we complete using the proceeds from any securities offering will produce a sufficient return. Until we identify new investment opportunities, we intend to either invest the net proceeds of future offerings in cash equivalents, U.S. Government securities and other high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less or use the net proceeds from such offerings to reduce then-outstanding obligations.

We have significant flexibility in investing the net proceeds of any offering of our securities 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.

The net asset value per share of our common stock may be diluted if we issue or sell shares of our common stock at prices below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock.

At our 2016 Annual Stockholders Meeting, our stockholders approved our ability to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock, not exceeding 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such offering, at a price or prices below the then current net asset value per share, in each case subject to the approval of our board of directors and compliance with the conditions set forth in the proxy statement pertaining thereto, during a period beginning on June 7, 2016 and expiring on the earlier of the one-year anniversary of the date of the 2016 Annual Stockholders Meeting and the date of our 2017 Annual Stockholders Meeting, which is expected to be held in May 2017. However, notwithstanding such stockholder approval, since our initial public offering on February 9, 2010, we have not sold any shares of our common stock in an offering that resulted in proceeds to US of less than our then current net asset value per share. Any offering of our common stock that requires stockholder approval must occur, if at all, within one year after receiving such stockholder approval.

In addition, at our 2011 Annual Stockholders Meeting, our stockholders authorized us to sell or otherwise issue warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock subject to certain limitations (including, without limitation, that the number of shares issuable does not exceed 25% of our then outstanding common stock and that the exercise or conversion price thereof is not, at the date of issuance, less than the market value per share of our common stock). Such authorization has no expiration.

We may also use newly issued shares to implement our dividend reinvestment plan, whether our shares are trading at a premium or at a discount to our then current net asset value per share. Any decision to issue or sell shares of our common stock below our then current net asset value per share or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock would be subject to the determination by our board of directors that such issuance or sale is in our and our stockholders' best interests.

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If we were to issue or sell shares of our common stock below our then current net asset value per share, such issuances or sales would result in an immediate dilution to the net asset value per share of our common stock. This dilution would occur as a result of the issuance or sale of shares at a price below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock and a proportionately greater decrease in the stockholders' interest in our earnings and assets and their voting interest in us than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance or sale. 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 cannot be predicted.

In addition, if we issue warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock, subject to certain limitations, the exercise or conversion price per share could be less than net asset value per share at the time of exercise or conversion (including through the operation of anti-dilution protections). Because we would incur expenses in connection with any issuance of such securities, such issuance could result in a dilution of the net asset value per share at the time of exercise or conversion. This dilution would include reduction in net asset value per share as a result of the proportionately greater decrease in the stockholders' interest in our earnings and assets and their voting interest than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance.

Further, if our current stockholders do not purchase any shares to maintain their percentage interest, regardless of whether such offering is above or below the then current net asset value per share, their voting power will be diluted. For example, if we sell an additional 10% of our common shares at a 5% discount from net asset value, a stockholder who does not participate in that offering for its proportionate interest will suffer net asset value dilution of up to 0.5% or \$5 per \$1,000 of net asset value.

Similarly, all distributions declared in cash payable to stockholders that are participants in our dividend reinvestment plan are generally automatically reinvested in shares of our common stock. As a result, stockholders that do not participate in the dividend reinvestment plan may experience dilution over time. Stockholders who do not elect to receive distributions in shares of common stock may experience accretion to the net asset value of their shares if our shares are trading at a premium and dilution if our shares are trading at a discount. The level of accretion or discount would depend on various factors, including the proportion of our stockholders who participate in the plan, the level of premium or discount at which our shares are trading and the amount of the distribution payable to a stockholder.

If we issue preferred stock, 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 would result in a higher yield or return to the holders of the common stock. The issuance of preferred stock would likely cause the net asset value and market value of the common stock to become more volatile. If the distribution rate on the preferred stock were to approach the net rate of return on our investment portfolio, the benefit of leverage to the holders of the common stock would be reduced. If the distribution rate on the preferred stock were to exceed the net rate of return on our portfolio, the leverage would result in a lower rate of return to the holders of common stock than if we had not issued preferred stock. Any decline in the net asset value of our investments would be borne entirely by the holders of 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 common stock than if we were not leveraged through the issuance of preferred stock. This greater net asset value decrease would also tend to cause a greater decline in the market price for the common stock. We might be in danger of failing to maintain the required asset coverage of the preferred stock or of losing our ratings on the preferred stock or, in an extreme case, our current investment income might not be sufficient to meet the distribution requirements on the preferred stock. In order to counteract such an event, we might need to liquidate investments in order to fund a redemption of some or all of the preferred stock. In addition, we would pay (and the holders of common stock would bear) all costs and expenses relating to the issuance and ongoing maintenance of the preferred stock, including higher advisory fees if our total return exceeds the distribution rate on the preferred stock. Holders of preferred stock may

have different interests than holders of common stock and may at times have disproportionate influence over our affairs.

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Holders of any preferred stock we might issue would have the right to elect members of the board of directors and class voting rights on certain matters.

Holders of any preferred stock we might issue, voting separately as a single class, would have the right to elect two members of the board of directors at all times and in the event distributions become two full years in arrears would have the right to elect a majority of the directors until such arrearage is completely eliminated. In addition, preferred stockholders have class voting rights on certain matters, including changes in fundamental investment restrictions and conversion to open-end status, and accordingly can veto any such changes. Restrictions imposed on the declarations and payment of distributions to the holders of our common stock and preferred stock, both by the 1940 Act and by requirements imposed by rating agencies or the terms of our credit facilities, might impair our ability to maintain our qualification as a RIC for federal income tax purposes. While we would intend to redeem our preferred stock to the extent necessary to enable us to distribute our income as required to maintain our qualification as a RIC, there can be no assurance that such actions could be effected in time to meet the tax requirements.

To the extent we use debt or preferred stock to finance our investments, changes in interest rates will affect our cost of capital and net investment income.

To the extent we borrow money, or issue preferred stock, to make investments, our net investment income will depend, in part, upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds or pay distributions on preferred stock and the rate at which we invest those funds. As a result, we can offer no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income in the event we use debt to finance our investments. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, except to the extent we issue fixed rate debt or preferred stock, which could reduce our net investment income. We expect that our long-term fixed-rate investments will be financed primarily with equity and long-term debt. We may use interest rate risk management techniques in an effort to limit our exposure to interest rate fluctuations. Such techniques may include various interest rate hedging activities to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act.

You should also be aware that a rise in the general level of interest rates can be expected to lead to higher interest rates applicable to our debt investments. Accordingly, an increase in interest rates would make it easier for us to meet or exceed the incentive fee hurdle rate and may result in a substantial increase of the amount of incentive fees payable to our investment adviser with respect to our pre-incentive fee net investment income.

We may in the future determine to fund a portion of our investments with preferred stock, which would magnify the potential for loss and the risks of investing in us in a similar way as our borrowings.

Preferred stock, which is another form of leverage, has the same risks to our common stockholders as borrowings because the distributions on any preferred stock we issue must be cumulative. Payment of such distributions and repayment of the liquidation preference of such preferred stock must take preference over any distributions or other payments to our common stockholders, and preferred stockholders are not subject to any of our expenses or losses and are not entitled to participate in any income or appreciation in excess of their stated preference.

Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure

We are dependent upon Solar Capital Partners' key personnel for our future success.

We depend on the diligence, skill and network of business contacts of Messrs. Gross and Spohler, who serve as the managing partners of Solar Capital Partners and who lead Solar Capital Partners' investment team. Messrs. Gross and Spohler, together with the other dedicated investment professionals available to Solar Capital Partners, evaluate,

negotiate, structure, close and monitor our investments. Our future success will depend on the diligence, skill, network of business contacts and continued service of Messrs. Gross and Spohler and the other

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investment professionals available to Solar Capital Partners. We cannot assure you that unforeseen business, medical, personal or other circumstances would not lead any such individual to terminate his relationship with us. The loss of Mr. Gross or Mr. Spohler, or any of the other senior investment professionals who serve on Solar Capital Partners investment team, could have a material adverse effect on our ability to achieve our investment objective as well as on our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, we can offer no assurance that Solar Capital Partners will remain our investment adviser.

The senior investment professionals of Solar Capital Partners are and may in the future become affiliated with entities engaged in business activities similar to those intended to be conducted by us, and may have conflicts of interest in allocating their time. We expect that Messrs. Gross and Spohler will dedicate a significant portion of their time to the activities of Solar Capital; however, they may be engaged in other business activities which could divert their time and attention in the future. Specifically each of Messrs. Gross and Spohler serve as chief executive officer and chief operating officer, respectively, of Solar Senior Capital Ltd.

Our business model depends to a significant extent upon strong referral relationships with financial sponsors, and the inability of the senior investment professionals of our investment adviser to maintain or develop these relationships, or the failure of these relationships to generate investment opportunities, could adversely affect our business.

We expect that the principals of our investment adviser will maintain and develop their relationships with financial sponsors, and we will rely to a significant extent upon these relationships to provide us with potential investment opportunities. If the senior investment professionals of our investment adviser fail to maintain their existing relationships or develop new relationships with other sponsors or sources of investment opportunities, we will not be able to grow our investment portfolio. In addition, individuals with whom the senior investment professionals of our investment adviser have relationships are not obligated to provide us with investment opportunities, and, therefore, there is no assurance that such relationships will generate investment opportunities for us. If our investment adviser is unable to source investment opportunities, we may hold a greater percentage of our assets in cash and cash equivalents than anticipated, which could impact potential returns on our portfolio.

A disruption in the capital markets and the credit markets could negatively affect our business.

As a BDC, we must maintain our ability to raise additional capital for investment purposes. Without sufficient access to the capital markets or credit markets, we may be forced to curtail our business operations or we may not be able to pursue new business opportunities. Disruptive conditions in the financial industry and the impact of new legislation in response to those conditions could restrict our business operations and could adversely impact our results of operations and financial condition.

If the fair value of our assets declines substantially, we may fail to maintain the asset coverage ratios imposed upon us by the 1940 Act and our senior secured credit facility (the Credit Facility). Any such failure could result in an event of default and all of our debt being declared immediately due and payable and would affect our ability to issue senior securities, including borrowings, and pay distributions, which could materially impair our business operations. Our liquidity could be impaired further by an inability to access the capital markets or to draw on the Credit Facility. For example, we cannot be certain that we will be able to renew the Credit Facility as it matures or to consummate new borrowing facilities to provide capital for normal operations, including new originations. Reflecting concern about the stability of the financial markets, many lenders and institutional investors have reduced or ceased providing funding to borrowers. This market turmoil and tightening of credit have led to increased market volatility and widespread reduction of business activity generally.

If we are unable to renew or replace the Credit Facility and consummate new facilities on commercially reasonable terms, our liquidity will be reduced significantly. If we consummate new facilities but are then unable to repay amounts outstanding under such facilities and are declared in default or are unable to renew or refinance

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these facilities, we would not be able to initiate significant originations or to operate our business in the normal course. These situations may arise due to circumstances that we may be unable to control, such as inaccessibility to the credit markets, a severe decline in the value of the U.S. dollar, a further economic downturn or an operational problem that affects third parties or us, and could materially damage our business. Moreover, we are unable to predict when economic and market conditions may become more favorable. Even if such conditions improve broadly and significantly over the long term, adverse conditions in particular sectors of the financial markets could adversely impact our business.

Our financial condition and results of operations will depend on Solar Capital Partners' ability to manage our future growth effectively by identifying, investing in and monitoring companies that meet our investment criteria.

Our ability to achieve our investment objective and to grow depends on Solar Capital Partners' ability to identify, invest in and monitor companies that meet our investment criteria. Accomplishing this result on a cost-effective basis is largely a function of Solar Capital Partners' structuring of the investment process, its ability to provide competent, attentive and efficient services to us and its ability to access financing for us on acceptable terms. The investment team of Solar Capital Partners has substantial responsibilities under the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, and they may also be called upon to provide managerial assistance to our portfolio companies as the principals of our administrator. Such demands on their time may distract them or slow our rate of investment. In order to grow, we and Solar Capital Partners will need to retain, train, supervise and manage new investment professionals. However, we can offer no assurance that any such investment professionals will contribute effectively to the work of the investment adviser. Any failure to manage our future growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may need to raise additional capital to grow because we must distribute most of our income.

We may need additional capital to fund growth in our investments. We expect to issue equity securities and expect to borrow from financial institutions in the future. A reduction in the availability of new capital could limit our ability to grow. We must distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income to our stockholders to maintain our tax treatment as a RIC. As a result, any such cash earnings may not be available to fund investment originations. We expect to borrow from financial institutions and issue additional debt and equity securities. If we fail to obtain funds from such sources or from other sources to fund our investments, it could limit our ability to grow, which may have an adverse effect on the value of our securities. In addition, as a BDC, our ability to borrow or issue additional preferred stock may be restricted if our total assets are less than 200% of our total borrowings and preferred stock.

Any failure on our part to maintain our status as a BDC would reduce our operating flexibility and we may be limited in our investment choices as a BDC.

The 1940 Act imposes numerous constraints on the operations of BDCs. For example, BDCs are required to invest at least 70% of their total assets in specified types of securities, primarily in private companies or thinly-traded U.S. public companies, cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and other high quality debt investments that mature in one year or less. Furthermore, any failure to comply with the requirements imposed on BDCs by the 1940 Act could cause the SEC to bring an enforcement action against us and/or expose us to claims of private litigants. In addition, upon approval of a majority of our stockholders, we may elect to withdraw our status as a BDC. If we decide to withdraw our election, or if we otherwise fail to qualify, or maintain our qualification, as a BDC, we may be subject to the substantially greater regulation under the 1940 Act as a closed-end investment company. Compliance with such regulations would significantly decrease our operating flexibility, and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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Regulations governing our operation as a BDC affect our ability to, and the way in which we will, raise additional capital. As a BDC, the necessity of raising additional capital may expose us to risks, including the typical risks associated with leverage.

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 ordinary income and realized net capital gains except for certain realized net long-term capital gains, which we may retain, pay applicable income taxes with respect thereto and elect to treat as deemed distributions to our stockholders. We may issue debt securities or preferred stock and/or 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 provisions of the 1940 Act, we will be permitted, as a BDC, to issue senior securities in amounts such that our asset coverage ratio, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% of gross assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, after each issuance of senior securities. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy this test. If that happens, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments and, depending on the nature of our leverage, repay a portion of our indebtedness at a time when such sales may be disadvantageous. Also, any amounts that we use to service our indebtedness would not be available for distributions to our common stockholders. Furthermore, as a result of issuing senior securities, we would also be exposed to typical risks associated with leverage, including an increased risk of loss.

As of December 31, 2016, we had \$165.2 million outstanding under the Credit Facility, composed of \$115.2 million of revolving credit and \$50 million outstanding of term loans. We also had \$75 million outstanding of the Senior Secured Notes, \$100 million outstanding of the 2042 Unsecured Notes, and \$50 million outstanding of the 2022 Unsecured Notes. If we issue preferred stock, the preferred stock would rank senior to common stock in our capital structure, preferred stockholders would generally vote together with common stockholders but would have separate voting rights on certain matters and might have other 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.

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, or warrants, options or rights to acquire our common stock, at a price below the then-current net asset value per share of our common stock if our board of directors determines that such sale is in the best interests of Solar Capital and its stockholders, and our stockholders approve such sale. In any such case, the price at which our securities are to be issued and sold may not be less than a price that, in the determination of our board of directors, closely approximates the market value of such securities (less any distributing commission or discount). 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. 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 cannot determine the resulting reduction in our net asset value per share of any such issuance. We also cannot predict whether shares of our common stock will trade above, at or below our net asset value.

At our 2016 Annual Stockholders Meeting, our stockholders approved our ability to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock, not exceeding 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such offering, at a price or prices below the then current net asset value per share, in each case subject to the approval of our board of directors and compliance with the conditions set forth in the proxy statement pertaining thereto, during a

period beginning on June 7, 2016 and expiring on the earlier of the one-year anniversary of the date of the 2016 Annual Stockholders Meeting and the date of our 2017 Annual Stockholders Meeting, which is expected to be held in May 2017. However, notwithstanding such stockholder approval, since our initial public

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offering on February 9, 2010, we have not sold any shares of our common stock in an offering that resulted in proceeds to us of less than our then current net asset value per share. Any offering of our common stock that requires stockholder approval must occur, if at all, within one year after receiving such stockholder approval.

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

Our publicly issued debt securities, including the 2042 Unsecured Notes, may or may not have an established trading market. We cannot assure you that a trading market for our publicly issued debt securities will be maintained. 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.

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.

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

All distributions declared in cash payable to stockholders that are participants in our dividend reinvestment plan are automatically reinvested in shares of our common stock. In the event we issue new shares in connection with our dividend reinvestment plan, our stockholders that do not elect to receive distributions in shares of common stock may experience dilution in their ownership percentage over time as a result of such issuance.

We have and will continue to borrow money, which would magnify the potential for loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing in us.

We borrow money as part of our business plan. Borrowings, also known as leverage magnify the potential for loss on amounts invested and, therefore, increase the risks associated with investing in our securities. As of December 31, 2016, we had \$165.2 million outstanding on the Credit Facility, composed of \$115.2 million of revolving credit and \$50 million of term loans. We also had \$75 million outstanding of the Senior Secured Notes, \$100 million outstanding of the 2042 Unsecured Notes and \$50 million outstanding of the 2022 Unsecured Notes. We may borrow from and issue senior debt securities to banks, insurance companies and other lenders in the future. Lenders of these senior securities, including the Credit Facility and Notes, will have fixed dollar claims on our assets that are superior to the claims of our common stockholders, and we would expect such

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lenders to seek recovery against our assets in the event of a default. If the value of our assets decreases, leveraging would cause net asset value to decline more sharply than it otherwise would have had we not leveraged. Similarly, any decrease in our income would cause net income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not borrowed. Such a decline could also negatively affect our ability to make distribution payments on our common stock. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique. 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. Moreover, as the management fee payable to our investment adviser, Solar Capital Partners, will be payable based on our gross assets, including those assets acquired through the use of leverage, Solar Capital Partners will have a financial incentive to incur leverage which may not be consistent with our stockholders' interests. In addition, our common stockholders will bear the burden of any increase in our expenses as a result of leverage, including any increase in the management fee payable to Solar Capital Partners.

As a BDC, we generally are required to meet a coverage ratio of total assets to total borrowings and other senior securities, which include all of our borrowings and any preferred stock that we may issue in the future, of at least 200%. Additionally, the Credit Facility requires us to comply with certain financial and other restrictive covenants including maintaining an asset coverage ratio of not less than 200% at any time. Failure to maintain compliance with these covenants could result in an event of default and all of our debt being declared immediately due and payable. If this ratio declines below 200%, we may not be able to incur additional debt and could be required by law to sell a portion of our investments to repay some debt when it is disadvantageous to do so, which could have a material adverse effect on our operations, and we may not be able to make distributions. The amount of leverage that we employ will depend on our investment adviser's and our board of directors' assessment of market and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing. We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain credit at all or on terms acceptable to us.

In addition, the Credit Facility imposes, and any other debt facility into which we may enter would likely impose, financial and operating covenants that restrict our business activities, including limitations that could hinder our ability to finance additional loans and investments or to make the distributions required to maintain our status as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

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

	Assumed total return (net of interest expense) (unaudited)				
	(10)%	(5)%	0%	5%	10%
Corresponding return to stockholder ⁽¹⁾	(19.7)%	(10.7)%	(1.7)%	7.2%	16.2%

⁽¹⁾ Assumes \$1.65 billion in total assets and \$390.2 million in total debt outstanding, which reflects our total assets and total debt outstanding as of December 31, 2016, and a cost of funds of 4.11%. Excludes non-leverage related expenses.

In order for us to cover our annual interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness at December 31, 2016, we must achieve annual returns on our December 31, 2016 total assets of at least 1.0%.

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.

Our 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 current Credit Facility and borrowings also subject us to various financial and operating covenants, including, but not limited to, maintaining certain financial ratios and minimum tangible

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net worth amounts. Future credit facilities and borrowings will likely subject us to similar or additional covenants. In addition, we may grant a security interest in our assets in connection with any such credit facilities and borrowings.

The Credit Facility generally contains 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, the Credit Facility requires or is 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 Credit Facility. An event of default under the Credit Facility would likely result, among other things, in termination of the availability of further funds under the Credit Facility and accelerated maturity dates for all amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility, which would likely disrupt our business and, potentially, the business of the portfolio companies whose loans we finance through the Credit Facility. This could reduce our revenues and, by delaying any cash payment allowed to us under our Credit Facility until the lender has been paid in full, reduce our liquidity and cash flow and impair our ability to grow our business and maintain our status as a RIC.

The terms of future available financing may place limits on our financial and 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.

Pending legislation may allow us to incur additional leverage.

As a BDC, 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 total assets or we may borrow an amount equal to 100% of net assets). 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 BDCs may incur by modifying the asset coverage 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.

Our quarterly and annual operating results are subject to fluctuation as a result of the nature of our business, and if we fail to achieve our investment objective, the net asset value of our common stock may decline.

We could experience fluctuations in our quarterly and annual operating results due to a number of factors, some of which are beyond our control, including, but not limited to, the interest rate payable on the debt securities that we acquire, the default rate on such securities, the level of our expenses, variations in and the timing of the recognition of realized and unrealized gains or losses, changes in our portfolio composition, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets, market volatility in our publicly traded securities and the securities of our portfolio companies, and general economic conditions. As a result of these factors, results for any period should not be relied upon as being indicative of performance in future periods. In addition, any of these factors could negatively impact our ability to achieve our investment objectives, which may cause our net asset value of our common stock to decline.

Our investments may be in portfolio companies which may have limited operating histories and financial 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 such as the current recession and European financial crisis 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 companies with greater financial, technical and marketing resources. Furthermore, some of these

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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. We cannot assure you that any of our investments in our portfolio companies will be successful. Our portfolio companies compete with larger, more established companies with greater access to, and resources for, further development in these new technologies. Therefore, we may lose our entire investment in any or all of our portfolio companies.

There will be uncertainty as to the value of our portfolio investments, which may impact our net asset value.

A large percentage of our portfolio investments are in the form of securities that are not publicly traded. The fair value of securities and other investments that are not publicly traded may not be readily determinable. We value these securities on a quarterly basis in accordance with our valuation policy, which is at all times consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Our board of directors utilizes the services of third-party valuation firms to aid it in determining the fair value of certain securities. The board of directors discusses valuations and determines the fair value in good faith based on the input of our investment adviser and the respective third-party valuation firms. The factors that may be considered in fair value pricing our investments include the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparisons to publicly traded companies, discounted cash flow and other relevant factors. Because such valuations, and particularly valuations of private securities and private companies, are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate over short periods of time and may be based on estimates, our determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have been used if a ready market for these securities existed. 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 an investment in a timely manner because we are in a control position or have access to inside information in the portfolio company 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.

There are significant potential conflicts of interest, including Solar Capital Partners' management of Solar Senior Capital Ltd., which could impact our investment returns, and an investment in Solar Capital is not an investment in Solar Senior Capital Ltd.

Our executive officers and directors, as well as the current and future partners of our investment adviser, Solar Capital Partners, may serve as officers, directors or principals of entities that operate in the same or a related line of business as we do. For example, Solar Capital Partners presently serves as investment adviser to Solar Senior Capital Ltd., a publicly-traded BDC which focuses on investing primarily in senior secured loans, including first lien, unitranche and second lien debt instruments. In addition, Michael S. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and President, Bruce Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer and board member, and Richard L. Peteka, our Chief Financial Officer,

serve in similar capacities for Solar Senior Capital Ltd. Accordingly, they may have obligations to investors in those entities, the fulfillment of which obligations might not be in the best interests of us or our stockholders. In addition, we note that any affiliated investment vehicle formed in the future and managed by our investment adviser or its affiliates may, notwithstanding different stated

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investment objectives, have overlapping investment objectives with our own and, accordingly, may invest in asset classes similar to those targeted by us. As a result, Solar Capital Partners may face conflicts in allocating investment opportunities between us and such other entities. Although Solar Capital Partners will endeavor to allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner, it is possible that, in the future, we may not be given the opportunity to participate in investments made by investment funds managed by our investment adviser or an investment manager affiliated with our investment adviser. In any such case, when Solar Capital Partners identifies an investment, it will be forced to choose which investment fund should make the investment.

As a BDC, we were substantially limited in our ability to co-invest in privately negotiated transactions with affiliated funds until we obtained an exemptive order from the SEC on July 28, 2014 (the Exemptive Order). The Exemptive Order permits us to participate in negotiated co-investment transactions with certain affiliates, each of whose investment adviser is Solar Capital Partners, or an investment adviser controlling, controlled by or under common control with Solar Capital Partners, in a manner consistent with our investment objective, positions, policies, strategies and restrictions as well as regulatory requirements and other pertinent factors, and pursuant to the conditions to the Exemptive Order. If we are unable to rely on Exemptive Order for a particular opportunity, such opportunity will be allocated first to the entity whose investment strategy is the most consistent with the opportunity being allocated, and second, if the terms of the opportunity are consistent with more than one entity's investment strategy, on an alternating basis. On January 13, 2017, the Company, Solar Senior Capital Ltd., and Solar Capital Partners filed an exemptive application for a co-investment order that would supersede the Exemptive Order and extend the relief granted in the Exemptive Order such that it no longer applies to certain affiliates only if their respective investment adviser is Solar Capital Partners, but also applies to certain affiliates whose investment adviser is an investment adviser that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with Solar Capital Partners and is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Exemptive Order will remain in effect unless and until the revised application is approved by the SEC. The terms and conditions of the revised application are substantially similar to the Exemptive Order. Although our investment professionals will endeavor to allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner, we and our common stockholders could be adversely affected to the extent investment opportunities are allocated among us and other investment vehicles managed or sponsored by, or affiliated with, our executive officers, directors and members of our investment adviser.

Solar Capital Partners and certain investment advisory affiliates may determine that an investment is appropriate for us and for one or more of those other funds. In such event, depending on the availability of such investment and other appropriate factors, Solar Capital Partners or its affiliates may determine that we should invest side-by-side with one or more other funds. Any such investments will be made only to the extent permitted by applicable law and interpretive positions of the SEC and its staff, and consistent with Solar Capital Partners' allocation procedures. Related party transactions may occur between Solar Capital and Crystal Financial LLC, between Solar Capital and Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC, between Solar Capital and SSLP 2016-1, LLC, between Solar Capital and Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC and between Solar Capital and SSLP II 2016-1, LLC. No administrative fees are paid to Solar Capital Partners by Crystal Financial LLC, Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC or Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC.

In the ordinary course of our investing activities, we pay management and incentive fees to Solar Capital Partners and reimburse Solar Capital Partners for certain expenses it incurs. As a result, investors in our common stock will invest on a gross basis and receive distributions on a net basis after expenses, resulting in a lower rate of return than an investor might achieve through direct investments. Accordingly, there may be times when the management team of Solar Capital Partners has interests that differ from those of our stockholders, giving rise to a conflict.

We have entered into a royalty-free license agreement with our investment adviser, pursuant to which our investment adviser has granted us a non-exclusive license to use the name Solar Capital. Under the license agreement, we have

the right to use the Solar Capital name for so long as Solar Capital Partners or one of its affiliates remains our investment adviser. In addition, we pay Solar Capital Management, an affiliate of Solar

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Capital Partners, our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Solar Capital Management in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent, the fees and expenses associated with performing compliance functions, and our allocable portion of the compensation of our chief financial officer and any administrative support staff. These arrangements create conflicts of interest that our board of directors must monitor.

Our ability to enter into transactions involving derivatives and financial commitment transactions may be limited.

The SEC has proposed a new rule under the 1940 Act that would govern the use of derivatives (defined to include any swap, security-based swap, futures contract, forward contract, option or any similar instrument) as well as financial commitment transactions (defined to include reverse repurchase agreements, short sale borrowings and any firm or standby commitment agreement or similar agreement) by BDCs. Under the proposed rule, a BDC would be required to comply with one of two alternative portfolio limitations and manage the risks associated with derivatives transactions and financial commitment transactions by segregating certain assets. Furthermore, a BDC that engages in more than a limited amount of derivatives transactions or that uses complex derivatives would be required to establish a formalized derivatives risk management program. If the SEC adopts this rule in the form proposed, our ability to enter into transactions involving such instruments may be hindered, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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

Our investment adviser will be entitled to incentive compensation for each fiscal quarter in an amount equal to a percentage of the excess of our pre-incentive fee net investment income for that quarter (before deducting incentive compensation) above a performance threshold for that quarter. Accordingly, since the performance threshold is based on a percentage of our net asset value, decreases in our net asset value make it easier to achieve the performance threshold. Our pre-incentive fee net investment income for incentive compensation purposes excludes realized and unrealized capital losses or depreciation that we may incur in the fiscal quarter, even if such capital losses or depreciation result in a net loss on our statement of operations for that quarter. Thus, we may be required to pay Solar Capital Partners incentive compensation for a fiscal quarter even if there is a decline in the value of our portfolio or we incur a net loss for that quarter.

Our incentive fee may induce Solar Capital Partners to pursue speculative investments.

The incentive fee payable by us to Solar Capital Partners may create an incentive for Solar Capital Partners to pursue investments on our behalf that are riskier or more speculative than would be the case in the absence of such compensation arrangement. The incentive fee payable to our investment adviser is calculated based on a percentage of our return on invested capital. This may encourage our investment adviser to use leverage to increase the return on our investments. Under certain circumstances, the use of leverage may increase the likelihood of default, which would impair the value of our common stock. In addition, our investment adviser receives the incentive fee based, in part, upon net capital gains realized on our investments. Unlike that portion of the incentive fee based on income, there is no hurdle rate applicable to the portion of the incentive fee based on net capital gains. As a result, our investment adviser may have a tendency to invest more capital in investments that are likely to result in capital gains as compared to income producing securities. Such a practice could result in our investing in more speculative securities than would otherwise be the case, which could result in higher investment losses, particularly during economic downturns.

The incentive fee payable by us to our investment adviser also may induce Solar Capital Partners to invest on our behalf in instruments that have a deferred interest feature, even if such deferred payments would not provide cash necessary to enable us to pay current distributions to our stockholders. Under these investments, we would accrue interest over the life of the investment but would not receive the cash income from the investment until the end of the

term. Our net investment income used to calculate the income portion of our investment fee,

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however, includes accrued interest. Thus, a portion of this incentive fee would be based on income that we have not received in cash. In addition, the catch-up portion of the incentive fee may encourage Solar Capital Partners to accelerate or defer interest payable by portfolio companies from one calendar quarter to another, potentially resulting in fluctuations in timing and distribution amounts.

We may invest, to the extent permitted by law, in the securities and instruments of other investment companies, including private funds, and, to the extent we so invest, will bear our ratable share of any such investment company's expenses, including management and performance fees. We will also remain obligated to pay management and incentive fees to Solar Capital Partners with respect to the assets invested in the securities and instruments of other investment companies. With respect to each of these investments, each of our stockholders will bear his or her share of the management and incentive fee of Solar Capital Partners as well as indirectly bearing the management and performance fees and other expenses of any investment companies in which we invest.

We may become subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax if we are unable to qualify and maintain our qualification as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code.

Although we have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, no assurance can be given that we will continue to be able to qualify for and maintain RIC status. To maintain RIC tax treatment under the Code, we must meet the following annual distribution, income source and asset diversification requirements.

The annual distribution requirement for a RIC will be satisfied if we distribute to our stockholders on an annual basis 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. Because we may use debt financing, we are subject to certain asset coverage ratio requirements under the 1940 Act and financial covenants under loan and credit agreements that could, under certain circumstances, restrict us from making distributions necessary to satisfy the distribution requirement. If we are unable to obtain cash from other sources, we could fail to qualify for RIC tax treatment and thus become subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax.

The income source requirement will be satisfied if we obtain at least 90% of our income for each year from certain passive investments, including interest, dividends, gains from the sale of stock or securities or similar sources.

The asset diversification requirement will be satisfied if we meet certain asset diversification requirements at the end of each quarter of our taxable year. Failure to meet those requirements may result in our having to dispose of certain investments quickly in order to prevent the loss of RIC status. Because most of our investments will be in private companies, and therefore will be relatively illiquid, any such dispositions could be made at disadvantageous prices and could result in substantial losses.

If we fail to qualify for RIC tax treatment for any reason and become subject to corporate income tax, the resulting corporate taxes could substantially reduce our net assets, the amount of income available for distribution and the 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) that we are otherwise required to distribute, and we cannot pass such net operating losses through to our stockholders. In addition, net operating losses that we

carry over to a taxable year in which we qualify as a RIC normally cannot offset ordinary income or capital gains.

We may have difficulty satisfying the annual distribution requirement in order to qualify and maintain RIC status if we recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income.

In accordance with GAAP and tax requirements, we include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as contractual PIK interest, which represents contractual interest added to a loan balance

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and due at the end of such loan's term. In addition to the cash yields received on our loans, in some instances, certain loans may also include any of the following: end-of-term payments, exit fees, balloon payment fees or prepayment fees. The increases in loan balances as a result of contractual PIK arrangements are included in income for the period in which such PIK 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 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 U.S. 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 an original issue discount, resulting in a distribution requirement in excess of current cash interest received. Since 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 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 investments at times we would not consider advantageous, raise additional debt or equity capital or reduce new investment originations to meet these distribution requirements. If we are unable to obtain cash from other sources and are otherwise unable to satisfy such distribution requirements, we may fail to qualify for the U.S. federal income tax benefits allowable to RICs and, thus, become subject to a corporate-level U.S. federal income tax on all our income.

The higher yields and interest rates on PIK securities reflects the payment deferral and increased credit risk associated with such instruments and that such investments may represent a significantly higher credit risk than coupon loans. PIK securities may have unreliable valuations because their continuing accruals require continuing judgments about the collectability of the deferred payments and the value of any associated collateral. PIK interest has the effect of generating investment income and increasing the incentive fees payable at a compounding rate. In addition, the deferral of PIK interest also increases the loan-to-value ratio at a compounding rate. PIK securities create the risk that incentive fees will be paid to the Adviser based on non-cash accruals that ultimately may not be realized, but the Adviser will be under no obligation to reimburse the Company for these fees.

Our board of directors is authorized to reclassify any unissued shares of common stock into one or more classes of preferred stock, which could convey special rights and privileges to its owners.

Under Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter, our board of directors is authorized to classify and reclassify any authorized but unissued shares of stock into one or more classes of stock, including preferred stock. Prior to issuance of shares of each class or series, the board of directors is required by Maryland law and our charter to set the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption for each class or series. Thus, the board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock with terms and conditions which could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in their best interest. The cost of any such reclassification would be borne by our existing common stockholders. Certain matters under the 1940 Act require the separate vote of the holders of any

issued and outstanding preferred stock. For example, holders of preferred stock would vote separately from the holders of common stock on a proposal to cease operations as a BDC. In addition, the 1940 Act provides that holders of preferred stock are entitled to vote separately from holders of common stock to

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elect two preferred stock directors. The issuance of shares of preferred stock convertible into shares of common stock might also reduce the net income and net asset value per share of our common stock upon conversion, provided, that we will only be permitted to issue such convertible preferred stock to the extent we comply with the requirements of Section 61 of the 1940 Act, including obtaining common stockholder approval. These effects, among others, could have an adverse effect on your investment in our common stock.

Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and of our charter and bylaws could deter takeover attempts and have an adverse impact on the price of our common stock.

The Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws contain provisions that may discourage, delay or make more difficult a change in control of Solar Capital or the removal of our directors. We are subject to the Maryland Business Combination Act, subject to any applicable requirements of the 1940 Act. Our board of directors has adopted a resolution exempting from the Business Combination Act any business combination between us and any other person, subject to prior approval of such business combination by our board, including approval by a majority of our disinterested directors. If the resolution exempting business combinations is repealed or our board of directors does not approve a business combination, the Business Combination Act may discourage third parties from trying to acquire control of us and increase the difficulty of consummating such an offer. Our bylaws exempt from the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act (the Control Share Act) acquisitions of our stock by any person. If we amend our bylaws to repeal the exemption from the Control Share Act, the Control Share Act also may make it more difficult for a third party to obtain control of us and increase the difficulty of consummating such a transaction. However, we will amend our bylaws to be subject to the Control Share Act only if our board of directors determines that it would be in our best interests and if the SEC staff does not object to our determination that our being subject to the Control Share Act does not conflict with the 1940 Act. The SEC staff has issued informal guidance setting forth its position that certain provisions of the Control Share Act would, if implemented, violate Section 18(i) of the 1940 Act.

We have also adopted measures that may make it difficult for a third party to obtain control of us, including provisions of our charter classifying our board of directors in three classes serving staggered three-year terms, and authorizing our board of directors to classify or reclassify shares of our stock in one or more classes or series, to cause the issuance of additional shares of our stock and to amend our charter without stockholder approval to increase or decrease the number of shares of stock that we have authority to issue. These provisions, as well as other provisions of our charter and bylaws, may delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change in control that might otherwise be in the best interests of our stockholders.

The foregoing provisions are expected to discourage certain coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids and to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to negotiate first with our board of directors. However, these provisions may deprive a stockholder of the opportunity to sell such stockholder's shares at a premium to a potential acquirer. We believe that the benefits of these provisions outweigh the potential disadvantages of discouraging any such acquisition proposals because, among other things, the negotiation of such proposals may improve their terms. Our board of directors has considered both the positive and negative effects of the foregoing provisions and determined that they are in the best interest of our stockholders.

The failure in cyber security systems, as well as the occurrence of events unanticipated in our disaster recovery systems and management continuity planning could impair our ability to conduct business effectively.

The occurrence of a disaster such as a cyber attack, a natural catastrophe, an industrial accident, a terrorist attack or war, events unanticipated in our disaster recovery systems, or a support failure from external providers, could have an adverse effect on our ability to conduct business and on our results of operations and financial condition, particularly if those events affect our computer-based data processing, transmission, storage, and retrieval systems or destroy data.

If a significant number of our managers were unavailable in the event of a disaster, our ability to effectively conduct our business could be severely compromised.

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Our business relies on secure information technology systems. We depend heavily upon computer systems to perform necessary business functions. These systems are subject to potential attacks, including through adverse events that threaten the confidentiality, integrity or availability of our information resources (i.e. cyber attacks). Despite our implementation of a variety of security measures, our computer systems could be subject to cyber attacks and unauthorized access, such as physical and electronic break-ins or unauthorized tampering. Like other companies, we may experience threats to our data and systems, including malware and computer virus attacks, unauthorized access, system failures and disruptions. If one or more of these events occurs, it could potentially jeopardize the confidential, proprietary and other information processed and stored in, and transmitted through, our computer systems and networks, or otherwise cause interruptions or malfunctions in our operations, which could result in damage to our reputation, financial losses, litigation, increased costs, regulatory penalties and/or customer dissatisfaction or loss.

We can be highly dependent on information systems and systems failures could significantly disrupt our business, which may, in turn, negatively affect the market price of our common stock and our ability to pay distributions.

Our business is highly dependent on our and third parties' communications and information systems. Any failure or interruption of those systems, including as a result of the termination of an agreement with any third-party service providers, could cause delays or other problems in our activities. Our financial, accounting, data processing, backup or other operating systems and facilities may fail to operate properly or become disabled or damaged as a result of a number of factors including events that are wholly or partially beyond our control and adversely affect our business. There could be:

sudden electrical or telecommunications outages;

natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes and hurricanes;

events arising from local or larger scale political or social matters, including terrorist acts; and

cyber attacks.

These events, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and negatively affect the market price of our common stock and our ability to pay distributions to our stockholders.

Our board of directors may change our investment objective, operating policies and strategies without prior notice or stockholder approval.

Our board of directors has the authority to modify or waive certain of our operating policies and strategies without prior notice (except as required by the 1940 Act) and without stockholder approval. However, absent stockholder approval, we may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or withdraw our election as a BDC. We cannot predict the effect any changes to our current operating policies and strategies would have on our business, operating results and value of our stock. Nevertheless, the effects may adversely affect our business and impact our ability to make distributions.

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 NASDAQ Stock Market, 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. Our efforts to comply with these existing requirements, or any revised or amended 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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Changes in laws or regulations governing our operations may adversely affect our business.

Changes in the laws or regulations, or the interpretations of the laws and regulations, which govern BDCs, 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 investment adviser can resign on 60 days notice, and we may not be able to find a suitable replacement within that time, resulting in a disruption in our operations that could adversely affect our financial condition, business and results of operations.

Our investment adviser has the right, under the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, to resign at any time upon 60 days written notice, whether we have found a replacement or not. If our investment adviser resigns, we may not be able to find a new investment adviser or hire internal management with similar expertise and ability to provide the same or equivalent services on acceptable terms within 60 days, or at all. If we are unable to do so quickly, our operations are likely to experience a disruption, our financial condition, business and results of operations as well as our ability to pay distributions are likely to be adversely affected and the market price of our shares may decline. In addition, the coordination of our internal management and investment activities is likely to suffer if we are unable to identify and reach an agreement with a single institution or group of executives having the expertise possessed by our investment adviser and its affiliates. Even if we are able to retain comparable management, whether internal or external, the integration of such management and their lack of familiarity with our investment objective may result in additional costs and time delays that may adversely affect our financial condition, business and results of operations.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but rather are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about Solar Capital, our current and prospective portfolio investments, our industry, our beliefs, and our assumptions. Words such as anticipates, expects, intends, plans, believes, seeks, estimates, would, should, projects, and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus involve risks and uncertainties, including statements as to:

our future operating results;

our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies;

the impact of investments that we expect to make;

our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties;

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

the ability of our portfolio companies to achieve their objectives;

our expected financings and investments;

our breach of any of the covenants or other provisions in our debt agreements;

the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital; and

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

These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors, some of which are beyond our control and difficult to predict and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in the forward-looking statements, including without limitation:

an economic downturn could impair our portfolio companies' ability to continue to operate, which could lead to the loss of some or all of our investments in such portfolio companies;

a contraction of available credit and/or an inability to access the equity markets could impair our lending and investment activities;

interest rate volatility could adversely affect our results, particularly if we elect to use leverage as part of our investment strategy;

currency fluctuations could adversely affect the results of our investments in foreign companies, particularly to the extent that we receive payments denominated in foreign currency rather than U.S. dollars; and

the risks, uncertainties and other factors we identify in **Risk Factors** and elsewhere in this prospectus and in our filings with the SEC.

Although we believe that the assumptions on which these forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of those assumptions could prove to be inaccurate, and as a result, the forward-looking statements based on those assumptions also could be inaccurate. Important assumptions include our ability to originate new loans and investments, certain margins and levels of profitability and the availability of additional capital. 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 and objectives will be achieved. These risks and uncertainties include those described or identified in **Risk Factors** and elsewhere in this prospectus. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this prospectus. However, we will update this prospectus to reflect any material changes to the information contained herein. The forward-looking statements and projections contained in this prospectus are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of our securities pursuant to this prospectus for general corporate purposes, which may include investing in debt or equity securities consistent with our investment objective, repayment of outstanding indebtedness, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes. We are continuously identifying, reviewing and, to the extent consistent with our investment objective, funding new investments. As a result, we typically raise capital as we deem appropriate to fund such new investments. The supplement to this prospectus relating to an offering will more fully identify the use of the proceeds from such offering.

We estimate that it will take three to six months for us to substantially invest the net proceeds of any offering made pursuant to this prospectus, depending on the availability of attractive opportunities and market conditions. However, we can offer no assurance that we will be able to achieve this goal. We expect that it may take more than three months to invest all of the proceeds of an offering, in part because investments in private companies often require substantial prior research and due diligence.

Pending such uses, we will invest the net proceeds primarily in cash, cash equivalents, and U.S. government securities and other high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less from the date of investment. These securities may have lower yields than the types of investments we would typically make in accordance with our investment objective and, accordingly, may result in lower distributions, if any, during such period. See Regulation as a Business Development Company Temporary Investments for additional information about temporary investments we may make while waiting to make longer-term investments in pursuit of our investment objective. The management fee payable by us to our investment adviser will not be reduced while our assets are invested in such securities.

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Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol SLRC. The following table sets forth, for each fiscal quarter during the last two fiscal years and the current fiscal year to date, the net asset value (NAV) per share of our common stock, the high and low closing sales prices for our common stock, such sales prices as a percentage of NAV per share and quarterly distributions per share.

	NAV ⁽¹⁾	Price Range		Premium or (Discount) of High Closing Price to NAV ⁽²⁾	Premium or (Discount) of Low Closing Price to NAV ⁽²⁾	Declared Distributions ⁽³⁾
		High	Low			
Fiscal 2017						
Second Quarter (through April 26, 2017)	*	\$ 22.82	\$ 22.44	*	*	
First Quarter	*	\$ 22.61	\$ 21.09	*	*	\$ 0.40
Fiscal 2016						
Fourth Quarter	\$ 21.74	\$ 21.42	\$ 19.43	(1.5)%	(10.6)%	\$ 0.40
Third Quarter	21.72	20.71	19.02	(4.7)	(12.4)	0.40
Second Quarter	21.51	19.07	16.91	(11.3)	(21.4)	0.40
First Quarter	21.08	17.70	15.60	(16.0)	(26.0)	0.40
Fiscal 2015						
Fourth Quarter	\$ 20.79	\$ 18.20	\$ 16.10	(12.5)%	(22.6)%	\$ 0.40
Third Quarter	21.52	18.63	15.39	(13.4)	(28.5)	0.40
Second Quarter	21.92	20.67	18.00	(5.7)	(17.9)	0.40
First Quarter	21.91	20.46	18.07	(6.6)	(17.5)	0.40

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

(2) Calculated as of the respective high or low closing price divided by NAV and subtracting 1.

(3) Represents the cash distribution for the specified quarter.

* Not determinable at the time of filing.

On April 26, 2017, the last reported sales price of our common stock was \$22.82 per share. As of April 26, 2017, we had 18 shareholders of record.

Shares of BDCs 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. Since our IPO on February 9, 2010, our shares of common stock have traded at both a discount and a premium to the net assets attributable to those shares. As of April 26, 2017, our shares of common stock traded at a premium equal to approximately 5.0% of the net assets attributable to those shares based upon our net asset value as of December 31, 2016. It is not possible to predict whether the shares offered hereby will trade at, above, or below net asset value.

We intend to distribute quarterly distributions to our stockholders. Our quarterly distributions, if any, will be determined by our board of directors.

Tax characteristics of all distributions will be reported to shareholders on Form 1099 after the end of the calendar year. Future quarterly distributions, if any, will be determined by our board of directors. We expect that our distributions to stockholders will generally be from accumulated net investment income, from net realized capital gains or non-taxable return of capital, if any, as applicable.

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We have elected to be taxed as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. To maintain our RIC status, we must distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, out of the assets legally available for distribution. In addition, although we currently intend to distribute realized net capital gains (*i.e.*, net long-term capital gains in excess of short-term capital losses), if any, at least annually, out of the assets legally available for such distributions, we may in the future decide to retain such capital gains for investment. See Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations .

We maintain an opt out dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders. As a result, if we declare a distribution, then stockholders cash distributions will be automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, unless they specifically opt out of the dividend reinvestment plan so as to receive cash distributions.

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 BDC, we may in the future be limited in our ability to make distributions. Also, our revolving credit facility may limit our ability to declare distributions if we default under certain provisions. If we do not distribute a certain percentage of our income annually, we will suffer adverse tax consequences, including possible loss of the tax benefits available to us as a regulated investment company. In addition, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and tax regulations, we include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest added to the loan balance that becomes due at the end of the loan term, or the accrual of original issue or market discount. Since we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty meeting the requirement to distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income to obtain tax benefits as a regulated investment company.

With respect to the distributions to stockholders, income from origination, structuring, closing and certain other upfront fees associated with investments in portfolio companies are treated as taxable income and accordingly, distributed to stockholders.

We cannot assure stockholders that they will receive any distributions at a particular level.

All distributions declared in cash payable to stockholders that are participants in our dividend reinvestment plan are generally automatically reinvested in shares of our common stock. As a result, stockholders that do not participate in the dividend reinvestment plan may experience dilution over time. Stockholders who do not elect to receive distributions in shares of common stock may experience accretion to the net asset value of their shares if our shares are trading at a premium and dilution if our shares are trading at a discount. The level of accretion or discount would depend on various factors, including the proportion of our stockholders who participate in the plan, the level of premium or discount at which our shares are trading and the amount of the distribution payable to a stockholder.

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The following table reflects the cash distributions, including dividends and returns of capital, if any, per share that we have declared on our common stock for the two most recent fiscal years and the current fiscal year to date:

Date Declared	Record Date	Payment Date	Amount
Fiscal 2017			
February 22, 2017	March 23, 2017	April 4, 2017	\$ 0.40
Fiscal 2016			
November 2, 2016	December 15, 2016	January 4, 2017	\$ 0.40
August 2, 2016	September 22, 2016	October 4, 2016	0.40
May 3, 2016	June 23, 2016	July 1, 2016	0.40
February 24, 2016	March 24, 2016	April 1, 2016	0.40
<i>Total 2016</i>			\$ 1.60
Fiscal 2015			
November 3, 2015	December 17, 2015	January 6, 2016	\$ 0.40
August 4, 2015	September 24, 2015	October 2, 2015	0.40
May 5, 2015	June 25, 2015	July 1, 2015	0.40
February 25, 2015	March 19, 2015	April 2, 2015	0.40
<i>Total 2015</i>			\$ 1.60

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

The information contained in this section should be read in conjunction with the Selected Financial and Other Data and our Financial Statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

Overview

Solar Capital LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, was formed in February 2007 and commenced operations on March 13, 2007 with initial capital of \$1.2 billion of which 47.04% was funded by affiliated parties.

Solar Capital Ltd. (Solar Capital , the Company , we or our), a Maryland corporation formed in November 2007, is a closed-end, externally managed, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). Furthermore, as the Company is an investment company, it continues to apply the guidance in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 946. In addition, for tax purposes, the Company has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (RIC) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

On February 9, 2010, we priced our initial public offering, selling 5.68 million shares of our common stock. Concurrent with our initial public offering, Michael S. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Bruce Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer, collectively purchased an additional 0.6 million shares of our common stock through a private placement transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act (the Concurrent Private Placement).

We invest primarily in privately held U.S. middle-market companies, where we believe the supply of primary capital is limited and the investment opportunities are most attractive. Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in leveraged middle-market companies in the form of senior secured loans, unitranche loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities. From time to time, we may also invest in public companies that are thinly traded. Our business is focused primarily on the direct origination of investments through portfolio companies or their financial sponsors. Our investments generally range between \$5 million and \$100 million each, although we expect that this investment size will vary proportionately with the size of our capital base and/or with strategic initiatives. Our investment activities are managed by Solar Capital Partners, LLC (the Investment Adviser) and supervised by our board of directors, a majority of whom are non-interested, as such term is defined in the 1940 Act. Solar Capital Management, LLC (the Administrator) provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

In addition, we may invest a portion of our portfolio in other types of investments, which we refer to as opportunistic investments, which are not our primary focus but are intended to enhance our overall returns. These investments may include, but are not limited to, direct investments in public companies that are not thinly traded and securities of leveraged companies located in select countries outside of the United States.

As of December 31, 2016, the Investment Adviser has invested approximately \$6.0 billion in more than 265 different portfolio companies since 2006. Over the same period, the Investment Adviser completed transactions with more than 165 different financial sponsors.

Recent Developments

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On February 15, 2017, the Company closed a private offering of \$100 million of additional 2022 Unsecured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 4.60% and a maturity date of May 8, 2022. Interest on the 2022 Unsecured

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Notes is due semi-annually on May 8 and November 8. The 2022 Unsecured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On February 22, 2017, the Company, through its commitment to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program III LLC (SSLP III), and Solar Senior formed Solar Life Science Program LLC (LSJV) with an affiliate of Deerfield Management. The Company is committing approximately \$50 million to LSJV.

On February 22, 2017, our Board declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.40 per share payable on April 4, 2017 to holders of record as of March 23, 2017.

Investments

Our level of investment activity can and does vary substantially from period to period depending on many factors, including the amount of debt and equity capital available to middle market companies, the level of merger and acquisition activity for such companies, the general economic environment and the competitive environment for the types of investments we make. As a BDC, we must not acquire any assets other than qualifying assets specified in the 1940 Act unless, at the time the acquisition is made, at least 70% of our total assets are qualifying assets (with certain limited exceptions). Qualifying assets include investments in eligible portfolio companies. The definition of eligible portfolio company includes certain public companies that do not have any securities listed on a national securities exchange and companies whose securities are listed on a national securities exchange but whose market capitalization is less than \$250 million.

Revenue

We generate revenue primarily in the form of interest and dividend income from the securities we hold and capital gains, if any, on investment securities that we may sell. Our debt investments generally have a stated term of three to seven years and typically bear interest at a floating rate usually determined on the basis of a benchmark London interbank offered rate (LIBOR), commercial paper rate, or the prime rate. Interest on our debt investments is generally payable quarterly but may be monthly or semi-annually. In addition, our investments may provide payment-in-kind (PIK) interest. Such amounts of accrued PIK interest are added to the cost of the investment on the respective capitalization dates and generally become due at maturity of the investment or upon the investment being called by the issuer. We may also generate revenue in the form of commitment, origination, structuring fees, fees for providing managerial assistance and, if applicable, consulting fees, etc.

Expenses

All investment professionals of the investment adviser and their respective staffs, when and to the extent engaged in providing investment advisory and management services, and the compensation and routine overhead expenses of such personnel allocable to such services, are provided and paid for by Solar Capital Partners. We bear all other costs and expenses of our operations and transactions, including (without limitation):

the cost of our organization and public offerings;

the cost of calculating our net asset value, including the cost of any third-party valuation services;

the cost of effecting sales and repurchases of our shares and other securities;

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

fees payable to third parties relating to, or associated with, making investments, including fees and expenses associated with performing due diligence reviews of prospective investments and advisory fees;

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transfer agent and custodial fees;

fees and expenses associated with marketing efforts;

federal and state registration fees, any stock exchange listing fees;

federal, state and local taxes;

independent directors' fees and expenses;

brokerage commissions;

fidelity bond, directors and officers errors and omissions liability insurance and other insurance premiums;

direct costs and expenses of administration, including printing, mailing, long distance telephone and staff;

fees and expenses associated with independent audits and outside legal costs;

costs associated with our reporting and compliance obligations under the 1940 Act and applicable federal and state securities laws; and

all other expenses incurred by either Solar Capital Management or us in connection with administering our business, including payments under the Administration Agreement that will be based upon our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Solar Capital Management in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent, the fees and expenses associated with performing compliance functions, and our allocable portion of the costs of compensation and related expenses of our chief compliance officer and our chief financial officer and any administrative support staff.

We expect our general and administrative operating expenses related to our ongoing operations to increase moderately in dollar terms. During periods of asset growth, we generally expect our general and administrative operating expenses to decline as a percentage of our total assets and increase during periods of asset declines. Incentive fees, interest expense and costs relating to future offerings of securities, among others, may also increase or reduce overall operating expenses based on portfolio performance, interest rate benchmarks, and offerings of our securities relative to comparative periods, among other factors.

Portfolio and Investment Activity

During the year ended December 31, 2016, we invested approximately \$428 million across 35 portfolio companies. This compares to investing approximately \$505 million in 32 portfolio companies for the year ended December 31,

2015. Investments sold, prepaid or repaid during the year ended December 31, 2016 totaled approximately \$488 million versus approximately \$171 million for the year ended December 31, 2015.

At December 31, 2016, our portfolio consisted of 63 portfolio companies and was invested 60.4% in senior secured loans, 2.2% in subordinated debt, 1.1% in preferred equity and 36.3% in common equity and warrants (of which 23.4% is Crystal Financial LLC, 7.7% is Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC and 3.6% is Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC) measured at fair value versus 54 portfolio companies invested 63.7% in senior secured loans, 5.1% in subordinated debt, 1.4% in preferred equity and 29.8% in common equity/equity interests and warrants (of which 22.1% is Crystal Financial LLC and 6.1% is Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC) measured at fair value at December 31, 2015.

The weighted average annualized yields on our portfolio of income producing investments, which is not our entire portfolio, were 10.0% and 10.5%, respectively, at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, measured at fair value, and 10.4% and 10.2%, respectively for the same periods, measured at amortized cost. Portfolio yield does not represent an actual investment return to shareholders.

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At December 31, 2016, 94.9% or \$1.22 billion of our income producing investment portfolio* is floating rate and 5.1% or \$65.7 million is fixed rate, measured at fair value. At December 31, 2015, 91.0% or \$1.17 billion of our income producing investment portfolio* was floating rate and 9.0% or \$116.6 million was fixed rate, measured at fair value. As of both December 31, 2016 and 2015, we had one issuer on non-accrual status.

Since inception through December 31, 2016, Solar Capital and its predecessor companies have invested approximately \$4.8 billion in 168 portfolio companies. Over the same period, Solar Capital has completed transactions with more than 125 different financial sponsors.

Crystal Financial LLC

On December 28, 2012, we completed the acquisition of Crystal Capital Financial Holdings LLC (Crystal Financial), a commercial finance company focused on providing asset-based and other secured financing solutions (the Crystal Acquisition). We invested \$275 million in cash to effect the Crystal Acquisition. Crystal Financial owned approximately 98% of the outstanding ownership interest in Crystal Financial LLC. The remaining financial interest was held by various employees of Crystal Financial LLC, through their investment in Crystal Management LP. Crystal Financial LLC had a diversified portfolio of 23 loans having a total par value of approximately \$400 million at November 30, 2012 and a \$275 million committed revolving credit facility. On January 27, 2014, the revolving credit facility was expanded to \$300 million. On March 31, 2014, we exchanged \$137.5 million of our equity interest in Crystal Financial in exchange for \$137.5 million in floating rate senior secured notes in Crystal Financial bearing interest at LIBOR plus 9.50%, maturing on March 31, 2019. On May 18, 2015, the revolving credit facility was expanded to \$350 million. Our financial statements, including our schedule of investments, reflected our investments in Crystal Financial on a consolidated basis. On July 28, 2016, the Company purchased Crystal Management LP s approximately 2% equity interest in Crystal Financial LLC for approximately \$5.7 million. Upon the closing of this transaction, the Company holds 100% of the equity interest in Crystal Financial LLC. On September 30, 2016, Crystal Capital Financial Holdings LLC was dissolved.

As of December 31, 2016, Crystal Financial LLC had 26 funded commitments to 25 different issuers with a total par value of approximately \$368.8 million on total assets of \$459.7 million. As of December 31, 2015, Crystal Financial LLC had 28 funded commitments to 26 different issuers with a total par value of approximately \$465.1 million on total assets of \$518.3 million. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the largest loan outstanding totaled \$36.3 million and \$34.3 million, respectively. For the same periods, the average exposure per issuer was \$14.8 million and \$17.9 million, respectively. Crystal Financial LLC s credit facility, which is non-recourse to Solar Capital, had approximately \$175.4 million and \$232.9 million of borrowings outstanding at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, Crystal Financial LLC had net income of \$34.1 million, \$27.4 million and \$27.2 million, respectively, on gross income of \$69.4 million, \$62.5 million and \$56.1 million, respectively. Due to timing and non-cash items, there may be material differences between GAAP net income and cash available for distributions. As of December 31, 2016, and based upon our expectations for Crystal Financial LLC s portfolio performance, we believe that Crystal Financial LLC will be able to maintain its dividend payments to the Company. Crystal Financial LLC s consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 are attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC

On September 2, 2014, the Company entered into a limited liability company agreement with an affiliate (the Investor) of a fund managed by Pacific Investment Management Company LLC (PIMCO) to co-invest in middle market senior secured unitranche loans sourced by the same origination platform used by the

* We have included Crystal Financial LLC, Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC and Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC within our income producing investment portfolio.

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Company. Initial funding commitments to the unitranche strategy total \$600 million, consisting of direct equity investments and co-investment commitments as described below. The joint venture vehicle known as the Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC (SSLP) is structured as an unconsolidated Delaware limited liability company. The Company and the Investor initially made equity commitments to the SSLP of \$300.0 million and \$43.25 million, respectively. All portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and PIMCO (with approval from a representative of each required).

On October 15, 2015, the Company entered into an amended and restated limited liability company agreement for its SSLP to add Voya Investment Management LLC (Voya), part of Voya Financial, Inc. (NYSE: VOYA), as a partner in SSLP in place of the investor that was previously the Company's partner in SSLP, though this investor may still co-invest up to \$300 million of equity in unitranche loans alongside SSLP. This joint venture is expected to invest primarily in senior secured unitranche loans to middle market companies predominantly owned by private equity sponsors or entrepreneurs, consistent with the Company's core origination and underwriting mandate. In addition to the Company's prior equity commitment of \$300.0 million to SSLP, Voya has made an initial equity commitment of \$25.0 million to SSLP, with the ability to upsize.

On November 2, 2015, the Company assigned \$125.0 million of its \$300.0 million commitment to SSLP to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC (SSLP II), a Delaware limited liability company.

On November 25, 2015, SSLP commenced operations. On June 30, 2016, SSLP as transferor and SSLP 2016-1, LLC, a newly formed wholly owned subsidiary of SSLP, as borrower entered into a \$200 million senior secured revolving credit facility (the SSLP Facility) with Wells Fargo Bank, NA acting as administrative agent. Solar Capital Ltd. acts as servicer under the SSLP Facility. The SSLP Facility is scheduled to mature on June 30, 2021. The SSLP Facility generally bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 2.50%. SSLP and SSLP 2016-1, LLC, as applicable, have made certain customary representations and warranties, and are required to comply with various covenants, including leverage restrictions, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. The SSLP Facility also includes usual and customary events of default for credit facilities of this nature. There were \$67.1 million of borrowings outstanding as of December 31, 2016. During the year ended December 31, 2016, using proceeds from the SSLP Facility, SSLP returned capital totaling \$28.9 million and \$4.1 million to the Company and Voya, respectively. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company and Voya had contributed combined equity capital in the amount of \$116.4 million and \$92.2 million, respectively. Of the \$116.4 million of contributed equity capital at December 31, 2016, the Company contributed \$29.9 million in the form of investments and \$72.0 million in the form of cash and Voya contributed \$14.5 million in the form of cash. As of December 31, 2016, the Company and Voya's remaining commitments to SSLP totaled \$73.1 million and \$10.5 million, respectively. The Company, along with Voya, controls the funding of SSLP and SSLP may not call the unfunded commitments without approval of both the Company and Voya.

As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, SSLP had total assets of \$184.8 million and \$92.5 million, respectively. For the same periods, SSLP's portfolio consisted of floating rate senior secured loans to 11 and 4 different borrowers, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2016, SSLP invested \$89.4 million in 8 portfolio companies. Investments prepaid totaled \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2016. For the period from November 25, 2015 through December 31, 2015, SSLP invested \$91.8 million in 4 portfolio companies. Investments prepaid totaled \$0.1 million for the period from November 25, 2015 through December 31, 2015. At December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the weighted average yield of SSLP's portfolio was 7.4% and 8.5%, respectively, measured at fair value and 7.5% and 8.5%, respectively, measured at cost.

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Description	Industry	Spread		Interest Rate ⁽²⁾	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
		Above LIBOR Index ⁽¹⁾	Floor					
AccentCare, Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+575	1.00%	6.75%	9/3/21	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,875
Alera Group Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	Insurance	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	12/30/22	13,824	13,686	13,686
Associated Pathologists, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	8/1/21	3,292	3,261	3,275
CIBT Holdings, Inc.	Professional Services	L+525	1.00%	6.25%	6/28/22	13,102	12,979	12,971
Empower Payments Acquisition, Inc. (RevSpring)	Professional Services	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	11/30/23	13,875	13,600	13,597
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽⁴⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.75%	12/14/21	34,650	34,202	34,650
Pet Holdings ULC & Pet Supermarket, Inc.	Specialty Retail	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	7/5/22	20,625	20,336	20,367
PPT Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+600	1.00%	7.00%	12/16/22	12,000	11,881	11,880
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.25%	11/25/21	2,475	2,454	2,475
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+839	1.00%	9.39%	11/25/21	22,250	21,866	21,861
U.S. Anesthesia Partners Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	12/31/19	19,557	19,407	19,362
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+625	1.00%	7.25%	4/20/21	21,818	21,686	21,491

\$ 180,233 \$ 180,490

- (1) Floating rate instruments accrue interest at a predetermined spread relative to an index, typically the LIBOR or PRIME rate. These instruments are typically subject to a LIBOR or PRIME rate floor.
- (2) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2016.
- (3) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board's valuation process described elsewhere herein.
- (4) The Company also holds this security on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

SSLP Portfolio as of December 31, 2015 (in thousands)

Description	Industry	Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value ⁽²⁾
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽³⁾	Chemicals	9.25%	12/14/21	\$ 35,000	\$ 34,478	\$ 34,475
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC ⁽³⁾	Health Care Providers & Services	5.25%	11/25/21	2,750	2,723	2,723
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC ⁽³⁾	Health Care Providers & Services	9.42%	11/25/21	122,250	21,810	21,805
U.S. Anesthesia Partners Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	6.00%	12/31/19	19,757	19,561	19,559
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	7.00%	4/20/21	13,197	13,197	13,197
					\$ 91,769	\$ 91,759

- (1) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2015.

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(2) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board's valuation process described elsewhere herein.

(3) The Company also holds a portion of this position on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

Below is certain summarized financial information for SSLP as of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the period from November 25, 2015 through December 31, 2015:

	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Selected Balance Sheet Information for SSLP (in thousands):		
Investments at fair value (cost \$180,233 and \$91,769, respectively)	\$ 180,490	\$ 91,759
Cash and other assets	4,326	769
Total assets	\$ 184,816	\$ 92,528
Debt outstanding	\$ 67,148	\$
Distributions payable	1,688	253
Interest payable and other credit facility related expenses	660	
Accrued expenses and other payables	287	72
Total liabilities	\$ 69,783	\$ 325
Members' equity	\$ 115,033	\$ 92,203
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 184,816	\$ 92,528

	Year ended December 31, 2016	For the Period November 25, 2015 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2015
Selected Income Statement Information for SSLP (in thousands):		
Interest income	\$ 9,187	\$ 462
Service fees*	\$ 84	\$ 4
Interest and other credit facility expenses**	3,878	
Other general and administrative expenses	138	175
Total expenses	\$ 4,100	\$ 179
Net investment income	\$ 5,087	\$ 283
Net change in unrealized gain on investments	267	(10)

Net income	\$	5,354	\$	273
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* Service fees are included within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations as other income.

** SSLP made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to the SSLP Facility, in accordance with ASC 825-10. As such, all expenses related to the establishment of the SSLP Facility were expensed during the year ended December 31, 2016. These amounts totaled \$2,816.

Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC

On November 2, 2015, the Company assigned \$125.0 million of its \$300.0 million commitment to SSLP to SSLP II, a Delaware limited liability company. On August 5, 2016, the Company entered into an amended and restated limited liability company agreement with WFI Loanco, LLC (WFI) and SSLP II commenced operations. Also on August 5, 2016, the Company assigned approximately \$50.0 million of its \$125.0 million commitment to SSLP II to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program III LLC (SSLP III), a newly formed Delaware limited liability company. SSLP III, which has not commenced operations, is currently wholly owned

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by Solar Capital Ltd. but may bring in unaffiliated investors at a later date. The Company and WFI's equity commitments to SSLP II now total \$75.0 million and \$18.0 million, respectively.

On November 15, 2016, SSLP II as transferor and SSLP II 2016-1, LLC, a newly formed wholly owned subsidiary of SSLP II, as borrower entered into a \$100 million senior secured revolving credit facility (the SSLP II Facility) with Wells Fargo Bank, NA acting as administrative agent. Solar Capital Ltd. acts as servicer under the SSLP II Facility. The SSLP II Facility is scheduled to mature on November 15, 2021. The SSLP II Facility generally bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 2.50%. SSLP II and SSLP II 2016-1, LLC, as applicable, have made certain customary representations and warranties, and are required to comply with various covenants, including leverage restrictions, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. The SSLP II Facility also includes usual and customary events of default for credit facilities of this nature. There were \$33.0 million of borrowings outstanding as of December 31, 2016. During the period August 5, 2016 through December 31, 2016, using proceeds from the SSLP II Facility, SSLP II returned capital totaling \$16.1 million and \$3.9 million to the Company and WFI, respectively. As of December 31, 2016, the Company and WFI contributed combined equity capital in the amount of \$47.0 million and \$11.3 million, respectively. Of the \$58.2 million of contributed equity capital at December 31, 2016, the Company contributed \$43.5 million in the form of investments and \$3.5 million in the form of cash and WFI contributed \$11.3 million in the form of cash. As of December 31, 2016, the Company and WFI's remaining commitments to SSLP II totaled \$28.1 million and \$6.7 million, respectively. The Company, along with WFI, controls the funding of SSLP II and SSLP II may not call the unfunded commitments without approval of both the Company and WFI.

As of December 31, 2016, SSLP II had total assets of \$93.5 million. At December 31, 2016, SSLP II's portfolio consisted of floating rate senior secured loans to 12 different borrowers. For the period August 5, 2016 through December 31, 2016, SSLP II invested \$102.2 million in 12 portfolio companies. Investments prepaid totaled \$12.1 million for the same period. At December 31, 2016, the weighted average yield of SSLP II's portfolio was 7.6%, measured at fair value and 7.9%, measured at cost.

Table of Contents**SSLP II Portfolio as of December 31, 2016 (in thousands)**

Description	Industry	Spread			Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
		Above LIBOR Index ⁽¹⁾	Floor	Interest Rate ⁽²⁾				
Alera Group Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	Insurance	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	12/30/22	\$ 5,184	\$ 5,132	\$ 5,132
American Teleconferencing Services, Ltd. (PGI) ⁽⁴⁾	Communications Equipment	L+650	1.00%	7.50%	12/8/21	14,619	13,244	14,217
Associated Pathologists, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	8/1/21	1,646	1,631	1,638
CIBT Holdings, Inc.	Professional Services	L+525	1.00%	6.25%	6/28/22	5,241	5,191	5,188
Empower Payments Acquisition, Inc. (RevSpring)	Professional Services	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	11/30/23	6,938	6,800	6,799
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽⁴⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.75%	12/14/21	10,945	10,945	10,945
Pet Holdings ULC & Pet Supermarket, Inc.	Specialty Retail	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	7/5/22	9,075	8,947	8,962
Polycom, Inc.	Communications Equipment	L+650	1.00%	7.50%	9/27/23	11,605	11,152	11,547
PPT Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+600	1.00%	7.00%	12/16/22	10,000	9,901	9,900
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.25%	11/25/21	990	990	990
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+839	1.00%	9.39%	11/25/21	8,900	8,748	8,744
U.S. Anesthesia Partners Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	12/31/19	4,988	4,938	4,938
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+625	1.00%	7.25%	4/20/21	2,840	2,787	2,797
							\$ 90,406	\$ 91,797

(1) Floating rate instruments accrue interest at a predetermined spread relative to an index, typically the LIBOR or PRIME rate. These instruments are typically subject to a LIBOR or PRIME rate floor.

(2)

Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2016.

- (3) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board's valuation process described elsewhere herein.
- (4) The Company also holds this security on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

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Below is certain summarized financial information for SSLP II as of December 31, 2016 and for the period August 5, 2016 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2016:

	December 31, 2016
Selected Balance Sheet Information for SSLP II (in thousands):	
Investments at fair value (cost \$90,406)	\$ 91,797
Cash and other assets	1,670
Total assets	\$ 93,467
Debt outstanding	\$ 32,950
Distributions payable	1,460
Interest payable and other credit facility related expenses	147
Accrued expenses and other payables	183
Total liabilities	\$ 34,740
Members' equity	\$ 58,727
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 93,467
	For the period August 5, 2016 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2016
Selected Income Statement Information for SSLP II (in thousands):	
Interest income	\$ 2,259
Service fees*	\$ 28
Interest and other credit facility expenses**	1,536
Other general and administrative expenses	130
Total expenses	\$ 1,694
Net investment income	\$ 565
Net change in unrealized gain on investments	1,391
Net income	\$ 1,956

- * Service fees are included within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations as other income.
- ** SSLP II made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to the SSLP II Facility, in accordance with ASC 825-10. As such, all expenses related to the establishment of the SSLP II Facility were expensed during the year ended December 31, 2016. These amounts totaled \$1,389.

Stock Repurchase Program

On July 31, 2013, the Company's board of directors authorized a program for the purpose of repurchasing up to \$100 million of the Company's common stock. Under the repurchase program, the Company could have, but was not obligated to, repurchase its outstanding common stock in the open market from time to time provided that the Company complied with the prohibitions under its Insider Trading Policies and Procedures and the guidelines specified in Rules 10b-18 and 10b-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including certain price, market volume and timing constraints. On December 5, 2013, the Company's board of directors extended the repurchase program to be in place until the earlier of July 31, 2014 or until \$100 million of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock had been repurchased. On July 31, 2014, the Company's stock repurchase program expired. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, the Company repurchased 1,779,033 shares at an average price of approximately \$21.97 per share, inclusive of commissions. The total dollar amount of shares repurchased was \$39.1 million. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company

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repurchased 796,418 shares at an average price of approximately \$21.98 per share, inclusive of commissions, for a total dollar amount of \$17.5 million.

On October 7, 2015, the Company announced a share repurchase program to purchase common stock in the open market in an amount up to \$30 million. Under the repurchase program, the Company may, but is not obligated to, repurchase its outstanding common stock in the open market from time to time provided that the Company complies with the prohibitions under its Insider Trading Policies and Procedures and the guidelines specified in Rules 10b-18 and 10b-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including certain price, market volume and timing constraints. On October 7, 2016 the Company's stock repurchase program expired. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, the Company repurchased 216,237 shares at an average price of \$15.76 per share, inclusive of commissions. The total dollar amount of shares repurchased was \$3.4 million. During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company repurchased 400 shares at an average price of \$15.98 per share, inclusive of commissions, for a total dollar amount of \$6 thousand.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of consolidated financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the periods reported. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates. We have identified the following items as critical accounting policies. Within the context of these critical accounting policies and disclosed subsequent events herein, we are not currently aware of any other reasonably likely events or circumstances that would result in materially different amounts being reported.

Valuation of Portfolio Investments

We conduct the valuation of our assets, pursuant to which our net asset value is determined, at all times consistent with GAAP, and the 1940 Act. Our valuation procedures are set forth in more detail below:

Under procedures established by our board of directors (the Board), we value investments, including certain senior secured debt, subordinated debt and other debt securities with maturities greater than 60 days, for which market quotations are readily available, at such market quotations (unless they are deemed not to represent fair value). We attempt to obtain market quotations from at least two brokers or dealers (if available, otherwise from a principal market maker or a primary market dealer or other independent pricing service). We utilize mid-market pricing as a practical expedient for fair value unless a different point within the range is more representative. If and when market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value, we typically utilize independent third-party valuation firms to assist us in determining fair value. Accordingly, such investments go through our multi-step valuation process as described below. In each case, independent valuation firms consider observable market inputs together with significant unobservable inputs in arriving at their valuation recommendations. Debt investments with maturities of 60 days or less shall each be valued at cost plus accreted discount, or minus amortized premium, which is expected to approximate fair value, unless such valuation, in the judgment of the Investment Adviser, does not represent fair value, in which case such investments shall be valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our Board. Investments that are not publicly traded or whose market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our Board. Such determination of fair values involves subjective judgments and estimates.

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 has approved a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described

below:

- (1) our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals of the Investment Adviser responsible for the portfolio investment;

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- (2) preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with senior management of the Investment Adviser;
- (3) independent valuation firms engaged by our Board conduct independent appraisals and review the Investment Adviser's preliminary valuations and make their own independent assessment for all material assets;
- (4) the audit committee of the Board reviews the preliminary valuation of the Investment Adviser and that of the independent valuation firm and responds to the valuation recommendation of the independent valuation firm to reflect any comments; and
- (5) the Board discusses valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of the Investment Adviser, the respective independent valuation firm and the audit committee.

Investments in all asset classes are valued utilizing a market approach, an income approach, or both approaches, as appropriate. However, in accordance with ASC 820-10, certain investments that qualify as investment companies in accordance with ASC 946, may be valued using net asset value as a practical expedient for fair value. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities (including a business). The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts (for example, cash flows or earnings) to a single present amount (discounted). The measurement is based on the value indicated by current market expectations about those future amounts. In following these approaches, the types of factors that we may take into account in fair value pricing our investments include, as relevant: available current market data, including relevant and applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and multiples, security covenants, call protection provisions, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments, its earnings and discounted cash flows, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public, M&A comparables, our principal market (as the reporting entity) and enterprise values, among other factors. When available, broker quotations and/or quotations provided by pricing services are considered as an input in the valuation process. Escrow receivables, if any, included in the receivables for investments sold in the Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities are reviewed quarterly and the value of the receivable is adjusted as necessary. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, there has been no change to the Company's valuation techniques and the nature of the related inputs considered in the valuation process.

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820 classifies the inputs used to measure these fair values into the following hierarchy:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, accessible by the Company at the measurement date.

Level 2: Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other observable inputs other than quoted prices.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

In all cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to each investment. The exercise of judgment is based in part on our knowledge of the asset class and our prior experience.

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

Table of Contents***Valuation of Credit Facility, Senior Secured Notes and 2022 Unsecured Notes***

The Company has made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to its Credit Facility, Senior Secured Notes and 2022 Unsecured Notes, in accordance with ASC 825-10. We believe accounting for the Credit Facility, Senior Secured Notes and 2022 Unsecured Notes at fair value better aligns the measurement methodologies of assets and liabilities, which may mitigate certain earnings volatility.

Revenue Recognition

The Company records dividend income and interest, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, on an accrual basis. Investments that are expected to pay regularly scheduled interest and/or dividends in cash are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest/dividend cash payments are past due 30 days or more and/or when it is no longer probable that principal or interest/dividend cash payments will be collected. Such non-accrual investments are restored to accrual status if past due principal and interest or dividends are paid in cash, and in management's judgment, are likely to continue timely payment of their remaining interest or dividend obligations. Interest or dividend cash payments received on investments may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment. Some of our investments may have contractual PIK interest or dividends. PIK interest and dividends computed at the contractual rate are accrued into income and reflected as receivable up to the capitalization date. PIK investments offer issuers the option at each payment date of making payments in cash or in additional securities. When additional securities are received, they typically have the same terms, including maturity dates and interest rates as the original securities issued. On these payment dates, the Company capitalizes the accrued interest or dividends receivable (reflecting such amounts as the basis in the additional securities received). PIK generally becomes due at the maturity of the investment or upon the investment being called by the issuer. At the point the Company believes PIK is not expected to be realized, the PIK investment will be placed on non-accrual status. When a PIK investment is placed on non-accrual status, the accrued, uncapitalized interest or dividends is reversed from the related receivable through interest or dividend income, respectively. The Company does not reverse previously capitalized PIK interest or dividends. Upon capitalization, PIK is subject to the fair value estimates associated with their related investments. PIK investments on non-accrual status are restored to accrual status if the Company again believes that PIK is expected to be realized. Loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discounts are capitalized and amortized into income using the interest method or straight-line, as applicable. Upon the prepayment of a loan, any unamortized loan origination fees are recorded as interest income. We record prepayment premiums on loans and other investments as interest income when we receive such amounts. Capital structuring fees are recorded as other income when earned.

The typically higher yields and interest rates on PIK securities, to the extent we invested, reflects the payment deferral and increased credit risk associated with such instruments and that such investments may represent a significantly higher credit risk than coupon loans. PIK securities may have unreliable valuations because their continuing accruals require continuing judgments about the collectability of the deferred payments and the value of any associated collateral. PIK interest has the effect of generating investment income and increasing the incentive fees payable at a compounding rate. In addition, the deferral of PIK interest also increases the loan-to-value ratio at a compounding rate. PIK securities create the risk that incentive fees will be paid to the Investment Adviser based on non-cash accruals that ultimately may not be realized, but the Investment Adviser will be under no obligation to reimburse the Company for these fees. For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, capitalized PIK income totaled \$0.0 million, \$0.5 million and \$3.3 million, respectively.

Net Realized Gain or Loss and Net Change in Unrealized Gain or Loss

We generally measure realized gain or loss by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the amortized cost basis of the investment, without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized, but considering unamortized origination or commitment fees and prepayment penalties.

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The net change in unrealized gain or loss reflects the change in portfolio investment values during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized gain or loss, when gains or losses are realized. Gains or losses on investments are calculated by using the specific identification method.

Income Taxes

Solar Capital, a U.S. corporation, has elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. In order to qualify for taxation as a RIC, the Company is required, among other things, to timely distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a given tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year distributions into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. To the extent that the Company determines that its estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year distributions, the Company accrues an estimated excise tax, if any, on estimated excess taxable income.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810) Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis. The update changes the analysis that a reporting entity must perform to determine whether it should consolidate certain types of legal entities. Public companies are required to apply ASU 2015-02 for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Accordingly, the Company has evaluated the impact of ASU 2015-02 on its consolidated financial statements and determined that the adoption of ASU 2015-02 has not had a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Interest Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30) Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. The update requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. Public companies are required to apply ASU 2015-03 retrospectively for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Accordingly, the Company has evaluated the impact of ASU 2015-03 on its consolidated financial statements and determined that the adoption of ASU 2015-03 has not had a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-07, Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent). The update eliminates the requirement to categorize investments in the fair value hierarchy if their fair value is measured at net asset value (NAV) per share (or its equivalent) using the practical expedient in the FASB's fair value measurement guidance. Public companies are required to apply ASU 2015-07 retrospectively for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Accordingly, the Company has evaluated the impact of ASU 2015-07 on its consolidated financial statements and determined that the adoption of ASU 2015-07 has not had a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In November 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows, which will amend FASB ASC 230. The amendments in this Update require that a statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. Therefore, amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents should be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts shown on the statement of cash flows. The amendments in this Update apply to all entities that have restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents and are required to present a statement of cash flows under Topic 230. For public business entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The Company is evaluating the impact of ASU

2016-18 on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

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In December 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-19, Technical Corrections and Improvements. As part of this guidance, ASU 2016-19 amends FASB ASC 820 to clarify the difference between a valuation approach and a valuation technique. The amendment also requires an entity to disclose when there has been a change in either or both a valuation approach and/or a valuation technique. ASU 2016-19 is effective on a prospective basis for financial statements issued for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2016 on a prospective basis. The Company is evaluating the impact of ASU 2016-19 on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Results comparisons are for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

Investment Income

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, gross investment income totaled \$151.8 million, \$115.6 million and \$121.9 million, respectively. The increase in gross investment income from 2015 to 2016 was primarily due to a larger average income producing investment portfolio year over year, increased dividend income from the ongoing ramping of investments in SSLP and SSLP II as well as an increased volume of repayments. The decrease in gross investment income from 2014 to 2015 was primarily due to a reduction in prepayment fee income from a reduced volume of repayments, as well as portfolio yield compression.

Expenses

Net expenses totaled \$80.7 million, \$51.2 million and \$55.2 million, respectively, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, of which \$45.9 million, \$27.4 million and \$32.1 million, respectively, were base management fees and net performance-based incentive fees and \$24.6 million, \$15.6 million and \$14.4 million, respectively, were interest and other credit facility expenses (inclusive of \$3.1 million of costs related to the 2016 amendment of the Credit Facility and issuance of the 2022 Unsecured Notes in 2016). Over the same periods, \$0.0 million, \$1.7 million and \$0.0 million of performance-based incentive fees were waived. Administrative services and other general and administrative expenses totaled \$10.3 million, \$8.2 million and \$8.7 million, respectively, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014. Expenses generally consist of management and performance-based incentive fees, administrative services fees, insurance expenses, legal fees, directors' fees, transfer agency fees, printing and proxy expenses, audit and tax services expenses, and other general and administrative expenses. Interest and other credit facility expenses generally consist of interest, unused fees, agency fees and loan origination fees, if any, among others. The increase in expenses from 2015 to 2016 was primarily due to higher management fees, performance-based incentive fees and interest expense on a larger average income producing investment portfolio. The decrease in expenses from 2014 to 2015 was primarily due to a decrease in performance-based incentive fees on lower net investment income.

Net Investment Income

The Company's net investment income totaled \$71.1 million, \$64.4 million and \$66.7 million, or \$1.68, \$1.52 and \$1.56, per average share, respectively, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

Net Realized Gain (Loss)

The Company had investment sales and prepayments totaling approximately \$488 million, \$171 million and \$626 million, respectively, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014. Net realized gains (losses) over

the same periods were \$0.8 million, (\$4.9) million and (\$36.8) million, respectively. Net realized gains for fiscal 2016 were related to the sale of select assets. Net realized losses for fiscal 2015 were primarily related to the realization of previously recognized unrealized losses on our investment in Quantum Foods. Net realized losses for fiscal 2014 were primarily related to the realization of previously recognized unrealized losses on our equity investments in Ark Real Estate, L.P. and Nuveen Investments, Inc.

Table of Contents**Net Change in Unrealized Gain (Loss)**

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, net change in unrealized gain (loss) on the Company's assets and liabilities totaled \$34.9 million, (\$45.4) million and \$18.6 million, respectively. Net unrealized gain for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 was primarily related to appreciation in the value of our investments in Crystal Financial LLC, WireCo Worldgroup Inc., Global Tel*Link Corporation, Asurion LLC and DISA Holdings, among others. Partially offsetting the net appreciation was depreciation in the value of our investments in Breathe Technologies, Inc., Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC and Rug Doctor, among others. Net unrealized loss for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 was primarily due to a yield-based mark-to-market technical impact on the fair value of our investments. Net unrealized gain for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 was primarily due to the reversal of unrealized depreciation on our investments in Ark Real Estate, L.P. and Nuveen Investments, Inc.

Net Increase in Net Assets From Operations

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, the Company had a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of \$106.8 million, \$14.1 million and \$48.5 million, respectively. For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, earnings per average share were \$2.53, \$0.33 and \$1.13, respectively.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's liquidity and capital resources are generated and generally available through its Credit Facility maturing in September 2021, through cash flows from operations, investment sales, prepayments of senior and subordinated loans, income earned on investments and cash equivalents, and periodic follow-on equity and/or debt offerings. As of December 31, 2016, we had a total of \$389.8 million of unused borrowing capacity under the Credit Facility, subject to borrowing base limits.

We may from time to time issue equity and/or debt securities in either public or private offerings. The issuance of such securities will depend on future market conditions, funding needs and other factors and there can be no assurance that any such issuance will occur or be successful. The primary uses of existing funds and any funds raised in the future is expected to be for investments in portfolio companies, repayment of indebtedness, cash distributions to our shareholders, or for other general corporate purposes.

On November 8, 2016, the Company closed a private offering of \$50 million of the 2022 Unsecured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 4.40% and a maturity date of May 8, 2022. Interest on the 2022 Unsecured Notes is due semi-annually on May 8 and November 8. The 2022 Unsecured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On January 11, 2013, the Company closed its most recent follow-on public equity offering of 6.3 million shares of common stock raising approximately \$146.9 million in net proceeds. The primary uses of the funds raised were for investments in portfolio companies, reductions in revolving debt outstanding and for other general corporate purposes.

On November 16, 2012, we issued \$100 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2042 Unsecured Notes for net proceeds of \$96.9 million. Interest on the 2042 Unsecured Notes is paid quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15, at a rate of 6.75% per year, commencing on February 15, 2013. The 2042 Unsecured Notes mature on November 15, 2042. The Company may redeem the 2042 Unsecured Notes in whole or in part at any time or from time to time on or after November 15, 2017.

On May 10, 2012, the Company closed a private offering of \$75 million of Senior Secured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 5.875% and a maturity date of May 10, 2017. Interest on the Senior Secured Notes is due semi-annually on May 10 and November 10. The Senior Secured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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The primary uses of existing funds and any funds raised in the future is expected to be for repayment of indebtedness, investments in portfolio companies, cash distributions to our shareholders or for other general corporate purposes.

Cash Equivalents

We deem certain U.S. Treasury bills, repurchase agreements and other high-quality, short-term debt securities as cash equivalents. The Company makes purchases that are consistent with its purpose of making investments in securities described in paragraphs 1 through 3 of Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act. From time to time, including at or near the end of each fiscal quarter, we consider using various temporary investment strategies for our business. One strategy includes taking proactive steps by utilizing cash equivalents as temporary assets with the objective of enhancing our investment flexibility pursuant to Section 55 of the 1940 Act. More specifically, from time-to-time we may purchase U.S. Treasury bills or other high-quality, short-term debt securities at or near the end of the quarter and typically close out the position on a net cash basis subsequent to quarter end. We may also utilize repurchase agreements or other balance sheet transactions, including drawing down on our credit facilities, as deemed appropriate. The amount of these transactions or such drawn cash for this purpose is excluded from total assets for purposes of computing the asset base upon which the management fee is determined. We held approximately \$310 million in cash equivalents as of December 31, 2016.

Debt*Unsecured Notes*

On November 8, 2016, the Company closed a private offering of \$50 million of the 2022 Unsecured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 4.40% and a maturity date of May 8, 2022. Interest on the 2022 Unsecured Notes is due semi-annually on May 8 and November 8. The 2022 Unsecured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On November 16, 2012, the Company and U.S. Bank National Association entered into an Indenture and a First Supplemental Indenture relating to the Company's issuance, offer and sale of \$100 million aggregate principal amount of its 2042 Unsecured Notes. The 2042 Unsecured Notes will mature on November 15, 2042 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at the Company's option at any time or from time to time on or after November 15, 2017 at a redemption price of \$25 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. The 2042 Unsecured Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.75% per year payable quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year. The 2042 Unsecured Notes are direct senior unsecured obligations of the Company.

Revolving & Term Loan Facility

On September 30, 2016, the Company entered into a second Credit Facility amendment. The Credit Facility is currently composed of \$505 million of revolving credit (of which \$395 million represents extending lenders and \$110 million represents non-extending lenders) and \$50 million of term loans. Borrowings generally bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the base rate plus a range of 2.00-2.25% or the alternate base rate plus a range of 1.00%-1.25%. The Credit Facility has no LIBOR floor requirement. The Credit Facility matures in September 2021 and includes ratable amortization in the final year. Assuming no default or event of default has occurred, the Company may elect by written notice to repay or prepay all of the loans of the non-extending lenders, and in connection therewith to terminate the commitments of the non-extending lenders, at any time on or prior to the original maturity date of the Credit Facility in June 2018. The Credit Facility may be increased up to \$800 million with additional new lenders or an increase in commitments from current lenders. The Credit Facility contains certain customary affirmative and negative covenants and events of default. In addition, the Credit Facility contains certain financial covenants that

among other things, requires the Company to maintain a minimum shareholder's equity and a minimum asset coverage ratio. The Company also pays issuers of funded

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term loans quarterly in arrears a commitment fee at the rate of 0.25% per annum on the average daily outstanding balance. In conjunction with the amendment of the Credit Facility and the issue of the 2022 Unsecured Notes, the Company expensed \$2.8 million and \$0.3 million, respectively. At December 31, 2016, outstanding USD equivalent borrowings under the Credit Facility totaled \$165.2 million.

Senior Secured Notes

On May 10, 2012, the Company closed a private offering of \$75 million of Senior Secured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 5.875% and a maturity date of May 10, 2017. Interest on the Senior Secured Notes is due semi-annually on May 10 and November 10. The Senior Secured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Certain covenants on our issued debt may restrict our business activities, including limitations that could hinder our ability to finance additional loans and investments or to make the distributions required to maintain our status as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. At December 31, 2016, the Company was in compliance with all financial and operational covenants required by the Credit Facilities.

Contractual Obligations

A summary of our significant contractual payment obligations is as follows as of December 31, 2016:

Payments Due by Period (in millions)

	Total	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More Than 5 Years
Revolving credit facility ⁽¹⁾	\$ 115.2	\$	\$	\$ 115.2	\$
Unsecured senior notes	150.0				150.0
Senior secured notes	75.0	75.0			
Term Loans	50.0			50.0	

⁽¹⁾ As of December 31, 2016, we had a total of \$389.8 million of unused borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facilities, subject to borrowing base limits.

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Information about our senior securities is shown in the following table (in thousands) as of each year ended December 31 since the Company commenced operations, unless otherwise noted. The ⁽³⁾ indicates information which the SEC expressly does not require to be disclosed for certain types of senior securities.

Class and Year	Total Amount Outstanding⁽¹⁾	Asset Coverage Per Unit⁽²⁾	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Unit⁽³⁾	Average Market Value Per Unit⁽⁴⁾
Revolving Credit Facilities				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 115,200	\$ 990		N/A
Fiscal 2015	207,900	1,459		N/A
Fiscal 2014				N/A
Fiscal 2013				N/A
Fiscal 2012	264,452	1,510		N/A
Fiscal 2011	201,355	3,757		N/A
Fiscal 2010	400,000	2,668		N/A
Fiscal 2009	88,114	8,920		N/A
2022 Unsecured Notes				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 50,000	\$ 430		N/A
2042 Unsecured Notes				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 100,000	\$ 859		\$ 1,002
Fiscal 2015	100,000	702		982
Fiscal 2014	100,000	2,294		943
Fiscal 2013	100,000	2,411		934
Fiscal 2012	100,000	571		923
Senior Secured Notes				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 75,000	\$ 645		N/A
Fiscal 2015	75,000	527		N/A
Fiscal 2014	75,000	1,721		N/A
Fiscal 2013	75,000	1,808		N/A
Fiscal 2012	75,000	428		N/A
Term Loans				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 50,000	\$ 430		N/A
Fiscal 2015	50,000	351		N/A
Fiscal 2014	50,000	1,147		N/A
Fiscal 2013	50,000	1,206		N/A
Fiscal 2012	50,000	285		N/A
Fiscal 2011	35,000	653		N/A
Fiscal 2010	35,000	233		N/A
Total Senior Securities				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 390,200	\$ 3,354		N/A
Fiscal 2015	432,900	3,039		N/A
Fiscal 2014	225,000	5,162		N/A
Fiscal 2013	225,000	5,425		N/A
Fiscal 2012	489,452	2,794		N/A

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Fiscal 2011	236,355	4,410	N/A
Fiscal 2010	435,000	2,901	N/A
Fiscal 2009	88,114	8,920	N/A

- (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

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all senior securities representing indebtedness. This asset coverage ratio is multiplied by one thousand to determine the Asset Coverage Per Unit. In order to determine the specific Asset Coverage Per Unit for each class of debt, the total Asset Coverage Per Unit is allocated based on the amount outstanding in each class of debt at the end of the period. As of December 31, 2016, asset coverage was 335.4%.

- (3) The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon the involuntary liquidation of the issuer in preference to any security junior to it.
- (4) Not applicable except for the Unsecured Senior Notes which are publicly traded. The Average Market Value Per Unit is calculated by taking the daily average closing price during the period and dividing it by twenty-five dollars per share and multiplying the result by one thousand to determine a unit price per thousand consistent with Asset Coverage Per Unit. The average market value for the fiscal 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 periods was \$100,175, \$98,196, \$94,301, \$93,392, and \$92,302, respectively.

We have also entered into two contracts under which we have future commitments: the Advisory Agreement, pursuant to which Solar Capital Partners, LLC has agreed to serve as our investment adviser, and the Administration Agreement, pursuant to which the Administrator has agreed to furnish us with the facilities and administrative services necessary to conduct our day-to-day operations and provide on our behalf managerial assistance to those portfolio companies to which we are required to provide such assistance. Payments under the Advisory Agreement are equal to (1) a percentage of the value of our average gross assets and (2) a two-part incentive fee. Payments under the Administration Agreement are equal to an amount based upon our allocable portion of the Administrator's overhead in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent, technology systems, insurance and our allocable portion of the costs of our chief financial officer and chief compliance officer and their respective staffs. Either party may terminate each of the Advisory Agreement and administration agreement without penalty upon 60 days' written notice to the other. See note 3 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

On October 15, 2015, SSLP entered into an amended and restated servicing agreement with the Company. SSLP engaged and retained the Company to provide certain administrative services relating to the facilities, supplies and necessary ongoing overhead support services for the operation of SSLP's ongoing business affairs in exchange for a fee. Either party may terminate this agreement upon 30 days' written notice to the other.

On August 5, 2016, SSLP II entered into a servicing agreement with the Company. SSLP II engaged and retained the Company to provide certain administrative services relating to the facilities, supplies and necessary ongoing overhead support services for the operation of SSLP II's ongoing business affairs in exchange for a fee. Either party may terminate this agreement upon 30 days' written notice to the other.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company had unfunded debt and equity commitments to various revolving and delayed draw loans as well as to Crystal Financial LLC. The total amount of these unfunded commitments as of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 is \$64.0 million and \$65.8 million, respectively, comprised of the following:

(in millions)	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Crystal Financial LLC	\$ 44.3	\$ 50.0
Conventus Orthopaedics, Inc	2.2	
Achaogen, Inc.		10.0
AgaMatrix, Inc.		3.3
aTyr Pharma, Inc	5.0	

CardioDx, Inc.			2.5
SentreHeart, Inc	2.5		
Vapotherm, Inc	10.0		
Total Commitments*	\$ 64.0	\$	65.8

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* The Company controls the funding of the Crystal Financial LLC commitment and may cancel it at its discretion (also see Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program and Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II sections in Item 7).

As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company had sufficient cash available and/or liquid securities available to fund its commitments as well as the commitments to SSLP and SSLP II disclosed earlier.

In the normal course of its business, we invest or trade in various financial instruments and may enter into various investment activities with off-balance sheet risk, which may include forward foreign currency contracts. Generally, these financial instruments represent future commitments to purchase or sell other financial instruments at specific terms at future dates. These financial instruments contain varying degrees of off-balance sheet risk whereby changes in the market value or our satisfaction of the obligations may exceed the amount recognized in our Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

Distributions

The following table reflects the cash distributions per share on our common stock for the two most recent fiscal years and the current fiscal year to date:

Date Declared	Record Date	Payment Date	Amount
Fiscal 2017			
February 22, 2017	March 23, 2017	April 4, 2017	\$ 0.40
Fiscal 2016			
November 2, 2016	December 15, 2016	January 4, 2017	\$ 0.40
August 2, 2016	September 22, 2016	October 4, 2016	0.40
May 3, 2016	June 23, 2016	July 1, 2016	0.40
February 24, 2016	March 24, 2016	April 1, 2016	0.40
Total 2016			\$ 1.60
Fiscal 2015			
November 3, 2015	December 17, 2015	January 6, 2016	\$ 0.40
August 4, 2015	September 24, 2015	October 2, 2015	0.40
May 5, 2015	June 25, 2015	July 1, 2015	0.40
February 25, 2015	March 19, 2015	April 2, 2015	0.40
Total 2015			\$ 1.60

Tax characteristics of all distributions will be reported to shareholders on Form 1099 after the end of the calendar year. Future quarterly distributions, if any, will be determined by our Board. We expect that our distributions to stockholders will generally be from accumulated net investment income, from net realized capital gains or non-taxable return of capital, if any, as applicable.

We have elected to be taxed as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. To maintain our RIC status, we must distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, out of the assets legally available for distribution. In addition, although we currently intend to distribute realized net capital gains (*i.e.*, net long-term capital gains in excess of short-term capital losses), if any, at least annually, out of the assets legally available for such distributions, we may in the future decide to retain such capital gains for investment.

We maintain an opt out dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders. As a result, if we declare a distribution, then stockholders cash distributions will be automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, unless they specifically opt out of the dividend reinvestment plan so as to receive cash distributions.

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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 in the future be limited in our ability to make distributions. Also, our revolving credit facility may limit our ability to declare distributions if we default under certain provisions. If we do not distribute a certain percentage of our income annually, we will suffer adverse tax consequences, including possible loss of the tax benefits available to us as a regulated investment company. In addition, in accordance with GAAP and tax regulations, we include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest added to the loan balance that becomes due at the end of the loan term, or the accrual of original issue or market discount. Since we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty meeting the requirement to distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income to obtain tax benefits as a regulated investment company.

With respect to the distributions to stockholders, income from origination, structuring, closing and certain other upfront fees associated with investments in portfolio companies are treated as taxable income and accordingly, distributed to stockholders.

Related Parties

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

We have entered into the Advisory Agreement with Solar Capital Partners. Mr. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer and board member, are managing members and senior investment professionals of, and have financial and controlling interests in, the Investment Adviser. In addition, Mr. Peteka, our Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Corporate Secretary serves as the Chief Financial Officer for Solar Capital Partners.

The Administrator provides us with the office facilities and administrative services necessary to conduct day-to-day operations pursuant to our Administration Agreement. We reimburse the Administrator for the allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by it in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent, the fees and expenses associated with performing compliance functions, and the compensation of our chief compliance officer, our chief financial officer and any administrative support staff.

We have entered into a license agreement with the Investment Adviser, pursuant to which the Investment Adviser has granted us a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name Solar Capital.

The Investment Adviser may also manage other funds in the future that may have investment mandates that are similar, in whole and in part, with ours. For example, the Investment Adviser presently serves as investment adviser to Solar Senior Capital Ltd., a publicly traded BDC, which focuses on investing in senior secured loans, including first lien and second lien debt instruments. In addition, Michael S. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Bruce Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer, and Richard L. Peteka, our Chief Financial Officer, serve in similar capacities for Solar Senior Capital Ltd. The Investment Adviser and certain investment advisory affiliates may determine that an investment is appropriate for us and for one or more of those other funds. In such event, depending on the availability of such investment and other appropriate factors, the Investment Adviser or its affiliates may determine that we should invest side-by-side with one or more other funds. Any such investments will be made only

to the extent permitted by applicable law and interpretive positions of the SEC and its staff, and consistent with the Investment Adviser's allocation procedures.

Related party transactions may occur between Solar Capital Ltd. and Crystal Financial LLC, between Solar Capital Ltd. and Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC, between Solar Capital Ltd. and SSLP 2016-1,

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LLC, between Solar Capital Ltd. and Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC and between Solar Capital Ltd. and SSLP II 2016-1, LLC. These transactions may occur in the normal course of business. No administrative fees are paid to Solar Capital Partners by Crystal Financial LLC, Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC or Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC.

In addition, we have adopted a formal code of ethics that governs the conduct of our officers and directors. Our officers and directors also remain subject to the duties imposed by both the 1940 Act and the Maryland General Corporation Law.

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Information about our senior securities is shown in the following tables as of each year ended December 31 since the Company commenced operations, unless otherwise noted. The report of our independent registered public accounting firm on the senior securities table as of each year ended as of December 31 since the Company commenced operations, unless otherwise noted, is attached as, or incorporated by reference to, an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The indicates information which the SEC expressly does not require to be disclosed for certain types of senior securities.

Class and Year	Total Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Treasury Securities⁽¹⁾ (in thousands)	Asset Coverage Per Unit⁽²⁾	Involuntary Liquidation Preference Per Unit⁽³⁾	Average Market Value Per Unit⁽⁴⁾
Revolving Credit Facilities				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 115,200	\$ 990		N/A
Fiscal 2015	207,900	1,459		N/A
Fiscal 2014				N/A
Fiscal 2013				N/A
Fiscal 2012	264,452	1,510		N/A
Fiscal 2011	201,355	3,757		N/A
Fiscal 2010	400,000	2,668		N/A
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2022 Unsecured Notes				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 50,000	\$ 430		N/A
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Fiscal 2014	50,000	1,147		N/A
Fiscal 2013	50,000	1,206		N/A
Fiscal 2012	50,000	285		N/A
Fiscal 2011	35,000	653		N/A

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Fiscal 2010	35,000		233	N/A
Total Senior Securities				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 390,200	\$	3,354	N/A
Fiscal 2015	432,900		3,039	N/A
Fiscal 2014	225,000		5,162	N/A
Fiscal 2013	225,000		5,425	N/A
Fiscal 2012	489,452		2,794	N/A
Fiscal 2011	236,355		4,410	N/A
Fiscal 2010	435,000		2,901	N/A
Fiscal 2009	88,114		8,920	N/A

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- (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 all senior securities representing indebtedness. This asset coverage ratio is multiplied by \$1,000 to determine the Asset Coverage Per Unit. In order to determine the specific Asset Coverage Per Unit for each class of debt, the total Asset Coverage Per Unit is allocated based on the amount outstanding in each class of debt at the end of the period. As of December 31, 2016, asset coverage was 335.4%.
- (3) The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon the voluntary liquidation of the issuer in preference to any security junior to it.
- (4) Not applicable except for the 2042 Unsecured Notes which are publicly traded. The Average Market Value Per Unit is calculated by taking the daily average closing price during the period and dividing it by twenty-five dollars per share and multiplying the result by one thousand to determine a unit price per thousand consistent with Asset Coverage Per Unit. The average market value for the fiscal 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 periods was \$100,175, \$98,196, \$94,301, \$93,392 and \$92,302, respectively.

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BUSINESS

Solar Capital

Solar Capital Ltd., a Maryland corporation formed in November 2007, is a closed-end, externally managed, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. Furthermore, as the Company is an investment company, it continues to apply the guidance in ASC Topic 946. In addition, for tax purposes we have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

In February 2010, we completed our initial public offering and a concurrent private offering of shares to our senior management team.

We invest primarily in privately held U.S. middle market companies, where we believe the supply of primary capital is limited and the investment opportunities are most attractive. Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in leveraged middle market companies in the form of senior secured loans, unitranche loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities. We define middle market to refer to companies with annual revenues between \$50 million and \$1 billion. From time to time, we may also invest in public companies that are thinly traded. Our business is focused primarily on the direct origination of investments through portfolio companies or their financial sponsors. Our investments generally range between \$5 million and \$100 million each, although we expect that this investment size will vary proportionately with the size of our capital base and/or strategic initiatives.

In addition, we may invest a portion of our portfolio in other types of investments, which we refer to as opportunistic investments, which are not our primary focus but are intended to enhance our overall returns. These investments may include, but are not limited to, direct investments in public companies that are not thinly traded and securities of leveraged companies located in select countries outside of the United States. The securities that we invest in are typically rated below investment grade. Securities rated below investment grade are often referred to as leveraged loans, high yield or junk securities, and may be considered high risk compared to debt instruments that are rated investment grade. In addition, some of our debt investments will not fully amortize during their lifetime, which could result in a loss or a substantial amount of unpaid principal and interest due upon maturity. Our investment activities are managed by Solar Capital Partners and supervised by our board of directors, a majority of whom are non-interested, as such term is defined in the 1940 Act. Solar Capital Management provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

As of December 31, 2016, our investment portfolio totaled \$1.3 billion and our net asset value was \$918.5 million. Our portfolio was comprised of debt and equity investments in 63 portfolio companies with our portfolio of income producing investments, which is not our entire portfolio, having a weighted average annualized yield on a fair value and cost basis of approximately 10.0% and 10.4%, respectively. Portfolio yield does not represent an actual investment return to stockholders.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, we invested approximately \$428 million in 35 portfolio companies. Investments sold or prepaid during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 totaled approximately \$488 million.

About Solar Capital Partners

Solar Capital Partners, our investment adviser, is controlled and led by Michael S. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Bruce Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer. They are supported by a team of dedicated investment professionals. Solar Capital Partners investment team has extensive experience in leveraged lending and

private equity, as well as significant contacts with financial sponsors.

In addition, Solar Capital Partners serves as investment adviser to Solar Senior, a publicly traded BDC that invests in the senior debt securities of

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leveraged middle-market companies similar to those we target for investment. Through December 31, 2016, the investment team led by Messrs. Gross and Spohler has invested approximately \$6.0 billion in more than 265 different portfolio companies involving an aggregate of more than 165 different financial sponsors. Since Solar Capital's inception, these investment professionals have used their relationships in the middle-market financial sponsor and financial intermediary community to generate deal flow. As of April 26, 2017, Mr. Gross and Mr. Spohler beneficially owned, either directly or indirectly, approximately 5.7% and 5.2%, respectively, of our outstanding common stock.

Mr. Gross has over 25 years of experience in the private equity, distressed debt and mezzanine i.e., actually or structurally subordinated lending businesses and has been involved in originating, structuring, negotiating, consummating and managing private equity, distressed debt and mezzanine lending transactions. Prior to his current role as our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, Mr. Gross founded Apollo Investment Corporation, a publicly traded BDC. He served as its chairman from February 2004 to July 2006 and its chief executive officer from February 2004 to February 2006. Under his management, Apollo Investment Corporation raised approximately \$930 million in gross proceeds in an initial public offering in April 2004, built a dedicated investment team and infrastructure and invested approximately \$2.3 billion in over 65 companies in conjunction with 50 different private equity sponsors. Mr. Gross is also a founder and a former senior partner of Apollo Management, L.P., a leading private equity firm. During his tenure at Apollo Management, L.P., Mr. Gross was a member of the investment committee that was responsible for overseeing more than \$13 billion of investments in over 150 companies.

Mr. Gross also currently serves on the boards of directors of three public companies, and in the past has served on the boards of directors of more than 20 public and private companies. As a result, Mr. Gross has developed an extensive network of private equity sponsor relationships as well as relationships with management teams of public and private companies, investment bankers, attorneys and accountants that we believe should provide us with significant business opportunities.

We also rely on the over 25 years of experience of Mr. Spohler, who has served as our Chief Operating Officer and a partner of Solar Capital Partners since its inception. Previously, Mr. Spohler was a managing director and a former co-head of U.S. Leveraged Finance for CIBC World Markets. He held numerous senior roles at CIBC World Markets, including serving on the U.S. Management Committee, Global Executive Committee and the Deals Committee, which approves all of CIBC World Markets' U.S. corporate finance debt capital decisions. During Mr. Spohler's tenure, he was responsible for senior loan, high yield and mezzanine origination and execution, as well as CIBC World Markets' below investment grade loan portfolio in the United States. As a co-head of U.S. Leveraged Finance, Mr. Spohler oversaw over 300 capital raising and merger and acquisition transactions, comprising over \$40 billion in market capitalization.

Solar Capital Partners' senior investment professionals have been active participants in the primary and secondary leveraged credit markets throughout their careers. They have effectively managed portfolios of distressed and mezzanine debt as well as other investment types. The depth of their prior experience and credit market expertise has led them through various stages of the economic cycle as well as several market disruptions.

Market Opportunity

Solar Capital invests primarily in senior secured loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities of middle-market leveraged companies. We believe that the size of this market, coupled with leveraged companies' need for flexible sources of capital at attractive terms and rates, creates an attractive investment environment for us.

Middle-market companies have faced increasing difficulty in accessing the capital markets. While many middle-market companies were formerly able to raise funds by issuing high-yield bonds, we believe this approach to financing has become more difficult in recent years as institutional investors have sought to invest in larger, more liquid offerings. In addition, many private finance companies that

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historically financed their lending and investing activities through securitization transactions have lost that source of funding and reduced lending significantly. Moreover, consolidation of lenders and market participants and the illiquid nature of investments have resulted in fewer middle-market lenders and market participants.

There is a large pool of uninvested private equity capital likely to seek additional capital to support their investments. We believe there is more than \$500 billion of uninvested private equity capital seeking debt financing to support acquisitions. We expect that middle-market private equity firms will continue to invest the approximately \$185 billion raised since 2000 in middle-market companies and that those private equity firms will seek to support their investments with mezzanine loans from sources such as Solar Capital.

The significant amount of debt maturing through 2018 should provide additional demand for capital. A high volume of financings were completed between the years 2004 and 2007, which are expected to mature over the next few years. We believe that this supply of prospective lending opportunities coupled with a lack of available credit in the middle-market lending space may offer attractive risk-adjusted returns to investors. Risk-adjusted return compares returns against the amount of risk incurred. The term risk-adjusted return does not imply that an investment has no risk or low risk.

Investing in private middle-market debt provides an attractive risk reward profile. In general, terms for illiquid, middle-market subordinated debt have been more attractive than those for larger corporations which are typically more liquid. We believe this is because fewer institutions are able to invest in illiquid asset classes.

Therefore, we believe that there is an attractive opportunity to invest in senior secured loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities of leveraged companies, and that we are well positioned to serve this market.

Competitive Advantages and Strategy

We believe that we have the following competitive advantages over other providers of financing to leveraged companies:

Management Expertise

As managing partner, Mr. Gross has principal management responsibility for Solar Capital Partners, to which he currently dedicates substantially all of his time. Mr. Gross has over 25 years of experience in leveraged finance, private equity and distressed debt investing. Mr. Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer and a partner of Solar Capital Partners, has over 25 years of experience in evaluating and executing leverage finance transactions. We believe that Messrs. Gross and Spohler have developed a strong reputation in the capital markets, and that this experience provides us with a competitive advantage in identifying and investing in leveraged companies with the potential to generate returns. We believe that our investment team has extensive experience in the private equity and leveraged lending industries, as well as significant contacts with financial sponsors operating in those industries. We believe that our investment team has a proven track record of valuing companies and assets and negotiating transactions.

Solar Capital Partners' senior investment professionals have been active participants in the primary and secondary leveraged credit markets throughout their careers. They have effectively managed portfolios of distressed and mezzanine (i.e., actually or structurally subordinated) debt as well as other investment types. The depth of their

experience and credit market expertise has led them through various stages of the economic cycle as well as several market disruptions.

Investment Capacity

The proceeds from our initial public offering and the Concurrent Private Placement, the borrowing capacity under the Credit Facility, the Senior Secured Notes, the 2022 Unsecured Notes and the 2042 Unsecured Notes, and the expected repayments of existing investments provide us with a substantial amount of capital available for

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deployment into new investment opportunities. We believe we are well positioned for the current marketplace. We believe that in the current economic environment financing needs of many companies will increase while funding options are limited, allowing us to capitalize on favorable investment opportunities.

Solar Capital's Limited Leverage

As of December 31, 2016, we had total outstanding borrowings of \$165.2 million under the Credit Facility composed of \$115.2 million of revolving credit and \$50 million of term loans. Under the provisions of the 1940 Act, we are permitted to issue senior securities in amounts such that our asset coverage ratio, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% of gross assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, after each issuance of senior securities. As of December 31, 2016, our asset coverage ratio was 335.4%. We believe our relatively low level of leverage provides us with a competitive advantage, allowing us to anticipate providing a consistent distribution to our investors, as proceeds from our investments are available for reinvestment as opposed to being consumed by debt repayment. To the extent borrowing conditions improve and leverage becomes available on more attractive terms, we may increase our relative level of debt in the future. However, we do not currently anticipate operating with a substantial amount of debt relative to our total assets. Furthermore, by maintaining prudent leverage levels, we believe we will be better positioned to weather future market downturns.

Proprietary Sourcing and Origination

We believe that Solar Capital Partners' senior investment professionals' longstanding relationships with financial sponsors, commercial and investment banks, management teams and other financial intermediaries provide us with a strong pipeline of proprietary origination opportunities. We believe the broad expertise of Solar Capital Partners' senior investment team and their ability to draw upon their average of over 20 years of investment experience enable us to identify, assess and structure investments successfully. We expect to continue leveraging the relationships Mr. Gross established while sourcing and originating investments at Apollo as well as the financial sponsor relationships Mr. Spohler developed while he was a co-head of CIBC World Markets' U.S. Leveraged Finance Group.

Our senior investment team's strong relationship network is enhanced by the collaborative role Solar Capital plays in the private equity industry. We offer tailored solutions to our portfolio companies, and we believe that this role provides us with greater deal flow as opposed to being viewed as a competitor bidding for control stakes. Because Solar Capital is not associated with a private equity firm, we are not precluded from partnering with most of the top tier financial sponsors.

These direct investments enable us to perform more in-depth due diligence and play an active role in structuring financings. We believe that effectuating the transaction terms and having greater insight into a portfolio company's operations and financial picture assist Solar Capital in minimizing downside potential, while reinforcing Solar Capital as a trusted partner who delivers comprehensive financing solutions. Since its inception, Solar Capital Partners has sourced investments in more than 265 different portfolio companies for both Solar Capital and Solar Senior, collectively, which investments involved an aggregate of more than 165 different financial sponsors, through December 31, 2016.

Versatile Transaction Structuring and Flexibility of Capital

We believe Solar Capital Partners' senior investment team's broad expertise and ability to draw upon its extensive experience enable us to identify, assess and structure investments successfully across all levels of a company's capital structure and to manage potential risk and return at all stages of the economic cycle. The attempt to manage risk does not imply no risk or low risk. While we are subject to significant regulation as a BDC, we are not subject to many of

the regulatory limitations that govern traditional lending institutions such as banks. As a result, we believe that we can be more flexible than such lending institutions in selecting and

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structuring investments, adjusting investment criteria, transaction structures and, in some cases, the types of securities in which we invest. We believe financial sponsors, management teams and investment banks see this flexibility as a benefit, making us an attractive financing partner. We believe that this approach enables us to procure attractive investment opportunities throughout the economic cycle so that we can make investments consistent with our stated investment objective even during turbulent periods in the capital markets.

Emphasis on Achieving Strong Risk-Adjusted Returns

Solar Capital Partners uses an investment and risk management process that emphasizes research and analysis. Solar Capital Partners seeks to build our portfolio on a bottom-up basis, choosing and sizing individual positions based on their relative risk/reward profiles as a function of the associated downside risk, volatility, correlation with the existing portfolio and liquidity. At the same time, Solar Capital Partners takes into consideration a variety of factors in managing our portfolio and imposes portfolio-based risk constraints promoting a more diverse portfolio of investments and limiting issuer and industry concentration. Our value-oriented investment philosophy focuses on preserving capital and ensuring that our investments have an appropriate return profile in relation to risk. When market conditions make it difficult for us to invest according to our criteria, we are highly selective in deploying our capital. We do not pursue short-term origination targets. We believe this approach enables us to build an attractive investment portfolio that meets our return and value criteria over the long term.

We believe it is critical to conduct extensive due diligence on investment targets. In evaluating new investments we, through Solar Capital Partners, conduct a rigorous due diligence process that draws upon the investment experience, industry expertise and network of contacts of our senior investment professionals, as well as the other members of our investment team. Among other things, our due diligence is designed to help ensure that a prospective portfolio company will be able to meet its debt service obligations.

We have the ability to invest across an issuer's capital structure, which we believe enables us to provide comprehensive financing solutions for our portfolio companies, as well as access the best risk-adjusted opportunities. The overall transaction size and product mix is based upon the needs of the customer, as well as our risk-return hurdles. We also focus on downside protection and preservation of capital throughout the structuring process.

Deep Industry Focus with Substantial Information Flow

We concentrate our investing activities in industries characterized by strong cash flow and in which Solar Capital Partners' investment professionals have deep investment experience. During his time with the Apollo entities, Mr. Gross oversaw investments in over 200 companies in 20 industries. As a result of their investment experience, Messrs. Gross and Spohler, together with Solar Capital Partners' other senior investment professionals, have long-term relationships with management consultants and management teams in the industries we target, as well as substantial information concerning those industries. Solar Capital Partners' investment team also has significant experience in evaluating and making investments in the industries we target. We believe that the in-depth experience of Solar Capital Partners' investment team in investing throughout various stages of the economic cycle provides our investment adviser with access to ongoing market insights in addition to a powerful asset for investment sourcing. See Investments.

Longer Investment Horizon

Unlike private equity and venture capital funds, we will not be subject to standard periodic capital return requirements. Such requirements typically stipulate that the capital of these funds, together with any capital gains on such invested funds, can only be invested once and must be returned to investors after a pre-agreed time period. We

believe that our flexibility to make investments with a long-term view and without the capital return requirements of traditional private investment vehicles provides us with the opportunity to generate favorable returns on invested capital and enables us to be a better long-term partner for our portfolio companies.

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Solar Capital seeks to create a diverse portfolio that includes senior secured loans, unitranche loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities by investing approximately \$5 million to \$100 million of capital, on average, in the securities of leveraged companies, including middle-market companies. We expect that this investment size will vary with the size of our capital base and/or for strategic initiatives. Structurally, mezzanine loans usually rank subordinate in priority of payment to senior debt, such as senior bank debt, and are often unsecured. As such, other creditors may rank senior to us in the event of insolvency. However, mezzanine loans rank senior to common and preferred equity in a borrower's capital structure. Mezzanine loans may have both elements of debt and equity instruments, offering fixed returns in the form of interest payments associated with senior debt, while providing lenders an opportunity to participate in the capital appreciation of a borrower, if any, through an equity interest. This equity interest may take the form of warrants. Due to its higher risk profile and often less restrictive covenants as compared to senior loans, mezzanine loans generally earn a higher return than senior secured loans. The warrants associated with mezzanine loans are typically detachable, which allows lenders to receive repayment of their principal on an agreed amortization schedule while retaining their equity interest in the borrower. Mezzanine loans also may include a put feature, which permits the holder to sell its equity interest back to the borrower at a price determined through an agreed formula. We believe that mezzanine loans can offer an attractive investment opportunity based upon their historic returns and resilience during economic downturns.

In addition to senior secured loans, unitranche loans and mezzanine loans, we may invest a portion of our portfolio in opportunistic investments, which are not our primary focus, but are intended to enhance our returns to our investors. These investments may include direct investments in public companies that are not thinly traded and securities of leveraged companies located in select countries outside of the United States. The securities that we invest in are typically rated below investment grade. Securities rated below investment grade are often referred to as leveraged loans, high yield or junk securities, and may be considered high risk compared to debt instruments that are rated investment grade. In addition, some of our debt investments will not fully amortize during their lifetime, which could result in a loss or a substantial amount of unpaid principal and interest due upon maturity. We may invest up to 30% of our total assets in such opportunistic investments, including loans issued by non-U.S. issuers, subject to compliance with our regulatory obligations as a BDC under the 1940 Act.

We have and will continue to borrow funds to make investments. As a result, we will be exposed to the risks of leverage, which may be considered a speculative investment technique. The use of leverage magnifies the potential for loss on amounts invested and therefore increases the risks associated with investing in our securities. In addition, the costs associated with our borrowings, including any increase in management fees payable to our investment adviser, Solar Capital Partners, will be borne by our common stockholders.

Additionally, we may in the future seek to securitize our loans to generate cash for funding new investments. To securitize loans, we may create a wholly-owned subsidiary and contribute a pool of loans to the subsidiary. This could include the sale of interests in the subsidiary on a non-recourse basis to purchasers who we would expect to be willing to accept a lower interest rate to invest in investment grade loan pools, and we would retain a portion of the equity in the securitized pool of loans.

Moreover, we may acquire investments in the secondary market and, in analyzing such investments, we will employ the same analytical process as we use for our primary investments.

We may utilize instruments such as forward contracts, currency options and interest rate swaps, caps, collars and floors to seek to hedge against fluctuations in the relative values of our portfolio positions from changes in currency exchange rates and market interest rates. Hedging against a decline in the values of our portfolio positions does not

eliminate the possibility of fluctuations in the values of such positions or prevent losses if the values of such positions decline. However, such hedging can establish other positions designed to gain from

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those same developments, thereby offsetting the decline in the value of such portfolio positions. Such hedging transactions may also limit the opportunity for gain if the values of the underlying portfolio positions should increase. It may not be possible to hedge against an exchange rate or interest rate fluctuation that is so generally anticipated that we are not able to enter into a hedging transaction at an acceptable price. Moreover, for a variety of reasons, we may not seek to establish a perfect correlation between such hedging instruments and the portfolio holdings being hedged. Any such imperfect correlation may prevent us from achieving the intended hedge and expose us to risk of loss. In addition, it may not be possible to hedge fully or perfectly against currency fluctuations affecting the value of securities denominated in non-U.S. currencies because the value of those securities is likely to fluctuate as a result of factors not related to currency fluctuations.

Our principal focus is to provide senior secured loans, unitranche loans and mezzanine loans to leveraged companies in a variety of industries. We generally seek to target companies that generate positive cash flows. We generally seek to invest in companies from the broad variety of industries in which our investment adviser has direct expertise.

The following is a representative list of the industries in which we may invest:

Aerospace & Defense	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure
Air Freight & Logistics	Industrial Conglomerates
Automobiles	Insurance
Asset Management	Internet Software & Services
Building Products	IT Services
Chemicals	Leisure Equipment & Products
Commercial Services & Supplies	Life Sciences Tools & Services
Communications Equipment	Machinery
Construction & Engineering	Media
Consumer Finance	Multiline Retail
Containers & Packaging	Multi-Sector Holdings
Distributors	Paper & Forest Products
Diversified Consumer Services	Personal Products
Diversified Financial Services	Pharmaceuticals
Diversified Real Estate Activities	Professional Services

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Diversified Telecommunications Services	Research & Consulting Services
Education Services	Software
Food Products	Specialty Retail
Footwear	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	Thrifs & Mortgage Finance
Health Care Facilities	Trading Companies & Distributors
Health Care Providers & Services	Utilities
Health Care Technology	Wireless Telecommunications Services

We may also invest in other industries if we are presented with attractive opportunities.

We may invest, to the extent permitted by law, in the securities and instruments of other investment companies, including private funds. We may also participate in negotiated co-investment transactions with certain affiliates, each of whose investment adviser is Solar Capital Partners, or an investment adviser controlling, controlled by or under common control with Solar Capital Partners, in a manner consistent with our investment objective, positions, policies, strategies and restrictions as well as regulatory requirements and other pertinent factors, and pursuant to the conditions of the exemptive order obtained from the SEC on July 28, 2014.

At December 31, 2016, our portfolio consisted of 63 portfolio companies and was invested 60.4% in senior secured loans, 2.2% in subordinated debt, 1.1% in preferred equity and 36.3% in common equity and warrants (of which 23.4% is Crystal Financial LLC, 7.7% is SSLP and 3.6% is SSLP II), in each case, measured at fair value. We expect that our portfolio will continue to include primarily senior secured, unitranche loans,

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mezzanine loans as well as equity-related securities. In addition, we also expect to invest a portion of our portfolio in opportunistic investments, which are not our primary focus, but are intended to enhance our risk-adjusted returns to stockholders. These investments may include, but are not limited to, securities of public companies and debt and equity securities of companies located outside of the United States.

While our primary investment objective is to maximize current income and capital appreciation through investments in U.S. senior and subordinated loans, other debt securities and equity, we may also invest a portion of the portfolio in opportunistic investments, including foreign securities.

Listed below are our top ten portfolio companies and industries based on their fair value and represented as a percentage of total assets as of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015:

TOP TEN PORTFOLIO COMPANIES AND INDUSTRIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

Portfolio Company	% of Total Assets
Crystal Financial LLC	18.5%
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC	6.1%
KORE Wireless Group, Inc.	3.3%
DISA Holdings Acquisition Subsidiary Corp.	3.1%
Varilease Finance, Inc.	2.9%
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC	2.9%
TierPoint, LLC	2.0%
PhyMed Management LLC	1.9%
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc.	1.8%
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor)	1.7%
Industry	% of Total Assets
Diversified Financial Services	18.5%
Asset Management	9.9%
Health Care Providers & Services	8.3%
Wireless Telecommunication Services	5.0%
Pharmaceuticals	4.8%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	4.8%
Professional Services	3.7%
IT Services	3.7%
Multi-Sector Holdings	2.9%
Health Care Technology	2.6%

TOP TEN PORTFOLIO COMPANIES AND INDUSTRIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015**Portfolio Company**

	% of Total Assets
Crystal Financial LLC	17.9%
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC	5.0%
Kore Wireless Group, Inc.	3.3%
DISA Holdings Acquisition Subsidiary Corp.	3.0%
LegalZoom.com, Inc.	3.0%
Varilease Finance, Inc.	2.9%
WireCo Worldgroup Inc.	2.5%
TierPoint, LLC	2.1%
PhyMed Management LLC	1.9%
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc.	1.8%
	% of Total Assets
Industry	
Diversified Financial Services	17.9%
Health Care Providers & Services	9.6%
Asset Management	5.9%
Wireless Telecommunications Services	5.0%
IT Services	3.7%
Professional Services	3.6%
Internet Software & Services	3.0%
Multi-Sector Holdings	2.9%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	2.9%
Health Care Technology	2.6%

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Listed below is the geographic breakdown of the portfolio based on fair value as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

Geographic Region	% of Portfolio at December 31, 2016	% of Portfolio at December 31, 2015
United States	99.4%	99.5%
Canada	0.6%	0.5%
	100.0%	100.0%

Investment Selection Process

Solar Capital Partners is committed to and utilizes a value-oriented investment philosophy with a focus on the preservation of capital and a commitment to managing downside exposure.

Portfolio Company Characteristics

We have identified several criteria that we believe are important in identifying and investing in prospective portfolio companies. These criteria provide general guidelines for our investment decisions; however, not all of these criteria will be met by each prospective portfolio company in which we choose to invest.

Stable Earnings and Strong Free Cash Flow. We seek to invest in companies who have demonstrated stable earnings through economic cycles. We target companies that can de-lever through consistent generation of cash flows rather than relying solely on growth to service and repay our loans.

Value Orientation. Our investment philosophy places a premium on fundamental analysis from an investor's perspective and has a distinct value orientation. We focus on companies in which we can invest at relatively low multiples of operating cash flow and that are profitable at the time of investment on an operating cash flow basis.

Value of Assets. The prospective value of the assets, if any, that collateralizes the loans in which we invest, is an important factor in our credit analysis. Our analysis emphasizes both tangible assets, such as accounts receivable, inventory, equipment and real estate, and intangible assets, such as intellectual property, customer lists, networks and databases. In some of our transactions the company's fundings may be derived from a borrowing base determined by the value of the company's assets.

Strong Competitive Position in Industry. We seek to invest in target companies that have developed leading market positions within their respective markets and are well positioned to capitalize on growth opportunities. We seek companies that demonstrate significant competitive advantages versus their competitors, which we believe should help to protect their market position and profitability.

Diversified Customer and Supplier Base. We seek to invest in businesses that have a diversified customer and supplier base. We believe that companies with a diversified customer and supplier base are generally better able to endure economic downturns, industry consolidation, changing business preferences and other factors that may negatively impact their customers, suppliers and competitors.

Exit Strategy. We predominantly invest in companies which provide multiple alternatives for an eventual exit. We look for opportunities that provide an exit typically within three years of the initial capital commitment.

We generally seek companies that we believe will provide a steady stream of cash flow to repay our loans and reinvest in their respective businesses. We believe that such internally generated cash flow, leading to the payment of our interest, and the repayment of our principal, represent a key means by which we will be able to exit from our investments over time.

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In addition, we also seek to invest in companies whose business models and expected future cash flows offer attractive exit possibilities. These companies include candidates for strategic acquisition by other industry participants and companies that may repay our investments through an initial public offering of common stock or another capital market transaction. We underwrite our investments on a held-to-maturity basis, but expensive capital is often repaid prior to stated maturity.

Experienced and Committed Management. We generally require that portfolio companies have an experienced management team. We also require portfolio companies have in place proper incentives to induce management to succeed and to act in concert with our interests as investors, including having significant equity interests.

Strong Sponsorship. We generally aim to invest alongside other sophisticated investors. We typically seek to partner with successful financial sponsors who have historically generated high returns. We believe that investing in these sponsors' portfolio companies enables us to benefit from their direct involvement and due diligence.

Solar Capital's investment team works in concert with sponsors to proactively manage investment opportunities by acting as a partner throughout the investment process. We actively focus on the middle-market financial sponsor community, with a particular focus on the upper-end of the middle-market (sponsors with equity funds of \$800 million to \$3 billion). We favor such sponsors because they typically:

buy larger companies with strong business franchises;

invest significant amounts of equity in their portfolio companies;

value flexibility and creativity in structuring their transactions;

possess longer track records over multiple investment funds;

have a deeper management bench;

have better ability to withstand downturns; and

possess the ability to support portfolio companies with additional capital.

We divide our coverage of these sponsors among our more senior investment professionals, who are responsible for day-to-day interaction with financial sponsors. Our coverage approach aims to act proactively, consider all investments in the capital structure, provide quick feedback, deliver on commitments, and are constructive throughout the life cycle of an investment.

Due Diligence

Our private equity approach to credit investing typically incorporates extensive in-depth due diligence often alongside the private equity sponsor. In conducting due diligence, we will use publicly available information as well as information from relationships with former and current management teams, consultants, competitors and investment bankers. We believe that our due diligence methodology allows us to screen a high volume of potential investment opportunities on a consistent and thorough basis.

Our due diligence typically includes:

review of historical and prospective financial information;

review and valuation of assets;

research relating to the company's management, industry, markets, products and services and competitors;

on-site visits;

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discussions with management, employees, customers or vendors of the potential portfolio company;

review of senior loan documents; and

background investigations.

We also expect to evaluate the private equity sponsor making the investment. Further, due to Solar Capital Partners considerable repeat business with sponsors, we have direct experience with the management teams of many sponsors. A private equity sponsor is typically the controlling shareholder upon completion of an investment and as such is considered critical to the success of the investment. The equity sponsor is evaluated along several key criteria, including:

investment track record;

industry experience;

capacity and willingness to provide additional financial support to the company through additional capital contributions, if necessary; and

reference checks.

Throughout the due diligence process, a deal team is in constant dialogue with the management team of the company in which we are considering to invest to ensure that any concerns are addressed as early as possible through the process and that unsuitable investments are filtered out before considerable time has been invested.

Upon the completion of due diligence and a decision to proceed with an investment in a company, the investment professionals leading the investment present the investment opportunity to Solar Capital Partners' investment committee, which then determines whether to pursue the potential investment. Additional due diligence with respect to any investment may be conducted on our behalf by attorneys and independent accountants prior to the closing of the investment, as well as other outside advisers, as appropriate.

The Investment Committee

All new investments are required to be approved by a consensus of the investment committee of Solar Capital Partners, which is led by Messrs. Gross and Spohler. The members of Solar Capital Partners' investment committee receive no compensation from us. Such members may be employees or partners of Solar Capital Partners and may receive compensation or profit distributions from Solar Capital Partners.

Investment Structure

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

other capital in the portfolio company's capital structure.

We invest in portfolio companies primarily in the form of senior secured loans, unitranche loans and to a lesser extent mezzanine investments. With respect to our senior secured loans, we seek to obtain security interests in the assets of our portfolio companies that serve as collateral in support of the repayment of these loans. This collateral may take the form of first or second priority liens on the assets of a portfolio company.

We structure our mezzanine investments primarily as unsecured, subordinated loans that provide for relatively high, fixed or floating interest rates that provide us with significant current interest income. These loans typically have interest-only payments in the early years, with amortization of principal, if any, deferred to the later years of the mezzanine loans. In some cases, we may enter into loans that, by their terms, convert into equity or additional debt securities or defer payments of interest for the first few years after our investment. Also, in some cases our mezzanine loans may be collateralized by a subordinated lien on some or all of the assets of the borrower.

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Typically, our senior secured, unitranche and mezzanine loans have final maturities of five to ten years. However, we expect that our portfolio companies often may repay these loans early, generally within three to four years from the date of initial investment. To preserve an acceptable return on investment, we seek to structure these loans with prepayment premiums.

In the case of our senior secured, unitranche and mezzanine loan investments, we tailor the terms of the investment to the facts and circumstances of the transaction and the prospective portfolio company, negotiating a structure that protects our rights and manages our risk while creating incentives for the portfolio company to achieve its business plan and improve its profitability. For example, in addition to seeking a senior or fulcrum position in the capital structure of our portfolio companies, we will seek to limit the downside potential of our investments by:

requiring a total return on our investments (including both interest and potential capital appreciation) that compensates us for credit risk;

incorporating put rights and call protection into the investment structure; and

negotiating covenants in connection with our investments that afford our portfolio companies as much flexibility in managing their businesses as possible, consistent with preservation of our capital. Such restrictions may include affirmative and negative covenants, default penalties, lien protection, change of control provisions and board rights, including either observation or participation rights.

Our investments may include equity features, such as warrants or options to buy a minority interest in the portfolio company. Any warrants we receive with our debt securities generally require only a nominal cost to exercise, and thus, as a portfolio company appreciates in value, we may achieve additional investment return from this equity interest. We may structure the warrants to provide provisions protecting our rights as a minority interest holder, as well as puts, or rights to sell such securities back to the company, upon the occurrence of specified events. In many cases, we also obtain registration rights in connection with these equity securities, which may include demand and piggyback registration rights. In addition, we may from time to time make direct equity investments in portfolio companies.

We generally seek to hold most of our investments to maturity or repayment, but will sell our investments earlier, including if a liquidity event takes place such as the sale or recapitalization of a portfolio company.

Ongoing Relationships with Portfolio Companies

Solar Capital Partners monitors our portfolio companies on an ongoing basis. Solar Capital Partners monitors the financial trends of each portfolio company to determine if it is meeting its business plan and to assess the appropriate course of action for each company.

Solar Capital Partners has several methods of evaluating and monitoring the performance and fair value of our investments, which include the following:

Assessment of success in adhering to each portfolio company's business plan and compliance with covenants;

Periodic and regular contact with portfolio company management and, if appropriate, the financial or strategic sponsor, to discuss financial position, requirements and accomplishments;

Comparisons to other Solar Capital portfolio companies in the industry, if any;

Attendance at and participation in board meetings; and

Review of monthly and quarterly financial statements and financial projections for portfolio companies. In addition to various risk management and monitoring tools, Solar Capital Partners also uses an investment rating system to characterize and monitor our expected level of returns on each investment in our portfolio.

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We use an investment rating scale of 1 to 4. The following is a description of the conditions associated with each investment rating:

Investment

Rating	Summary Description
1	Involves the least amount of risk in our portfolio, the portfolio company is performing above expectations, and the trends and risk factors are generally favorable (including a potential exit)
2	Risk that is similar to the risk at the time of origination, the portfolio company is performing as expected, and the risk factors are neutral to favorable; all new investments are initially assessed a grade of 2
3	The portfolio company is performing below expectations, may be out of compliance with debt covenants, and requires procedures for closer monitoring
4	The investment is performing well below expectations and is not anticipated to be repaid in full

Solar Capital Partners monitors and, when appropriate, changes the investment ratings assigned to each investment in our portfolio. As of December 31, 2016, 2015 and, 2014, the weighted average investment rating on the fair market value of our portfolio was a 2. In connection with our valuation process, Solar Capital Partners reviews these investment ratings on a quarterly basis.

Valuation Procedures

We conduct the valuation of our assets, pursuant to which our net asset value shall be determined, at all times consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the 1940 Act and generally value our assets on a quarterly basis, or more frequently if required. Our valuation procedures are set forth in more detail below:

Under procedures established by our board of directors (the Board), we value investments, including certain senior secured debt, subordinated debt and other debt securities with maturities greater than 60 days, for which market quotations are readily available, at such market quotations (unless they are deemed not to represent fair value). We attempt to obtain market quotations from at least two brokers or dealers (if available, otherwise from a principal market maker or a primary market dealer or other independent pricing service). We utilize mid-market pricing as a practical expedient for fair value unless a different point within the range is more representative. If and when market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value, we typically utilize independent third-party valuation firms to assist us in determining fair value. Accordingly, such investments go through our multi-step valuation process as described below. In each case, independent valuation firms consider observable market inputs together with significant unobservable inputs in arriving at their valuation recommendations. Debt investments with maturities of 60 days or less shall each be valued at cost plus accreted discount, or minus amortized premium, which is expected to approximate fair value, unless such valuation, in the judgment of Solar Capital Partners, does not represent fair value, in which case such investments shall be valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our Board. Investments that are not publicly traded or whose market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our Board. Such determination of fair values involves subjective judgments and estimates.

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 has approved a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

- (1) our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals of Solar Capital Partners responsible for the portfolio investment;
- (2) preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with senior management of Solar Capital Partners;
- (3) independent valuation firms engaged by our Board conduct independent appraisals and review Solar Capital Partners' s preliminary valuations and make their own independent assessment for all material assets;

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- (4) the audit committee of the Board reviews the preliminary valuation of Solar Capital Partners and that of the independent valuation firm and responds to the valuation recommendation of the independent valuation firm to reflect any comments; and
- (5) the Board discusses valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of Solar Capital Partners, the respective independent valuation firm and the audit committee.

Investments in all asset classes are valued utilizing a market approach, an income approach, or both approaches, as appropriate. However, in accordance with ASC 820-10, certain investments that qualify as investment companies in accordance with ASC 946, may be valued using net asset value as a practical expedient for fair value. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities (including a business). The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts (for example, cash flows or earnings) to a single present amount (discounted). The measurement is based on the value indicated by current market expectations about those future amounts. In following these approaches, the types of factors that we may take into account in fair value pricing our investments include, as relevant: available current market data, including relevant and applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and multiples, security covenants, call protection provisions, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments, its earnings and discounted cash flows, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public, M&A comparables, our principal market (as the reporting entity) and enterprise values, among other factors. When available, broker quotations and/or quotations provided by pricing services are considered as an input in the valuation process. Escrow receivables, if any, included in the receivables for investments sold in the Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities are reviewed quarterly and the value of the receivable is adjusted as necessary. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, there has been no change to the Company's valuation techniques and the nature of the related inputs considered in the valuation process.

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820 classifies the inputs used to measure these fair values into the following hierarchy:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, accessible by the Company at the measurement date.

Level 2: Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other observable inputs other than quoted prices.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

In all cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to each investment. The exercise of judgment is based in part on our knowledge of the asset class and our prior experience.

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

Competition

Our primary competitors provide financing to middle-market companies and include other business development companies, commercial and investment banks, commercial financing companies and, to the extent they provide an alternative form of financing, private equity funds. Additionally, alternative investment vehicles, such as hedge funds, frequently invest in middle-market companies. As a result, competition for investment opportunities at middle-market companies can be intense. However, we continue to believe that there has been a

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reduction in the amount of debt capital available since the downturn in the credit markets, which began in mid-2007, and that this has resulted in a less competitive environment for making new investments. While many middle-market companies were previously able to raise senior debt financing through traditional large financial institutions, we believe this approach to financing will become more difficult as implementation of U.S. and international financial reforms, such as Basel 3, limits the capacity of large financial institutions to hold non-investment grade leveraged loans on their balance sheets. We believe that many of these financial institutions have de-emphasized their service and product offerings to middle-market companies in particular.

Many of our competitors are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. For example, some competitors may have a lower cost of funds and access to funding sources that are not available to us. In addition, some of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments, which could allow them to consider a wider variety of investments and establish more relationships than us. Furthermore, many of our competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a BDC. We use the industry information available to Messrs. Gross and Spohler and the other investment professionals of Solar Capital Partners to assess investment risks and determine appropriate pricing for our investments in portfolio companies. In addition, we believe that the relationships of Messrs. Gross and Spohler and the other investment professionals of our investment adviser enable us to learn about, and compete effectively for, financing opportunities with attractive leveraged companies in the industries in which we seek to invest.

Staffing

We do not currently have any employees. Mr. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer and board member, are managing members and senior investment professionals of, and have financial and controlling interests in, Solar Capital Partners. Richard L. Peteka, our Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Corporate Secretary serves as our Chief Financial Officer for Solar Capital Partners. Guy Talarico, our Chief Compliance Officer, is the chief executive officer of Alaric Compliance Services, LLC, and performs his functions as our chief compliance officer under the terms of an agreement between Solar Capital Management and Alaric Compliance Services, LLC. Solar Capital Management has retained Mr. Talarico and Alaric Compliance Services, LLC pursuant to its obligations under our Administration Agreement.

Our day-to-day investment operations are managed by Solar Capital Partners. Based upon its needs, Solar Capital Partners may hire additional investment professionals. In addition, we will reimburse Solar Capital Management for the allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by it in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent, and the allocable portion of the cost of the company's chief compliance officer and chief financial officer and their respective staffs.

Properties

Our executive offices are located at 500 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, and are provided by Solar Capital Management in accordance with the terms of the Administration Agreement. We believe that our office facilities are suitable and adequate for our business as it is presently conducted.

Legal Proceedings

We and our subsidiaries are not currently subject to any material legal proceedings, nor, to our knowledge, is any material legal proceeding threatened against us or our subsidiaries. From time to time, we and our subsidiaries may be a party to certain legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business, including proceedings relating to the enforcement of our rights under contracts with our portfolio companies. While the outcome of these legal proceedings

cannot be predicted with certainty, we do not expect that these proceedings will have a material effect upon our financial condition or results of operations.

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The following table sets forth certain information as of December 31, 2016 for each portfolio company in which we had a debt or equity investment. The general terms of our debt and equity investments are described in Business Investments. Other than these investments, our only formal relationships with our portfolio companies are the managerial assistance we may provide upon request and the board observer or participation rights we may receive in connection with our investment. All information required by Item 8.6 of Form N-2 is reflected in the table below except for the amount, terms and value of investments, which are listed in the schedule of investments included in our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016, which are included in this prospectus.

Name and Address of Portfolio Company:	Industry	Type of Investment	% of Class Held
AccentCare, Inc. 17855 Dallas Parkway #200 Dallas, TX 75287	Healthcare Providers & Services	Senior secured loan	
Achaogen, Inc. 7000 Shoreline Court, #371 South San Francisco, CA 94080	Pharmaceuticals	Senior secured loan	
Aegis Toxicology Sciences Corporation 515 Great Circle Road Nashville, TN 37228	Healthcare Providers & Services	Senior secured loan	
AgaMatrix, Inc. 7C Raymond Avenue Salem, New Hampshire 03079	Healthcare Equipment & Supplies	Senior secured loan	
AirXpanders, Inc 1047 Elwell Court Palo Alto, CA 94303	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	Senior secured loan	
Alegeus Technologies Holdings Corp. 1601 Trapelo Road Waltham, MA 02451	Health Care Technology	Subordinated notes	

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American Teleconferencing Services, Ltd. (PGI) 3280 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1000 Atlanta, GA 30305	Communications Equipment	Senior secured loan	
Amerilife Group, LLC 2650 McCormick Drive Clearwater, FL 33759	Insurance	Senior secured loan	
Argo Turboserve Corporation & Argo Tech, LLC ATC Corporate Headquarters Cityview Corporate Center 160 Chubb Avenue Suite 102 Lyndhurst, NJ 07071	Air Freight & Logistics	Senior secured loan	
Ark Real Estate Partners LP 505 Park Ave., 21st Floor New York, NY 10022	Diversified Real Estate Activities	Partnership interest	26%
Ark Real Estate Partners II LP 505 Park Ave., 21st Floor New York, NY 10022	Diversified Real Estate Activities	Partnership interest	26%
Asurion, LLC 648 Grassmere Park, Suite 300 Nashville, TN 37211	Insurance	Senior secured loan	

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Name and Address of Portfolio Company:	Industry	Type of Investment	% of Class Held
aTyr Pharma, Inc 3545 John Hopkins Court, Suite 250 San Diego, CA 92121	Pharmaceuticals	Senior secured loan, warrants	<1%
AviatorCap SII, LLC I 18851 Northeast 29th Avenue, Suite 518 Aventure, FL 33180	Aerospace & Defense	Senior secured loan	
Axcella Health Inc. 840 Memorial Drive, Third Floor Cambridge, MA 02139	Pharmaceuticals	Senior secured loan	
B Riley Financial Inc. 21860 Burbank Blvd. Suite 300 South Woodland Hills, CA 91367	Research & Consulting Services	Common stock	2%
Bishop Lifting Products, Inc. 899 Airport Park Road, Suite D Glen Burnie, MD 21061	Trading Companies & Distributors	Senior secured loan	
Breathe Technologies, Inc. 175 Technology Drive, Suite 100 Irvine, CA 92618	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	Senior secured loan	
CardioDx, Inc. 600 Saginaw Drive Redwood City, CA 94063	Health Care Providers & Services	Senior secured loan, warrants	<1%
Cardiva Medical, Inc. 888 W. Maude Avenue	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	Senior secured loan	

Sunnyvale, CA 94085

CAS Medical Systems, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	Senior secured loan, warrants	<1%
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44 East Industrial Road

Branford, CT 06405

Cerapedics, Inc.

Health Care Equipment & Supplies

Senior secured loan

11025 Dover Street, Suite 1600

Westminster, CO 80021

Cianna Medical, Inc.

Health Care Equipment & Supplies

Senior secured loan, warrants

<1%

6 Journey, Suite 125

Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

Clinical Ink, Inc.

Health Care Technology

Senior secured loan

525 Vine Street, Suite 130

Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Conventus Orthopaedics, Inc.

Health Care Equipment & Supplies

Senior secured loan, warrants

<1%

10200 73rd Avenue North

Suite 122

Maple Grove, MN 55369

Crystal Financial LLC

Diversified Financial Services

Common equity

100%

Two International Place 17th Floor

Boston, MA 02110

Datapipe, Inc.

IT Services

Senior secured loan

10 Exchange Place

Jersey City, NJ 07302

Delphinus Medical Technologies, Inc.

Health Care Equipment & Supplies

Senior secured loan

46701 Commerce Center Drive

Plymouth, MI 48170

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Name and Address of Portfolio Company:	Industry	Type of Investment	% of Class Held
Direct Buy Inc. 18851 Northeast 29th Avenue, Suite 518 Merrillville, IN 46410	Multiline Retail	Senior secured loan, common Stock	8%
DISA Holdings Acquisition Subsidiary Corp. 12600 Northborough Drive, Ste. 300 Houston, TX 77067	Professional Services	Senior secured loan	
Easyfinancial Services, Inc. 33 City Centre Dr, Suite 510 Mississauga, ON L5B 2N5	Consumer Finance	Senior secured loan	
Emerging Markets Communications, LLC 777 Brickell Ave., Suite 1150 Miami, FL 33131	Wireless Telecommunication Services	Senior secured loan	
Entegriion, Inc. 79 TW Alexander Drive 4401 Research Commons, Suite 200 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	Senior secured loan	
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) 3883 Howard Hughes Parkway Suite 700 Las Vegas, NV 89169	Chemicals	Senior secured loan	
Global Tel*Link Corporation 12021 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 100	Communications Equipment	Senior secured loans	

Reston, VA 20190

Greystone Select Holdings LLC & Greystone & Co., Inc.	Thrifths & Mortgage Finance	Senior secured loan
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152 West 57th Street, 60th Floor

New York, NY 10019

Hyland Software, Inc.	Software	Senior secured loan
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28500 Clemens Road

Westlake, OH 44145

IHS Intermediate, Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	Senior secured loan
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1700 East Golf Road Suite 900

Schaumburg, IL 60173

Inmar Acquisition Sub, Inc.	Professional Services	Senior secured loan
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2650 Pilgrim Court

Winston Salem, NC 27106

K2 Pure Solutions NoCal, L.P.	Chemicals	Senior secured loan
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950 Loveridge Road

Pittsburg, CA 94565

KORE Wireless Group, Inc.	Wireless Telecommunication Services	Senior secured loan
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3700 Mansell Road, Suite 250

Alpharetta, GA 30022

Lumeris Solutions Company, LLC	Health Care Technology	Senior secured loan
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13900 Riverport Drive

St. Louis, MO 63043

Mitralign, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	Senior secured loan
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3 Highwood Drive, Suite 200E

Tewksbury, MA 01876

Nabsys 2.0 LLC	Life Sciences Tools & Services	Senior secured loan
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60 Clifford Street

Providence, RI 02903

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Name and Address of Portfolio Company:	Industry	Type of Investment	% of Class Held
PhyMed Management LLC 110 29th Avenue North, Suite 301 Nashville, TN 37203	Health Care Providers & Services	Senior secured loan	
PQ Bypass, Inc. 269 North Mathilda Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94086	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	Senior secured loan, warrants	<1%
Rapid Micro Biosystems, Inc. 1001 Pawtucket Blvd. West Lowell, MA 01854	Life Sciences Tools & Services	Senior secured loan	
Rug Doctor, LLC 4701 Old Shepard Place Plano, TX 75093	Diversified Consumer Services	Senior secured loan, common stock, class b common stock, common stock warrants	26%
Salient Partners, L.P. 4265 San Felipe Street, 8 th Floor Houston, TX 77027	Asset management	Senior secured loan	
Scynexis, Inc. 101 Hudson Street, Suite 3610 Jersey City, NY 07302	Pharmaceuticals	Senior secured loan, warrants	<1%
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC 500 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022	Asset Management	Equity interest	88%
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC 500 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022	Asset Management	Equity interest	81%
SentreHeart, Inc.			<1%

300 Saginaw Drive Redwood City, CA 94063	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	Senior secured loan, warrants	
SOAGG, LLC 500 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022	Aerospace & Defense	Preferred stock	100%
SOINT, LLC 500 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022	Aerospace & Defense	Senior secured loan, Preferred stock	100%
Southern Auto Finance Company 6700 North Andrews Avenue Suite 500 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309	Consumer Finance	Senior secured loan	
Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 395 Oyster Point Boulevard, Suite 400 South San Francisco, CA 94080	Pharmaceuticals	Senior secured loan, warrants	<1%
TierPoint, LLC 520 Maryville Centre Drive, Ste. 300 St. Louis, MO 63141	IT Services	Senior secured loan	
TMK Hawk Parent, Corp. (TriMark) 505 Collins Street S. Attleboro, MA 02703	Trading Companies & Distributors	Senior secured loan	
TouchTunes Interactive Networks, Inc. 850 3 rd Avenue, #15 New York, NY 10022	Media	Senior secured loan	
Trevi Therapeutics, Inc. 195 Church Street, 14th Floor New Haven, CT 06510	Pharmaceuticals	Senior secured loan	

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Name and Address of Portfolio Company:	Industry	Type of Investment	% of Class Held
U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc. 450 East Las Olas Blvd. Suite 850 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301	Health Care Providers & Services	Senior secured loan	
Vapotherm, Inc. 22 Industrial Drive Exeter, NH 03833	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	Senior secured loan	
Varilease Finance, Inc. 6340 South 3000 East , Suite 400 Salt Lake City, UT 84121	Multi-Sector Holdings	Senior secured loan	

To maintain our status as a BDC, we must invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets. Specifically, qualifying assets must represent at least 70% of our total assets at the time of acquisition of any additional non-qualifying assets. In addition, if we fail to invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could be prevented from making follow-on investments in existing portfolio companies or could be required to dispose of investments at inappropriate times in order to comply with the 1940 Act. As of December 31, 2016, 31.6% of our total assets constituted non-qualifying assets, on a fair value basis.

Set forth below is a brief description of each portfolio company in which we have made an investment that represents greater than 5% of our total assets as of December 31, 2016.

Crystal Financial LLC

Crystal Financial LLC is an independent commercial finance company that provides primarily senior secured loans for both asset-based and cash flow financings to middle-market companies. Its team of experienced, responsive professionals has underwritten, closed and managed more than \$20 billion in secured debt commitments across a wide range of industries. As of March 31, 2016, Crystal Financial LLC had 32 funded commitments to 29 different issuers with a total par value of approximately \$502.2 million. Crystal's competitors include other specialty finance companies and small banks. As with any lender, Crystal is exposed to interest rate risk, which it mitigates by issuing loans with floating rates.

Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC

On September 2, 2014, the Company entered into a limited liability company agreement with an affiliate (the Investor) of a fund managed by Pacific Investment Management Company LLC (PIMCO). Initial funding commitments to the unitranche strategy total \$600 million, consisting of direct equity investments and co-investment commitments as described below. The joint venture vehicle, structured as an unconsolidated Delaware limited liability company, invests in middle market senior secured unitranche loans sourced by the same origination platform used by the Company. The Company and the Investor initially made equity commitments to the SSLP of \$300.0 million and

\$43.25 million, respectively. All portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP consisting of representatives of the Company and PIMCO (with approval from a representative of each required).

On October 15, 2015, the Company entered into an amended and restated limited liability company agreement for its SSLP to add Voya Investment Management LLC (Voya), part of Voya Financial, Inc. (NYSE: VOYA), as a partner in SSLP in place of the investor that was previously the Company s partner in SSLP, though this investor may still co-invest up to \$300 million of equity in unitranche loans alongside SSLP. This joint venture is expected to invest primarily in senior secured unitranche loans to middle market companies predominantly owned by private equity sponsors or entrepreneurs, consistent with the Company s core origination and underwriting mandate. In addition to the Company s prior equity commitment of \$300.0 million to SSLP, Voya has made an initial equity commitment of \$25.0 million to SSLP, with the ability to upsize.

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On November 2, 2015, the Company assigned \$125.0 million of its \$300.0 million commitment to SSLP to SSLP II, a Delaware limited liability company.

On November 25, 2015, SSLP commenced operations. On June 30, 2016, SSLP as transferor and SSLP 2016-1, LLC, a newly formed wholly owned subsidiary of SSLP, as borrower entered into a \$200 million senior secured revolving credit facility (the SSLP Facility) with Wells Fargo Bank, NA acting as administrative agent. Solar Capital Ltd. acts as servicer under the SSLP Facility. The SSLP Facility is scheduled to mature on June 30, 2021. The SSLP Facility generally bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 2.50%. SSLP and SSLP 2016-1, LLC, as applicable, have made certain customary representations and warranties, and are required to comply with various covenants, including leverage restrictions, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. The SSLP Facility also includes usual and customary events of default for credit facilities of this nature. The Company, along with Voya, controls the funding of SSLP and SSLP may not call the unfunded commitments without approval of both the Company and Voya.

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Our board of directors oversees our management. The board of directors currently consists of five members, three of whom are not interested persons of Solar Capital Ltd. as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. We refer to these individuals as our independent directors. Our board of directors elects our officers, who serve at the discretion of the board of directors. The responsibilities of each director will include, among other things, the oversight of our investment activity, the quarterly valuation of our assets, and oversight of our financing arrangements. The board of directors has also established an audit committee and a nominating and corporate governance committee and may establish additional committees in the future.

Board of Directors and Executive Officers***Directors***

Information regarding the board of directors is as follows:

Name	Age	Position	Director Since	Expiration of Term
Interested Director				
Michael S. Gross	55	Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors	2007	2018
Bruce Spohler	56	Chief Operating Officer and Director	2009	2017
Independent Directors				
Steven Hochberg	55	Director	2007	2017
David S. Wachter	53	Director	2007	2019
Leonard A. Potter	55	Director	2009	2018

The address for each of our directors is 500 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

Executive Officers Who Are Not Directors

Name	Age	Position
Richard L. Peteka	55	Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary
Guy Talarico	61	Chief Compliance Officer

The address for each of our executive officers is 500 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

Biographical Information***Directors***

Our directors have been divided into two groups – interested directors and independent directors. An interested director is an interested person as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. As described below under Committees of the Board of Directors – Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the board of directors has identified certain

desired attributes for director nominees. Each of our directors has demonstrated high character and integrity, superior credentials and recognition in his respective field and the relevant expertise and experience upon which to be able to offer advice and guidance to our management. Each of our directors also has sufficient time available to devote to the affairs of Solar Capital, is able to work with the other members of the board of directors and contribute to the success of Solar Capital and can represent the long-term interests of Solar Capital's stockholders as a whole. Our directors have been selected such that the board of directors represents a range of backgrounds and experience. Set forth below is biographical information of each director, including a discussion of such director's particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that lead us to

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conclude, as of the date of this prospectus, that such individual should serve as a director of Solar Capital, in light of Solar Capital's business and structure.

Interested Directors

Michael S. Gross was the managing member, the chairman of the board of directors and the chief executive officer of Solar Capital LLC since its inception in February 2007, and has been the chairman of the board of directors since December 2007, and chief executive officer and president since November 2007, of Solar Capital Ltd. Mr. Gross also currently serves as a managing member of our investment adviser, Solar Capital Partners. In addition, Mr. Gross has served as chairman of the board of directors, chief executive officer and president of Solar Senior Capital Ltd., a BDC managed by Solar Capital Partners, since its inception in December 2010.

From July 2006 through approximately the first quarter of 2009, Mr. Gross was a partner in Magnetar Capital Partners, LP. Between February 2004 and February 2006, Mr. Gross was the president and chief executive officer of Apollo Investment Corporation, a publicly traded BDC that he founded and on whose board of directors and investment committee he served as chairman from February 2004 to July 2006, and was the managing partner of Apollo Investment Management, L.P., the investment adviser to Apollo Investment Corporation. Apollo Investment Corporation invests primarily in middle-market companies in the form of senior secured and mezzanine loans as well as by making direct equity investments in such companies. Under his management, Apollo Investment Corporation raised approximately \$930 million in gross proceeds in an initial public offering in April 2004 and invested approximately \$2.3 billion in over 65 companies in conjunction with 50 different private equity sponsors. From 1990 to February 2006, Mr. Gross was a senior partner at Apollo Management, L.P., a leading private equity firm which he founded in 1990 with five other persons. Since its inception, Apollo Management, L.P. has invested more than \$13 billion in over 150 companies in the United States and Western Europe. During his tenure at Apollo Management, L.P., Mr. Gross was a member of an investment committee that was responsible for overseeing such investments. In addition, from 2003 to February 2006, Mr. Gross was the managing partner of Apollo Distressed Investment Fund, an investment fund he founded to invest principally in non-control oriented distressed debt and other investment securities of leveraged companies.

Mr. Gross currently serves as the chairman of the board of directors of Global Ship Lease Inc. From 1992 to 2013, Mr. Gross served on the board of directors of Saks, Inc., and from 1999 to 2008, he served on the board of directors of United Rentals, Inc., and in the past has served on the boards of directors, including in certain cases, in the capacity as a lead director, of more than 20 public and private companies. He is a founding member, and serves on the executive committee, of the Youth Renewal Fund, is the chairman of the board of Mt. Sinai Children's Center Foundation, and serves on the Board of Trustees of The Trinity School and the Board of Directors of New York Road Runners. He also serves as a member of the Kellogg Global Advisory Board and the Ross School of Business BBA Advisory Board at the University of Michigan. Mr. Gross holds a B.B.A. in accounting from the University of Michigan and an M.M. from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. Mr. Gross' intimate knowledge of the business and operations of Solar Capital Partners, extensive familiarity with the financial industry and the investment management process in particular, and experience as a director of other public and private companies not only gives the board of directors valuable insight but also positions him well to continue to serve as the chairman of our board of directors.

Bruce Spohler was a senior vice president of Solar Capital LLC from its inception in February 2007, and has been a director since September 2009, and the chief operating officer since December 2007, of Solar Capital Ltd. Mr. Spohler also currently serves as a managing partner of our investment adviser, Solar Capital Partners. In addition, Mr. Spohler has served as chief operating officer and a member of the board of directors of Solar Senior Capital Ltd., a BDC managed by Solar Capital Partners, since its inception in December 2010. Previously, Mr. Spohler was a managing

director and a former co-head of U.S. Leveraged Finance for CIBC World Markets. He held numerous senior roles at CIBC World Markets, including serving on the U.S. Management Committee, Global Executive Committee and the Deals Committee, which approves all of CIBC World Markets U.S. corporate finance debt capital decisions. During his tenure, he was responsible for senior loan, high yield and mezzanine origination and execution, as well as CIBC World Markets below investment grade loan portfolio in

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the U.S. As a co-head of U.S. Leveraged Finance, he oversaw over 300 capital raising and merger and acquisition transactions, comprising over \$40 billion in market capitalization. Mr. Spohler earned a B.S. from Syracuse University and an M.M. from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. Mr. Spohler's depth of experience in managerial positions in investment management, leveraged finance and financial services, as well as his intimate knowledge of Solar Capital's business and operations, gives the board of directors valuable industry-specific knowledge and expertise on these and other matters.

Independent Directors

Steven Hochberg was a director of Solar Capital LLC from its inception in February 2007, and has been a director of Solar Capital Ltd. since November 2007. Mr. Hochberg has been a partner at Deerfield Management, a healthcare investment firm, since 2013. Mr. Hochberg is the founder of Ascent Biomedical Ventures, a venture investor in biomedical technology companies, since 2004. Mr. Hochberg is the chairman of the board of directors of Biomerix Corporation and Crosstrees Medical, Inc., and serves on the board of directors of Heart Repair Technologies, Inc. and Acutus Medical. Mr. Hochberg was a member of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Continuum Health Partners, one of the largest non-profit hospital systems in New York City until its merger with Mount Sinai in 2013, and he is now the Senior Vice Chairman of Mount Sinai Health System. Mr. Hochberg presently serves as a member of the board of directors of Solar Senior Capital Ltd., a BDC managed by Solar Capital Partners. Mr. Hochberg holds a B.B.A. from the University of Michigan and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. Mr. Hochberg's varied experience in investing in medical technology companies provides the board of directors with particular knowledge of this field, and his role as chairman of other companies' board of directors brings the perspective of a knowledgeable corporate leader.

Leonard A. Potter has been a director of Solar Capital Ltd. since September 2009. Mr. Potter is currently the President and Chief Investment Officer of Wildcat Capital Management, LLC, a registered investment adviser, since 2011 and the Chief Executive Officer of Infinity Q Capital Management, LLC, also a registered investment adviser, since 2014. From August 2009 through August 2011, Mr. Potter served as the Chief Investment Officer of Salt Creek Hospitality, a private acquirer and owner of hospitality related assets. From December 2002 through July 2009, Mr. Potter was a Managing Director - Soros Private Equity at Soros Fund Management LLC (SFM) where, from May 2005 through July 2009, Mr. Potter served as co-head of the Private Equity group and a member of the Private Equity Investment Committee. Mr. Potter is currently a member of the board of directors of Hilton Grand Vacations Inc. since 2017 and GSV Capital Corp., a publicly-traded BDC since 2011, and Solar Senior Capital Ltd., a BDC managed by Solar Capital Partners; and has previously served as a board member of several public companies including Crumbs Bake Shop, Inc. from 2009 to 2014. Mr. Potter has a B.A. from Brandeis University and a J.D. from the Fordham University School of Law. Mr. Potter's experience practicing as a corporate lawyer provides valuable insight to the board of directors on regulatory and risk management issues. In addition, his tenure in private equity investments and service as a director of both public and private companies provide industry-specific knowledge and expertise to the board of directors.

David S. Wachter was a director of Solar Capital LLC from its inception in February 2007, and has been a director of Solar Capital Ltd. since November 2007. Mr. Wachter has been a founding partner, managing director and president of W Capital Partners, a private equity fund manager since 2001. In addition, Mr. Wachter presently serves as a member of the board of directors of Solar Senior Capital Ltd., a BDC managed by Solar Capital Partners. Mr. Wachter has a B.S. in Engineering, with a major in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, from Tufts University and an M.B.A. from New York University Graduate School of Business. Mr. Wachter's extensive knowledge of private equity and investment banking provides the board of directors with the valuable insight of an experienced financial manager.

Executive Officers Who Are Not Directors

Richard L. Peteka has been the chief financial officer, treasurer and secretary of Solar Capital Ltd. since May 2012. In addition, Mr. Peteka has served as chief financial officer, treasurer and secretary of Solar Senior

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Capital Ltd., a BDC managed by Solar Capital Partners, since May 2012. Mr. Peteka joined Solar Capital from Apollo Investment Corporation, a publicly-traded BDC, where he served from 2004 to 2012 as the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. Mr. Peteka holds a B.S. in Finance from The College at Old Westbury and an MBA in International Finance from St. John's University.

Guy Talarico has been the chief compliance officer of Solar Capital Ltd. since July 2008. In addition, Mr. Talarico has served as chief compliance officer of Solar Senior Capital Ltd., a BDC managed by Solar Capital Partners, since its inception in December 2010. Mr. Talarico founded and has served as chief executive officer of Alaric Compliance Services, LLC, (successor to EOS Compliance Services LLC) since June 2004. Mr. Talarico currently serves as chief compliance officer for several BDCs, funds and/or investment advisers who are not affiliated with the Solar Capital entities. Mr. Talarico holds a B.S. ChE from Lehigh University, an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a J.D. from New York Law School.

Director Independence

In accordance with rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market, our board of directors annually determines each director's independence. We do not consider a director independent unless the board of directors has determined that he has no material relationship with us. We monitor the relationships of our directors and officers through a questionnaire each director completes no less frequently than annually and updates periodically as information provided in the most recent questionnaire changes.

Our governance guidelines require any director who has previously been determined to be independent to inform the chairman of the board of directors, the chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance committee and our corporate secretary of any change in circumstance that may cause his or her status as an independent director to change. The board of directors limits membership on the audit committee, the nominating and corporate governance committee, and the compensation committee to independent directors.

In order to evaluate the materiality of any such relationship, the board of directors uses the definition of director independence set forth in the rules promulgated by the NASDAQ Stock Market. Rule 5605(a)(2) provides that a director of a BDC shall be considered to be independent if he or she is not an "interested person" of the Company, as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act.

The board of directors has determined that each of the directors is independent and has no relationship with us, except as a director and stockholder, with the exception of Michael S. Gross, as a result of his positions as the Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company and a managing member of Solar Capital Partners, Solar Capital's investment adviser, and Bruce Spohler, as a result of his position as Chief Operating Officer of the Company and a managing member of Solar Capital Partners.

Board Leadership Structure

Our board of directors monitors and performs an oversight role with respect to the business and affairs of Solar Capital, including with respect to investment practices and performance, compliance with regulatory requirements and the services, expenses and performance of service providers to Solar Capital. Among other things, our board of directors approves the appointment of Solar Capital Partners and officers, reviews and monitors the services and activities performed by Solar Capital Partners and executive officers and approves the engagement, and reviews the performance of, our independent public accounting firm.

Under Solar Capital's bylaws, our board of directors may designate a chairman to preside over the meetings of the board of directors and meetings of the stockholders and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the board. We do not have a fixed policy as to whether the chairman of the board should be an independent director and believe that we should maintain the flexibility to select the chairman and reorganize the leadership structure, from time to time, based on the criteria that is in the best interests of Solar Capital and its stockholders at such times.

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Presently, Mr. Gross serves as the Chairman of our board of directors. Mr. Gross is an interested person of Solar Capital as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act because he is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Solar Capital, serves on the investment committee of Solar Capital Partners and is a managing member of our investment adviser. We believe that Mr. Gross' history with Solar Capital, familiarity with its investment platform, and extensive knowledge of the financial services industry and the investment valuation process in particular qualify him to serve as the chairman of our board of directors. We believe that Solar Capital is best served through this existing leadership structure, as Mr. Gross' relationship with Solar Capital Partners provides an effective bridge and encourages an open dialogue between management and the board of directors, ensuring that both groups act with a common purpose.

Our board of directors does not currently have a designated lead independent director. We are aware of the potential conflicts that may arise when a non-independent director is chairman of the board of directors, but believe these potential conflicts are offset by our strong corporate governance policies. Our corporate governance policies include regular meetings of the independent directors in executive session without the presence of interested directors and management, the establishment of the Audit Committee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and the Compensation Committee comprised solely of independent directors and the appointment of a chief compliance officer, with whom the independent directors meet regularly without the presence of interested directors and other members of management, for administering our compliance policies and procedures.

We recognize that different board leadership structures are appropriate for companies in different situations. We re-examine our corporate governance policies on an ongoing basis to ensure that they continue to meet Solar Capital's needs.

Board's Role In Risk Oversight

Our board of directors performs its risk oversight function primarily through (a) its three standing committees, which report to the entire board of directors and are comprised solely of independent directors, and (b) active monitoring of our chief compliance officer and our compliance policies and procedures.

As described below in more detail under Committees of the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and the Compensation Committee assist the board of directors in fulfilling its risk oversight responsibilities. The Audit Committee's risk oversight responsibilities include overseeing Solar Capital's accounting and financial reporting processes, Solar Capital's systems of internal controls regarding finance and accounting, and audits of Solar Capital's financial statements. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's risk oversight responsibilities include selecting, researching and nominating directors for election by our stockholders, developing and recommending to the board of directors a set of corporate governance principles and overseeing the evaluation of the board of directors and our management. The Compensation Committee's risk oversight responsibilities include reviewing and recommending to our board of directors for approval the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, between the Company and Solar Capital Partners and the Administration Agreement, between the Company and the Solar Capital Management, and, to the extent that we compensate our executive officers directly in the future, reviewing and evaluating the compensation of our executive officers and making recommendations to the board of directors regarding such compensation.

Our board of directors also performs its risk oversight responsibilities with the assistance of the chief compliance officer. The board of directors annually reviews a written report from the chief compliance officer discussing the adequacy and effectiveness of the compliance policies and procedures of Solar Capital and its service providers. The chief compliance officer's annual report addresses at a minimum (a) the operation of the compliance policies and procedures of Solar Capital and its service providers since the last report; (b) any material changes to such policies and procedures since the last report; (c) any recommendations for material changes to such policies and procedures as

a result of the chief compliance officer's annual review; and (d) any

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compliance matter that has occurred since the date of the last report about which the board of directors would reasonably need to know to oversee our compliance activities and risks. In addition, the chief compliance officer meets separately in executive session with the independent directors at least once each year.

We believe that our board's role in risk oversight is effective, and appropriate given the extensive regulation to which we are already subject as a BDC. As a BDC, we are required to comply with certain regulatory requirements that control the levels of risk in our business and operations. For example, our ability to incur indebtedness is limited such that our asset coverage must equal at least 200% immediately after each time we incur indebtedness, we generally cannot invest in assets that are not qualifying assets unless at least 70% of our total assets consist of qualifying assets immediately prior to such investment, and we are not generally permitted to invest, subject to certain exceptions, in any portfolio company in which one of our affiliates currently has an investment.

We recognize that different board roles in risk oversight are appropriate for companies in different situations. We re-examine the manners in which the board administers its oversight function on an ongoing basis to ensure that they continue to meet Solar Capital's needs.

Committees of the Board of Directors

An Audit Committee, a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and a Compensation Committee have been established by our board of directors. During 2016, our board of directors held five Board meetings, five Audit Committee meetings, two Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee meetings and two Compensation Committee meetings. During 2016, all directors attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the board of directors and of the respective committees on which they serve, except for Leonard A. Potter who attended 50% of the meetings of the Compensation Committee. We require each director to make a diligent effort to attend all board of directors and committee meetings as well as each annual meeting of our stockholders. Two of our directors attended the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders in person.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee operates pursuant to a charter approved by our board of directors, a copy of which is available on our website at <http://www.solarcapltd.com>. The charter sets forth the responsibilities of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee's responsibilities include selecting the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company, reviewing with such independent registered public accounting firm the planning, scope and results of their audit of the Company's financial statements, pre-approving the fees for services performed, reviewing with the independent registered public accounting firm the adequacy of internal control systems, reviewing the Company's annual financial statements and periodic filings and receiving the Company's audit reports and financial statements. The Audit Committee also establishes guidelines and makes recommendations to our board of directors regarding the valuation of our investments. The Audit Committee is responsible for aiding our board of directors in determining the fair value of debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or for which current market values are not readily available. The board of directors and the Audit Committee utilize the services of nationally recognized third-party valuation firms to help determine the fair value of these securities. The Audit Committee is currently composed of Messrs. Hochberg, Wachter and Potter, all of whom are considered independent under the rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market and are not interested persons of Solar Capital as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Mr. Hochberg serves as chairman of the Audit Committee. Our board of directors has determined that Mr. Hochberg is an audit committee financial expert as that term is defined under Item 407 of Regulation S-K, as promulgated under the Exchange Act. Mr. Hochberg meets the current independence and experience requirements of Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee operates pursuant to a charter approved by our board of directors, a copy of which is available on our website at <http://www.solarcapltd.com>. The members of

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the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Messrs. Hochberg, Wachter and Potter, all of whom are considered independent under the rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market and are not interested persons of the Company as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Mr. Wachter serves as chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for selecting, researching and nominating directors for election by our stockholders, selecting nominees to fill vacancies on the board of directors or a committee thereof, developing and recommending to the board of directors a set of corporate governance principles and overseeing the evaluation of the board of directors and our management. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee currently does not consider nominees recommended by our stockholders.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks candidates who possess the background, skills and expertise to make a significant contribution to the board of directors, Solar Capital and its stockholders. In considering possible candidates for election as a director, the nominating and corporate governance committee takes into account, in addition to such other factors as it deems relevant, the desirability of selecting directors who:

are of high character and integrity;

are accomplished in their respective fields, with superior credentials and recognition;

have relevant expertise and experience upon which to be able to offer advice and guidance to management;

have sufficient time available to devote to the affairs of Solar Capital;

are able to work with the other members of the board of directors and contribute to the success of Solar Capital;

can represent the long-term interests of Solar Capital's stockholders as a whole; and

are selected such that the board of directors represents a range of backgrounds and experiences.

The nominating and corporate governance committee has not adopted a formal policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees. In determining whether to recommend a director nominee, the nominating and corporate governance committee considers and discusses diversity, among other factors, with a view toward the needs of the board of directors as a whole. The nominating and corporate governance committee generally conceptualizes diversity expansively to include, without limitation, concepts such as race, gender, national origin, differences of viewpoint, professional experience, education, skill and other qualities that contribute to the board of directors, when identifying and recommending director nominees. The nominating and corporate governance committee believes that the inclusion of diversity as one of many factors considered in selecting director nominees is consistent with the nominating and corporate governance committee's goal of creating a board of directors that best serves the needs of Solar Capital and the interest of its stockholders.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee operates pursuant to a charter approved by our board of directors, a copy of which is available on our website at <http://www.solarcapltd.com> . The charter sets forth the responsibilities of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing and evaluating compensation and making recommendations to the board of directors regarding executive officer direct compensation. In addition, the Compensation Committee is responsible for assisting the our board of directors with matters related to compensation generally. The Compensation Committee has the authority to engage compensation consultants and to delegate their duties and responsibilities to a member or to a subcommittee of the Compensation Committee. The members of the Compensation Committee are Messrs. Hochberg, Wachter and Potter, all of whom are considered independent under the rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market and are not interested persons of the Company as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Mr. Potter serves as Chairman of the Compensation Committee.

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The following table sets forth compensation of Solar Capital's directors, for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash⁽¹⁾	Stock Awards⁽²⁾	All Other Compensation	Total
Interested Directors				
Michael S. Gross				
Bruce Spohler				
Independent Directors				
Steven Hochberg	\$ 128,000			\$ 128,000
David S. Wachter	\$ 123,000			\$ 123,000
Leonard A. Potter	\$ 119,500			\$ 119,500

(1) For a discussion of the independent directors' compensation, see below.

(2) We do not maintain a stock or option plan, non-equity incentive plan or pension plan for our directors. However, our independent directors have the option to receive all or a portion of the directors' fees to which they would otherwise be entitled in the form of shares of our common stock issued at a price per share equal to the greater of our then-current net asset value per share or the market price at the time of payment. No shares were issued to any of our independent directors in lieu of cash during 2016.

Our independent directors' annual fee is \$100,000. The independent directors also receive \$2,500 (\$1,500 if participate telephonically) plus reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attending each board meeting and \$1,000 plus reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with each committee meeting attended. In addition, the chairman of the Audit Committee receives an annual fee of \$7,500, the chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee receives an annual fee of \$2,500, and the chairman of the Compensation Committee receives an annual fee of \$2,500. Further, we purchase directors' and officers' liability insurance on behalf of our directors and officers. Our independent directors also have the option to receive all or a portion of the directors' fees to which they would otherwise be entitled in the form of shares of our common stock issued at a price per share equal to the greater of our then-current net asset value per share or the market price at the time of payment. In addition, no compensation was paid to directors who are interested persons of Solar Capital as defined in the 1940 Act.

Compensation of Executive Officers

None of our officers receives direct compensation from Solar Capital. As a result, we do not engage any compensation consultants. Mr. Gross, our Chief Executive Officer and President, and Mr. Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer, through their ownership interest in Solar Capital Partners, our investment adviser, are entitled to a portion of any profits earned by Solar Capital Partners, which includes any fees payable by us to Solar Capital Partners under the terms of our Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, less expenses incurred by Solar Capital Partners in performing its services under the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement. Messrs. Gross and Spohler do not receive any additional compensation from Solar Capital Partners in connection with the management of our portfolio.

Mr. Peteka, our Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary and, through Alaric Compliance Services, LLC, Guy Talarico, our Chief Compliance Officer, are paid by Solar Capital Management, our administrator, subject to reimbursement by us of an allocable portion of such compensation for services rendered by such persons to Solar Capital. To the extent that Solar Capital Management outsources any of its functions we will pay the fees associated with such functions on a direct basis without profit to Solar Capital Management.

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Indemnification Agreements

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors. The indemnification agreements are intended to provide our directors the maximum indemnification permitted under Maryland law and the 1940 Act. Each indemnification agreement provides that Solar Capital shall indemnify the director who is a party to the agreement (an Indemnitee), including the advancement of legal expenses, if, by reason of his or her corporate status, the Indemnitee is, or is threatened to be, made a party to or a witness in any threatened, pending, or completed proceeding, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and the 1940 Act.

Table of Contents**PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

The management of our investment portfolio is the responsibility of our investment adviser, Solar Capital Partners, and its investment committee, which is led by Messrs. Gross and Spohler. For more information regarding the business experience of Messrs. Gross and Spohler, see Management Board of Directors and Executive Officers Interested Directors. Solar Capital Partners' investment committee must approve each new investment that we make. The members of Solar Capital Partners' investment committee are not employed by us, and receive no compensation from us in connection with their portfolio management activities. However, Messrs. Gross and Spohler, through their financial interests in Solar Capital Partners, will be entitled to a portion of any investment advisory fees paid by Solar Capital to Solar Capital Partners.

Investment Personnel

We consider Messrs. Gross and Spohler, who lead Solar Capital Partners' investment committee, to be our portfolio managers.

In addition to managing our investments, our portfolio managers also currently manage the following entity:

Name	Entity	Investment Focus	Gross Assets
Solar Senior Capital Ltd.	BDC	Senior secured loans and other senior debt instruments	\$522.0 million ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ As of December 31, 2016.

The table below shows the dollar range of shares of our common stock to be beneficially owned by each of our portfolio managers.

Name of Portfolio Manager	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in Solar Capital⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Michael S. Gross	Over \$1 million
Bruce Spohler	Over \$1 million

⁽¹⁾ Dollar ranges are as follows: None, \$1 - \$10,000, \$10,001 - \$50,000, \$50,001 - \$100,000, \$100,001 - \$500,000; \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 or Over \$1,000,000.

⁽²⁾ The dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned in us is based on the closing price for our common stock of \$22.82 on April 26, 2017 on the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

Compensation

None of Solar Capital Partners' investment professionals receive any direct compensation from us in connection with the management of our portfolio. Messrs. Gross and Spohler, through their financial interests in Solar Capital Partners, are entitled to a portion of any profits earned by Solar Capital Partners, which includes any fees payable to Solar Capital Partners under the terms of our Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, less expenses incurred by Solar Capital Partners in performing its services under our Investment Advisory and Management

Agreement.

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INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Management Services

Solar Capital Partners serves as our investment adviser. Solar Capital Partners is an investment adviser that is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act. Subject to the overall supervision of our board of directors, our investment adviser manages the day-to-day operations of, and provides investment advisory and management services to, Solar Capital. Under the terms of our Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, Solar Capital Partners:

determines the composition of our portfolio, the nature and timing of the changes to our portfolio and the manner of implementing such changes;

identifies, evaluates and negotiates the structure of the investments we make (including performing due diligence on our prospective portfolio companies);

closes and monitors the investments we make; and

provides us with other investment advisory, research and related services as we may from time to time require.

Solar Capital Partners' services under the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement are not exclusive, and it is free to furnish similar services to other entities so long as its services to us are not impaired. For example, Solar Capital Partners presently serves as investment adviser to Solar Senior Capital Ltd., a publicly-traded BDC which focuses on investing primarily in senior secured loans, including first lien, unitranche and second lien debt instruments.

Management Fee

Pursuant to the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, we have agreed to pay Solar Capital Partners a fee for investment advisory and management services consisting of two components – a base management fee and an incentive fee.

The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 2.00% of our gross assets. For services rendered under the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, the base management fee is payable quarterly in arrears. The base management fee is calculated based on the average value of our gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters. For purposes of computing the base management fee, gross assets exclude temporary assets acquired at the end of each fiscal quarter for purposes of preserving investment flexibility in the next fiscal quarter. Temporary assets include, but are not limited to, U.S. treasury bills, other short-term U.S. government or government agency securities, repurchase agreements or cash borrowings.

The incentive fee has two parts, as follows: one is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based on our pre-incentive fee net investment income for the immediately preceding calendar quarter. For this purpose, pre-incentive fee net investment income means interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any

other fees (other than fees for providing managerial assistance), such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence and consulting fees or other fees that we receive from portfolio companies) accrued during the calendar quarter, minus our operating expenses for the quarter (including the base management fee, expenses payable under the Administration Agreement to Solar Capital Management, and any interest expense and dividend paid on any issued and outstanding preferred stock, but excluding the incentive fee). Pre-incentive fee net investment income includes, in the case of investments with a deferred interest feature (such as original issue discount, debt instruments with pay in kind interest and zero coupon securities), accrued income that we have not yet received in cash. Pre-incentive fee net investment income does not include any realized capital gains, computed net of all realized capital losses or unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation. Pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a rate of return on the value of our net assets at the end of the immediately

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preceding calendar quarter, is compared to a hurdle of 1.75% per quarter (7.00% annualized). Our net investment income used to calculate this part of the incentive fee is also included in the amount of our gross assets used to calculate the 2.00% base management fee. We pay Solar Capital Partners an incentive fee with respect to our pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows:

no incentive fee in any calendar quarter in which our pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle of 1.75%;

100% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds the hurdle but is less than 2.1875% in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized). We refer to this portion of our pre-incentive fee net investment income (which exceeds the hurdle but is less than 2.1875%) as the catch-up. The catch-up is meant to provide our investment adviser with 20% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income as if a hurdle did not apply if this net investment income exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter; and

20% of the amount of our pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized) is payable to Solar Capital Partners (once the hurdle is reached and the catch-up is achieved, 20% of all pre-incentive fee investment income thereafter is allocated to Solar Capital Partners).

The following is a graphical representation of the calculation of the income-related portion of the incentive fee:

Quarterly Incentive Fee Based on Net Investment Income

Pre-incentive fee net investment income

(expressed as a percentage of the value of net assets)

Percentage of pre-incentive fee net investment income

allocated to Solar Capital Partners

These calculations are appropriately pro-rated for any period of less than three months. You should be aware that a rise in the general level of interest rates can be expected to lead to higher interest rates applicable to our debt investments. Accordingly, an increase in interest rates would make it easier for us to meet or exceed the incentive fee hurdle rate and may result in a substantial increase of the amount of incentive fees payable to our investment adviser with respect to pre-incentive fee net investment income.

The second part of the incentive fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, as of the termination date), and equals 20% of our realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate

amount of any previously paid capital gain incentive fees with respect to each of the investments in our portfolio.

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Examples of Quarterly Incentive Fee Calculation

Example 1: Income Related Portion of Incentive Fee (*):

Alternative 1:

Assumptions

Investment income (including interest, dividends, fees, etc.) = 1.25%

Hurdle rate⁽¹⁾ = 1.75%

Management fee⁽²⁾ = 0.50%

Other expenses (legal, accounting, custodian, transfer agent, etc.)⁽³⁾ = 0.20%

Pre-incentive fee net investment income

(investment income - (management fee + other expenses)) = 0.55%

Pre-incentive net investment income does not exceed hurdle rate, therefore there is no incentive fee.

Alternative 2:

Assumptions

Investment income (including interest, dividends, fees, etc.) = 2.70%

Hurdle rate⁽¹⁾ = 1.75%

Management fee⁽²⁾ = 0.50%

Other expenses (legal, accounting, custodian, transfer agent, etc.)⁽³⁾ = 0.20%

Pre-incentive fee net investment income

(investment income - (management fee + other expenses)) = 2.00%

Incentive fee = 100% × pre-incentive fee net investment income, subject to the catch-up⁽⁴⁾

= 100% × (2.00% - 1.75%)

= 0.25%

Alternative 3:

Assumptions

Investment income (including interest, dividends, fees, etc.) = 3.00%

Hurdle rate⁽¹⁾ = 1.75%

Management fee⁽²⁾ = 0.50%

Other expenses (legal, accounting, custodian, transfer agent, etc.)⁽³⁾ = 0.20%

Pre-incentive fee net investment income

(investment income - (management fee + other expenses)) = 2.30%

Incentive fee = 20% × pre-incentive fee net investment income, subject to catch-up⁽⁴⁾

Incentive fee = 100% × catch-up + (20% × (pre-incentive fee net investment income - 2.1875%))

Catch-up = 2.1875% - 1.75%

= 0.4375%

Incentive fee = (100% × 0.4375%) + (20% × (2.3% - 2.1875%))

= 0.4375% + (20% × 0.1125%)

= 0.4375% + 0.0225%

= 0.46%

(*) The hypothetical amount of pre-incentive fee net investment income shown is based on a percentage of total net assets.

(1) Represents 7% annualized hurdle rate.

(2) Represents 2% annualized management fee.

(3) Excludes organizational and offering expenses.

(4) The catch-up provision is intended to provide our investment adviser with an incentive fee of 20% on all of our pre-incentive fee net investment income as if a hurdle rate did not apply when our net investment income exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter.

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Example 2: Capital Gains Portion of Incentive Fee:

Alternative 1:

Assumptions

Year 1: \$20 million investment made in Company A (Investment A), and \$30 million investment made in Company B (Investment B)

Year 2: Investment A sold for \$50 million and fair market value (FMV) of Investment B determined to be \$32 million

Year 3: FMV of Investment B determined to be \$25 million

Year 4: Investment B sold for \$31 million

The capital gains portion of the incentive fee would be:

Year 1: None

Year 2: Capital gains incentive fee of \$6 million (\$30 million realized capital gains on sale of Investment A multiplied by 20%)

Year 3: None

\$5 million (20% multiplied by (\$30 million cumulative capital gains less \$5 million cumulative capital depreciation)) less \$6 million (previous capital gains fee paid in Year 2)

Year 4: Capital gains incentive fee of \$200,000

\$6.2 million (\$31 million cumulative realized capital gains multiplied by 20%) less \$6 million (capital gains fee taken in Year 2)

Alternative 2:

Assumptions

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Year 1: \$20 million investment made in Company A (Investment A), \$30 million investment made in Company B (Investment B) and \$25 million investment made in Company C (Investment C)

Year 2: Investment A sold for \$50 million, FMV of Investment B determined to be \$25 million and FMV of Investment C determined to be \$25 million

Year 3: FMV of Investment B determined to be \$27 million and Investment C sold for \$30 million

Year 4: FMV of Investment B determined to be \$24 million

Year 5: Investment B sold for \$20 million

The capital gains incentive fee, if any, would be:

Year 1: None

Year 2: \$5 million capital gains incentive fee
20% multiplied by \$25 million (\$30 million realized capital gains on Investment A less unrealized capital depreciation on Investment B)

Year 3: \$1.4 million capital gains incentive fee⁽¹⁾
\$6.4 million (20% multiplied by \$32 million (\$35 million cumulative realized capital gains less \$3 million unrealized capital depreciation)) less \$5 million capital gains fee received in Year 2

Year 4: None

Year 5: None

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\$5 million (20% multiplied by \$25 million (cumulative realized capital gains of \$35 million less realized capital losses of \$10 million)) less \$6.4 million cumulative capital gains fee paid in Year 2 and Year 3

- (1) As illustrated in Year 3 of Alternative 2 above, if Solar Capital were to be wound up on a date other than December 31 of any year, Solar Capital may have paid aggregate capital gain incentive fees that are more than the amount of such fees that would be payable if Solar Capital had been wound up on December 31 of such year.

Payment of Our Expenses

All investment professionals of the investment adviser and their respective staffs, when and to the extent engaged in providing investment advisory and management services, and the compensation and routine overhead expenses of such personnel allocable to such services, are provided and paid for by Solar Capital Partners. We bear all other costs and expenses of our operations and transactions, including (without limitation):

the cost of our organization and public offerings;

the cost of calculating our net asset value, including the cost of any third-party valuation services;

the cost of effecting sales and repurchases of our shares and other securities;

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

fees payable to third parties relating to, or associated with, making investments, including fees and expenses associated with performing due diligence reviews of prospective investments and advisory fees;

transfer agent and custodial fees;

fees and expenses associated with marketing efforts;

federal and state registration fees, any stock exchange listing fees;

federal, state and local taxes;

independent directors' fees and expenses;

brokerage commissions;

fidelity bond, directors and officers errors and omissions liability insurance and other insurance premiums;

direct costs and expenses of administration, including printing, mailing, long distance telephone and staff;

fees and expenses associated with independent audits and outside legal costs;

costs associated with our reporting and compliance obligations under the 1940 Act and applicable federal and state securities laws; and

all other expenses incurred by either Solar Capital Management or us in connection with administering our business, including payments under the Administration Agreement based upon our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Solar Capital Management in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent and the allocable portion of the cost of our chief compliance officer and our chief financial officer and their respective staffs.

Duration and Termination

The Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, as amended, was approved by our board of directors on August 2, 2016. Unless earlier terminated as described below, the Investment Advisory and Management

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Agreement will remain in effect from year to year if approved annually by our board of directors or by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities, including, in either case, approval by a majority of our directors who are not parties to such agreement or who are not interested persons of Solar Capital, as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. The Investment Advisory and Management Agreement will automatically terminate in the event of its assignment. The Investment Advisory and Management Agreement may also be terminated by either party without penalty upon 60 days written notice to the other. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure Our investment adviser can resign on 60 days notice, and we may not be able to find a suitable replacement within that time, resulting in a disruption in our operations that could adversely affect our financial condition, business and results of operations.

Indemnification

The Investment Advisory and Management Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, Solar Capital Partners and its officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from Solar Capital for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of Solar Capital Partners services under the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement or otherwise as an investment adviser of Solar Capital.

Organization of the Investment Adviser

Solar Capital Partners is a Delaware limited liability company. The principal executive offices of Solar Capital Partners are located at 500 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

Board Approval of the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement

A discussion regarding the basis for our board of director s approval of our Investment Advisory and Management Agreement will be included in our first proxy statement or annual report on Form 10-K filed subsequent to any such board approval. The discussion of the most recent board approval of our Investment Advisory and Management Agreement is included in our proxy statement filed with the SEC in connection with our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders.

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ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

Solar Capital Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, serves as our administrator. The principal executive offices of Solar Capital Management are located at 500 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022. Pursuant to an Administration Agreement, Solar Capital Management furnishes us with office facilities, equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at such facilities. Under the Administration Agreement, Solar Capital Management also performs, or oversees the performance of, our required administrative services, which include, among other things, being responsible for the financial records which we are required to maintain and preparing reports to our stockholders. In addition, Solar Capital Management assists us in determining and publishing our net asset value, oversees the preparation and filing of our tax returns and the printing and dissemination of reports to our stockholders, and generally oversees the payment of our expenses and the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to us by others. Payments under the Administration Agreement are equal to an amount based upon our allocable portion of Solar Capital Management's overhead in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent, the fees and expenses associated with performing compliance functions and our allocable portion of the compensation of our chief financial officer and any administrative support staff. Under the Administration Agreement, Solar Capital Management will also provide on our behalf managerial assistance to those portfolio companies that request such assistance. Given that Solar Capital Management and Solar Capital Partners are under common control, Solar Capital Management uses the resources and personnel of Solar Capital Partners in connection with its provision of managerial assistance to our portfolio companies on our behalf. The Administration Agreement may be terminated by either party without penalty on 60 days' written notice to the other party.

The Administration Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, Solar Capital Management and its officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from Solar Capital for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of Solar Capital Management's services under the Administration Agreement or otherwise as administrator for Solar Capital.

LICENSE AGREEMENT

We have entered into a license agreement with Solar Capital Partners pursuant to which Solar Capital Partners has agreed to grant us a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name Solar Capital. Under this agreement, we have a right to use the Solar Capital name for so long as the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement with our investment adviser is in effect. Other than with respect to this limited license, we will have no legal right to the Solar Capital name.

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CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND TRANSACTIONS

We have entered into the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement with Solar Capital Partners. Mr. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer and board member, are the managing members and senior investment professionals of, and have financial and controlling interests in, Solar Capital Partners. In addition, Mr. Peteka, our Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary, serves as the Chief Financial Officer, for Solar Capital Partners.

Solar Capital Partners and its affiliates may also manage other funds in the future that may have investment mandates that are similar, in whole and in part, with ours. For example, Solar Capital Partners presently serves as investment adviser to Solar Senior, a publicly-traded BDC which focuses on investing primarily in senior secured loans, including first lien and second lien debt instruments. In addition, Michael S. Gross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Bruce Spohler, our Chief Operating Officer, and Richard L. Peteka, our Chief Financial Officer, serve in similar capacities for Solar Senior.

Solar Capital Partners and certain investment advisory affiliates may determine that an investment is appropriate for us and for one or more of those other funds. In such event, depending on the availability of such investment and other appropriate factors, Solar Capital Partners or its affiliates may determine that we should invest side-by-side with one or more other funds. Any such investments will be made only to the extent permitted by applicable law and interpretive positions of the SEC and its staff, and consistent with Solar Capital Partners' allocation procedures. Related party transactions may occur between the Company and Crystal Financial LLC, between the Company and SSLP, between the Company and SSLP 2016-1, between the Company and SSLP II and between the Company and SSLP II 2016-1, LLC. These transactions may occur in the normal course of business. No administrative fees are paid to Solar Capital Partners by Crystal Financial LLC, SSLP or SSLP II. In addition, we have adopted a formal code of ethics that governs the conduct of our officers and directors. Our officers and directors also remain subject to the duties imposed by both the 1940 Act and the Maryland General Corporation Law.

Regulatory restrictions limit our ability to invest in any portfolio company in which any affiliate currently has an investment. We, Solar Senior Capital Ltd., and Solar Capital Partners, have received an exemptive order from the SEC to permit greater flexibility to negotiate the terms of co-investments (the Exemptive Order). On January 13, 2017, the Company, Solar Senior Capital Ltd., and Solar Capital Partners filed an exemptive application for a co-investment order that would supersede the Exemptive Order and extend the relief granted in the Exemptive Order such that it no longer applies to certain affiliates only if their respective investment adviser is Solar Capital Partners, but also applies to certain affiliates whose investment adviser is an investment adviser that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with Solar Capital Partners and is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Exemptive Order will remain in effect unless and until the revised application is approved by the SEC. The terms and conditions of the revised application are substantially similar to the Exemptive Order. We believe that it will be advantageous for us to co-invest with funds managed by Solar Capital Partners where such investment is consistent with the investment objectives, investment positions, investment policies, investment strategy, investment restrictions, regulatory requirements and other pertinent factors applicable to us.

We have entered into a license agreement with Solar Capital Partners, pursuant to which Solar Capital Partners has agreed to grant us a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name Solar Capital. In addition, pursuant to the terms of the Administration Agreement, Solar Capital Management provides us with the office facilities and administrative services necessary to conduct our day-to-day operations. Solar Capital Partners is the sole member of and controls Solar Capital Management.

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The following table sets forth certain ownership information as of April 26, 2017 with respect to Solar Capital Ltd.'s common stock for those persons who, directly or indirectly, own, control or hold with the power to vote, 5% or more of Solar Capital Ltd.'s common stock, and all officers and directors as a group.

Name	Type of Ownership	Shares Owned⁽¹⁾	Percentage⁽²⁾
Wellington Management Company LLP ⁽³⁾	Indirect	5,907,082	14.0%
Thornburg Investment Management Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	Indirect	4,613,589	10.9%
Michael S. Gross ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	Direct and Indirect	2,425,878	5.7%
Bruce Spohler ⁽⁵⁾	Direct and Indirect	2,214,484	5.2%
All executive officers and directors as a group (7 persons) ⁽⁷⁾	Direct and Indirect	2,503,498	5.9%

- (1) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Assumes no other purchases or sales of our common stock since the most recently available SEC filings. This assumption has been made under the rules and regulations of the SEC and does not reflect any knowledge that we have with respect to the present intent of the beneficial owners of our common stock listed in this table.
- (2) Percentages are based on 42,260,826 shares of common stock outstanding as of April 26, 2017.
- (3) Based upon information contained in the Schedule 13G/A filed February 9, 2017 by Wellington Management Company, LLP. Such securities are held by certain investment vehicles controlled and/or managed by Wellington Management Company, LLP or its affiliates. The address for Wellington Management Company, LLP is 280 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210.
- (4) Based upon information contained in the Schedule 13G/A filed February 8, 2017 by Thornburg Investment Management Inc. Such securities are held by certain investment vehicles controlled and/or managed by Thornburg Investment Management Inc. or its affiliates. The address for Thornburg Investment Management Inc. is 2300 North Ridgetop Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506.
- (5) Includes 1,285,013 shares held by Solar Capital Investors, LLC and 715,000 shares held by Solar Capital Investors II, LLC, both of which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Michael S. Gross and Bruce Spohler by virtue of their ownership interest therein. Also includes 200,471 shares held by Solar Capital Partners Employee Stock Plan LLC, which is controlled by Solar Capital Partners, LLC. Mr. Gross and Mr. Spohler may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by Solar Capital Partners Employee Stock Plan LLC by virtue of their collective ownership interest in Solar Capital Partners, LLC.
- (6) Includes 39,500 shares directly held individually by Michael S. Gross tax-qualified retirement/profit sharing plan (the Profit Sharing Plan). Mr. Gross may be deemed to directly beneficially own these shares as the sole participant in the Profit Sharing Plan. Also includes 20,000 shares directly held by a grantor retained annuity trust setup by and for Michael S. Gross.
- (7) The address for all officers and directors is 500 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022.
- The following table sets forth the dollar range of our equity securities beneficially owned by each of our directors as of April 26, 2017.

Name of Director	Dollar Range of Equity
Interested Directors	Securities in Solar Capital⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Michael S. Gross	Over \$100,000
Bruce Spohler	Over \$100,000
Independent Directors	
Steven Hochberg	Over \$100,000
David S. Wachter	Over \$100,000
Leonard A. Potter	Over \$100,000

(1) The dollar ranges are: None, \$1-\$10,000, \$10,001-\$50,000, \$50,001-\$100,000, or Over \$100,000.

(2) The dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned in us is based on the closing price for our common stock of \$22.82 on April 26, 2017 on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. Beneficial ownership has been determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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REGULATION AS A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

General

A BDC is regulated by the 1940 Act. A BDC must be organized in the United States for the purpose of investing in or lending to primarily private companies and making significant managerial assistance available to them. A BDC may use capital provided by public stockholders and from other sources to make long-term, private investments in businesses. A BDC provides stockholders the ability to retain the liquidity of a publicly-traded stock while sharing in the possible benefits, if any, of investing in primarily privately owned companies.

We may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or withdraw our election as, a BDC unless authorized by vote of a majority of our outstanding voting securities, as required by the 1940 Act. A majority of the outstanding voting securities of a company is defined under the 1940 Act as the lesser of: (a) 67% or more of such company's voting securities present at a meeting if more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of such company are present or represented by proxy, or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of such company. We do not anticipate any substantial change in the nature of our business.

As with other companies regulated by the 1940 Act, a BDC must adhere to certain substantive regulatory requirements. A majority of our directors must be persons who are not interested persons, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act. Additionally, we are required to provide and maintain a bond issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company to protect the BDC. Furthermore, as a BDC, we are prohibited from protecting any director or officer against any liability to us or our stockholders arising from willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of such person's office.

As a BDC, we are required to meet an asset coverage ratio, reflecting the value of our total assets to our total senior securities, which include all of our borrowings and any preferred stock we may issue in the future, of at least 200%. We may also be prohibited under the 1940 Act from knowingly participating in certain transactions with our affiliates without the prior approval of our directors who are not interested persons and, in some cases, prior approval by the SEC.

As a BDC, we were substantially limited in our ability to co-invest in privately negotiated transactions with affiliated funds until we obtained an exemptive order from the SEC on July 28, 2014 (the Exemptive Order). The Exemptive Order permits us to participate in negotiated co-investment transactions with certain affiliates, each of whose investment adviser is Solar Capital Partners, or an investment adviser controlling, controlled by or under common control with Solar Capital Partners, in a manner consistent with our investment objective, positions, policies, strategies and restrictions as well as regulatory requirements and other pertinent factors, and pursuant to the conditions to the Exemptive Order. If we are unable to rely on the Exemptive Order for a particular opportunity, such opportunity will be allocated first to the entity whose investment strategy is the most consistent with the opportunity being allocated, and second, if the terms of the opportunity are consistent with more than one entity's investment strategy, on an alternating basis. On January 13, 2017, the Company, Solar Senior Capital Ltd., and Solar Capital Partners filed an exemptive application for a co-investment order that would supersede the Exemptive Order and extend the relief granted in the Exemptive Order such that it no longer applies to certain affiliates only if their respective investment adviser is Solar Capital Partners, but also applies to certain affiliates whose investment adviser is an investment adviser that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with Solar Capital Partners and is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Exemptive Order will remain in effect unless and until the revised application is approved by the SEC. The terms and conditions of the revised application are substantially similar to the Exemptive Order.

We are generally not able to issue and sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share without shareholder approval. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure Regulations governing our operation as a BDC affect our ability to raise, and the way in which we raise, additional capital. As a BDC, the necessity of raising additional capital may expose us to risks, including the typical risks associated

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with leverage. We may, however, sell our common stock, or warrants, options or rights to acquire our common stock, at a price below the then-current net asset value of our common stock if our board of directors determines that such sale is in our best interests and the best interests of our stockholders, and our stockholders approve such sale. At our Annual Meeting of Stockholders on June 7, 2016, our stockholders approved a proposal authorizing us to sell up to 25% of our common stock at a price below our then-current asset value per share, subject to the approval by our board of directors for the offering. This authorization expires on the earlier of June 7, 2017 and the date of our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which is expected to be held in May 2017. In addition, we may generally issue new shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value in rights offerings to existing stockholders, in payment of dividends and in certain other limited circumstances.

As a BDC, we are generally limited in our ability to invest in any portfolio company in which our investment adviser or any of its affiliates currently have an investment or to make any co-investments with our investment adviser or its affiliates without an exemptive order from the SEC, subject to certain exceptions.

We will be periodically examined by the SEC for compliance with the federal securities laws, including the 1940 Act.

Qualifying Assets

Under the 1940 Act, a BDC may not acquire any asset other than assets of the type listed in Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act, which are referred to as qualifying assets, unless, at the time the acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the BDC's total assets. The principal categories of qualifying assets relevant to our business are the following:

(1) Securities purchased in transactions not involving any public offering from the issuer of such securities, which issuer (subject to certain limited exceptions) is an eligible portfolio company, or from any person who is, or has been during the preceding 13 months, an affiliated person of an eligible portfolio company, or from any other person, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the SEC. An eligible portfolio company is defined in the 1940 Act as any issuer which:

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

(b) is not an investment company (other than a small business investment company wholly owned by the BDC); and

(c) satisfies any of the following:

i. does not have any class of securities that is traded on a national securities exchange;

ii. has a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange, but has an aggregate market value of outstanding voting and non-voting common equity of less than \$250 million;

iii. is controlled by a BDC or a group of companies including a BDC and the BDC has an affiliated person who is a director of the eligible portfolio company; or

iv. is a small and solvent company having total assets of not more than \$4.0 million and capital and surplus of not less than \$2.0 million.

(2) Securities of any eligible portfolio company which we control, which, as defined by the 1940 Act, is presumed to exist where a BDC beneficially owns more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the portfolio company.

(3) Securities purchased in a private transaction from a U.S. issuer that is not an investment company or from an affiliated person of the issuer, or in transactions incident thereto, if the issuer is in bankruptcy and subject to reorganization or if the issuer, immediately prior to the purchase of its securities, was unable to meet its obligations as they came due without material assistance other than conventional lending or financing arrangements.

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(4) Securities of an eligible portfolio company purchased from any person in a private transaction if there is no ready market for such securities and we already own 60% of the outstanding equity of the eligible portfolio company.

(5) Securities received in exchange for or distributed on or with respect to securities described in (1) through (4) above, or pursuant to the exercise of warrants or rights relating to such securities.

(6) Cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment.

(7) Office furniture and equipment, interests in real estate and leasehold improvements and facilities maintained to conduct the business operations of the BDC, deferred organization and operating expenses, and other noninvestment assets necessary and appropriate to its operations as a BDC, including notes of indebtedness of directors, officers, employees, and general partners held by a BDC as payment for securities of such company issued in connection with an executive compensation plan described in Section 57(j) of the 1940 Act.

Under Section 55(b) of the 1940 Act, the value of a BDC's assets shall be determined as of the date of the most recent financial statements filed by such company with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 of the 1934 Act, and shall be determined no less frequently than annually.

Significant Managerial Assistance to Portfolio Companies

As a BDC, we offer, and must provide upon request, significant 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 also receive fees for these services. Solar Capital Management provides such managerial assistance, if any, on our behalf to portfolio companies that request this assistance.

Temporary Investments

Pending investment in other types of qualifying assets, as described above, our investments may consist of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities or high-quality investment grade debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment, which we refer to, collectively, as temporary investments, so that 70% of our assets are qualifying assets. Typically, we will invest in U.S. Treasury bills or in repurchase agreements, provided that such repurchase agreements are fully collateralized by cash or securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies. A repurchase agreement involves the purchase by an investor, such as us, of a specified security and the simultaneous agreement by the seller to repurchase it at an agreed-upon future date and at a price which is greater than the purchase price by an amount that reflects an agreed-upon interest rate. There is no percentage restriction on the proportion of our assets that may be invested in such repurchase agreements. However, if more than 25% of our total assets constitute repurchase agreements from a single counterparty, we would not meet the diversification tests in order to qualify as a RIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Thus, we do not intend to enter into repurchase agreements with a single counterparty in excess of this limit. Our investment adviser will monitor the creditworthiness of the counterparties with which we enter into repurchase agreement transactions.

Senior Securities

We are permitted, under specified conditions, to issue multiple classes of indebtedness and one class of stock senior to our common stock if our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least equal to 200% immediately after each such issuance. In addition, while any senior securities remain outstanding, we must make provisions to prohibit any

distribution to our stockholders or the repurchase of such securities or shares unless we meet the applicable asset coverage ratios at the time of the distribution or repurchase. We may also borrow amounts up to 5% of the value of our total assets for temporary or emergency purposes without regard to asset

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coverage. We may borrow money, which would magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing in us.

Code of Ethics

We and Solar Capital Partners have each adopted a code of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act and Rule 204A-1 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the Advisers Act), respectively, that establishes procedures for personal investments and restricts certain transactions by our personnel. Our codes of ethics generally do not permit investments by our employees in securities that may be purchased or held by us. You may read and copy these codes of ethics at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1 (800) SEC-0330. In addition, each code of ethics is available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also obtain copies of the codes of ethics, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following Email address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing the SEC's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549.

Compliance Policies and Procedures

We and our investment adviser have adopted and implemented written policies and procedures reasonably designed to detect and prevent violation of the federal securities laws. We are required to review these compliance policies and procedures annually for their adequacy and the effectiveness of their implementation and to designate a chief compliance officer to be responsible for their administration. Guy Talarico currently serves as our chief compliance officer.

Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 imposes a wide variety of new regulatory requirements on publicly-held companies and their insiders. Many of these requirements affect us. For example:

pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Exchange Act, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer must certify the accuracy of the financial statements contained in our periodic reports;

pursuant to Item 307 of Regulation S-K, our periodic reports must disclose our conclusions about the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures;

pursuant to Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act, our management is required to prepare an annual report regarding its assessment of our internal control over financial reporting and to obtain an audit of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting performed by our independent registered public accounting firm; and

pursuant to Item 308 of Regulation S-K and Rule 13a-15 of the 1934 Act, our periodic reports must disclose whether there were significant changes in our internal controls over financial reporting or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires us to review our current policies and procedures to determine whether we comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. We will continue to monitor our compliance with all regulations that are adopted under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and will take actions necessary to ensure that we are in compliance therewith.

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

We have delegated our proxy voting responsibility to our investment adviser. A summary of the Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures of our adviser are set forth below. The guidelines are reviewed periodically by the adviser and our non-interested directors, and, accordingly, are subject to change.

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As an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, Solar Capital Partners has a fiduciary duty to act solely in the best interests of its clients. As part of this duty, it recognizes that it must vote securities held by its clients in a timely manner free of conflicts of interest. These policies and procedures for voting proxies for investment advisory clients are intended to comply with Section 206 of, and Rule 206(4)-6 under, the Advisers Act.

Our investment adviser votes proxies relating to our portfolio securities in the best interest of our stockholders. Solar Capital Partners reviews on a case-by-case basis each proposal submitted for a proxy vote to determine its impact on our investments. Although it generally votes against proposals that may have a negative impact on our investments, it may vote for such a proposal if there exists compelling long-term reasons to do so. The proxy voting decisions of our investment adviser are made by the senior investment professionals who are responsible for monitoring each of our investments. To ensure that our vote is not the product of a conflict of interest, it requires that: (i) anyone involved in the decision making process disclose to a managing member of Solar Capital Partners any potential conflict that he or she is aware of and any contact that he or she has had with any interested party regarding a proxy vote; and (ii) employees involved in the decision making process or vote administration are prohibited from revealing how we intend to vote on a proposal in order to reduce any attempted influence from interested parties.

You may obtain information about how we voted proxies by making a written request for proxy voting information to: Solar Capital Partners, LLC, 500 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

Privacy Principles

We are committed to maintaining the privacy of our stockholders and to safeguarding their non-public personal information. The following information is provided to help you understand what personal information we collect, how we protect that information and why, in certain cases, we may share information with select other parties.

Generally, we do not receive any non-public personal information relating to our stockholders, although certain non-public personal information of our stockholders may become available to us. We do not disclose any non-public personal information about our stockholders or former stockholders to anyone, except as permitted by law or as is necessary in order to service stockholder accounts (for example, to a transfer agent or third party administrator).

We restrict access to non-public personal information about our stockholders to employees of our investment adviser and its affiliates with a legitimate business need for the information. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards designed to protect the non-public personal information of our stockholders.

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DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

Quarterly Determinations

We determine the net asset value of our investment portfolio each quarter by subtracting our total liabilities from the fair value of our total assets.

We conduct the valuation of our assets, pursuant to which our net asset value shall be determined, at all times consistent with GAAP and the 1940 Act. Our valuation procedures are set forth in more detail below:

Securities for which market quotations are readily available on an exchange shall be valued at such price as of the closing price on the day of valuation. We may also obtain quotes with respect to certain of our investments from pricing services or brokers or dealers in order to value assets. When doing so, we determine whether the quote obtained is sufficient according to GAAP to determine the fair value of the security. If determined adequate, we use the quote obtained.

Securities for which reliable market quotations are not readily available or for which the pricing source does not provide a valuation or methodology or provides a valuation or methodology that, in the judgment of Solar Capital Partners or our board of directors, does not represent fair value, shall each be valued as follows: (i) each portfolio company or investment is initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment; (ii) preliminary valuation conclusions are documented and discussed with our senior management; (iii) independent third-party valuation firms engaged by, or on behalf of, the board of directors will conduct independent appraisals and review management's preliminary valuations and make their own assessment for all material assets; and (iv) the board of directors will discuss valuations and determine the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of the investment adviser and, where appropriate, the respective third-party valuation firms.

The recommendation of fair value will generally be based on the following factors, as relevant:

the nature and realizable value of any collateral;

the portfolio company's ability to make payments;

the portfolio company's earnings and discounted cash flow;

the markets in which the issuer does business; and

comparisons to publicly traded securities.

Securities for which market quotations are not readily available or for which a pricing source is not sufficient may include, but are not limited to, the following:

private placements and restricted securities that do not have an active trading market;

securities whose trading has been suspended or for which market quotes are no longer available;

debt securities that have recently gone into default and for which there is no current market;

securities whose prices are stale;

securities affected by significant events; and

securities that the investment adviser believes were priced incorrectly.

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

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Determinations in Connection with Offerings

In connection with future offering of shares of our common stock, to the extent we do not have stockholder approval to sell below NAV, our board of directors or an authorized committee thereof will be required to make a good faith determination that we are not selling shares of our common stock at a price below the then current net asset value of our common stock at the time at which the sale is made. Our board of directors or an authorized committee thereof will consider the following factors, among others, in making such determination:

the net asset value of our common stock disclosed in the most recent periodic report that we filed with the SEC;

our management's assessment of whether any material change in the net asset value of our common stock has occurred (including through the realization of gains on the sale of our portfolio securities) during the period beginning on the date of the most recently disclosed net asset value of our common stock and ending as of a time within 48 hours (excluding Sundays and holidays) of the sale of our common stock; and

the magnitude of the difference between (i) a value that our board of directors or an authorized committee thereof has determined reflects the current (as of a time within 48 hours excluding Sundays and holidays) net asset value of our common stock, which is based upon the net asset value of our common stock disclosed in the most recent periodic report we filed with the SEC, as adjusted to reflect our management's assessment of any material change in the net asset value of our common stock since the date of the most recently disclosed net asset value of our common stock, and (ii) the offering price of the shares of our common stock in the proposed offering.

Moreover, to the extent that there is even a remote possibility that we may (i) issue shares of our common stock at a price below the then current net asset value of our common stock at the time at which the sale is made or (ii) trigger the undertaking (which we provide in certain registration statements we file with the SEC) to suspend the offering of shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus if the net asset value of our common stock fluctuates by certain amounts in certain circumstances until the prospectus is amended, our board of directors or an authorized committee thereof will elect, in the case of clause (i) above, either to postpone the offering until such time that there is no longer the possibility of the occurrence of such event or to undertake to determine the net asset value of our common stock within two days prior to any such sale to ensure that such sale will not be below our then current net asset value, and, in the case of clause (ii) above, to comply with such undertaking or to undertake to determine the net asset value of our common stock to ensure that such undertaking has not been triggered.

These processes and procedures are part of our compliance policies and procedures. Records will be made contemporaneously with all determinations described in this section and these records will be maintained with other records that we are required to maintain under the 1940 Act.

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DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

We have adopted a dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of our dividends and other distributions on behalf of our stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash as provided below. As a result, if our board of directors authorizes, and we declare, a cash distribution, then our stockholders who have not opted out of our dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash distributions automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, rather than receiving the cash distributions.

No action will be required on the part of a registered stockholder to have his cash distribution reinvested in shares of our common stock. A registered stockholder may elect to receive an entire distribution in cash by notifying American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, the plan administrator and our transfer agent and registrar, in writing so that such notice is received by the plan administrator no later than the record date for distributions to stockholders. The plan administrator will set up an account for shares acquired through the plan for each stockholder who has not elected to receive distributions in cash and hold such shares in non-certificated form. Upon request by a stockholder participating in the plan, received in writing not less than 10 days prior to the record date, the plan administrator will, instead of crediting shares to the participant's account, issue a certificate registered in the participant's name for the number of whole shares of our common stock and a check for any fractional share.

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.

We may use newly issued shares to implement the plan, whether our shares are trading at a premium or at a discount to our net asset value per share. However, we reserve the right to purchase shares in the open market in connection with our implementation of the plan. If we declare a distribution to stockholders, the plan administrator may be instructed not to credit accounts with newly-issued shares and instead to buy shares in the market if (i) the price at which newly-issued shares are to be credited does not exceed 110% of the last determined net asset value of the shares; or (ii) we have advised the plan administrator that since such net asset value was last determined, we have become aware of events that indicate the possibility of a material change in per share net asset value as a result of which the net asset value of the shares on the payment date might be higher than the price at which the plan administrator would credit newly-issued shares to stockholders. The number of shares to be issued to a stockholder is determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the distribution payable to such stockholder by the market price per share of our common stock at the close of regular trading on the valuation date for such distribution. Market price per share on that date will be the closing price for such shares on the national securities exchange on which our shares are then listed or, if no sale is reported for such day, at the average of their reported bid and asked prices. The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after giving effect to payment of the distribution cannot be established until the value per share at which additional shares will be issued has been determined and elections of our stockholders have been tabulated.

There will be no brokerage charges or other charges to stockholders who participate in the plan. The plan administrator's fees under the plan will be paid by us. If a participant elects by written notice to the plan administrator to have the plan administrator sell part or all of the shares held by the plan administrator in the participant's account and remit the proceeds to the participant, the plan administrator is authorized to deduct a transaction fee of \$15 plus a per share brokerage commissions from the proceeds.

Stockholders who receive distributions in the form of stock are subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as are stockholders who elect to receive their distributions in cash. A stockholder's basis for determining gain or loss upon the sale of stock received in a distribution from us will be equal to the amount of cash they would have received if they had elected to receive the distribution in cash, or the fair market value of the distributed shares if

such shares have a fair market value equal to or greater than net asset value. Any stock received in a distribution will have a new holding period for tax purposes commencing on the day following the day on which the shares are credited to the U.S. stockholder's account.

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The plan may be terminated by us upon notice in writing mailed to each participant at least 30 days prior to any record date for the payment of any distribution by us. All correspondence concerning the plan should be directed to the plan administrator by mail at 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219 or by phone at (800) 937-5449.

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CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion is a general summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to us and to an investment in our common stock. This summary does not purport to be a complete description of the income tax considerations applicable to such an investment. 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 holders subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws, including stockholders subject to the alternative minimum tax, tax-exempt organizations, insurance companies, dealers in securities, pension plans and trusts, and financial institutions. This summary assumes that investors hold our common stock as capital assets (within the meaning of the Code). The discussion is based upon the Code, Treasury regulations, and administrative and judicial interpretations, each as in effect as of the date of this registration statement 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 regarding this offering. 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 in which we do not currently intend to invest.

This summary does not discuss the consequences of an investment in shares of our preferred stock, debt securities or warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities. The U.S. federal income tax consequences of such an investment will be discussed in a relevant prospectus supplement.

A U.S. stockholder generally is a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock who is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

a citizen or individual resident of the United States including an alien individual who is a lawful permanent resident of the United States or meets the substantial presence test under Section 7701(b) of the Code;

a corporation or other entity taxable as a corporation, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia;

a trust, if a court in the United States has primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all decisions of the trust, or the trust has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person; or

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

A non-U.S. stockholder is a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock that is an individual, corporation, trust or estate and is not a U.S. stockholder.

If a partnership (including an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds shares of our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. A prospective stockholder who is a partner of a partnership holding shares of our common stock should consult its tax advisors with respect to the purchase, ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock.

Tax matters are very complicated and the tax consequences to an investor of an investment in our shares will depend on the facts of its 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 the tax laws.

As a BDC, we have elected to be treated, and intend to qualify annually, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, beginning with our 2010 taxable year. As a RIC, we generally will not have to pay corporate-level

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federal income taxes on any ordinary income or capital gains that we distribute to our stockholders as dividends. To continue to qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements (as described below). In addition, to qualify for RIC tax treatment we must distribute to our stockholders, for each taxable year, at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, which is generally our ordinary income plus the excess of our realized net short-term capital gains over our realized net long-term capital losses (the Annual Distribution Requirement).

Taxation as a Regulated Investment Company

If we:

qualify as a RIC; and

satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement;

then we will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the portion of our investment company taxable income and net capital gain (i.e., realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses) we distribute to stockholders. We will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the regular corporate rates on any income or capital gain not distributed (or deemed distributed) to our stockholders.

We will be subject to a 4% nondeductible U.S. 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 one-year period ending October 31 in that calendar year and (3) any income realized, but not distributed, and on which we paid no U.S. federal income tax, in preceding years (the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement). We currently intend to make sufficient distributions each taxable year to satisfy the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement.

In order to maintain our qualification as a RIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we must, among other things:

at all times during each taxable year, have in effect an election to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act;

derive in each taxable year at least 90% of our gross income from (a) distributions, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, gains from the sale of stock or other securities or currencies, or other income derived with respect to our business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies and (b) net income derived from an interest in a qualified publicly traded partnership; and

diversify our holdings so that at the end of each quarter of the taxable year:

at least 50% of the value of our assets consists of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities, securities of other RICs, and other securities if such other securities of any one issuer do not represent more than 5% of the value of our assets or more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of the

issuer; and

no more than 25% of the value of our assets is invested in (i) the securities, other than U.S. government securities or securities of other RICs, of one issuer, (ii) the securities of two or more issuers that are controlled, as determined under applicable tax rules, by us and that are engaged in the same or similar or related trades or businesses or (iii) the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships.

We may be required to recognize taxable income in circumstances in which we do not receive cash. For example, if we hold debt obligations that are treated under applicable tax rules as having original issue discount (such as debt instruments with PIK interest or, in certain cases, increasing interest rates or debt instruments issued with warrants), we must include in income each year a portion of the original issue discount that accrues over the life of the obligation, regardless of whether cash representing such income is received by us in the same

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taxable year. Because any original issue discount accrued will be included in our investment company taxable income for the year of accrual, we may be required to make a distribution to our stockholders in order to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement, even though we will not have received any corresponding cash amount.

Because we may use debt financing, we will be subject to certain asset coverage ratio requirements under the 1940 Act and financial covenants under loan and credit agreements that could, under certain circumstances, restrict us from making distributions necessary to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement. If we are unable to obtain cash from other sources or are otherwise limited in our ability to make distributions, we could fail to qualify for RIC tax treatment and thus become subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax.

Certain of our investment practices may be subject to special and complex U.S. federal income tax provisions that may, among other things: (i) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions; (ii) convert lower taxed long-term capital gain into higher taxed short-term capital gain or ordinary income; (iii) convert an ordinary loss or a deduction into a capital loss (the deductibility of which is more limited); (iv) cause us to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash; (v) adversely affect the time as to when a purchase or sale of securities is deemed to occur; (vi) adversely alter the characterization of certain complex financial transactions; and (vii) produce income that will not be qualifying income for purposes of the 90% gross income test described above. We will monitor our transactions and may make certain tax elections in order to mitigate the potential adverse effect of these provisions.

Gain or loss realized by us from the sale or exchange of warrants acquired by us as well as any loss attributable to the lapse of such warrants generally will be treated as capital gain or loss. The treatment of such gain or loss as long-term or short-term will depend on how long we held a particular warrant. Upon the exercise of a warrant acquired by us, our tax basis in the stock purchased under the warrant will equal the sum of the amount paid for the warrant plus the strike price paid on the exercise of the warrant. Except as set forth below in **Failure to Qualify as a Regulated Investment Company**, the remainder of this discussion assumes we will qualify for tax treatment as a RIC for each taxable year.

Taxation of U.S. Stockholders

Distributions by us generally will be taxable to U.S. stockholders as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions of our investment company taxable income will be taxable as ordinary income to U.S. stockholders to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional common stock. Distributions of our net capital gains (that is, the excess of our realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses) properly reported by us as **capital gain dividends** will be taxable to a U.S. stockholder as long-term capital gains, regardless of the U.S. stockholder's holding period for its common stock and regardless of whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional common stock. Distributions of investment company taxable income that are reported by us as being derived from **qualified dividend income** will be taxed in the hands of non-corporate stockholders at the rates applicable to long-term capital gain, provided that holding period and other requirements are met by both the stockholders and us. Dividends distributed by us will generally not be attributable to qualified dividend income. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits first will reduce a U.S. stockholder's adjusted tax basis in such U.S. stockholder's common stock and, after the adjusted basis is reduced to zero, will constitute capital gains to such U.S. stockholder. For a summary of the tax rates applicable to capital gains, including capital gain dividends, see the discussion below.

Under the dividend reinvestment plan, if a U.S. stockholder owns shares of common stock registered in its own name, the U.S. stockholder will have all cash distributions automatically reinvested in additional shares of common stock unless the U.S. stockholder opts out of our dividend reinvestment plan by delivering a written notice to our dividend

paying agent prior to the record date of the next dividend or distribution. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Any distributions reinvested under the plan will nevertheless remain taxable to the U.S. stockholder. The U.S. stockholder will have an adjusted basis in the additional common shares purchased

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through the plan equal to the amount of cash they would have received if they had elected to receive the distribution in cash, or the fair market value of the distributed shares if such shares have a fair market value equal to or greater than net asset value. The additional shares will have a new holding period commencing on the day following the day on which the shares are credited to the U.S. stockholder's account.

Although we currently intend to distribute realized net capital gains (i.e., net realized long-term capital gains in excess of net realized short-term capital losses), if any, at least annually, we may in the future decide to retain some or all of our net capital gains, but to designate the retained amount as a deemed distribution. In that case, among other consequences, we will pay corporate-level U.S. federal income tax on the retained amount, each U.S. stockholder will be required to include its share of the deemed distribution in income as if it had been actually distributed to the U.S. stockholder, and the U.S. stockholder will be entitled to claim a credit or refund equal to its allocable share of the corporate-level U.S. federal income tax we pay on the retained capital gain. The amount of the deemed distribution net of such tax will be added to the U.S. stockholder's cost basis for its common stock. Since we expect to pay tax on any retained capital gains at our regular corporate capital gain tax rate, and since that rate is in excess of the maximum rate currently payable by non-corporate U.S. stockholders on long-term capital gains, the amount of tax that non-corporate U.S. stockholders will be treated as having paid will exceed the tax they owe on the capital gain distribution. Such excess generally may be claimed as a credit or refund against the U.S. stockholder's other U.S. federal income tax obligations. A U.S. stockholder that is not subject to U.S. federal income tax or otherwise required to file a U.S. federal income tax return would be required to file a U.S. federal income tax return on the appropriate form in order to claim a refund for the taxes we paid. In order to utilize the deemed distribution approach, we must provide written notice to our stockholders.

As a RIC, we will be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT), but any items that are treated differently for AMT purposes must be apportioned between us and our stockholders and this may affect the stockholders' AMT liabilities. Although regulations explaining the precise method of apportionment have not yet been issued by the Internal Revenue Service, we intend in general to apportion these items in the same proportion that distributions paid to each stockholder bear to our taxable income (determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction), unless we determine that a different method for a particular item is warranted under the circumstances.

For purposes of determining (i) whether the Annual Distribution Requirement is satisfied for any year and (ii) the amount of distributions paid for that year, we may, under certain circumstances, elect to treat a distribution that is paid during the following taxable year as if it had been paid during the taxable year in question. If we make such an election, the U.S. stockholder generally will still be treated as receiving the distribution in the taxable year in which the distribution is made. However, any distribution declared by us in October, November, or December of any calendar year, payable to stockholders of record on a specified date in such a month and actually paid during January of the following year, will be treated as if it had been received by our U.S. stockholders on December 31 of the year in which the distribution was declared.

You should consider the tax implications of buying common stock just prior to a distribution. Even if the price of the common stock includes the amount of the forthcoming distribution, and the distribution economically represents a return of your investment, you will be taxed upon receipt of the distribution and will not be entitled to offset the distribution against the tax basis in your common stock.

You may recognize taxable gain or loss if you sell or exchange your common stock. The amount of the gain or loss will be measured by the difference between your adjusted tax basis in your common stock and the amount of the proceeds you receive in exchange for such stock. Any gain or loss arising from the sale or exchange of our common stock (or, in the case of distributions in excess of the sum of our current and accumulated earnings and profits and your tax basis in the stock, treated as arising from the sale or exchange of our common stock) generally will be a

capital gain or loss if the common stock is held as a capital asset. This capital gain or loss normally will be treated as a long-term capital gain or loss if you have held your common stock for more than one year. Otherwise, it will be classified as short-term capital gain or loss. However, any capital loss arising from

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the sale or exchange of common stock held for six months or less generally will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of the amount of capital gain dividends received, or treated as deemed distributed, with respect to such stock. For this purpose, certain special rules, including rules relating to periods when your risk of loss with respect to your common stock has been diminished, generally apply in determining the holding period of such stock. The ability to deduct capital losses may be subject to other limitations under the Code.

In addition, all or a portion of any loss recognized upon a disposition of shares of our common stock may be disallowed if other shares of our common stock are purchased (whether through reinvestment of distributions or otherwise) within 30 days before or after the disposition. In such a case, the basis of the newly purchased shares will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

In general, individual U.S. stockholders currently are subject to a maximum U.S. federal income tax rate of 20% on their net capital gain, i.e., the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss for a taxable year, including a long-term capital gain derived from an investment in our common stock. In addition, individuals with modified adjusted gross incomes in excess of \$200,000 (\$250,000 in the case of married individuals filing jointly or \$125,000 in the case of married individuals filing separately) and certain estates and trusts are subject to an additional 3.8% tax on their net investment income, which generally includes net income from interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, and rents, and net capital gains (other than certain amounts earned from trades or businesses). Corporate U.S. stockholders currently are subject to U.S. federal income tax on net capital gain at the maximum 35% rate also applied to ordinary income. Dividends distributed by us to corporate stockholders generally will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction. Tax rates imposed by states and local jurisdictions on capital gain and ordinary income may differ.

We (or the applicable withholding agent) will send to each of our U.S. stockholders, as promptly as possible after the end of each calendar year, a report detailing the amounts includible in such U.S. stockholder's taxable income for such year as ordinary income, long-term capital gain and qualified dividend income, if any. In addition, the U.S. federal tax status of each year's distributions generally will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. Distributions may also be subject to additional state, local, and foreign taxes depending on a U.S. stockholder's particular situation.

Backup withholding may apply to distributions on the common stock with respect to certain non-exempt U.S. stockholders. Such U.S. stockholders generally will be subject to backup withholding unless the U.S. stockholder provides its correct taxpayer identification number and certain other information, certified under penalties of perjury, to the dividend paying agent, or otherwise establishes an exemption from backup withholding. Any amount withheld under backup withholding is allowed as a credit against the U.S. stockholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the proper information is provided to the Internal Revenue Service.

Taxation of Non-U.S. Stockholders

Whether an investment in our common stock is appropriate for a non-U.S. stockholder will depend upon that stockholder's particular circumstances. Non-U.S. stockholders should consult their tax advisors before investing in our common stock.

Distributions of our investment company taxable income to stockholders that are non-U.S. stockholders will currently be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a 30% rate (or lower rate provided by an applicable treaty) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits unless the distributions are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the non-U.S. stockholders, and, if an income tax treaty applies, attributable to a permanent establishment in the United States. In that case, the distributions will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the ordinary income rates applicable to U.S. stockholders and we will not have to withhold U.S. federal withholding tax if

the non-U.S. stockholder complies with applicable certification and disclosure requirements. Special certification requirements apply to a non-U.S. stockholder that is a foreign partnership or a foreign trust and such entities are urged to consult their own tax advisors.

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In addition, U.S. source withholding taxes are not imposed on distributions paid by us to the extent the distributions are reported as interest-related dividends or short-term capital gain dividends. Under this exemption, interest-related dividends and short-term capital gain dividends generally represent distributions of interest or short-term capital gains that would not have been subject to U.S. withholding tax at the source if they had been received directly by a foreign person, and that satisfy certain other requirements.

Actual or deemed distributions of our net capital gains to a stockholder that is a non-U.S. stockholder, and gains realized by a non-U.S. stockholder upon the sale or redemption of our common stock, will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax unless the distributions or gains, as the case may be, are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the non-U.S. stockholder and, if an income tax treaty applies, are attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. stockholder in the United States, or, in the case of an individual, the non-U.S. stockholder was present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year and certain other conditions are met.

If we distribute our net capital gains in the form of deemed rather than actual distributions, a non-U.S. stockholder will be entitled to a U.S. federal income tax credit or tax refund equal to the stockholder's allocable share of the corporate-level U.S. federal income tax we pay on the capital gains deemed to have been distributed; however, in order to obtain the refund, the non-U.S. stockholder must obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number and file a U.S. federal income tax return even if the non-U.S. stockholder would not otherwise be required to obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number or file a U.S. federal income tax return.

For a corporate non-U.S. stockholder, distributions (both actual and deemed), and gains realized upon the sale or redemption of our common stock that are effectively connected to a U.S. trade or business may, under certain circumstances, be subject to an additional branch profits tax at a 30% rate (or at a lower rate if provided for by an applicable treaty). Accordingly, investment in our stock may not be appropriate for a non-U.S. stockholder.

Under our dividend reinvestment plan, if a non-U.S. stockholder owns shares of common stock registered in its own name, the non-U.S. stockholder will have all cash distributions automatically reinvested in additional shares of common stock unless it opts out of our dividend reinvestment plan by delivering a written notice to our dividend paying agent prior to the record date of the next distribution. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan. If the distribution is a distribution of our investment company taxable income, is not reported by us as a short-term capital gains dividend or interest-related dividend and it is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the non-U.S. stockholder (or, if a treaty applies, is not attributable to a permanent establishment), the amount distributed (to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits) will be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a 30% rate (or lower rate provided by an applicable treaty) and only the net after-tax amount will be reinvested in common shares. If the distribution is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the non-U.S. stockholder, generally the full amount of the distribution will be reinvested in the plan and will nevertheless be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the ordinary income rates applicable to U.S. persons. The non-U.S. stockholder will have an adjusted basis in the additional common shares purchased through the plan equal to the amount of cash that they would have received if they had elected to receive the distribution in cash, or the fair market value of the distributed shares if such shares have a fair market value equal to or greater than net asset value. The additional shares will have a new holding period commencing on the day following the day on which the shares are credited to the non-U.S. stockholder's account.

Legislation commonly referred to as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, or FATCA, generally imposes a 30% withholding tax on payments of certain types of income to foreign financial institutions that either fail to enter into an agreement with the United States Treasury to report certain required information with respect to accounts held by U.S. persons (or held by foreign entities that have U.S. persons as substantial owners), or reside in a jurisdiction that has

not entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the U.S. to provide such information. The types of income subject to the tax include U.S. source interest and dividends, and the gross proceeds from the sale of any property that could produce U.S. source interest or dividends received

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after December 31, 2018. The information required to be reported includes the identity and taxpayer identification number of each account holder that is a U.S. person and transaction activity within the holder's account. In addition, subject to certain exceptions, this legislation also imposes a 30% withholding on payments to foreign entities that are not financial institutions unless the foreign entity certifies that it does not have a greater than 10% U.S. owner or provides the withholding agent with identifying information on each greater than 10% U.S. owner. Depending on the status of a Non-U.S. stockholder and the status of the intermediaries through which it holds its units, a Non-U.S. stockholder could be subject to this 30% withholding tax with respect to distributions on our common stock and proceeds from the sale of our common stock. Under certain circumstances, a Non-U.S. stockholder might be eligible for refunds or credits of such taxes.

A non-U.S. stockholder who is a nonresident alien individual, and who is otherwise subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax, may be subject to information reporting and backup withholding of U.S. federal income tax on dividends unless the non-U.S. stockholder provides us or the dividend paying agent with an Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or an acceptable substitute form) or otherwise meets documentary evidence requirements for establishing that it is a non-U.S. stockholder or the non-U.S. stockholder otherwise establishes an exemption from backup withholding.

You are urged to consult your own tax advisor regarding the specific tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and sale of our common stock.

Failure to Qualify as a Regulated Investment Company

If we were unable to qualify for treatment as a RIC, we would be subject to tax on all of our taxable income at regular corporate rates. We would not be able to deduct distributions to stockholders, nor would they be required to be made. Such distributions would be taxable to our stockholders as dividends and, provided certain holding period and other requirements were met, could qualify for treatment as qualified dividend income in the hands of non-corporate stockholders (and thus eligible for the current 20% maximum rate) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits. Subject to certain limitations under the Code, corporate distributees would be eligible for the dividends received deduction. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits would be treated first as a return of capital to the extent of the stockholder's tax basis, and any remaining distributions would be treated as a capital gain. To requalify as a RIC in a subsequent taxable year, we would be required to satisfy the RIC qualification requirements for that year and dispose of any earnings and profits from any year in which we failed to qualify as a RIC. Subject to a limited exception applicable to RICs that qualified as such under Subchapter M of the Code for at least one year prior to disqualification and that requalify as a RIC no later than the second year following the non-qualifying year, we could be subject to tax on any unrealized net built-in gains in the assets held by us during the period in which we failed to qualify as a RIC that are recognized within the subsequent 5 years, unless we made a special election to pay corporate-level U.S. federal income tax on such built-in gain at the time of our requalification as a RIC.

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SALES OF COMMON STOCK BELOW NET ASSET VALUE

At our 2016 Annual Stockholders Meeting, our stockholders approved our ability to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock, not exceeding 25% of our then outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such offering, at a price or prices below the then current net asset value per share, in each case subject to the approval of our board of directors and compliance with the conditions set forth in the proxy statement pertaining thereto, during a period beginning on June 7, 2016 and expiring on the earlier of the one-year anniversary of the date of the 2016 Annual Stockholders Meeting and the date of our 2017 Annual Stockholders Meeting, which is expected to be held in May 2017 (the Stockholder Approval). However, notwithstanding the Stockholder Approval, since our IPO on February 9, 2010, we have not sold any shares of our common stock in an offering that resulted in proceeds to us of less than our then current net asset value per share. Any offering of our common stock that requires stockholder approval must occur, if at all, within one year after receiving such stockholder approval.

In order to sell shares of common stock pursuant to this authorization, no further authorization from our stockholders will need to be solicited, but a majority of our directors who have no financial interest in the sale and a majority of our independent directors will have to (a) find that the sale is in our best interests and in the best interests of our stockholders and (b) in consultation with any underwriter or underwriters of the offering, make a good faith determination as of a time either immediately prior to the first solicitation by us or on our behalf of firm commitments to purchase such shares of common stock, or immediately prior to the issuance of such common stock, that the price at which such shares of common stock are to be sold is not less than a price which closely approximates the market value of those shares of common stock, less any distributing commission or discount.

Any offering of common stock below its net asset value per share will be designed to raise capital for investment in accordance with our investment objective.

In making a determination that an offering of common stock below its net asset value per share is in our and our stockholders best interests, our board of directors will consider a variety of factors including:

the effect that an offering below net asset value per share would have on our stockholders, including the potential dilution to the net asset value per share of our common stock our stockholders would experience as a result of the offering;

the amount per share by which the offering price per share and the net proceeds per share are less than our most recently determined net asset value per share;

the relationship of recent market prices of par common stock to net asset value per share and the potential impact of the offering on the market price per share of our common stock;

whether the estimated offering price would closely approximate the market value of shares of our common stock;

the potential market impact of being able to raise capital during the current financial market difficulties;

the nature of any new investors anticipated to acquire shares of our common stock in the offering;

the anticipated rate of return on and quality, type and availability of investments; and

the leverage available to us.

Our board of directors will also consider the fact that sales of shares of common stock at a discount will benefit our investment adviser as the investment adviser will earn additional investment management fees on the proceeds of such offerings, as it would from the offering of any other of our securities or from the offering of common stock at a premium to net asset value per share.

We will not sell shares of our common stock under this prospectus or an accompanying prospectus supplement pursuant to the Stockholder Approval without first filing a new post-effective amendment to the

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registration statement if the cumulative dilution to our net asset value per share from offerings under the registration statement, as amended by any post-effective amendments, exceeds 15%. This would be measured separately for each offering pursuant to the registration statement, as amended by any post-effective amendments, by calculating the percentage dilution or accretion to aggregate net asset value from that offering and then summing the percentage from each offering. For example, if our most recently determined NAV per share at the time of the first offering is \$23.00 and we have 37 million shares outstanding, the sale of 9.25 million shares at net proceeds to us of \$11.50 per share (a 50% discount) would produce dilution of 10.0%. If we subsequently determined that our NAV per share increased to \$24.00 on the then 46.25 million shares outstanding and then made an additional offering, we could, for example, sell approximately an additional 5.15 million shares at net proceeds to us of \$12.00 per share, which would produce dilution of 5.0%, before we would reach the aggregate 15% limit. If we file a new post-effective amendment, the threshold would reset.

In addition, it should be noted that the maximum number of shares issuable below NAV per share that could result in such dilution is limited to 25% of our then outstanding common stock. As a result, the maximum amount of dilution to existing stockholders under the Stockholder Approval will be limited to no more than 20% of our then current NAV per share, assuming we were to issue the maximum number of shares at no more than par value, or \$0.01 per share.

Sales by us of our common stock at a discount from net asset value per share pose potential risks for our existing stockholders whether or not they participate in the offering, as well as for new investors who participate in the offering. Any sale of common stock at a price below net asset value per share would result in an immediate dilution to existing common stockholders who do not participate in such sale on at least a pro-rata basis. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to an Investment in Our Securities The net asset value per share of our common stock may be diluted if we issue or sell shares of our common stock at prices below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock.

The following three headings and accompanying tables explain and provide hypothetical examples on the impact of an offering of our common stock at a price less than net asset value per share on three different types of investors:

existing stockholders who do not purchase any shares in the offering;

existing stockholders who purchase a relatively small amount of shares in the offering or a relatively large amount of shares in the offering; and

new investors who become stockholders by purchasing shares in the offering.

Impact On Existing Stockholders Who Do Not Participate in the Offering

Our current stockholders who do not participate in an offering below net asset value per share or who do not buy additional shares in the secondary market at the same or lower price as we obtain in the offering (after expenses and commissions) face the greatest potential risks. These stockholders will experience an immediate dilution in the net asset value of the shares of common stock they hold and their net asset value per share. These stockholders will also experience a disproportionately greater decrease in their participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than the increase we will experience in our assets, potential earning power and voting interests due to such offering. These stockholders may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential increases and decreases in net asset value per share. This decrease could be more

pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increases. Further, if current stockholders do not purchase any shares to maintain their percentage interest, regardless of whether such offering is above or below the then current net asset value, their voting power will be diluted.

The following chart illustrates the level of net asset value dilution that would be experienced by a nonparticipating stockholder in three different hypothetical offerings of different sizes and levels of discount from net asset value per share. It is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur.

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The chart illustrates the dilutive effect on Stockholder A of (a) an offering of 1.5 million shares of common stock (5% of the outstanding shares) at \$14.25 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 5% discount from net asset value), (b) an offering of 3 million shares of common stock (10% of the outstanding shares) at \$13.50 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 10% discount from net asset value), (c) an offering of 6 million shares of common stock (20% of the outstanding shares) at \$12.00 per share after offering expenses and commissions (a 20% discount from net asset value), and (d) an offering of 7.5 million shares of common stock (25% of the outstanding shares) at \$0.01 per share, the par value of our common stock (a 100% discount from net asset value). The prospectus supplement pursuant to which any discounted offering is made will include a chart based on the actual number of shares of common stock in such offering and the actual discount to the most recently determined net asset value. For example, if we issue 9,152,010 shares of our common stock (25% of the outstanding shares) at \$0.01 per share, the par value of our common stock (a 100% discount from net asset value), then our net asset value per share following such offering will be \$18.14, which will reflect a 20.00% decrease in net asset value per share to those stockholders who do not participate in this offering. It is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur.

	Prior to Sale	Example 1 5% Offering at 5% Discount		Example 2 10% Offering at 10% Discount		Example 3 20% Offering at 20% Discount		Example 4 25% Offering at 100% Discount	
		Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change
Offering Price									
Net Asset Value per Share to		\$ 22.68		\$ 21.49		\$ 19.10		\$ 0.01	
Proceeds per Share to Issuer		\$ 21.55		\$ 20.41		\$ 18.14		\$ 0.01	
Discount to Net Asset Value									
Number of Shares Outstanding	36,608,038	38,438,440	5.00%	40,268,842	10.00%	43,929,646	20.00%	45,760,048	25.00%
Net Asset Value per Share	\$ 22.68	\$ 22.63	(0.24)%	\$ 22.47	(0.91)%	\$ 21.92	(3.33)%	\$ 18.15	(19.99)%
Percentage Ownership to Participating Stockholder									
Percentage Held by Stockholder A	36,608	36,608	%	36,608	%	36,608	%	36,608	%
Percentage Held by Stockholder A	0.10%	0.10%	(4.76)%	0.09%	(9.09)%	0.08%	(16.67)%	0.08%	(20.00)%
Net Asset Value Held by Stockholder A	\$ 830,270	\$ 828,293	(0.24)%	\$ 822,722	(0.91)%	\$ 802,595	(3.33)%	\$ 664,289	(19.99)%
Investment Value Held by Stockholder A									
Investment Value Held by Stockholder A	\$ 830,270	\$ 830,270		\$ 830,270		\$ 830,270		\$ 830,270	
Investment Value Held by Stockholder A		\$ (1,977)		\$ (7,548)		\$ (27,676)		\$ (165,981)	

Dilution to Holder A Net Asset (Less Total ment)										
ment per Held by Holder A ned to be er Share on Held Prior)	\$	22.68	\$	22.68	\$	22.68	\$	22.68	\$	22.68
Asset Value are Held by Holder A			\$	22.63	\$	22.47	\$	21.92	\$	18.15
n per Share y Holder A Asset Value are Less ment per			\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.21)	\$	(0.76)	\$	(4.53)
tage n to Holder A on per Divided by ment per				(0.24)%		(0.91)%		(3.33)%		(19

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Our existing stockholders who participate in an offering below net asset value per share or who buy additional shares in the secondary market at the same or lower price as we obtain in the offering (after expenses and commissions) will experience the same types of net asset value dilution as the nonparticipating stockholders, although at a lower level, to the extent they purchase less than the same percentage of the discounted offering as their interest in shares of our common stock immediately prior to the offering. The level of net asset value dilution will decrease as the number of shares such stockholders purchase increases. Existing stockholders who buy more than such percentage will experience net asset value dilution but will, in contrast to existing stockholders who purchase less than their proportionate share of the offering, experience accretion in net asset value per share over their investment per share and will also experience a disproportionately greater increase in their participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than our increase in assets, potential earning power and voting interests due to such offering. The level of accretion will increase as the excess number of shares such stockholder purchases increases. Even a stockholder who over-participates will, however, be subject to the risk that we may make additional discounted offerings in which such stockholder does not participate, in which case such a stockholder will experience net asset value dilution as described above in such subsequent offerings. These stockholders may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential increases and decreases in net asset value per share. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increases.

The following chart illustrates the level of dilution and accretion in the hypothetical 20% discount offering from the prior chart (Example 3) for a stockholder that acquires shares equal to (a) 50% of its proportionate share of the offering (*i.e.*, 3,000 shares, which is 0.05% of an offering of 6 million shares) rather than its 0.10% proportionate share and (b) 150% of such percentage (*i.e.* 9,000 shares, which is 0.15% of an offering of 6 million shares rather than its 0.10% proportionate share). The prospectus supplement pursuant to which any discounted offering is made will include a chart for these examples based on the actual number of shares in such offering and the actual discount from the most recently determined net asset value per share. It is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur.

	Prior to Sale	50% Participation Following Sale	% Change	150% Participation Following Sale	% Change
Offering Price					
Price per Share to Public		\$ 19.10		\$ 19.10	
Net Proceeds per Share to Issuer		\$ 18.14		\$ 18.14	
Decrease/Increase to Net Asset Value					
Total Shares Outstanding	36,608,038	43,929,646	20.00%	43,929,646	20.00%
Net Asset Value per Share	\$ 22.68	\$ 21.92	(3.33)%	\$ 21.92	(3.33)%
Dilution/Accretion to Participating Stockholder					
Shares Held by Stockholder A	36,608	40,269	10.00%	47,590	30.00%
Percentage Held by Stockholder A	0.10%	0.09%	(8.33)%	0.11%	8.33%
Total Net Asset Value Held by Stockholder A	\$ 830,270	\$ 882,854	6.33%	\$ 1,043,373	25.67%
Total Investment by Stockholder A (Assumed to be Current NAV per		\$ 900,188		\$ 1,040,023	

Share on Shares Held Prior to Sale)					
Total Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder A (Total Net Asset Value Less Total Investment)		\$	(17,334)		\$ 3,350
Investment per Share Held by Stockholder A (Assumed to be Net Asset Value on Shares Held Prior to Sale)	\$	22.68	\$	22.35	(1.44)% \$ 21.85 (3.64)%
Net Asset Value per Share Held by Stockholder A		\$	21.92		\$ 21.92
Dilution/Accretion per Share Held by Stockholder A (Net Asset Value per Shares Less Investment per Share)		\$	(0.43)		\$ 0.07
Percentage Dilution/Accretion to Stockholder A (Dilution per Share Divided by Investment per Share)				(1.96)%	0.32%

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Impact On New Investors

Investors who are not currently stockholders and who participate in an offering of shares of our common stock below net asset value, but whose investment per share is greater than the resulting net asset value per share due to selling compensation and expenses paid by the Company, will experience an immediate decrease, although small, in the net asset value of their shares and their net asset value per share compared to the price they pay for their shares. Investors who are not currently stockholders and who participate in an offering of shares of our common stock below net asset value per share and whose investment per share is also less than the resulting net asset value per share due to selling compensation and expenses paid by the Company being significantly less than the discount per share, will experience an immediate increase in the net asset value of their shares and their net asset value per share compared to the price they pay for their shares. These investors will experience a disproportionately greater participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than our increase in assets, potential earning power and voting interests due to such offering. These investors will, however, be subject to the risk that we may make additional discounted offerings in which such new stockholder does not participate, in which case such new stockholder will experience dilution as described above in such subsequent offerings. These investors may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential increases and decreases in net asset value per share. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increases.

The following chart illustrates the level of dilution or accretion for new investors that would be experienced by a new investor in the same hypothetical 5%, 10%, 20% and 25% discounted offerings as described in the first chart above. The illustration is for a new investor who purchases the same percentage (0.10%) of the shares in the offering as Stockholder A in the prior examples held immediately prior to the offering. The prospectus supplement pursuant to which any discounted offering is made will include a chart for these examples based on the actual number of shares in such offering and the actual discount from the most recently determined net asset value per share. It is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur.

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	Example 1 5% Offering at 5% Discount			Example 2 10% Offering at 10% Discount		Example 3 20% Offering at 20% Discount		Example 4 25% Offering at 100% Discount	
	Prior to Sale	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change
Proceeds per Share to		\$ 22.68		\$ 21.49		\$ 19.10		\$ 0.01	
Proceeds per Share to Issuer		\$ 21.55		\$ 20.41		\$ 18.14		\$ 0.01	
Shares Outstanding	36,608,038	38,438,440	5.00%	40,268,842	10.00%	43,929,646	20.00%	45,760,048	25.00%
Market Value per Share	\$ 22.68	\$ 22.63	(0.24)%	\$ 22.47	(0.91)%	\$ 21.92	(3.33)%	\$ 18.15	(19.91)%
Investor A									
Percentage Held by Investor A		1,830		3,661		7,322		9,152	
Percentage Held by Investor A		0.00%		0.01%		0.02%		0.02%	
Net Asset Value Held by Investor A		\$ 41,415		\$ 82,272		\$ 160,519		\$ 166,072	
Investment Held by Investor A (At Public)	\$	\$ 41,514		\$ 78,657		\$ 139,835		\$ 92	
Investor A (Net Asset Value per Share)									
Investment Held by Investor A (Net Asset Value per Share)		\$ (0.05)		\$ 0.99		\$ 2.83		\$ 18.14	
Percentage Held by Investor A (Net Asset Value per Share)			(0.24)%		4.60%		14.79%		181.33%

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ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS OR SECURITIES TO SUBSCRIBE FOR OR CONVERTIBLE INTO SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK

At our 2011 Annual Stockholders Meeting, our stockholders authorized us to sell or otherwise issue warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock, not exceeding 25% of our then outstanding common stock, at an exercise or conversion price that, at the date of issuance, will not be less than the market value per share of our common stock. Such authorization has no expiration. Any exercise of warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock at an exercise or conversion price that is below net asset value at the time of such exercise or conversion would result in an immediate dilution to existing common stockholders. This dilution would include reduction in net asset value as a result of the proportionately greater decrease in the stockholders' interest in our earnings and assets and their voting interest than the increase in our assets resulting from such offering.

In order to sell or issue warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock, (a) the exercise, conversion or subscription rights in such securities must expire by their terms within 10 years, (b) with respect to any warrants, options or rights to subscribe or convert to our common stock that are issued along with other securities, such warrants, options or rights must not be separately transferable, (c) the exercise or conversion price of such securities must not be less than the greater of the market value per share of our common stock and the net asset value per share of our common stock at the date of issuance of such securities, (d) the issuance of such securities must be approved by a majority of the board of directors who have no financial interest in the transaction and a majority of the non-interested directors on the basis that such issuance is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders and (e) the number of shares of our common stock that would result from the exercise or conversion of such securities and all other securities convertible, exercisable or exchangeable into shares of our common stock outstanding at the time of issuance of such securities must not exceed 25% of our outstanding common stock at such time.

Table of Contents**DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK**

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

Stock

The authorized stock of Solar Capital Ltd. consists of 200,000,000 shares of stock, par value \$0.01 per share, all of which are initially designated as common stock. Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the ticker symbol SLRC . There are no outstanding options or warrants to purchase our stock. No stock has been authorized for issuance under any equity compensation plans. Under Maryland law, our stockholders generally are not personally liable for our debts or obligations.

The following are our outstanding classes of securities as of April 26, 2017:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Title of Class	Amount Authorized	Amount Held by Us or for Our Account	Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Amounts Shown Under ⁽³⁾
Common stock	200,000,000		42,260,826

Under our charter our board of directors is authorized to classify and reclassify any unissued shares of stock into other classes or series of stock without obtaining stockholder approval. As permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law, our charter provides that the board of directors, without any action by our stockholders, may amend the charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue.

Common Stock

All shares of our common stock have equal rights as to earnings, assets, voting, and distributions and, when they are issued, will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Distributions may be paid to the holders of our common stock if, as and when authorized by our board of directors and declared by us out of assets legally available therefor. Shares of our common stock have no preemptive, conversion or redemption rights and are freely transferable, except where their transfer is restricted by federal and state securities laws or by contract. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, each share of our common stock would be entitled to share ratably in all of our assets that are legally available for distribution after we pay all debts and other liabilities and subject to any preferential rights of holders of our preferred stock, if any preferred stock is outstanding at such time. Each share of our common stock is entitled to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors. Except as provided with respect to any other class or series of stock, the holders of our common stock will possess exclusive voting power. There is no cumulative voting in the election of directors, which means that holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock can elect all of our directors, and holders of less than a majority of such shares will be unable to elect any director.

Preferred Stock

Our charter authorizes our board of directors to classify and reclassify any unissued shares of stock into other classes or series of stock, including preferred stock. The cost of any such reclassification would be borne by our existing common stockholders. Prior to issuance of shares of each class or series, the board of directors is required by Maryland law and by our charter to set the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption for each class or

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series. Thus, the board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock with terms and conditions which could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in their best interest. You should note, however, that any issuance of preferred stock must comply with the requirements of the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act requires, among other things, that (1) immediately after issuance and before any other distribution is made with respect to our common stock and before any purchase of common stock is made, such preferred stock together with all other senior securities must not exceed an amount equal to 50% of our total assets after deducting the amount of such distribution or purchase price, as the case may be, and (2) the holders of shares of preferred stock, if any are issued, must be entitled as a class to elect two directors at all times and to elect a majority of the directors if distributions on such preferred stock are in arrears by two full years or more. Certain matters under the 1940 Act require the separate vote of the holders of any issued and outstanding preferred stock. For example, holders of preferred stock would vote separately from the holders of common stock on a proposal to cease operations as a BDC. We believe that the availability for issuance of preferred stock will provide us with increased flexibility in structuring future financings and acquisitions. However, we do not currently have any plans to issue preferred stock.

Limitation on Liability of Directors and Officers; Indemnification and Advance of Expenses

Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment as being material to the cause of action. Our charter contains such a provision which eliminates directors' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act.

Our charter authorizes us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while serving as our director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee, from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse their reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. Our bylaws obligate us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while serving as our director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse his or her reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The charter and bylaws also permit us to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of us in any of the capacities described above and any of our employees or agents or any employees or agents of our predecessor. In accordance with the 1940 Act, we will not indemnify any person for any liability to which such person would be subject by reason of such person's willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office.

Maryland law requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which our charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Maryland law permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made, or

threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the

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matter giving rise to the proceeding and (1) was committed in bad faith or (2) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received unless, in either case, a court orders indemnification, and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer in advance of final disposition of a proceeding upon the corporation's receipt of (a) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (b) a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors. The indemnification agreements provide our directors the maximum indemnification permitted under Maryland law and the 1940 Act.

Our insurance policy does not currently provide coverage for claims, liabilities and expenses that may arise out of activities that our present or former directors or officers have performed for another entity at our request. There is no assurance that such entities will in fact carry such insurance. However, we note that we do not expect to request our present or former directors or officers to serve another entity as a director, officer, partner or trustee unless we can obtain insurance providing coverage for such persons for any claims, liabilities or expenses that may arise out of their activities while serving in such capacities.

Certain Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and Our Charter and Bylaws

The Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws contain provisions that could make it more difficult for a potential acquiror to acquire us by means of a tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise. These provisions are expected to discourage certain coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids and to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to negotiate first with our board of directors. We believe that the benefits of these provisions outweigh the potential disadvantages of discouraging any such acquisition proposals because, among other things, the negotiation of such proposals may improve their terms.

Classified Board of Directors

Our board of directors is divided into three classes of directors serving staggered three-year terms. The current terms of the first, second and third classes expire in 2019, 2017 and 2018, respectively, and in each case, those directors will serve until their successors are elected and qualify. Upon expiration of their current terms, directors of each class will be elected to serve for three-year terms and until their successors are duly elected and qualify and each year one class of directors will be elected by the stockholders. A classified board may render a change in control of us or removal of our incumbent management more difficult. We believe, however, that the longer time required to elect a majority of a classified board of directors will help to ensure the continuity and stability of our management and policies.

Election of Directors

Under our charter and bylaws, the affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of all the votes cast in the election of directors cast at a meeting of stockholders duly called and at which a quorum is present will be required to elect a director. Pursuant to our charter our board of directors may amend the bylaws to alter the vote required to elect directors.

Table of Contents***Number of Directors; Vacancies; Removal***

Our charter provides that the number of directors will be set only by the board of directors in accordance with our bylaws. Our bylaws provide that a majority of our entire board of directors may at any time increase or decrease the number of directors. However, unless our bylaws are amended, the number of directors may never be less than one nor more than twelve. Our charter provides that, at such time as we have at least three independent directors and our common stock is registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, we elect to be subject to the provision of Subtitle 8 of Title 3 of the Maryland General Corporation Law regarding the filling of vacancies on the board of directors. Accordingly, except as may be provided by the board of directors in setting the terms of any class or series of preferred stock, any and all vacancies on the board of directors may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors in office, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum, and any director elected to fill a vacancy will serve for the remainder of the full term of the directorship in which the vacancy occurred and until a successor is elected and qualifies, subject to any applicable requirements of the 1940 Act.

Our charter provides that, subject to the rights of holders of one or more classes or series of preferred stock to elect or remove one or more directors, a director may be removed only for cause, as defined in our charter, and then only by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast in the election of directors.

Action by Stockholders

Under the Maryland General Corporation Law, stockholder action can be taken only at an annual or special meeting of stockholders or (with respect to the holders of common stock, unless the charter provides for stockholder action by less than unanimous written consent, which our charter does not) by unanimous written consent in lieu of a meeting. These provisions, combined with the requirements of our bylaws regarding the calling of a stockholder-requested special meeting of stockholders discussed below, may have the effect of delaying consideration of a stockholder proposal until the next annual meeting.

Advance Notice Provisions for Stockholder Nominations and Stockholder Proposals

Our bylaws provide that with respect to an annual meeting of stockholders, nominations of persons for election to the board of directors and the proposal of business to be considered by stockholders may be made only (1) pursuant to our notice of the meeting, (2) by the board of directors or (3) by a stockholder who was a stockholder of record both at the time of giving notice and at the time of the meeting who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with the advance notice procedures of our bylaws. With respect to special meetings of stockholders, only the business specified in our notice of the meeting may be brought before the meeting. Nominations of persons for election to the board of directors at a special meeting may be made only (1) pursuant to our notice of the meeting, (2) by the board of directors or (3) provided that the board of directors has determined that directors will be elected at the meeting, by a stockholder who was a stockholder of record both at the time of giving notice and at the time of the meeting who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with the advance notice provisions of the bylaws.

The purpose of requiring stockholders to give us advance notice of nominations and other business is to afford our board of directors a meaningful opportunity to consider the qualifications of the proposed nominees and the advisability of any other proposed business and, to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by our board of directors, to inform stockholders and make recommendations about such qualifications or business, as well as to provide a more orderly procedure for conducting meetings of stockholders. Although our bylaws do not give our board of directors any power to disapprove stockholder nominations for the election of directors or proposals recommending certain action, they may have the effect of precluding a contest for the election of directors or the consideration of stockholder proposals if proper procedures are not followed and of discouraging or deterring a third party from conducting a

solicitation of proxies to elect its own slate of directors or to approve its own proposal without regard to whether consideration of such nominees or proposals might be harmful or beneficial to us and our stockholders.

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Our bylaws provide that special meetings of stockholders may be called by our board of directors and certain of our officers. Additionally, our bylaws provide that, subject to the satisfaction of certain procedural and informational requirements by the stockholders requesting the meeting, a special meeting of stockholders will be called by the secretary of the corporation upon the written request of stockholders entitled to cast not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

Approval of Extraordinary Corporate Action; Amendment of Charter and Bylaws

Under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, merge, sell all or substantially all of its assets, engage in a share exchange or engage in similar transactions outside the ordinary course of business, unless approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. However, a Maryland corporation may provide in its charter for approval of these matters by a lesser percentage, but not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Our charter generally provides for approval of charter amendments and extraordinary transactions by the stockholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Our charter also provides that certain charter amendments, any proposal for our conversion, whether by charter amendment, merger or otherwise, from a closed-end company to an open-end company and any proposal for our liquidation or dissolution requires the approval of the stockholders entitled to cast at least 80% of the votes entitled to be cast on such matter. However, if such amendment or proposal is approved by a majority of our continuing directors (in addition to approval by our board of directors), such amendment or proposal may be approved by a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on such a matter. The continuing directors are defined in our charter as (1) our current directors, (2) those directors whose nomination for election by the stockholders or whose election by the directors to fill vacancies is approved by a majority of our current directors then on the board of directors or (3) any successor directors whose nomination for election by the stockholders or whose election by the directors to fill vacancies is approved by a majority of continuing directors or the successor continuing directors then in office. In any event, in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act, any amendment or proposal that would have the effect of changing the nature of our business so as to cause us to cease to be, or to withdraw our election as, a BDC would be required to be approved by a majority of our outstanding voting securities, as defined under the 1940 Act.

Our charter and bylaws provide that the board of directors will have the exclusive power to make, alter, amend or repeal any provision of our bylaws.

No Appraisal Rights

Except with respect to appraisal rights arising in connection with the Control Share Act discussed below, as permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law, our charter provides that stockholders will not be entitled to exercise appraisal rights unless a majority of the board of directors shall determine such rights apply.

Control Share Acquisitions

The Maryland General Corporation Law provides that a holder of control shares of a Maryland corporation acquired in a control share acquisition has no voting rights with respect to those shares except to the extent approved by a vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter (the Control Share Act). Shares owned by the acquiror, by officers or by directors who are employees of the corporation are excluded from shares entitled to vote on the matter. Control shares are voting shares of stock which, if aggregated with all other shares of stock owned by the acquiror or in respect of which the acquiror is able to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power (except solely by virtue of a

revocable proxy), would entitle the acquiror to exercise voting power in electing directors within one of the following ranges of voting power:

one-tenth or more but less than one-third;

one-third or more but less than a majority; or

a majority or more of all voting power.

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The requisite stockholder approval must be obtained each time an acquiror crosses one of the thresholds of voting power set forth above. Control shares do not include shares the acquiring person is then entitled to vote as a result of having previously obtained stockholder approval. A control share acquisition means the acquisition of issued and outstanding control shares, subject to certain exceptions.

A person who has made or proposes to make a control share acquisition may compel the board of directors of the corporation to call a special meeting of stockholders to be held within 50 days of demand to consider the voting rights of the shares. The right to compel the calling of a special meeting is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including an undertaking to pay the expenses of the meeting. If no request for a meeting is made, the corporation may itself present the question at any stockholders meeting.

If voting rights are not approved at the meeting or if the acquiring person does not deliver an acquiring person statement as required by the statute, then the corporation may redeem for fair value any or all of the control shares, except those for which voting rights have previously been approved. The right of the corporation to redeem control shares is subject to certain conditions and limitations, including, as provided in our bylaws compliance with the 1940 Act. Fair value is determined, without regard to the absence of voting rights for the control shares, as of the date of the last control share acquisition by the acquiror or of any meeting of stockholders at which the voting rights of the shares are considered and not approved. If voting rights for control shares are approved at a stockholders meeting and the acquiror becomes entitled to vote a majority of the shares entitled to vote, all other stockholders may exercise appraisal rights. The fair value of the shares as determined for purposes of appraisal rights may not be less than the highest price per share paid by the acquiror in the control share acquisition.

The Control Share Act does not apply (a) to shares acquired in a merger, consolidation or share exchange if the corporation is a party to the transaction or (b) to acquisitions approved or exempted by the charter or bylaws of the corporation. Our bylaws contain a provision exempting from the Control Share Act any and all acquisitions by any person of our shares of stock. There can be no assurance that such provision will not be amended or eliminated at any time in the future. However, we will amend our bylaws to be subject to the Control Share Act only if the board of directors determines that it would be in our best interests and if the SEC staff does not object to our determination that our being subject to the Control Share Act does not conflict with the 1940 Act.

Business Combinations

Under Maryland law, business combinations between a Maryland corporation and an interested stockholder or an affiliate of an interested stockholder are prohibited for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder (the Business Combination Act). These business combinations include a merger, consolidation, share exchange or, in circumstances specified in the statute, an asset transfer or issuance or reclassification of equity securities. An interested stockholder is defined as:

any person who beneficially owns 10% or more of the voting power of the corporation's outstanding voting stock; or

an affiliate or associate of the corporation who, at any time within the two-year period prior to the date in question, was the beneficial owner of 10% or more of the voting power of the then outstanding voting stock of the corporation.

A person is not an interested stockholder under this statute if the board of directors approved in advance the transaction by which the stockholder otherwise would have become an interested stockholder. However, in approving a transaction, the board of directors may provide that its approval is subject to compliance, at or after the time of approval, with any terms and conditions determined by the board.

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After the five-year prohibition, any business combination between the Maryland corporation and an interested stockholder generally must be recommended by the board of directors of the corporation and approved by the affirmative vote of at least:

80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding shares of voting stock of the corporation; and

two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of voting stock of the corporation other than shares held by the interested stockholder with whom or with whose affiliate the business combination is to be effected or held by an affiliate or associate of the interested stockholder.

These super-majority vote requirements do not apply if the corporation's common stockholders receive a minimum price, as defined under Maryland law, for their shares in the form of cash or other consideration in the same form as previously paid by the interested stockholder for its shares.

The statute permits various exemptions from its provisions, including business combinations that are exempted by the board of directors before the time that the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. Our board of directors has adopted a resolution that any business combination between us and any other person is exempted from the provisions of the Business Combination Act, provided that the business combination is first approved by the board of directors, including a majority of the directors who are not interested persons as defined in the 1940 Act. This resolution may be altered or repealed in whole or in part at any time; however, our board of directors will adopt resolutions so as to make us subject to the provisions of the Business Combination Act only if the board of directors determines that it would be in our best interests and if the SEC staff does not object to our determination that our being subject to the Business Combination Act does not conflict with the 1940 Act. If this resolution is repealed, or the board of directors does not otherwise approve a business combination, the statute may discourage others from trying to acquire control of us and increase the difficulty of consummating any offer.

Conflict with 1940 Act

Our bylaws provide that, if and to the extent that any provision of the Maryland General Corporation Law, including the Control Share Act (if we amend our bylaws to be subject to such Act) and the Business Combination Act, or any provision of our charter or bylaws conflicts with any provision of the 1940 Act, the applicable provision of the 1940 Act will control.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR PREFERRED STOCK

In addition to shares of common stock, our charter authorizes the issuance of preferred stock. We may issue preferred stock from time to time, although we have no immediate intention to do so. If we offer preferred stock under this prospectus, we will issue an appropriate prospectus supplement. We may issue preferred stock from time to time in one or more classes or series, without stockholder approval. Prior to issuance of shares of each class or series, our board of directors is required by Maryland law and by our charter to set the terms, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption for each class or series. Any such an issuance must adhere to the requirements of the 1940 Act, Maryland law and any other limitations imposed by law.

The following is a general description of the terms of the preferred stock we may issue from time to time. Particular terms of any preferred stock we offer will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such preferred stock.

If we issue preferred stock, it will pay dividends to the holders of the preferred stock at either a fixed rate or a rate that will be reset frequently based on short-term interest rates, as described in a prospectus supplement accompanying each preferred share offering.

The 1940 Act requires, among other things, that (1) immediately after issuance and before any distribution is made with respect to common stock, the liquidation preference of the preferred stock, together with all other senior securities, must not exceed an amount equal to 50% of our total assets (taking into account such distribution), (2) the holders of shares of preferred stock, if any are issued, must be entitled as a class to elect two directors at all times and to elect a majority of the directors if dividends on the preferred stock are in arrears by two years or more and (3) such shares be cumulative as to dividends and have a complete preference over our common stock to payment of their liquidation preference in the event of a dissolution.

For any series of preferred stock that we may issue, our board of directors will determine and the articles supplementary and prospectus supplement relating to such series will describe:

the designation and number of shares of such series;

the rate, whether fixed or variable, and time at which any dividends will be paid on shares of such series, as well as whether such dividends are participating or non-participating;

any provisions relating to convertibility or exchangeability of the shares of such series;

the rights and preferences, if any, of holders of shares of such series upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;

the voting powers, if any, of the holders of shares of such series;

any provisions relating to the redemption of the shares of such series;

any limitations on our ability to pay dividends or make distributions on, or acquire or redeem, other securities while shares of such series are outstanding;

any conditions or restrictions on our ability to issue additional shares of such series or other securities;

if applicable, a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations; and

any other relative powers, preferences and participating, optional or special rights of shares of such series, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof.

All shares of preferred stock that we may issue will be identical and of equal rank except as to the particular terms thereof that may be fixed by our board of directors, and all shares of each series of preferred stock will be identical and of equal rank except as to the dates from which dividends, if any, thereon will be cumulative.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR WARRANTS

The following is a general description of the terms of the warrants we may issue from time to time. Particular terms of any warrants we offer will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such warrants.

We may issue warrants to purchase shares of our common stock. Such warrants may be issued independently or together with shares of common stock and may be attached or separate from such shares of common stock. We will issue each series of warrants under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a warrant agent. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency for or with holders or beneficial owners of warrants.

A prospectus supplement will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants we may issue, including the following:

the title of such warrants;

the aggregate number of such warrants;

the price or prices at which such warrants will be issued;

the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which the price of such warrants may be payable;

the number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants;

the price at which and the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which the shares of common stock purchasable upon exercise of such warrants may be purchased;

the date on which the right to exercise such warrants shall commence and the date on which such right will expire;

whether such warrants will be issued in registered form or bearer form;

if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of such warrants which may be exercised at any one time;

if applicable, the number of such warrants issued with each share of common stock;

if applicable, the date on and after which such warrants and the related shares of common stock will be separately transferable;

information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;

if applicable, a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations; and

any other terms of such warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such warrants.

We and the warrant agent may amend or supplement the warrant agreement for a series of warrants without the consent of the holders of the warrants issued thereunder to effect changes that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the warrants and that do not materially and adversely affect the interests of the holders of the warrants.

Under the 1940 Act, we may generally only offer warrants provided that (1) the warrants expire by their terms within ten years; (2) the exercise or conversion price is not less than the current market value at the date of issuance; (3) our stockholders authorize the proposal to issue such warrants, and our board of directors approves such issuance on the basis that the issuance is in the best interests of Solar Capital and its stockholders; and (4) if the warrants are accompanied by other securities, the warrants are not separately transferable unless no class of such warrants and the securities accompanying them has been publicly distributed. The 1940 Act also provides that the amount of our voting securities that would result from the exercise of all outstanding warrants at the time of issuance may not exceed 25% of our outstanding voting securities.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR DEBT SECURITIES

We may issue debt securities in one or more series. The specific terms of each series of debt securities will be described in the particular prospectus supplement relating to that series. The prospectus supplement may or may not modify the general terms found in this prospectus and will be filed with the SEC. For a complete description of the terms of a particular series of debt securities, you should read both this prospectus and the prospectus supplement relating to that particular series.

As required by federal law for all bonds and notes of companies that are publicly offered, the debt securities are governed by a document called an indenture. An indenture is a contract between us and a financial institution acting as trustee on your behalf, and is subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. The trustee has two main roles. First, the trustee can enforce your rights against us if we default. There are some limitations on the extent to which the trustee acts on your behalf, described in the second paragraph under Events of Default Remedies if an Event of Default Occurs. Second, the trustee performs certain administrative duties for us.

Because this section is a summary, it does not describe every aspect of the debt securities and the indenture. We urge you to read the indenture because it, and not this description, defines your rights as a holder of debt securities. A copy of the form of indenture is incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. We will file a supplemental indenture with the SEC in connection with any debt offering, at which time the supplemental indenture would be publicly available. See Available Information for information on how to obtain a copy of the indenture.

The prospectus supplement, which will accompany this prospectus, will describe the particular series of debt securities being offered by including:

the designation or title of the series of debt securities;

the total principal amount of the series of debt securities;

the percentage of the principal amount at which the series of debt securities will be offered;

the date or dates on which principal will be payable;

the rate or rates (which may be either fixed or variable) and/or the method of determining such rate or rates of interest, if any;

the date or dates from which any interest will accrue, or the method of determining such date or dates, and the date or dates on which any interest will be payable;

whether any interest may be paid by issuing additional securities of the same series in lieu of cash (and the terms upon which any such interest may be paid by issuing additional securities);

the terms for redemption, extension or early repayment, if any;

the currencies in which the series of debt securities are issued and payable;

whether the amount of payments of principal, premium or interest, if any, on a series of debt securities will be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method (which could be based on one or more currencies, commodities, equity indices or other indices) and how these amounts will be determined;

the place or places, if any, other than or in addition to the Borough of Manhattan in the City of New York, of payment, transfer, conversion and/or exchange of the debt securities;

the denominations in which the offered debt securities will be issued (if other than \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof for registered securities or \$500 for bearer securities);

the provision for any sinking fund;

any restrictive covenants;

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any Events of Default;

whether the series of debt securities are issuable in certificated form;

any provisions for defeasance or covenant defeasance;

any special federal income tax implications, including, if applicable, federal income tax considerations relating to original issue discount;

whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the debt securities rather than pay the additional amounts (and the terms of this option);

any provisions for convertibility or exchangeability of the debt securities into or for any other securities;

whether the debt securities are subject to subordination and the terms of such subordination;

whether the debt securities are secured and the terms of any security interests;

the listing, if any, on a securities exchange; and

any other terms.

The debt securities may be secured or unsecured obligations. Under the provisions of the 1940 Act, we are permitted, as a BDC, to issue debt only in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% after each issuance of debt. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, will be paid by us in immediately available funds.

General

The indenture provides that any debt securities proposed to be sold under this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement (offered debt securities) and any debt securities issuable upon the exercise of warrants or upon conversion or exchange of other offered securities (underlying debt securities), may be issued under the indenture in one or more series.

For purposes of this prospectus, any reference to the payment of principal of or premium or interest, if any, on debt securities will include additional amounts if required by the terms of the debt securities.

The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that may be issued thereunder from time to time. Debt securities issued under the indenture, when a single trustee is acting for all debt securities issued under the indenture,

are called the indenture securities . The indenture also provides that there may be more than one trustee thereunder, each with respect to one or more different series of indenture securities. See Resignation of Trustee below. At a time when two or more trustees are acting under the indenture, each with respect to only certain series, the term indenture securities means the one or more series of debt securities with respect to which each respective trustee is acting. In the event that there is more than one trustee under the indenture, the powers and trust obligations of each trustee described in this prospectus will extend only to the one or more series of indenture securities for which it is trustee. If two or more trustees are acting under the indenture, then the indenture securities for which each trustee is acting would be treated as if issued under separate indentures.

The indenture does not contain any provisions that give you protection in the event we issue a large amount of debt or we are acquired by another entity.

We refer you to the prospectus supplement for information with respect to any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the Events of Default or our covenants that are described below, including any addition of a covenant or other provision providing event risk or similar protection.

We have the ability to issue indenture securities with terms different from those of indenture securities previously issued and, without the consent of the holders thereof, to reopen a previous issue of a series of indenture securities and issue additional indenture securities of that series unless the reopening was restricted when that series was created.

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Conversion and Exchange

If any debt securities are convertible into or exchangeable for other securities, the prospectus supplement will explain the terms and conditions of the conversion or exchange, including the conversion price or exchange ratio (or the calculation method), the conversion or exchange period (or how the period will be determined), if conversion or exchange will be mandatory or at the option of the holder or us, provisions for adjusting the conversion price or the exchange ratio and provisions affecting conversion or exchange in the event of the redemption of the underlying debt securities. These terms may also include provisions under which the number or amount of other securities to be received by the holders of the debt securities upon conversion or exchange would be calculated according to the market price of the other securities as of a time stated in the prospectus supplement.

Issuance of Securities in Registered Form

We may issue the debt securities in registered form, in which case we may issue them either in book-entry form only or in certificated form. Debt securities issued in book-entry form will be represented by global securities. We expect that we will usually issue debt securities in book-entry only form represented by global securities.

We also will have the option of issuing debt securities in non-registered form as bearer securities if we issue the securities outside the United States to non-U.S. persons. In that case, the prospectus supplement will set forth the mechanics for holding the bearer securities, including the procedures for receiving payments, for exchanging the bearer securities, including the procedures for receiving payments, for exchanging the bearer securities for registered securities of the same series, and for receiving notices. The prospectus supplement will also describe the requirements with respect to our maintenance of offices or agencies outside the United States and the applicable U.S. federal tax law requirements.

Book-Entry Holders

We will issue registered debt securities in book-entry form only, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. This means debt securities will be represented by one or more global securities registered in the name of a depository that will hold them on behalf of financial institutions that participate in the depository's book-entry system. These participating institutions, in turn, hold beneficial interests in the debt securities held by the depository or its nominee. These institutions may hold these interests on behalf of themselves or customers.

Under the indenture, only the person in whose name a debt security is registered is recognized as the holder of that debt security. Consequently, for debt securities issued in book-entry form, we will recognize only the depository as the holder of the debt securities and we will make all payments on the debt securities to the depository. The depository will then pass along the payments it receives to its participants, which in turn will pass the payments along to their customers who are the beneficial owners. The depository and its participants do so under agreements they have made with one another or with their customers; they are not obligated to do so under the terms of the debt securities.

As a result, investors will not own debt securities directly. Instead, they will own beneficial interests in a global security, through a bank, broker or other financial institution that participates in the depository's book-entry system or holds an interest through a participant. As long as the debt securities are represented by one or more global securities, investors will be indirect holders, and not holders, of the debt securities.

Street Name Holders

In the future, we may issue debt securities in certificated form or terminate a global security. In these cases, investors may choose to hold their debt securities in their own names or in street name. Debt securities held in

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street name are registered in the name of a bank, broker or other financial institution chosen by the investor, and the investor would hold a beneficial interest in those debt securities through the account he or she maintains at that institution.

For debt securities held in street name, we will recognize only the intermediary banks, brokers and other financial institutions in whose names the debt securities are registered as the holders of those debt securities and we will make all payments on those debt securities to them. These institutions will pass along the payments they receive to their customers who are the beneficial owners, but only because they agree to do so in their customer agreements or because they are legally required to do so. Investors who hold debt securities in street name will be indirect holders, and not holders, of the debt securities.

Legal Holders

Our obligations, as well as the obligations of the applicable trustee and those of any third parties employed by us or the applicable trustee, run only to the legal holders of the debt securities. We do not have obligations to investors who hold beneficial interests in global securities, in street name or by any other indirect means. This will be the case whether an investor chooses to be an indirect holder of a debt security or has no choice because we are issuing the debt securities only in book-entry form.

For example, once we make a payment or give a notice to the holder, we have no further responsibility for the payment or notice even if that holder is required, under agreements with depository participants or customers or by law, to pass it along to the indirect holders but does not do so. Similarly, if we want to obtain the approval of the holders for any purpose (for example, to amend an indenture or to relieve us of the consequences of a default or of our obligation to comply with a particular provision of an indenture), we would seek the approval only from the holders, and not the indirect holders, of the debt securities. Whether and how the holders contact the indirect holders is up to the holders.

When we refer to you, we mean those who invest in the debt securities being offered by this prospectus, whether they are the holders or only indirect holders of those debt securities. When we refer to your debt securities, we mean the debt securities in which you hold a direct or indirect interest.

Special Considerations for Indirect Holders

If you hold debt securities through a bank, broker or other financial institution, either in book-entry form or in street name, we urge you to check with that institution to find out:

how it handles securities payments and notices,

whether it imposes fees or charges,

how it would handle a request for the holders' consent, if ever required,

whether and how you can instruct it to send you debt securities registered in your own name so you can be a holder, if that is permitted in the future for a particular series of debt securities,

how it would exercise rights under the debt securities if there were a default or other event triggering the need for holders to act to protect their interests, and

if the debt securities are in book-entry form, how the depositary's rules and procedures will affect these matters.

Global Securities

As noted above, we usually will issue debt securities as registered securities in book-entry form only. A global security represents one or any other number of individual debt securities. Generally, all debt securities represented by the same global securities will have the same terms.

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Each debt security issued in book-entry form will be represented by a global security that we deposit with and register in the name of a financial institution or its nominee that we select. The financial institution that we select for this purpose is called the depository. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, known as DTC, will be the depository for all debt securities issued in book-entry form.

A global security may not be transferred to or registered in the name of anyone other than the depository or its nominee, unless special termination situations arise. We describe those situations below under *Special Situations when a Global Security Will Be Terminated* . As a result of these arrangements, the depository, or its nominee, will be the sole registered owner and holder of all debt securities represented by a global security, and investors will be permitted to own only beneficial interests in a global security. Beneficial interests must be held by means of an account with a broker, bank or other financial institution that in turn has an account with the depository or with another institution that has an account with the depository. Thus, an investor whose security is represented by a global security will not be a holder of the debt security, but only an indirect holder of a beneficial interest in the global security.

Special Considerations for Global Securities

As an indirect holder, an investor's rights relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the investor's financial institution and of the depository, as well as general laws relating to securities transfers. The depository that holds the global security will be considered the holder of the debt securities represented by the global security.

If debt securities are issued only in the form of a global security, an investor should be aware of the following:

An investor cannot cause the debt securities to be registered in his or her name, and cannot obtain certificates for his or her interest in the debt securities, except in the special situations we describe below.

An investor will be an indirect holder and must look to his or her own bank or broker for payments on the debt securities and protection of his or her legal rights relating to the debt securities, as we describe under *Issuance of Securities in Registered Form* above.

An investor may not be able to sell interests in the debt securities to some insurance companies and other institutions that are required by law to own their securities in non-book-entry form.

An investor may not be able to pledge his or her interest in a global security in circumstances where certificates representing the debt securities must be delivered to the lender or other beneficiary of the pledge in order for the pledge to be effective.

The depository's policies, which may change from time to time, will govern payments, transfers, exchanges and other matters relating to an investor's interest in a global security. We and the trustee have no responsibility for any aspect of the depository's actions or for its records of ownership interests in a global

security. We and the trustee also do not supervise the depositary in any way.

If we redeem less than all the debt securities of a particular series being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount to be redeemed from each of its participants holding that series.

An investor is required to give notice of exercise of any option to elect repayment of its debt securities, through its participant, to the applicable trustee and to deliver the related debt securities by causing its participant to transfer its interest in those debt securities, on DTC's records, to the applicable trustee.

DTC requires that those who purchase and sell interests in a global security deposited in its book-entry system use immediately available funds. Your broker or bank may also require you to use immediately available funds when purchasing or selling interests in a global security.

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Financial institutions that participate in the depositary's book-entry system, and through which an investor holds its interest in a global security, may also have their own policies affecting payments, notices and other matters relating to the debt securities. There may be more than one financial intermediary in the chain of ownership for an investor. We do not monitor and are not responsible for the actions of any of those intermediaries.

Special Situations when a Global Security will be Terminated

In a few special situations described below, a global security will be terminated and interests in it will be exchanged for certificates in non-book-entry form (certificated securities). After that exchange, the choice of whether to hold the certificated debt securities directly or in street name will be up to the investor. Investors must consult their own banks or brokers to find out how to have their interests in a global security transferred on termination to their own names, so that they will be holders. We have described the rights of legal holders and street name investors under Issuance of Securities in Registered Form above.

The prospectus supplement may list situations for terminating a global security that would apply only to the particular series of debt securities covered by the prospectus supplement. If a global security is terminated, only the depositary, and not we or the applicable trustee, is responsible for deciding the names of the institutions in whose names the debt securities represented by the global security will be registered and, therefore, who will be the holders of those debt securities.

Payment and Paying Agents

We will pay interest (either in cash or by delivery of additional indenture securities, as applicable) to the person listed in the applicable trustee's records as the owner of the debt security at the close of business on a particular day in advance of each due date for interest, even if that person no longer owns the debt security on the interest due date. That day, usually about two weeks in advance of the interest due date, is called the record date. Because we will pay all the interest for an interest period to the holders on the record date, holders buying and selling debt securities must work out between themselves the appropriate purchase price. The most common manner is to adjust the sales price of the debt securities to prorate interest fairly between buyer and seller based on their respective ownership periods within the particular interest period. This prorated interest amount is called accrued interest.

Payments on Global Securities

We will make payments on a global security in accordance with the applicable policies of the depositary as in effect from time to time. Under those policies, we will make payments directly to the depositary, or its nominee, and not to any indirect holders who own beneficial interests in the global security. An indirect holder's right to those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depositary and its participants, as described under Special Considerations for Global Securities.

Payments on Certificated Securities

We will make payments on a certificated debt security as follows. We will pay interest that is due on an interest payment date by check mailed (or additional securities issued) on the interest payment date to the holder at his or her address shown on the trustee's records as of the close of business on the regular record date. We will make all payments of principal and premium, if any, by check at the office of the applicable trustee in New York, NY and/or at other offices that may be specified in the prospectus supplement or in a notice to holders against surrender of the debt security.

Alternatively, if the holder asks us to do so, we will pay any cash amount that becomes due on the debt security by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account at a bank in the United States, on the due date.

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Payment When Offices Are Closed

If any payment is due on a debt security on a day that is not a business day, we will make the payment on the next day that is a business day. Payments made on the next business day in this situation will be treated under the indenture as if they were made on the original due date, except as otherwise indicated in the attached prospectus supplement. Such payment will not result in a default under any debt security or the indenture, and no interest will accrue on the payment amount from the original due date to the next day that is a business day.

Book-entry and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how they will receive payments on their debt securities.

Events of Default

You will have rights if an Event of Default occurs in respect of the debt securities of your series and is not cured, as described later in this subsection.

The term *Event of Default* in respect of the debt securities of your series means any of the following:

We do not pay the principal of, or any premium on, a debt security of the series on its due date.

We do not pay interest on a debt security of the series within 30 days of its due date.

We do not deposit any sinking fund payment in respect of debt securities of the series within 2 business days of its due date.

We remain in breach of a covenant in respect of debt securities of the series for 60 days after we receive a written notice of default stating we are in breach. The notice must be sent by either the trustee or holders of at least 25% of the principal amount of debt securities of the series.

We file for bankruptcy or certain other events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occur.

Any class of securities has an asset coverage of less than 100 per centum on the last business day of each twenty-four consecutive calendar months.

Any other Event of Default in respect of debt securities of the series described in the prospectus supplement occurs.

An Event of Default for a particular series of debt securities does not necessarily constitute an Event of Default for any other series of debt securities issued under the same or any other indenture. The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of debt securities of any default, except in the payment of principal, premium or interest, if it in good faith considers the withholding of notice to be in the best interests of the holders.

Remedies if an Event of Default Occurs

If an Event of Default has occurred and has not been cured, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series may declare the entire principal amount of all the debt securities of that series to be due and immediately payable. This is called a declaration of acceleration of maturity. A declaration of acceleration of maturity may be canceled by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series if (1) we have deposited with the trustee all amounts due and owing with respect to the securities, and (2) no other Events of Default are continuing.

Except in cases of default, where the trustee has some special duties, the trustee is not required to take any action under the indenture at the request of any holders unless the holders offer the trustee reasonable protection from expenses and liability (called an indemnity). If reasonable indemnity is provided, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the relevant series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any lawsuit or other formal legal action seeking any remedy available to the trustee. The trustee may refuse to follow those directions in certain circumstances. No delay or omission in exercising any right or remedy will be treated as a waiver of that right, remedy or Event of Default.

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Before you are allowed to bypass your trustee and bring your own lawsuit or other formal legal action or take other steps to enforce your rights or protect your interests relating to the debt securities, the following must occur:

You must give your trustee written notice that an Event of Default has occurred and remains uncured.

The holders of at least 25% in principal amount of all outstanding debt securities of the relevant series must make a written request that the trustee take action because of the default and must offer reasonable indemnity to the trustee against the cost and other liabilities of taking that action.

The trustee must not have taken action for 60 days after receipt of the above notice and offer of indemnity.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities must not have given the trustee a direction inconsistent with the above notice during that 60-day period.

However, you are entitled at any time to bring a lawsuit for the payment of money due on your debt securities on or after the due date.

Holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series may waive any past defaults other than

the payment of principal, any premium or interest or

in respect of a covenant that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of each holder.

Book-entry and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how to give notice or direction to or make a request of the trustee and how to declare or cancel an acceleration of maturity.

Each year, we will furnish to each trustee a written statement of certain of our officers certifying that to their knowledge we are in compliance with the indenture and the debt securities or else specifying any default.

Merger or Consolidation

Under the terms of the indenture, we are generally permitted to consolidate or merge with another entity. We are also permitted to sell all or substantially all of our assets to another entity. However, we may not take any of these actions unless all the following conditions are met:

Where we merge out of existence or sell our assets, the resulting entity must agree to be legally responsible for our obligations under the debt securities.

The merger or sale of assets must not cause a default on the debt securities and we must not already be in default (unless the merger or sale would cure the default). For purposes of this no-default test, a default would include an Event of Default that has occurred and has not been cured, as described under **Events of Default** above. A default for this purpose would also include any event that would be an Event of Default if the requirements for giving us a notice of default or our default having to exist for a specific period of time were disregarded.

We must deliver certain certificates and documents to the trustee.

We must satisfy any other requirements specified in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of debt securities.

Modification or Waiver

There are three types of changes we can make to the indenture and the debt securities issued thereunder.

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Changes Requiring Your Approval

First, there are changes that we cannot make to your debt securities without your specific approval. The following is a list of those types of changes:

change the stated maturity of the principal of, or interest on, a debt security;

reduce any amounts due on a debt security;

reduce the amount of principal payable upon acceleration of the maturity of a security following a default;

adversely affect any right of repayment at the holder's option;

change the place (except as otherwise described in the prospectus or prospectus supplement) or currency of payment on a debt security;

impair your right to sue for payment;

adversely affect any right to convert or exchange a debt security in accordance with its terms;

modify the subordination provisions in the indenture in a manner that is adverse to holders of the debt securities;

reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities whose consent is needed to modify or amend the indenture;

reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities whose consent is needed to waive compliance with certain provisions of the indenture or to waive certain defaults;

modify any other aspect of the provisions of the indenture dealing with supplemental indentures, modification and waiver of past defaults, changes to the quorum or voting requirements or the waiver of certain covenants; and

change any obligation we have to pay additional amounts.

Changes Not Requiring Approval

The second type of change does not require any vote by the holders of the debt securities. This type is limited to clarifications and certain other changes that would not adversely affect holders of the outstanding debt securities in any material respect. We also do not need any approval to make any change that affects only debt securities to be issued under the indenture after the change takes effect.

Changes Requiring Majority Approval

Any other change to the indenture and the debt securities would require the following approval:

If the change affects only one series of debt securities, it must be approved by the holders of a majority in principal amount of that series.

If the change affects more than one series of debt securities issued under the same indenture, it must be approved by the holders of a majority in principal amount of all of the series affected by the change, with all affected series voting together as one class for this purpose.

In each case, the required approval must be given by written consent.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of all of the series of debt securities issued under an indenture, voting together as one class for this purpose, may waive our compliance with some of our covenants in that indenture. However, we cannot obtain a waiver of a payment default or of any of the matters covered by the bullet points included above under **Changes Requiring Your Approval**.

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Further Details Concerning Voting

When taking a vote, we will use the following rules to decide how much principal to attribute to a debt security:

For original issue discount securities, we will use the principal amount that would be due and payable on the voting date if the maturity of these debt securities were accelerated to that date because of a default.

For debt securities whose principal amount is not known (for example, because it is based on an index), we will use the principal face amount at original issuance or a special rule for that debt security described in the prospectus supplement.

For debt securities denominated in one or more foreign currencies, we will use the U.S. dollar equivalent. Debt securities will not be considered outstanding, and therefore not eligible to vote, if we have deposited or set aside in trust money for their payment or redemption or if we, any other obligor, or any affiliate of us or any obligor own such debt securities. Debt securities will also not be eligible to vote if they have been fully defeased as described later under **Defeasance** **Full Defeasance**.

We will generally be entitled to set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the holders of outstanding indenture securities that are entitled to vote or take other action under the indenture. However, the record date may not be more than 30 days before the date of the first solicitation of holders to vote on or take such action. If we set a record date for a vote or other action to be taken by holders of one or more series, that vote or action may be taken only by persons who are holders of outstanding indenture securities of those series on the record date and must be taken within eleven months following the record date.

Book-entry and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how approval may be granted or denied if we seek to change the indenture or the debt securities or request a waiver.

Defeasance

The following provisions will be applicable to each series of debt securities unless we state in the applicable prospectus supplement that the provisions of covenant defeasance and full defeasance will not be applicable to that series.

Covenant Defeasance

Under current United States federal tax law and the indenture, we can make the deposit described below and be released from some of the restrictive covenants in the indenture under which the particular series was issued. This is called **covenant defeasance** . In that event, you would lose the protection of those restrictive covenants but would gain the protection of having money and government securities set aside in trust to repay your debt securities. If applicable, you also would be released from the subordination provisions described under **Indenture Provisions** **Subordination** below. In order to achieve covenant defeasance, we must do the following:

If the debt securities of the particular series are denominated in U.S. dollars, we must deposit in trust for the benefit of all holders of such debt securities a combination of money and United States government or United States government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities on their various due dates and any mandatory sinking fund payments or analogous payments.

We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel confirming that, under current U.S. federal income tax law, we may make the above deposit without causing you to be taxed on the debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and just repaid the debt securities ourselves at maturity.

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We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel stating that the above deposit does not require registration by us under the 1940 Act, as amended, and a legal opinion and officers' certificate stating that all conditions precedent to covenant defeasance have been complied with.

Defeasance must not result in a breach of the indenture or any of our other material agreements.

Satisfy the conditions for covenant defeasance contained in any supplemental indentures.

If we accomplish covenant defeasance, you can still look to us for repayment of the debt securities if there were a shortfall in the trust deposit or the trustee is prevented from making payment. In fact, if one of the remaining Events of Default occurred (such as our bankruptcy) and the debt securities became immediately due and payable, there might be a shortfall. Depending on the event causing the default, you may not be able to obtain payment of the shortfall.

Full Defeasance

If there is a change in United States federal tax law, as described below, we can legally release ourselves from all payment and other obligations on the debt securities of a particular series (called "full defeasance") if we put in place the following other arrangements for you to be repaid:

If the debt securities of the particular series are denominated in U.S. dollars, we must deposit in trust for the benefit of all holders of such debt securities a combination of money and United States government or United States government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities on their various due dates and any mandatory sinking fund payments or analogous payments.

We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion confirming that there has been a change in current U.S. federal tax law or an IRS ruling that allows us to make the above deposit without causing you to be taxed on the debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and just repaid the debt securities ourselves at maturity. Under current United States federal tax law, the deposit and our legal release from the debt securities would be treated as though we paid you your share of the cash and notes or bonds at the time the cash and notes or bonds were deposited in trust in exchange for your debt securities and you would recognize gain or loss on the debt securities at the time of the deposit.

We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel stating that the above deposit does not require registration by us under the 1940 Act, as amended, and a legal opinion and officers' certificate stating that all conditions precedent to defeasance have been complied with.

Defeasance must not result in a breach of the indenture or any of our other material agreements.

Satisfy the conditions for covenant defeasance contained in any supplemental indentures.

If we ever did accomplish full defeasance, as described above, you would have to rely solely on the trust deposit for repayment of the debt securities. You could not look to us for repayment in the unlikely event of any shortfall. Conversely, the trust deposit would most likely be protected from claims of our lenders and other creditors if we ever became bankrupt or insolvent. If applicable, you would also be released from the subordination provisions described later under **Indenture Provisions Subordination** .

Form, Exchange and Transfer of Certificated Registered Securities

If registered debt securities cease to be issued in book-entry form, they will be issued:

only in fully registered certificated form,

without interest coupons, and

unless we indicate otherwise in the prospectus supplement, in denominations of \$1,000 and amounts that are multiples of \$1,000.

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Holders may exchange their certificated securities for debt securities of smaller denominations or combined into fewer debt securities of larger denominations, as long as the total principal amount is not changed and as long as the denomination is greater than the minimum denomination for such securities.

Holders may exchange or transfer their certificated securities at the office of their trustee. We have appointed the trustee to act as our agent for registering debt securities in the names of holders transferring debt securities. We may appoint another entity to perform these functions or perform them ourselves.

Holders will not be required to pay a service charge to transfer or exchange their certificated securities, but they may be required to pay any tax or other governmental charge associated with the transfer or exchange. The transfer or exchange will be made only if our transfer agent is satisfied with the holder's proof of legal ownership.

If we have designated additional transfer agents for your debt security, they will be named in your prospectus supplement. We may appoint additional transfer agents or cancel the appointment of any particular transfer agent. We may also approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts.

If any certificated securities of a particular series are redeemable and we redeem less than all the debt securities of that series, we may block the transfer or exchange of those debt securities during the period beginning 15 days before the day we mail the notice of redemption and ending on the day of that mailing, in order to freeze the list of holders to prepare the mailing. We may also refuse to register transfers or exchanges of any certificated securities selected for redemption, except that we will continue to permit transfers and exchanges of the unredeemed portion of any debt security that will be partially redeemed.

If a registered debt security is issued in book-entry form, only the depositary will be entitled to transfer and exchange the debt security as described in this subsection, since it will be the sole holder of the debt security.

Resignation of Trustee

Each trustee may resign or be removed with respect to one or more series of indenture securities provided that a successor trustee is appointed to act with respect to these series and has accepted such appointment. In the event that two or more persons are acting as trustee with respect to different series of indenture securities under the indenture, each of the trustees will be a trustee of a trust separate and apart from the trust administered by any other trustee.

Indenture Provisions Subordination

Upon any distribution of our assets upon our dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization, the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on any indenture securities denominated as subordinated debt securities is to be subordinated to the extent provided in the indenture in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Designated Senior Indebtedness (as defined below), but our obligation to you to make payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on such subordinated debt securities will not otherwise be affected. In addition, no payment on account of principal (or premium, if any), sinking fund or interest, if any, may be made on such subordinated debt securities at any time unless full payment of all amounts due in respect of the principal (and premium, if any), sinking fund and interest on Designated Senior Indebtedness has been made or duly provided for in money or money's worth.

In the event that, notwithstanding the foregoing, any payment by us is received by the trustee in respect of subordinated debt securities or by the holders of any of such subordinated debt securities before all Designated Senior Indebtedness is paid in full, the payment or distribution must be paid over to the holders of the Designated Senior

Indebtedness or on their behalf for application to the payment of all the Designated Senior Indebtedness remaining unpaid until all the Designated Senior Indebtedness has been paid in full, after giving effect to any

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concurrent payment or distribution to the holders of the Designated Senior Indebtedness. Subject to the payment in full of all Designated Senior Indebtedness upon this distribution by us, the holders of such subordinated debt securities will be subrogated to the rights of the holders of the Designated Senior Indebtedness to the extent of payments made to the holders of the Designated Senior Indebtedness out of the distributive share of such subordinated debt securities.

By reason of this subordination, in the event of a distribution of our assets upon our insolvency, certain of our senior creditors may recover more, ratably, than holders of any subordinated debt securities or the holders of any indenture securities that are not Designated Senior Indebtedness or subordinated debt securities. The indenture provides that these subordination provisions will not apply to money and securities held in trust under the defeasance provisions of the indenture.

Designated Senior Indebtedness is defined in the indenture as the principal of (and premium, if any) and unpaid interest on:

our indebtedness (including indebtedness of others guaranteed by us), whenever created, incurred, assumed or guaranteed, for money borrowed, that we have designated as Designated Senior Indebtedness for purposes of the indenture and in accordance with the terms of the indenture (including any indenture securities designated as Designated Senior Indebtedness), and

renewals, extensions, modifications and refinancings of any of this indebtedness.

If this prospectus is being delivered in connection with the offering of a series of indenture securities denominated as subordinated debt securities, the accompanying prospectus supplement will set forth the approximate amount of our Designated Senior Indebtedness and of our other indebtedness outstanding as of a recent date.

Secured Indebtedness

Certain of our indebtedness, including certain series of indenture securities, may be secured. The prospectus supplement for each series of indenture securities will describe the terms of any security interest for such series and will indicate the approximate amount of our secured indebtedness as of a recent date. In the event of a distribution of our assets upon our insolvency, the holders of unsecured indenture securities may recover less, ratably, than holders of any of our secured indebtedness.

The Trustee under the Indenture

U.S. Bank National Association will serve as the trustee under the indenture.

Certain Considerations Relating to Foreign Currencies

Debt securities denominated or payable in foreign currencies may entail significant risks. These risks include the possibility of significant fluctuations in the foreign currency markets, the imposition or modification of foreign exchange controls and potential illiquidity in the secondary market. These risks will vary depending upon the currency or currencies involved and will be more fully described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, up to \$1,000,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, or warrants, in one or more underwritten public offerings, at-the-market offerings, negotiated transactions, block trades, best efforts or a combination of these methods. The holders of our common stock will indirectly bear any fees and expenses in connection with any such offerings. We may sell the securities through underwriters or dealers, directly to one or more purchasers through agents or through a combination of any such methods of sale. Any underwriter or agent involved in the offer and sale of the securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. A prospectus supplement or supplements will also describe the terms of the offering of the securities, including: the purchase price of the securities and the proceeds we will receive from the sale; any over-allotment options under which underwriters may purchase additional securities from us; any agency fees or underwriting discounts and other items constituting agents or underwriters compensation; the public offering price; any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers; and any securities exchange or market on which the securities may be listed. Only underwriters named in the prospectus supplement will be underwriters of the securities offered by the prospectus supplement.

The distribution of the securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices. The price at which securities may be distributed may represent a discount from prevailing market prices.

In connection with the sale of the securities, underwriters or agents may receive compensation from us or from purchasers of the securities, for whom they may act as agents, in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters may sell the securities to or through dealers and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act, and any discounts and commissions they receive from us and any profit realized by them on the resale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Any such underwriter or agent will be identified and any such compensation received from us will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. The maximum aggregate commission or discount to be received by any member of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority or independent broker-dealer, including any reimbursements to underwriters or agents for certain fees and legal expenses incurred by them, will not be greater than 10% of the gross proceeds of the sale of securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement.

Any underwriter may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, short-covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which create a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum price. Syndicate-covering or other short-covering transactions involve purchases of the securities, either through exercise of the over-allotment option or in the open market after the distribution is completed, to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the securities originally sold by the dealer are purchased in a stabilizing or covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would otherwise be. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time.

Any underwriters that are qualified market makers on the NASDAQ Global Select Market may engage in passive market making transactions in our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act, during the business day prior to the pricing of the offering, before the

commencement of offers or sales of our common stock. Passive market makers must comply with applicable volume and price limitations and must be identified as passive market makers. In general, a passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid for such security; if all

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independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, however, the passive market maker's bid must then be lowered when certain purchase limits are exceeded. Passive market making may stabilize the market price of the securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

We may sell securities directly or through agents we designate from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offering and sale of securities and we will describe any commissions we will pay the agent in the prospectus supplement. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, our agent will act on a best-efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, each class or series of securities will be a new issue with no trading market, other than our common stock, which is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. We may elect to list any other class or series of securities on any exchanges, but we are not obligated to do so. We cannot guarantee the liquidity of the trading markets for any securities.

Under agreements that we may enter, underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of shares of our securities may be entitled to indemnification by us against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribution with respect to payments that the agents or underwriters may make with respect to these liabilities. Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business.

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

We may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of stock. The third parties in such sale transactions will be underwriters and, if not identified in this prospectus, will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

In order to comply with the securities laws of certain states, if applicable, our securities offered hereby will be sold in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers.

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CUSTODIAN, TRANSFER AND DISTRIBUTION PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Our securities are held under a custody agreement by Citibank, N.A. The address of the custodian is 399 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022. American Stock Transfer & Trust Company will act as our transfer agent, distribution paying agent and registrar. The principal business address of our transfer agent is 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219, telephone number: (800) 937-5449.

BROKERAGE ALLOCATION AND OTHER PRACTICES

Since we will generally acquire and dispose of our investments in privately negotiated transactions, we will infrequently use brokers in the normal course of our business. Subject to policies established by our board of directors, our investment adviser will be primarily responsible for the execution of the publicly traded securities portion of our portfolio transactions and the allocation of brokerage commissions. Our investment adviser does not expect to execute transactions through any particular broker or dealer, but will seek to obtain the best net results for Solar Capital, taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), size of order, difficulty of execution, and operational facilities of the firm and the firm's risk and skill in positioning blocks of securities. While our investment adviser generally will seek reasonably competitive trade execution costs, Solar Capital will not necessarily pay the lowest spread or commission available. Subject to applicable legal requirements, our investment adviser may select a broker based partly upon brokerage or research services provided to the investment adviser and Solar Capital and any other clients. In return for such services, we may pay a higher commission than other brokers would charge if the investment adviser determines in good faith that such commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, Washington, DC, and Venable LLP, Baltimore Maryland. Certain legal matters in connection with the offering will be passed upon for the underwriters, if any, by the counsel named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

KPMG LLP is an independent registered public accounting firm and is located at 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154. The consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2016, have been included herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP appearing elsewhere herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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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 the securities offered by this prospectus. The registration statement contains additional information about us and the securities being offered by this prospectus.

We are required to file with or submit to the SEC annual, quarterly and current periodic reports, proxy statements and other information meeting the informational requirements of the Exchange Act. You may inspect and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information, as well as the registration statement and related exhibits and schedules, at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information filed electronically by us with the SEC which are available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of these reports, proxy and information statements and other information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20549. This information will also be available free of charge by contacting us at Solar Capital Ltd., 500 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022, by telephone at (212) 993-1670, or on our website at <http://www.solarcapltd.com>.

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MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, and for performing an assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

Management performed an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016 based upon criteria in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on our assessment, management determined that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2016 based on the criteria on *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by COSO.

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016 has been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which appears herein.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

Solar Capital Ltd.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of assets and liabilities, including the consolidated schedule of investments, of Solar Capital Ltd. (and subsidiaries) (the Company) as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2016. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, by correspondence with the custodian, portfolio companies or agents. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Solar Capital Ltd. (and subsidiaries) as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the results of their operations, changes in their net assets and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2016, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Solar Capital Ltd.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated February 22, 2017 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KPMG LLP

New York, New York

February 22, 2017

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

Solar Capital Ltd.:

We have audited Solar Capital Ltd.'s (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Solar Capital Ltd.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying management's report on internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (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 management and directors of the company; 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. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Solar Capital Ltd. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated statements of assets and liabilities, including consolidated schedule of investments of Solar Capital Ltd. (and subsidiaries) as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31,

2016 and our report dated February 22, 2017 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

/s/ KPMG LLP

New York, New York

February 22, 2017

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Table of Contents**SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****(in thousands, except share amounts)**

	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Assets		
Investments at fair value:		
Companies less than 5% owned (cost: \$815,955 and \$926,055, respectively)	\$ 804,783	\$ 886,788
Companies 5% to 25% owned (cost: \$8,511 and \$8,511, respectively)	777	1,233
Companies more than 25% owned (cost: \$477,491 and \$410,142, respectively)	499,218	424,570
Total investments (cost: \$1,301,957 and \$1,344,708, respectively)	1,304,778	1,312,591
Cash	2,152	2,587
Cash equivalents (cost: \$309,894 and \$274,983, respectively)	309,894	274,983
Receivable for investments sold	13,602	11,374
Interest receivable	8,079	6,408
Dividends receivable	10,952	8,487
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,090	874
Total assets	\$ 1,650,547	\$ 1,617,304
Liabilities		
Revolving credit facilities (see notes 6 and 8)	\$ 115,200	\$ 207,900
Unsecured senior notes due 2042 (\$100,000 and \$100,000 face amounts, respectively, reported net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$2,886 and \$2,996, respectively. See note 8)	97,114	97,004
Senior secured notes (see notes 6 and 8)	75,000	75,000
Unsecured senior notes due 2022 (see notes 6 and 8)	50,000	
Term loan (see notes 6 and 8)	50,000	50,000
Distributions payable	16,899	16,986
Payable for cash equivalents purchased	309,894	274,983
Management fee payable (see note 3)	6,870	6,523
Performance-based incentive fee payable (see note 3)	4,412	1,408
Administrative services expense payable (see note 3)	3,289	2,324
Interest payable (see note 8)	2,225	1,665
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	1,137	813
Total liabilities	\$ 732,040	\$ 734,606
Commitments and contingencies (see notes 14, 15 & 16)		
Net Assets		
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 200,000,000 and 200,000,000 common shares authorized, respectively, and 42,248,525 and 42,464,762 shares	\$ 422	\$ 425

issued and outstanding, respectively

Paid-in capital in excess of par (see note 2f)	989,732	993,991
Distributions in excess of net investment income (see note 2f)	(11,847)	(15,592)
Accumulated net realized loss (see note 2f)	(62,621)	(64,009)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	2,821	(32,117)
Total net assets	\$ 918,507	\$ 882,698
Net Asset Value Per Share	\$ 21.74	\$ 20.79

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Table of Contents**SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(in thousands, except share amounts)

	Year ended December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
INVESTMENT INCOME:			
Interest:			
Companies less than 5% owned	\$ 108,386	\$ 78,498	\$ 84,532
Companies 5% to 25% owned			564
Companies more than 25% owned	1,835	2,604	3,333
Dividends:			
Companies less than 5% owned	11	12	
Companies more than 25% owned	40,649	33,947	33,233
Other income:			
Companies less than 5% owned	828	477	259
Companies more than 25% owned	130	22	16
Total investment income	151,839	115,560	121,937
EXPENSES:			
Management fees (see note 3)	28,115	24,678	24,651
Performance-based incentive fees (see note 3)	17,775	4,374	7,411
Interest and other credit facility expenses (see note 8)	24,571	15,598	14,448
Administrative services expense (see note 3)	5,990	5,081	5,362
Other general and administrative expenses	4,287	3,167	3,358
Total expenses	80,738	52,898	55,230
Performance-based incentive fees waived (see note 3)		(1,694)	
Net expenses	80,738	51,204	55,230
Net investment income	\$ 71,101	\$ 64,356	\$ 66,707
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, CASH EQUIVALENTS, FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND DERIVATIVES:			
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and cash equivalents:			
Companies less than 5% owned	\$ 609	\$ (3,510)	\$ (6,667)
Companies 5% to 25% owned	197	(1,163)	1,176
Companies more than 25% owned	(30)	(147)	(25,337)
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and cash equivalents	776	(4,820)	(30,828)
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currencies and derivatives:		(54)	(6,012)

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Net realized gain (loss)	776	(4,874)	(36,840)
Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments and cash equivalents	34,938	(45,411)	15,655
Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on foreign currencies and derivatives		9	2,930
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	34,938	(45,402)	18,585
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments, cash equivalents, foreign currencies and derivatives	35,714	(50,276)	(18,255)
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 106,815	\$ 14,080	\$ 48,452
EARNINGS PER SHARE (see note 5)	\$ 2.53	\$ 0.33	\$ 1.13

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Table of Contents**SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

(in thousands, except share amounts)

	Year ended December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
Increase in net assets resulting from operations:			
Net investment income	\$ 71,101	\$ 64,356	\$ 66,707
Net realized gain (loss)	776	(4,874)	(36,840)
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	34,938	(45,402)	18,585
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	106,815	14,080	48,452
Distributions to stockholders (see note 9a):			
From net investment income	(67,598)	(67,944)	(66,383)
From other sources			(2,060)
Net distributions to stockholders	(67,598)	(67,944)	(68,443)
Capital transactions:			
Repurchases of common stock	(3,408)	(6)	(39,078)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from capital transactions	(3,408)	(6)	(39,078)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	35,809	(53,870)	(59,069)
Net assets at beginning of year	882,698	936,568	995,637
Net assets at end of year ⁽¹⁾	\$ 918,507	\$ 882,698	\$ 936,568
Capital share activity:			
Common stock repurchased	(216,237)	(400)	(1,779,033)
Net decrease from capital share activity	(216,237)	(400)	(1,779,033)

Represents tax return of capital.

(1) Includes undistributed (overdistributed) net investment income of (\$11,847), (\$15,592) and (\$8,599), respectively.

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Table of Contents**SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(in thousands)

	Year ended December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net increase in net assets from operations	\$ 106,815	\$ 14,080	\$ 48,452
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets from operations to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Net realized (gain) loss on investments and cash equivalents	(776)	4,820	30,828
Net realized (gain) loss on foreign currencies and derivatives		54	6,012
Net change in unrealized (gain) loss on investments and cash equivalents	(34,938)	45,411	(15,655)
Net change in unrealized (gain) loss on foreign currencies and derivatives		(9)	(2,930)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:			
Purchase of investments	(438,030)	(480,704)	(699,808)
Proceeds from disposition of investments	480,975	139,044	749,074
Capitalization of payment-in-kind interest		(469)	(3,303)
Collections of payment-in-kind interest	582		3,443
Receivable for investments sold	(2,228)	1,764	1,732
Interest receivable	(1,671)	(1,859)	1,074
Dividends receivable	(2,465)	(229)	347
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(216)	174	(382)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:			
Payable for investments and cash equivalents purchased	34,911	(217,492)	37,588
Management fee payable	347	414	329
Performance-based incentive fees payable	3,004	(2,790)	(435)
Administrative services expense payable	965	(103)	342
Interest payable	560	161	5
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	324	(254)	(156)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	148,159	(497,987)	156,557
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
Cash distributions paid	(67,685)	(67,944)	(69,155)
Proceeds from issuance of unsecured debt	50,000		
Deferred financing costs	110	267	37
Repurchase of common stock	(3,408)	(6)	(39,078)
Proceeds from secured borrowings	678,500	418,800	
Repayments of secured borrowings	(771,200)	(210,900)	
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	(113,683)	140,217	(108,196)

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	34,476	(357,770)	48,361
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	277,570	635,340	586,979
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 312,046	\$ 277,570	\$ 635,340

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid for interest	\$ 24,011	\$ 15,437	\$ 14,443
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Non-cash financing activities consist of \$43,498 of investments transferred from the Company to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 and \$29,884 of investments transferred from the Company to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 (see notes 15 & 16).

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Table of Contents**SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.****CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS****December 31, 2016****(in thousands, except share/unit amounts)**

Company	Industry	Spread Above Index ⁽¹⁰⁾	LIBOR Floor	Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾	Acquisition Date	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost
Senior Loans								
are, Inc	Health Care Providers & Services	L+950	1.00%	10.50%	9/3/2015	9/3/2022	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,235
n, Inc. ⁽⁶⁾	Pharmaceuticals	L+699	1.00%	7.99%	8/5/2015	8/5/2019	25,000	25,297
xicology								
on	Health Care Providers & Services	L+850	1.00%	9.50%	2/20/2014	8/24/2021	29,000	28,731
x, Inc	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+835		9.00%	2/6/2015	2/1/2019	8,667	8,708
ers, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies			7.34%	4/22/2016	7/14/2017	1,000	1,015
erencing Ltd.	Communications Equipment	L+650	1.00%	7.50%	5/5/2016	12/8/2021	5,591	5,081
e Group,	Insurance	L+875	1.00%	9.75%	7/9/2015	1/10/2023	15,000	14,742
bserve on & h, LLC	Air Freight & Logistics	L+1025		11.19%	5/2/2014	5/2/2018	12,330	12,330
LLC	Insurance	L+750	1.00%	8.50%	2/27/2014	3/3/2021	3,360	3,140
rma, Inc	Pharmaceuticals	P+410		7.60%	11/18/2016	11/18/2020	5,000	4,896
ap SII,	Aerospace & Defense			12.00%	5/31/2011	1/31/2019	497	497
Health	Pharmaceuticals	L+880		9.41%	8/7/2015	8/31/2019	20,000	20,151
ifting Inc. ⁽⁸⁾	Trading Companies & Distributors	L+800	1.00%	9.00%	3/24/2014	3/27/2022	25,000	24,827
gies, Inc	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+830		8.91%	11/5/2015	11/5/2019	15,000	15,089
, Inc	Health Care Providers & Services	P+670		10.45%	6/18/2015	4/1/2019	7,000	7,205
Medical,	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+870		9.31%	8/19/2015	8/19/2019	8,500	8,645

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Medical Inc	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+875		9.36%	6/30/2016	7/1/2020	6,000	6,003
cs, Inc	Health Care Equipment & Supplies			8.68-8.78%	4/22/2016	3/1/2019	6,394	6,181
Medical, Inc	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+900		9.61%	9/28/2016	9/28/2020	6,000	5,988
nk, Inc	Health Care Technology	L+850	0.70%	9.20%	3/8/2016	3/8/2020	6,500	6,490
s edics, Inc	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+865		9.28%	6/15/2016	6/1/2020	5,250	5,182
Inc	IT Services	L+800	1.00%	9.00%	8/14/2014	9/15/2019	27,000	26,629
s gies, Inc	Health Care Equipment & Supplies			9.25-9.30%	4/22/2016	2/23/2017	400	434
y	Multiline Retail			12.00% PIK	11/5/2012	10/31/2019	11,105	8,511
ldings on y Corp	Professional Services	L+850	1.00%	9.50%	12/9/2014	6/9/2021	51,476	50,898
ncial Inc. ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	Consumer Finance	BA+699	1.00%	7.99%	9/27/2012	10/4/2019	C\$ 10,000	9,261
s ications, a, Inc	Wireless Telecommunication Services	L+962.5	1.00%	10.63%	6/29/2015	7/1/2022	\$ 27,000	26,658
Group Corp.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies			10.03%	4/22/2016	4/1/2017	400	414
)	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.75%	12/7/2015	12/14/2021	10,164	10,114
el*Link on	Communications Equipment	L+375	1.25%	5.00%	11/6/2015	5/23/2020	7,328	5,978
el*Link on	Communications Equipment	L+775	1.25%	9.00%	5/21/2013	11/23/2020	18,500	18,265
e Select LLC & e & Co.,	Thriffs & Mortgage Finance	L+800	1.00%	9.00%	3/25/2014	3/26/2021	9,680	9,642
oftware, mediate,	Software	L+725	1.00%	8.25%	6/12/2015	6/30/2023	5,000	4,979
quisition	Health Care Providers & Services	L+825	1.00%	9.25%	6/19/2015	7/20/2022	25,000	24,578
Solutions	Professional Services	L+700	1.00%	8.00%	1/27/2014	1/27/2022	10,000	9,929
.P	Chemicals	L+900	1.00%	10.00%	8/19/2013	2/19/2021	7,475	7,398
eless nc	Wireless Telecommunication Services	L+825	1.00%	9.25%	9/12/2014	3/12/2021	55,500	54,704
Solutions y, LLC	Health Care Technology			9.42%	4/22/2016	12/27/2017	8,296	8,458

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Description	Industry	Spread Above Index⁽¹⁰⁾	LIBOR Floor	Interest Rate⁽¹⁾	Acquisition Date	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value
Mitralign, Inc	Health Care Equipment & Supplies			9.48%	4/22/2016	12/1/2018	1,667	1,604	1,658
Abasys 2.0 LLC	Life Sciences Tools & Services			8.90%	4/22/2016	10/13/2018	5,064	4,959	5,115
PhyMed Management LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+875	1.00%	9.75%	12/18/2015	5/18/2021	32,321	31,222	31,190
Q Bypass, Inc.	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+885		9.46%	4/21/2016	4/21/2020	5,000	4,933	4,950
Rapid Micro Systems, Inc.	Life Sciences Tools & Services	L+880		9.42%	6/30/2015	6/30/2019	16,000	16,331	15,760
Drug Doctor LLC ⁽³⁾	Diversified Consumer Services	L+975	1.50%	11.25%	12/23/2013	12/31/2018	9,111	8,927	9,111
Valiant Partners, LLP	Asset Management	L+850	1.00%	9.50%	6/10/2015	6/9/2021	14,993	14,757	14,619
Verilynx, Inc	Pharmaceuticals	L+849		9.12%	9/30/2016	9/30/2020	15,000	14,806	14,850
VentureHeart, Inc	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+885		9.46%	11/15/2016	11/15/2020	7,500	7,341	7,325
VOINT, LLC ⁽³⁾	Aerospace & Defense			15.00%	6/8/2012	11/30/2018	2,386	2,381	2,386
Southern Auto Finance Company ⁽⁶⁾	Consumer Finance			11.15%	10/19/2011	12/4/2018	25,000	24,815	24,500
Genesis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Pharmaceuticals	L+854		9.17%	3/31/2016	4/1/2020	7,500	7,398	7,463
MeridianPoint, LLC	IT Services	L+875-887.5	1.00%	9.75-9.88%	12/2/2014	12/2/2022	34,000	33,656	33,439
MK Hawk Parent, Corp.	Trading Companies and	L+750	1.00%	8.50%	9/26/2014	10/1/2022	20,000	19,843	20,000

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TriMark)	Distributors									
TouchTunes										
Interactive										
Networks, Inc	Media	L+825	1.00%	9.25%	5/28/2015	5/27/2022	14,000	13,826	13,825	
Previ										
Pharmaceuticals, Inc	Pharmaceuticals	L+775		8.37%	12/29/2014	6/29/2018	6,531	6,720	6,597	
U.S. Anesthesia	Health Care									
Partners Inc.	Providers & Services	L+925	1.00%	10.25%	9/24/2014	9/24/2020	30,000	29,795	29,700	
Capotherm, Inc	Health Care									
	Equipment & Supplies	L+899		9.60%	11/16/2016	5/16/2021	10,000	9,915	9,900	
Parilase	Multi-Sector									
Finance, Inc	Holdings	L+825	1.00%	9.25%	8/22/2014	8/24/2020	48,000	47,405	47,880	
Total Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans								\$ 804,917	\$ 788,254	

Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes 3.1%

Allegis	Health Care									
Technologies	Technology	L+1200	1.00%	13.00%	6/24/2012	2/15/2019	28,200	\$ 27,937	\$ 28,059	

**Shares/
Units**

Preferred Equity 1.6%

OAGG	Aerospace & Defense			8.00%	12/14/2010	6/30/2018	5,622	\$ 5,622	\$ 5,800	
LC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾										
JOINT,	Aerospace & Defense			15.00%	6/8/2012	6/30/2018	86,667	8,667	9,100	
LC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾										
Total Preferred Equity								\$ 14,289	\$ 14,900	

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Investment	Industry	Acquisition Date	Maturity Date	Shares/Units	Cost	Fair Value
Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants 51.6%						
Real Estate Partners LP ^{(2)(3)*}	Diversified Real Estate Activities	3/12/2007			\$ 527	\$
Real Estate Partners II LP ^{(2)(3)*}	Diversified Real Estate Activities	10/23/2012			12	
Pharma, Inc. Warrants*	Pharmaceuticals	11/18/2016		47,771	70	
Financial Inc. ⁽⁶⁾	Research & Consulting Services	3/16/2007		38,015	2,684	
Ex, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Providers & Services	6/18/2015		39,863	129	
Medical Systems, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	6/30/2016		48,491	38	
Medical, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	9/28/2016		89,726	37	
Orthopaedics, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	6/15/2016		157,500	65	
Financial LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾	Diversified Financial Services	12/28/2012		280,303	280,737	30
Buy Inc. ^{(4)*}	Multiline Retail	11/5/2012		76,999		
Ass, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	4/21/2016		176,471	70	
do Inc. (Rug Doctor) ^{(3)*}	Diversified Consumer Services	12/23/2013		231,177	15,683	
do Inc. (Rug Doctor) Class B ^{(3)*}	Diversified Consumer Services	12/23/2013		522	5,216	
do Inc. (Rug Doctor) Warrants ^{(3)*}	Diversified Consumer Services	12/23/2013		30,370	381	
s, Inc. Warrants*	Pharmaceuticals	9/30/2016		122,435	105	
Secured Unitranche Loan Program ⁽⁵⁾	Asset Management	11/25/2015			101,878	10
Secured Unitranche Loan Program ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	Asset Management	8/5/2016			46,963	4
Heart, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	11/15/2016		196,369	101	
Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Warrants*	Pharmaceuticals	3/31/2016		104,001	118	
Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants					\$ 454,814	\$ 4
Investments⁽⁹⁾ 142.1%					\$ 1,301,957	\$ 1,30
					Par Amount	
Cash Equivalents 33.7%						
Treasury Bill	Government	12/29/2016	2/2/2017	\$ 310,000	\$ 309,894	\$ 30
Investments & Cash Equivalents 175.8%					\$ 1,611,851	\$ 1,6
Assets in Excess of Other Assets (75.8%)						(6)

- (1) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2016.
- (2) Ark Real Estate Partners is held through SLRC ADI Corp., a taxable subsidiary.

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(3) Denotes investments in which we are deemed to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act), due to beneficially owning, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the investment. Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2016 in these controlled investments are as follows:

Name of Issuer	Fair Value at December 31, 2015	Gross Additions	Gross Reductions	Realized Gain (Loss)	Interest/ Dividend /Other Income	Fair Value at December 31, 2016
ARK Real Estate Partners LP	\$ 364	\$	\$	\$ (29)	\$	\$ 336
ARK Real Estate Partners II LP	9			(1)		8
AviatorCap SII, LLC I	914		417		85	497
AviatorCap SII, LLC II	350		350		15	
Crystal Financial LLC	290,000	5,737			31,600	305,000
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor, common equity).	14,335					13,574
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor, class B)	5,216					5,216
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor, warrants)	214					168
Rug Doctor LLC	8,838				1,151	9,111
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC	80,677	50,093	28,875		6,084	100,653
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC		63,093	16,130		1,228	47,363
SOAGG LLC	8,632		2,590		545	5,806
SOINT, LLC	5,705		3,318		602	2,386
SOINT, LLC (preferred equity)	9,316				1,304	9,100
	\$ 424,570	\$ 118,923	\$ 51,680	\$ (30)	\$ 42,614	\$ 499,218

(4) Denotes investments in which we are an Affiliated Person but not exercising a controlling influence, as defined in the 1940 Act, due to beneficially owning, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than

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5% but less than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the investment. Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2016 in these affiliated investments are as follows:

Name of Issuer	Fair Value at December 31, 2015	Gross Additions	Gross Reductions	Realized Gain (Loss)	Interest/ Dividend Income	Fair Value at December 31, 2016
Direct Buy Inc. (common equity)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Direct Buy Inc. (senior secured loan)	1,233	1,238				777
DSW Group Holdings LLC				197		
	\$ 1,233	\$ 1,238	\$	\$ 197	\$	\$ 777

- (5) The following entity is domiciled outside the United States and the investments are denominated in Canadian Dollars: Easyfinancial Services, Inc. in Canada.
- (6) Indicates assets that the Company believes may not represent qualifying assets under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act), as amended. If we fail to invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could be prevented from making follow-on investments in existing portfolio companies or could be required to dispose of investments at inappropriate times in order to comply with the 1940 Act. As of December 31, 2016, on a fair value basis, non-qualifying assets in the portfolio represented 31.6% of the total assets of the Company.
- (7) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in SOAGG, LLC and SOINT, LLC include a two and one dollar investment in common shares, respectively.
- (8) Bishop Lifting Products, Inc., SEI Holding I Corporation, Singer Equities, Inc. & Hampton Rubber Company are co-borrowers.
- (9) Aggregate net unrealized depreciation for U.S. federal income tax purposes is \$7,928; aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation for federal tax purposes is \$27,715 and \$35,643, respectively, based on a tax cost of \$1,312,706. All of the Company s investments are pledged as collateral against the borrowings outstanding on the revolving credit facilities.
- (10) Floating rate instruments accrue interest at a predetermined spread relative to an index, typically the LIBOR or PRIME rate. These instruments are typically subject to a LIBOR or PRIME rate floor.
- * Non-income producing security.
- ** Investment is on non-accrual status.
Represents estimated change in receivable balance.

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Industry Classification	Percentage of Total Investments (at fair value) as of December 31, 2016
Diversified Financial Services	23.4%
Asset Management	12.5%
Health Care Providers & Services	10.4%
Wireless Telecommunications Services	6.3%
Pharmaceuticals	6.1%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	6.1%
Professional Services	4.6%
IT Services	4.6%
Multi-Sector Holdings	3.7%
Health Care Technology	3.3%
Trading Companies & Distributors	3.1%
Consumer Finance	2.4%
Communications Equipment	2.4%
Diversified Consumer Services	2.1%
Life Sciences Tools & Services	1.6%
Insurance	1.4%
Aerospace & Defense	1.4%
Chemicals	1.3%
Media	1.1%
Air Freight & Logistics	0.9%
Thriffs & Mortgage Finance	0.7%
Software	0.4%
Multiline Retail	0.1%
Research & Consulting Services	0.1%
Diversified Real Estate Activities	0.0%
Total Investments	100.0%

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Table of Contents**SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.****CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS****December 31, 2015****(in thousands, except share/unit amounts)**

Description	Industry	Spread Above Index ⁽¹¹⁾	LIBOR Floor	Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾	Acquisition Date	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value
Bank									
Debt/Senior									
Secured Loans									
4.8%									
AccentCare, Inc	Health Care Providers & Services	L+575	1.00%	6.75%	9/3/2015	9/3/2021	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,952	\$ 4,920
AccentCare, Inc	Health Care Providers & Services	L+950	1.00%	10.50%	9/3/2015	9/3/2022	17,500	17,203	16,970
Alcoba, Inc	Pharmaceuticals	L+699	1.00%	7.99%	8/5/2015	8/5/2019	15,000	14,964	14,700
Allegis Toxicology Sciences Corporation	Health Care Providers & Services	L+850	1.00%	9.50%	2/20/2014	8/24/2021	29,000	28,688	26,100
AlgaMatrix, Inc	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+835		8.59%	2/6/2015	2/1/2019	6,667	6,611	6,540
Amerilife Group, LLC	Insurance	L+875	1.00%	9.75%	7/9/2015	1/10/2023	15,000	14,713	14,550
Argo Turboserve Corporation & Argo Tech, LLC	Air Freight & Logistics	L+825		8.66%	5/2/2014	5/2/2018	13,932	13,932	13,440
Assurion, LLC	Insurance	L+750	1.00%	8.50%	2/27/2014	3/3/2021	13,200	12,823	11,350
AviatorCap SII, LC I ⁽³⁾	Aerospace & Defense			12.00%	5/31/2011	1/31/2019	914	914	914
AviatorCap SII, LC II ⁽³⁾	Aerospace & Defense			11.00%	8/23/2011	1/31/2019	350	350	350
Bishop Lifting Products, Inc. ⁽⁸⁾	Trading Companies & Distributors	L+800	1.00%	9.00%	3/24/2014	3/27/2022	25,000	24,798	20,250
Breathe Technologies, Inc	Health Care Technology	L+830		8.53%	11/5/2015	11/5/2019	15,000	14,863	14,550
AMP International Holding Company	Aerospace & Defense	L+725	1.00%	8.25%	12/2/2013	11/30/2019	5,000	5,000	4,870
CardioDx, Inc		P+670		10.20%	6/18/2015	4/1/2019	7,500	7,413	7,050

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	Health Care Equipment & Supplies								
ardiva Medical, Inc	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+870		8.93%	8/19/2015	8/19/2019	8,500	8,533	8,377
oncentra, Inc	Health Care Facilities	L+800	1.00%	9.00%	5/8/2015	6/1/2023	18,500	18,324	18,130
atapipe, Inc	IT Services	L+750	1.00%	8.50%	8/14/2014	9/15/2019	27,000	26,513	26,190
irect Buy Inc.(4)**	Multiline Retail			12.00% PIK	11/5/2012	10/31/2019	9,867	8,511	1,230
ISA Holdings									
acquisition									
ubsidiary Corp	Professional Services	L+850	1.00%	9.50%	12/9/2014	6/9/2021	51,476	50,799	48,900
asyfinancial									
ervices, Inc.(5)(6)	Consumer Finance	BA+699	1.00%	7.99%	9/27/2012	10/4/2019	C\$ 10,000	9,261	7,080
merging									
arkets									
ommunications, LLC	Wireless Telecommunication Services	L+962.5	1.00%	10.63%	6/29/2015	7/1/2022	\$ 27,000	26,614	27,000
almouth Group									
oldings Corp.									
MPAC)	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	9.25%	12/7/2015	12/14/2021	15,000	14,776	14,770
iltration Group									
orp	Industrial Conglomerates	L+725	1.00%	8.25%	11/15/2013	11/21/2021	1,571	1,559	1,530
enoa, A QoL									
healthcare									
ompany, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+775	1.00%	8.75%	4/21/2015	4/30/2023	14,000	13,868	13,580
lobal Tel*Link									
orporation	Communications Equipment	L+375	1.25%	5.00%	11/6/2015	5/23/2020	6,716	5,240	4,940
lobal Tel*Link									
orporation	Communications Equipment	L+775	1.25%	9.00%	5/21/2013	11/23/2020	18,500	18,217	13,040
reystone Select									
oldings LLC &									
reystone & Co.,	Thriffs & Mortgage Finance	L+800	1.00%	9.00%	3/25/2014	3/26/2021	9,826	9,781	9,530
ic									
yland Software,									
ic	Software	L+725	1.00%	8.25%	6/12/2015	6/30/2023	5,000	4,976	4,750
IS Intermediate,									
ic	Health Care Providers & Services	L+825	1.00%	9.25%	6/19/2015	7/20/2022	25,000	24,523	24,250
amar Acquisition									
ub, Inc	Professional Services	L+700	1.00%	8.00%	1/27/2014	1/27/2022	10,000	9,919	9,700
2 Pure Solutions									
oCal, L.P	Chemicals	L+1000	1.00%	11.00%	8/19/2013	8/19/2019	11,069	10,919	10,510
ore Wireless									
roup, Inc	Wireless Telecommunication Services	L+825	1.00%	9.25%	9/12/2014	3/12/2021	55,500	54,557	53,830
andslide									
oldings, Inc	Software	L+725	1.00%	8.25%	2/25/2014	2/25/2021	16,300	16,279	15,320
		L+700	1.00%	8.00%	5/13/2015	5/13/2020	49,625	48,625	48,380

LegalZoom.com, Inc.	Internet Software & Services								
AnyMed Management LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+875	1.00%	9.75%	12/18/2015	5/18/2021	32,321	31,035	31,020
Ironutria Biosciences, Inc.	Pharmaceuticals	L+880		9.03%	8/7/2015	8/31/2019	20,000	19,922	19,650
SKW, LLC & DR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.25%	11/25/2015	11/25/2021	1,100	1,089	1,080
SKW, LLC & DR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+842	1.00%	9.42%	11/25/2015	11/25/2021	8,900	8,724	8,720
Rapid Micro Biosystems, Inc.	Life Sciences Tools & Services	L+880		9.04%	6/30/2015	6/30/2019	16,000	16,019	15,520
Aug Doctor LLC ⁽³⁾	Diversified Consumer Services	L+975	1.50%	11.25%	12/23/2013	12/31/2018	9,111	8,836	8,830
Valiant Partners, LP	Asset Management	L+650	1.00%	7.50%	6/10/2015	6/9/2021	15,760	15,467	15,200
POINT, LLC ⁽³⁾	Aerospace & Defense			15.00%	6/8/2012	11/30/2018	5,705	5,685	5,700

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Description	Industry	Spread Above LIBOR Index⁽¹¹⁾	Floor	Interest Rate⁽¹⁾	Acquisition Date	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value
Southern Auto Finance Company ⁽⁶⁾	Consumer Finance			11.00%	10/19/2011	12/4/2018	25,000	24,735	24,37
Biosystems, Inc. ⁽⁶⁾	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	L+705		7.28%	7/11/2014	7/1/2019	25,000	25,088	24,87
Robbins Company A	Construction & Engineering	L+1150		11.92%	5/31/2013	5/31/2017	10,352	11,961	10,77
Robbins Company B	Construction & Engineering	L+1150		11.92%	5/31/2013	4/15/2016	2,432	2,421	2,48
erPoint, LLC	IT Services	L+875	1.00%	9.75%	12/2/2014	12/2/2022	34,000	33,599	33,32
IK Hawk Parent, Corp. (iMark)	Trading Companies and Distributors	L+750	1.00%	8.50%	9/26/2014	10/1/2022	20,000	19,823	19,60
uchTunes Interactive Networks, Inc	Media	L+825	1.00%	9.25%	5/28/2015	5/27/2022	14,000	13,802	13,37
evi Therapeutics, Inc	Pharmaceuticals	L+775		7.99%	12/29/2014	6/29/2018	7,500	7,516	7,38
S. Anesthesia Partners	Health Care Providers & Services	L+925	1.00%	10.25%	9/24/2014	9/24/2020	30,000	29,751	29,40
release Finance, Inc	Multi-Sector Holdings	L+825	1.00%	9.25%	8/22/2014	8/24/2020	48,000	47,275	47,04
Total Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans								\$ 871,766	\$ 836,03
Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes 7.6%									
geus Technologies	Health Care Technology			12.00%	6/24/2012	2/15/2019	28,200	\$ 27,835	\$ 27,35
reCo Worldgroup Inc.	Building Products			9.00%	6/28/2012	5/15/2017	48,000	47,837	39,96
Total Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes								\$ 75,672	\$ 67,31

**Shares/
Units**

Preferred Equity		2.0%					
Description	Industry	Acquisition Date	Maturity Date	Shares/Units	Cost	Fair Value	
AGG LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	Aerospace & Defense	8.00%	12/14/2010	6/30/2018	8,212 \$	8,212 \$ 8,63	
INT, LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	Aerospace & Defense	15.00%	6/8/2012	6/30/2018	86,667	8,667 9,31	
Total Preferred Equity					\$ 16,879	\$ 17,94	
Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants		44.3%					
Matrix Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Equipment & Supplies		2/6/2015		83,543 \$	100 \$ 10	
Real Estate Partners ^{(2)(3)*}	Diversified Real Estate Activities		3/12/2007			526 36	
Real Estate Partners II ^{(2)(3)*}	Diversified Real Estate Activities		10/23/2012			12	
Riley Financial Inc. (Great American)	Research & Consulting Services		3/16/2007		38,015	2,684 37	
CardioDx, Inc. Warrants*	Health Care Equipment & Supplies		6/18/2015		39,863	129	
Crystal Financial ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁹⁾	Diversified Financial Services		12/28/2012		275,000	275,000 290,00	
Direct Buy Inc. ^{(4)*}	Multiline Retail		11/5/2012		76,999		
Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor) ^{(3)*}	Diversified Consumer Services		12/23/2013		231,177	15,683 14,33	
Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor) Class B ^{(3)*}	Diversified Consumer Services		12/23/2013		522	5,216 5,21	
Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor) Warrants ^{(3)*}	Diversified Consumer Services		12/23/2013		30,370	381 21	
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾	Asset Management		11/25/2015			80,660 80,67	
Total Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants					\$ 380,391	\$ 391,29	
Total Investments⁽¹⁰⁾ 148.7%					\$ 1,344,708	\$ 1,312,59	
Par Amount							
Cash Equivalents		31.2%					
U.S. Treasury Bill	Government		12/28/2015	1/21/2016	\$ 275,000	\$ 274,983 \$ 274,98	
Total Investments & Cash Equivalents 179.9%					\$ 1,619,691	\$ 1,587,57	
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets (79.9%)						(704,87)	
Total Assets 100.0%						\$ 882,69	

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- (1) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2015.
- (2) Ark Real Estate Partners is held through SLRC ADI Corp., a taxable subsidiary.
- (3) Denotes investments in which we are deemed to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act), due to beneficially owning, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the investment. Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2015 in these controlled investments are as follows:

Name of Issuer	Fair Value at December 31, 2014	Gross Additions	Gross Reductions	Realized Gain (Loss)	Interest/ Dividend /Other Income	Fair Value at December 31, 2015
ARK Real Estate Partners LP	\$ 885	\$	\$	\$ (347)	\$	\$ 364
ARK Real Estate Partners II LP	21			2		9
AviatorCap SII, LLC I	1,421		507		142	914
AviatorCap SII, LLC II	1,358		1,008		81	350
Crystal Financial LLC	297,500				31,600	290,000
National Specialty Alloys LLC				198		
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor, common equity).	16,263					14,335
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor, class B)	5,216					5,216
RD Holdco Inc. (Rug Doctor, warrants)	290					214
Rug Doctor LLC	9,020				1,226	8,838
Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC		80,660			229	80,677
SOAGG LLC	13,564	469	5,161		823	8,632
SOINT, LLC	8,733		3,029		1,173	5,705
SOINT, LLC (preferred equity)	9,533				1,299	9,316
	\$ 363,804	\$ 81,129	\$ 9,705	\$ (147)	\$ 36,573	\$ 424,570

- (4) Denotes investments in which we are an Affiliated Person but not exercising a controlling influence, as defined in the 1940 Act, due to beneficially owning, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 5% but less than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the investment. Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2015 in these affiliated investments are as follows:

Name of Issuer	Fair Value at December 31, 2014	Gross Additions	Gross Reductions	Realized Gain (Loss)	Interest/ Dividend Income	Fair Value at December 31, 2015
Direct Buy Inc. (common equity)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Direct Buy Inc. (senior secured loan)	4,646	1,100				1,233
DSW Group Holdings LLC				(1,163)		
	\$ 4,646	\$ 1,100	\$	\$ (1,163)	\$	\$ 1,233

- (5) The following entity is domiciled outside the United States and the investments are denominated in Canadian Dollars: Easyfinancial Services, Inc. in Canada.
- (6) Indicates assets that the Company believes may not represent qualifying assets under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act), as amended. If we fail to invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could be prevented from making follow-on investments in existing portfolio companies or could be required to dispose of investments at inappropriate times in order to comply with the 1940 Act. As of December 31, 2015, on a fair value basis, non-qualifying assets in the portfolio represented 27.2% of the total assets of the Company.
- (7) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in SOAGG, LLC and SOINT, LLC include a two and one dollar investment in common shares, respectively.
- (8) Bishop Lifting Products, Inc., SEI Holding I Corporation, Singer Equities, Inc. & Hampton Rubber Company are co-borrowers.
- (9) Investment represents the operating company after consolidation of the holding company Crystal Capital Financial Holdings LLC.
- (10) Aggregate net unrealized depreciation for U.S. federal income tax purposes is \$42,562; aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation for federal tax purposes is \$16,563 and \$59,125, respectively, based on a tax cost of \$1,355,153. All of the Company s investments are pledged as collateral against the borrowings outstanding on the revolving credit facilities.

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* Non-income producing security.

** Investment is on non-accrual status.

Represents estimated change in receivable balance.

Industry Classification	Percentage of Total Investments (at fair value) as of December 31, 2015
Diversified Financial Services	22.1%
Health Care Providers & Services	11.9%
Asset Management	7.3%
Wireless Telecommunications Services	6.2%
IT Services	4.5%
Professional Services	4.5%
Internet Software & Services	3.7%
Multi-Sector Holdings	3.6%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	3.6%
Health Care Technology	3.2%
Pharmaceuticals	3.2%
Building Products	3.0%
Trading Companies & Distributors	3.0%
Consumer Finance	2.4%
Aerospace & Defense	2.3%
Diversified Consumer Services	2.2%
Insurance	2.0%
Chemicals	1.9%
Software	1.5%
Health Care Facilities	1.4%
Communications Equipment	1.4%
Life Sciences Tools & Services	1.2%
Air Freight & Logistics	1.0%
Media	1.0%
Construction & Engineering	1.0%
Thriffs & Mortgage Finance	0.7%
Industrial Conglomerates	0.1%
Multiline Retail	0.1%

Research & Consulting Services	0.0%
Diversified Real Estate Activities	0.0%
Total Investments	100.0%

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Note 1. Organization

Solar Capital LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, was formed in February 2007 and commenced operations on March 13, 2007 with initial capital of \$1,200,000 of which 47.04% was funded by affiliated parties.

Immediately prior to our initial public offering, through a series of transactions, Solar Capital Ltd. merged with Solar Capital LLC, leaving Solar Capital Ltd. as the surviving entity (the Merger). Solar Capital Ltd. issued an aggregate of approximately 26.65 million shares of common stock and \$125,000 in senior unsecured notes to the existing Solar Capital LLC unit holders in connection with the Merger. Solar Capital Ltd. had no assets or operations prior to completion of the Merger and as a result, the historical books and records of Solar Capital LLC have become the books and records of the surviving entity. The number of shares used to calculate weighted average shares for use in computations on a per share basis have been decreased retroactively by a factor of approximately 0.4022 for all periods prior to February 9, 2010. This factor represents the effective impact of the reduction in shares resulting from the Merger.

Solar Capital Ltd. (Solar Capital , the Company , we , us or our), a Maryland corporation formed in November 2007, is a closed-end, externally managed, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). Furthermore, as the Company is an investment company, it continues to apply the guidance in FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 946. In addition, for tax purposes, the Company has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (RIC) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

On February 9, 2010, Solar Capital priced its initial public offering, selling 5.68 million shares, including the underwriters' over-allotment, at a price of \$18.50 per share. Concurrent with this offering, the Company's senior management purchased an additional 600,000 shares through a private placement, also at \$18.50 per share.

The Company's investment objective is to maximize both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. The Company invests primarily in leveraged middle market companies in the form of senior secured loans, unitranche loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities. From time to time, we may also invest in public companies that are thinly traded.

Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for the fair presentation of the results of the operations and financial condition for the periods presented. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. Certain prior period amounts may have been reclassified to conform to the current

period presentation.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP and pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-K and Regulation S-X, as appropriate, also requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reported periods. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ materially.

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In the opinion of management, all adjustments, which are of a normal recurring nature, considered necessary for the fair presentation of financial statements have been included.

The significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Company are:

- (a) Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date;
- (b) Under procedures established by our board of directors (the Board), we value investments, including certain senior secured debt, subordinated debt and other debt securities with maturities greater than 60 days, for which market quotations are readily available, at such market quotations (unless they are deemed not to represent fair value). We attempt to obtain market quotations from at least two brokers or dealers (if available, otherwise from a principal market maker or a primary market dealer or other independent pricing service). We utilize mid-market pricing as a practical expedient for fair value unless a different point within the range is more representative. If and when market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value, we typically utilize independent third-party valuation firms to assist us in determining fair value. Accordingly, such investments go through our multi-step valuation process as described below. In each case, independent valuation firms consider observable market inputs together with significant unobservable inputs in arriving at their valuation recommendations. Debt investments with maturities of 60 days or less shall each be valued at cost plus accreted discount, or minus amortized premium, which is expected to approximate fair value, unless such valuation, in the judgment of Solar Capital Partners, LLC (the Investment Adviser), does not represent fair value, in which case such investments shall be valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our Board. Investments that are not publicly traded or whose market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our Board. Such determination of fair values involves subjective judgments and estimates.

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 has approved a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

- (1) our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals of the Investment Adviser responsible for the portfolio investment;

- (2) preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with senior management of the Investment Adviser;
- (3) independent valuation firms engaged by our Board conduct independent appraisals and review the Investment Adviser's preliminary valuations and make their own independent assessment for all material assets;
- (4) the audit committee of the Board reviews the preliminary valuation of the Investment Adviser and that of the independent valuation firm and responds to the valuation recommendation of the independent valuation firm to reflect any comments; and
- (5) the Board discusses valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of the Investment Adviser, the respective independent valuation firm and the audit committee.

Investments in all asset classes are valued utilizing a market approach, an income approach, or both approaches, as appropriate. However, in accordance with ASC 820-10, certain investments that qualify

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as investment companies in accordance with ASC 946, may be valued using net asset value as a practical expedient for fair value. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities (including a business). The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts (for example, cash flows or earnings) to a single present amount (discounted). The measurement is based on the value indicated by current market expectations about those future amounts. In following these approaches, the types of factors that we may take into account in fair value pricing our investments include, as relevant: available current market data, including relevant and applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and multiples, security covenants, call protection provisions, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments, its earnings and discounted cash flows, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public, M&A comparables, our principal market (as the reporting entity) and enterprise values, among other factors. When available, broker quotations and/or quotations provided by pricing services are considered as an input in the valuation process. Escrow receivables, if any, included in the receivables for investments sold in the Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities are reviewed quarterly and the value of the receivable is adjusted as necessary. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, there has been no change to the Company's valuation techniques and the nature of the related inputs considered in the valuation process.

ASC Topic 820 classifies the inputs used to measure these fair values into the following hierarchy:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, accessible by the Company at the measurement date.

Level 2: Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other observable inputs other than quoted prices.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

In all cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to each investment. The exercise of judgment is based in part on our knowledge of the asset class and our prior experience.

- (c) Gains or losses on investments are calculated by using the specific identification method.

- (d) The Company records dividend income and interest, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, on an accrual basis. Loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discounts are capitalized and we amortize such amounts into income using the effective interest method or on a straight-line basis, as applicable. Upon the prepayment of a loan, any unamortized loan origination fees are recorded as interest income. We record call premiums received on loans repaid as interest income when we receive such amounts. Capital structuring fees, amendment fees, consent fees, and any other non-recurring fee income as well as management fee and other fee income for services rendered, if any, are recorded as other income when earned.

- (e) The Company intends to comply with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code pertaining to regulated investment companies to make distributions of taxable income sufficient to relieve it of substantially all U.S. federal income taxes. The Company, at its discretion, may carry

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forward taxable income in excess of calendar year distributions and pay a 4% excise tax on this income. The Company will accrue excise tax on such estimated excess taxable income as appropriate.

- (f) Book and tax basis differences relating to stockholder distributions and other permanent book and tax differences are typically reclassified among the Company's capital accounts. In addition, the character of income and gains to be distributed is determined in accordance with income tax regulations that may differ from GAAP; accordingly at December 31, 2016, \$203 was reclassified on our balance sheet between accumulated net realized loss and paid-in capital in excess of par, \$1,057 was reclassified on our balance sheet between distributions in excess of net investment income and paid-in capital in excess of par and \$815 was reclassified on our balance sheet between distributions in excess of net investment income and accumulated net realized loss. Total earnings and net asset value are not affected.
- (g) Distributions to common stockholders are recorded as of the record date. The amount to be paid out as a distribution is determined by the Board. Net realized capital gains, if any, are generally distributed or deemed distributed at least annually.
- (h) In accordance with Regulation S-X and ASC Topic 810 *Consolidation*, the Company consolidates its interest in investment company subsidiaries, financing subsidiaries and certain wholly-owned holding companies that serve to facilitate investment in portfolio companies. In addition, the Company may also consolidate any controlled operating companies substantially all of whose business consists of providing services to the Company.
- (i) The accounting records of the Company are maintained in U.S. dollars. Any assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based on the rate of exchange of such currencies against U.S. dollars on the date of valuation. The Company will not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations would be included with the net unrealized gain or loss from investments. The Company's investments in foreign securities, if any, may involve certain risks, including without limitation: foreign exchange restrictions, expropriation, taxation or other political, social or economic risks, all of which could affect the market and/or credit risk of the investment. In addition, changes in the relationship of foreign currencies to the U.S. dollar can significantly affect the value of these investments in terms of U.S. dollars and therefore the earnings of the Company.

- (j) The Company has made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to its senior secured credit facility (the Credit Facility), its unsecured senior notes due 2022 (the 2022 Unsecured Notes) and its senior secured notes (the Senior Secured Notes) (see note 6 and 8), in accordance with ASC 825-10. The Company uses an independent third-party valuation firm to assist in measuring their fair value.

- (k) In accordance with ASC 835-30, the Company records origination and other expenses related to certain debt issuances as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the debt liability. These expenses are deferred and amortized using either the effective interest method or the straight-line method over the stated life. The straight-line method may be used on revolving facilities and when it approximates the effective yield method.

- (l) The Company may enter into forward exchange contracts in order to hedge against foreign currency risk. These contracts are marked-to-market by recognizing the difference between the contract exchange rate and the current market rate as unrealized appreciation or depreciation. Realized gains or losses are recognized when contracts are settled.

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- (m) The Company records expenses related to shelf registration statements and applicable equity offering costs as prepaid assets. These expenses are typically charged as a reduction of capital upon utilization, in accordance with ASC 946-20-25. Certain subsequent costs are expensed per the AICPA Audit & Accounting Guide for Investment Companies.
- (n) Investments that are expected to pay regularly scheduled interest in cash are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest cash payments are past due 30 days or more and/or when it is no longer probable that principal or interest cash payments will be collected. Such non-accrual investments are restored to accrual status if past due principal and interest are paid in cash, and in management's judgment, are likely to continue timely payment of their remaining principal and interest obligations. Cash interest payments received on investments may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending on management's judgment.
- (o) The Company defines cash equivalents as securities that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and so near their maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of changes in interest rates. Generally, only securities with a maturity of three months or less would qualify, with limited exceptions. The Company believes that certain U.S. Treasury bills, repurchase agreements and other high-quality, short-term debt securities would qualify as cash equivalents.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810) Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis. The update changes the analysis that a reporting entity must perform to determine whether it should consolidate certain types of legal entities. Public companies are required to apply ASU 2015-02 for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Accordingly, the Company has evaluated the impact of ASU 2015-02 on its consolidated financial statements and determined that the adoption of ASU 2015-02 has not had a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Interest Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30) Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. The update requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. Public companies are required to apply ASU 2015-03 retrospectively for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Accordingly, the Company has evaluated the impact of ASU 2015-03 on its consolidated financial statements and determined that the adoption of ASU 2015-03 has not had a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-07, Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent). The update eliminates the requirement to categorize investments in the fair value hierarchy if their fair value is measured at net asset value (NAV) per share (or its equivalent) using the practical expedient in the FASB's fair value measurement guidance. Public companies are required to apply ASU 2015-07 retrospectively for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Accordingly, the Company has evaluated the impact of ASU 2015-07 on its consolidated financial statements and determined that the adoption of ASU 2015-07 has not had a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In November 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows, which will amend FASB ASC 230. The amendments in this Update require that a statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted

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cash or restricted cash equivalents. Therefore, amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents should be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts shown on the statement of cash flows. The amendments in this Update apply to all entities that have restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents and are required to present a statement of cash flows under Topic 230. For public business entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The Company is evaluating the impact of ASU 2016-18 on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

In December 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-19, Technical Corrections and Improvements. As part of this guidance, ASU 2016-19 amends FASB ASC 820 to clarify the difference between a valuation approach and a valuation technique. The amendment also requires an entity to disclose when there has been a change in either or both a valuation approach and/or a valuation technique. ASU 2016-19 is effective on a prospective basis for financial statements issued for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2016 on a prospective basis. The Company is evaluating the impact of ASU 2016-19 on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

Note 3. Agreements

Solar Capital has an Advisory Agreement with the Investment Adviser, under which the Investment Adviser will manage the day-to-day operations of, and provide investment advisory services to, Solar Capital. For providing these services, the Investment Adviser receives a fee from Solar Capital, consisting of two components a base management fee and an incentive fee. The base management fee is determined by taking the average value of Solar Capital's gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters calculated at an annual rate of 2.00%. For purposes of computing the base management fee, gross assets exclude temporary assets acquired at the end of each fiscal quarter for purposes of preserving investment flexibility in the next fiscal quarter. Temporary assets include, but are not limited to, U.S. treasury bills, other short-term U.S. government or government agency securities, repurchase agreements or cash borrowings.

The incentive fee has two parts, as follows: one part is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based on Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income for the immediately preceding calendar quarter. For this purpose, pre-incentive fee net investment income means interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees (other than fees for providing managerial assistance), such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence and consulting fees or other fees that we receive from portfolio companies) accrued during the calendar quarter, minus Solar Capital's operating expenses for the quarter (including the base management fee, any expenses payable under the Administration Agreement, and any interest expense and distributions paid on any issued and outstanding preferred stock, but excluding the incentive fee). Pre-incentive fee net investment income does not include any realized capital gains or losses, or unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation. Pre-incentive fee net investment

income, expressed as a rate of return on the value of Solar Capital's net assets at the end of the immediately preceding calendar quarter, is compared to the hurdle rate of 1.75% per quarter (7% annualized). Solar Capital pays the Investment Adviser an incentive fee with respect to Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows: (1) no incentive fee in any calendar quarter in which Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate; (2) 100% of Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 2.1875% in any calendar quarter; and (3) 20% of the amount of Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter. These calculations are appropriately pro-rated for any period of less than three months.

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The second part of the incentive fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), and will equal 20% of Solar Capital's cumulative realized capital gains less cumulative realized capital losses, unrealized capital depreciation (unrealized depreciation on a gross investment-by-investment basis at the end of each calendar year) and all net capital gains upon which prior performance-based capital gains incentive fee payments were previously made to the Investment Adviser. For financial statement purposes, the second part of the incentive fee is accrued based upon 20% of cumulative net realized gains and net unrealized capital appreciation. No accrual was required for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, the Company recognized \$28,115, \$24,678 and \$24,651, respectively, in base management fees and \$17,775, \$4,374 and \$7,411, respectively, in gross performance-based incentive fees. For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, \$0, \$1,694 and \$0, respectively, of such performance-based incentive fees were waived. The voluntary fee waiver in 2015 was made at the Investment Adviser's discretion and is not subject to recapture by the Investment Adviser or reimbursement by the Company.

Solar Capital has also entered into an Administration Agreement with Solar Capital Management, LLC (the Administrator) under which the Administrator provides administrative services to Solar Capital. For providing these services, facilities and personnel, Solar Capital reimburses the Administrator for Solar Capital's allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by the Administrator in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent. The Administrator will also provide, on Solar Capital's behalf, managerial assistance to those portfolio companies to which Solar Capital is required to provide such assistance.

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, the Company recognized expenses under the Administration Agreement of \$5,990, \$5,081 and \$5,362, respectively. No managerial assistance fees were accrued or collected for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

Note 4. Net Asset Value Per Share

At December 31, 2016, the Company's total net assets and net asset value per share were \$918,507 and \$21.74, respectively. This compares to total net assets and net asset value per share at December 31, 2015 of \$882,698 and \$20.79, respectively.

Note 5. Earnings Per Share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net increase in net assets per share resulting from operations, pursuant to ASC 260-10, for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014:

	Year ended December 31, 2016	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014
<u>Earnings per share (basic & diluted)</u>			
Numerator - net increase in net assets resulting from operations:	\$ 106,815	\$ 14,080	\$ 48,452
Denominator - weighted average shares:	42,258,143	42,465,158	42,888,232
Earnings per share:	\$ 2.53	\$ 0.33	\$ 1.13

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Note 6. Fair Value

Fair value is defined 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. GAAP establishes a framework for measuring fair value that includes a hierarchy used to classify the inputs used in measuring fair value. The hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets;
- c) Pricing models whose inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and
- d) Pricing models whose inputs are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or other means for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs reflect management's and, if applicable, an independent third-party valuation firm's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability.

When the inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the level within which the fair value measurement is categorized is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For example, a Level 3 fair value measurement may include inputs that are observable (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable (Level 3).

Gains and losses for assets and liabilities categorized within the Level 3 table below may include changes in fair value that are attributable to both observable inputs (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable inputs (Level 3).

A review of fair value hierarchy classifications is conducted on a quarterly basis. Changes in the observability of valuation inputs may result in a reclassification for certain financial assets or liabilities. Such reclassifications are reported as transfers in/out of the appropriate category as of the end of the quarter in which the reclassifications occur.

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The following tables present the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

Fair Value Measurements**As of December 31, 2016**

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Measured at Net Asset Value*	Total
Assets:					
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans	\$	\$ 28,744	\$ 759,510	\$	\$ 788,254
Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes			28,059		28,059
Preferred Equity			14,906		14,906
Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants	701		324,842	148,016	473,559
Total Investments	\$ 701	\$ 28,744	\$ 1,127,317	\$ 148,016	\$ 1,304,778
Liabilities:					
Credit Facility, Senior Secured Notes and 2022 Unsecured Notes	\$	\$	\$ 290,200	\$	\$ 290,200

* In accordance with ASC 820-10, certain investments that are measured using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient for fair value have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

Fair Value Measurements**As of December 31, 2015**

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Measured at Net Asset Value*	Total
Assets:					

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Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans	\$	\$ 35,745	\$ 800,291	\$	\$ 836,036
Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes			67,314		67,314
Preferred Equity			17,948		17,948
Common Equity/Equity Interests/Warrants	377		310,239	80,677	391,293
Total Investments	\$ 377	\$ 35,745	\$ 1,195,792	\$ 80,677	\$ 1,312,591
Liabilities:					
Credit Facility and Senior Secured Notes	\$	\$	\$ 332,900	\$	\$ 332,900

* In accordance with ASC 820-10, certain investments that are measured using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient for fair value have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

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The following tables provide a summary of the changes in fair value of Level 3 assets and liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the year ended December 31, 2015 as well as the portion of gains or losses included in income attributable to unrealized gains or losses related to those assets and liabilities still held at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015:

Fair Value Measurements Using Level 3 Inputs

	Bank Debt/ Senior Secured Loans	Subordinated Debt/ Corporate Notes	Preferred Equity	Common Equity/ Equity Interests/ Warrants
Fair value, December 31, 2015	\$ 800,291	\$ 67,314	\$ 17,948	\$ 310,239
Total gains or losses included in earnings:				
Net realized gain (loss)	702	77		(144)
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	10,613	8,479	(452)	8,360
Purchase of investment securities	317,268	189		6,387
Proceeds from dispositions of investment securities	(369,364)	(48,000)	(2,590)	
Transfers in/out of Level 3				
Fair value, December 31, 2016	\$ 759,510	\$ 28,059	\$ 14,906	\$ 324,842
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period relating to those Level 3 assets that were still held by the Company at the end of the period:				
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	\$ 6,943	\$ 602	\$ (452)	\$ 8,362

During the year ended December 31, 2016, there were no transfers in and out of Levels 1 and 2.

The following table shows a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for fair valued liabilities measured using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended December 31, 2016:

Credit Facility, Senior Secured Notes and 2022 Unsecured Notes	For the year ended December 31, 2016
Beginning fair value	\$ 332,900
Net realized (gain) loss	
Net change in unrealized (gain) loss	
Borrowings	728,500
Repayments	(771,200)
Transfers in/out of Level 3	
Ending fair value	\$ 290,200

The Company has made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to the Credit Facility, the Senior Secured Notes and the 2022 Unsecured Notes, in accordance with ASC 825-10. On December 31, 2016, there were borrowings of \$165,200, \$75,000 and \$50,000, respectively, on the Credit Facility, the Senior Secured Notes and the 2022 Unsecured Notes. The Company used an independent third-party valuation firm to assist in measuring the fair value of the Credit Facility, Senior Secured Notes and 2022 Unsecured Notes.

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	Bank Debt/ Senior Secured Loans	Subordinated Debt/ Corporate Notes	Preferred Equity	Common Equity/ Equity Interests/ Warrants
Fair value, December 31, 2014	\$ 521,791	\$ 76,140	\$ 23,097	\$ 320,424
Total gains or losses included in earnings:				
Net realized gain (loss)	(4,823)			(415)
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	(18,805)	(9,021)	(457)	(9,418)
Purchase of investment securities	418,759	195	469	229
Proceeds from dispositions of investment securities	(116,631)		(5,161)	(581)
Transfers in/out of Level 3				
Fair value, December 31, 2015	\$ 800,291	\$ 67,314	\$ 17,948	\$ 310,239
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period relating to those Level 3 assets that were still held by the Company at the end of the period:				
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	\$ (23,917)	\$ (9,021)	\$ (457)	\$ (9,410)

During the year ended December 31, 2015, there were no transfers in and out of Levels 1 and 2.

The following table shows a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for fair valued liabilities measured using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended December 31, 2015:

	For the year ended December 31, 2015
Credit Facility and Senior Secured Notes	
Beginning fair value	\$ 125,000

Net realized (gain) loss	
Net change in unrealized (gain) loss	
Borrowings	418,800
Repayments	(210,900)
Transfers in/out of Level 3	
Ending fair value	\$ 332,900

The Company has made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to the Credit Facility and the Senior Secured Notes, in accordance with ASC 825-10. On December 31, 2015, there were borrowings of \$257,900 and \$75,000, respectively, on the Credit Facility and the Senior Secured Notes. The Company used an independent third-party valuation firm to assist in measuring the fair value of the Credit Facility and Senior Secured Notes.

Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The Company typically determines the fair value of its performing debt investments utilizing a yield analysis. In a yield analysis, a price is ascribed for each investment based upon an assessment of current and expected market yields for similar investments and risk profiles. Additional consideration is given to current

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contractual interest rates, relative maturities and other key terms and risks associated with an investment. Among other factors, a significant determinant of risk is the amount of leverage used by the portfolio company relative to the total enterprise value of the company, and the rights and remedies of our investment within each portfolio company.

Significant unobservable quantitative inputs typically used in the fair value measurement of the Company's Level 3 assets and liabilities primarily reflect current market yields, including indices, and readily available quotes from brokers, dealers, and pricing services as indicated by comparable assets and liabilities, as well as enterprise values, returns on equity and earnings before income taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) multiples of similar companies, and comparable market transactions for equity securities.

Quantitative information about the Company's Level 3 asset and liability fair value measurements as of December 31, 2016 is summarized in the table below:

	Asset or Liability	Fair Value at December 31, 2016	Principal Valuation Technique/Methodology	Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)	
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans	Asset	\$ 758,733	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	8.2%	51.6% (11.5%)
		\$ 777	Enterprise Value	EBITDA Multiple	4.0x	5.0x (4.5x)
Subordinated Debt/Corporate Note	Asset	\$ 28,059	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	14.9%	14.9% (14.9%)
Preferred Equity	Asset	\$ 14,906	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	8.0%	11.3% (10.0%)
Common Equity/Equity	Asset	\$ 19,842	Enterprise Value	EBITDA Multiple	5.5x	6.5x (6.3x)
Interests/Warrants		\$ 305,000	Enterprise Value	Return on Equity	7.7%	12.5% (11.9%)
Credit Facility	Liability	\$ 165,200	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	L+1.4%	L+4.8%
						(L+2.0%)
Senior Secured Notes	Liability	\$ 75,000	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	5.6%	6.1% (5.9%)
2022 Unsecured Notes	Liability	\$ 50,000	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	4.4%	4.7% (4.4%)

Quantitative information about the Company's Level 3 asset and liability fair value measurements as of December 31, 2015 is summarized in the table below:

	Asset or Fair Value at		Principal Valuation		Range (Weighted	
	Liability	December 31, 2015	Technique/Methodology	Unobservable Input	Average)	
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans	Asset	\$ 799,058	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	5.5%	19.5% (11.0%)
		\$ 1,233	Enterprise Value	EBITDA Multiple	4.5x	5.0x (4.5x)
Subordinated Debt/Corporate Note	Asset	\$ 67,314	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	13.2%	26.1% (20.8%)
Preferred Equity	Asset	\$ 17,948	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	8.0%	11.5% (9.8%)
Common Equity/Equity	Asset	\$ 20,239	Enterprise Value	EBITDA Multiple	5.6x	6.8x (6.1x)
Interests/Warrants		\$ 290,000	Enterprise Value	Return on Equity	7.0%	13.8% (11.0%)
Credit Facility	Liability	\$ 257,900	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	L+0.5%	L+4.8%
					(L+2.3%)	
Senior Secured Notes	Liability	\$ 75,000	Yield Analysis	Market Yield	5.6%	6.1% (5.9%)

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Significant increases or decreases in any of the above unobservable inputs in isolation, including unobservable inputs used in deriving bid-ask spreads, if applicable, could result in significantly lower or higher fair value measurements for such assets and liabilities.

Note 7. Derivatives

The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk through its investments denominated in foreign currencies. The Company may mitigate this risk through the use of foreign currency forward contracts, borrowing in local currency under its Credit Facility, or similar. As an investment company, all changes in the fair value of assets, including changes caused by foreign currency fluctuation, flow through current earnings.

As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, there were no open forward foreign currency contracts outstanding. The Company also had no derivatives designated as hedging instruments at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

Note 8. Debt

Unsecured Senior Notes

On November 8, 2016, the Company closed a private offering of \$50 million of the 2022 Unsecured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 4.40% and a maturity date of May 8, 2022. Interest on the 2022 Unsecured Notes is due semi-annually on May 8 and November 8. The 2022 Unsecured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On November 16, 2012, the Company and U.S. Bank National Association entered into an Indenture and a First Supplemental Indenture relating to the Company's issuance, offer and sale of \$100,000 aggregate principal amount of its 6.75% Unsecured Senior Notes due 2042 (the 2042 Unsecured Notes). The 2042 Unsecured Notes will mature on November 15, 2042 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at the Company's option at any time or from time to time on or after November 15, 2017 at a redemption price of \$25 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. The 2042 Unsecured Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.75% per year payable quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year. The 2042 Unsecured Notes are direct senior unsecured obligations of the Company.

Revolving and Term Loan Facility

On September 30, 2016, the Company entered into a second Credit Facility amendment. The Credit Facility is composed of \$505,000 of revolving credit and \$50,000 of term loans. Borrowings generally bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the base rate plus a range of 2.00%-2.25% or the alternate base rate plus 1.00%-1.25%. The Credit Facility has no LIBOR floor requirement. The Credit Facility matures in September 2021 and includes ratable

amortization in the final year. The Credit Facility may be increased up to \$800,000 with additional new lenders or an increase in commitments from current lenders. The Credit Facility contains certain customary affirmative and negative covenants and events of default. In addition, the Credit Facility contains certain financial covenants that among other things, requires the Company to maintain a minimum shareholder's equity and a minimum asset coverage ratio. The Company also pays issuers of funded term loans quarterly in arrears a commitment fee at the rate of 0.25% per annum on the average daily outstanding balance. At December 31, 2016, outstanding USD equivalent borrowings under the Credit Facility totaled \$165,200.

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On May 10, 2012, the Company closed a private offering of \$75,000 of Senior Secured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 5.875% and a maturity date of May 10, 2017. Interest on the Senior Secured Notes is due semi-annually on May 10 and November 10. The Senior Secured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Certain covenants on our issued debt may restrict our business activities, including limitations that could hinder our ability to finance additional loans and investments or to make the distributions required to maintain our status as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

The Company has made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to its Credit Facility, Senior Secured Notes and 2022 Unsecured Notes, in accordance with ASC 825-10. We believe accounting for the Credit Facility, Senior Secured Notes and 2022 Unsecured Notes at fair value better aligns the measurement methodologies of assets and liabilities, which may mitigate certain earnings volatility. ASC 825-10 requires entities to display the fair value of the selected assets and liabilities on the face of the Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities and changes in fair value of the Credit Facility are reported in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

The average annualized interest cost for all borrowings for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the year ended December 31, 2015 was 4.11% and 5.13%, respectively. These costs are exclusive of other credit facility expenses such as unused fees, agency fees and other prepaid expenses related to establishing and/or amending the Credit Facility, the 2022 Unsecured Notes, the 2042 Unsecured Notes, and the Senior Secured Notes (collectively the Credit Facilities), if any. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company expensed \$2,781 in conjunction with the September 2016 amendment to the Credit Facility and \$280 in conjunction with the November issue of the 2022 Unsecured Notes. The maximum amounts borrowed on the Credit Facilities during the year ended December 31, 2016 and the year ended December 31, 2015 were \$610,900 and \$434,900, respectively.

Note 9(a). Income Tax Information and Distributions to Stockholders

The tax character of distributions for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

	2016		2015		2014	
Ordinary income	\$ 67,598	100.0%	\$ 67,944	100.0%	\$ 66,383	97.0%
Capital gains		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
Return of capital		0.0%		0.0%	2,060	3.0%

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Total distributions	\$ 67,598	100.0%	\$ 67,944	100.0%	\$ 68,443	100.0%
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As of December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 the components of accumulated gain and losses on a tax basis were as follows⁽¹⁾:

	2016	2015	2014
Undistributed ordinary income	\$ 7,329	\$ 1,141	\$
Undistributed long-term net capital gains			
Total undistributed net earnings	7,329	1,141	
Post-October capital losses			
Capital loss carryforward	(31,311)	(31,242)	(60,463)
Other book/tax temporary differences	2,915	838	(1,184)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(7,928)	(42,563)	1,266
Total taxable income (loss)	\$ (28,995)	\$ (71,826)	\$ (60,381)

(1) Tax information for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 are/were estimates and are not final until the Company files its tax returns, typically in September each year.

The Company recognizes in its consolidated financial statements the tax effect of a tax position when it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, that the position will be sustained upon examination. To the best of our knowledge, we did not have any uncertain tax positions that met the recognition or measurement criteria of ASC 740-10-25 nor did we have any unrecognized tax benefits as of the periods presented herein. Although we file federal and state tax returns, our major tax jurisdiction is federal. Our tax returns for each of our federal tax years since 2013 remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and the state department of revenue. The capital loss carryforwards shown above do not expire. \$0, \$2,879 and \$0 of the capital loss carryforwards were utilized during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Note 9(b). Other Tax Information (unaudited)

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, none of the distributions paid during the year were eligible for qualified dividend income treatment or the dividends received deduction for corporate stockholders. For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, and 2014, 95.23%, 94.05% and 88.49%, respectively, of each of the distributions paid during the year represent interest-related dividends. For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, none of the distributions represent short-term capital gains dividends.

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The following is a schedule of financial highlights for the respective years:

	Year ended December 31, 2016	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014	Year ended December 31, 2013	Year ended December 31, 2012
Per Share Data:^(a)					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 20.79	\$ 22.05	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.70	\$ 22.02
Net investment income	1.68	1.52	1.56	1.91	2.20
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.84	(1.18)	(0.43)	(0.22)	0.91
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	2.52	0.34	1.13	1.69	3.11
Distributions to stockholders (see note 9a):					
From net investment income	(1.60)	(1.60)	(1.55)	(1.55)	(2.27)
From net realized gains				(0.46)	(0.16)
From other sources			(0.05) ^(c)		
Anti-dilution	0.03		0.02	0.12	
Net asset value, end of year	\$ 21.74	\$ 20.79	\$ 22.05	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.70
Per share market value, end of year	\$ 20.82	\$ 16.43	\$ 18.01	\$ 22.55	\$ 23.91
Total Return ^(b)	37.49%	(0.29)%	(13.58)%	2.82%	20.03%
Net assets, end of year	\$ 918,507	\$ 882,698	\$ 936,568	\$ 995,637	\$ 878,273

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Shares outstanding, end of year	42,248,525	42,464,762	42,465,162	44,244,195	38,694,060
Ratios to average net assets:					
Net investment income	7.91%	6.94%	6.93%	8.43%	9.79%
Operating expenses	6.25%	3.84%*	4.24%	5.82%	6.25%
Interest and other credit facility expenses**	2.73%	1.68%	1.50%	1.99%	2.28%
Total expenses	8.98%	5.52%*	5.74%	7.81%	8.53%
Average debt outstanding					
	\$ 495,795	\$ 262,341	\$ 225,000	\$ 318,186	\$ 237,859
Portfolio turnover ratio	31.0%	13.0%	53.7%	25.6%	54.7%

(a) Calculated using the average shares outstanding method.

(b) Total return is based on the change in market price per share during the year and takes into account distributions, if any, reinvested in accordance with the dividend reinvestment plan. Total return does not include a sales load.

(c) Represents tax return of capital.

* The ratio of operating expenses to average net assets and the ratio of total expenses to average net assets is shown net of a voluntary incentive fee waiver (see note 3). For the year ended December 31, 2015, the ratios of operating expenses to average net assets and total expenses to average net assets would be 4.02% and 5.70%, respectively, without the voluntary incentive fee waiver.

** Ratios shown without the non-recurring costs associated with the amendments and establishment of the Credit Facility and 2022 Unsecured Notes would be 2.39%, 1.68%, 1.50%, 1.74% and 1.41%, respectively for the years shown.

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Information about our senior securities is shown in the following table as of each year ended December 31 since the Company commenced operations, unless otherwise noted. The indicates information which the SEC expressly does not require to be disclosed for certain types of senior securities.

Class and Year	Total Amount Outstanding⁽¹⁾	Asset Coverage Per Unit⁽²⁾	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Unit⁽³⁾	Average Market Value Per Unit⁽⁴⁾
Revolving Credit Facilities				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 115,200	\$ 990		N/A
Fiscal 2015	207,900	1,459		N/A
Fiscal 2014				N/A
Fiscal 2013				N/A
Fiscal 2012	264,452	1,510		N/A
Fiscal 2011	201,355	3,757		N/A
Fiscal 2010	400,000	2,668		N/A
Fiscal 2009	88,114	8,920		N/A
2022 Unsecured Notes				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 50,000	\$ 430		N/A
2042 Unsecured Notes				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 100,000	\$ 859		\$ 1,002
Fiscal 2015	100,000	702		982
Fiscal 2014	100,000	2,294		943
Fiscal 2013	100,000	2,411		934
Fiscal 2012	100,000	571		923
Senior Secured Notes				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 75,000	\$ 645		N/A
Fiscal 2015	75,000	527		N/A
Fiscal 2014	75,000	1,721		N/A
Fiscal 2013	75,000	1,808		N/A
Fiscal 2012	75,000	428		N/A
Term Loans				
Fiscal 2016	\$ 50,000	\$ 430		N/A
Fiscal 2015	50,000	351		N/A
Fiscal 2014	50,000	1,147		N/A

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Fiscal 2013	50,000	1,206	N/A
Fiscal 2012	50,000	285	N/A
Fiscal 2011	35,000	653	N/A
Fiscal 2010	35,000	233	N/A
Total Senior Securities			
Fiscal 2016	\$ 390,200	\$ 3,354	N/A
Fiscal 2015	432,900	3,039	N/A
Fiscal 2014	225,000	5,162	N/A
Fiscal 2013	225,000	5,425	N/A
Fiscal 2012	489,452	2,794	N/A
Fiscal 2011	236,355	4,410	N/A
Fiscal 2010	435,000	2,901	N/A
Fiscal 2009	88,114	8,920	N/A

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- (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 all senior securities representing indebtedness. This asset coverage ratio is multiplied by one thousand to determine the Asset Coverage Per Unit. In order to determine the specific Asset Coverage Per Unit for each class of debt, the total Asset Coverage Per Unit is allocated based on the amount outstanding in each class of debt at the end of the period. As of December 31, 2016, asset coverage was 335.4%.
- (3) The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon the involuntary liquidation of the issuer in preference to any security junior to it.
- (4) Not applicable except for the Unsecured Senior Notes which are publicly traded. The Average Market Value Per Unit is calculated by taking the daily average closing price during the period and dividing it by twenty-five dollars per share and multiplying the result by one thousand to determine a unit price per thousand consistent with Asset Coverage Per Unit. The average market value for the fiscal 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 periods was \$100,175, \$98,196, \$94,301, \$93,392, and \$92,302, respectively.

Note 11. Crystal Financial LLC

On December 28, 2012, we completed the acquisition of Crystal Capital Financial Holdings LLC (Crystal Financial), a commercial finance company focused on providing asset-based and other secured financing solutions (the Crystal Acquisition). We invested \$275,000 in cash to effect the Crystal Acquisition. Crystal Financial owned approximately 98% of the outstanding ownership interest in Crystal Financial LLC. The remaining financial interest was held by various employees of Crystal Financial LLC, through their investment in Crystal Management LP. Crystal Financial LLC had a diversified portfolio of 23 loans having a total par value of approximately \$400,000 at November 30, 2012 and a \$275,000 committed revolving credit facility. On January 27, 2014, the revolving credit facility was expanded to \$300,000. On March 31, 2014, we exchanged \$137,500 of our equity interest in Crystal Financial in exchange for \$137,500 in floating rate senior secured notes in Crystal Financial bearing interest at LIBOR plus 9.50%, maturing on March 31, 2019. On May 18, 2015, the revolving credit facility was expanded to \$350,000. Our financial statements, including our schedule of investments, reflected our investments in Crystal Financial on a consolidated basis. On July 28, 2016, the Company purchased Crystal Management LP s approximately 2% equity interest in Crystal Financial LLC for approximately \$5,737. Upon the closing of this transaction, the Company holds 100% of the equity interest in Crystal Financial LLC. On September 30, 2016, Crystal Capital Financial Holdings LLC was dissolved.

As of December 31, 2016 Crystal Financial LLC had 26 funded commitments to 25 different issuers with a total par value of approximately \$368,784 on total assets of \$459,732. As of December 31, 2015, Crystal Financial LLC had 28 funded commitments to 26 different issuers with a total par value of approximately \$465,128 on total assets of \$518,288. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the largest loan outstanding totaled \$36,255 and \$34,250, respectively. For the same periods, the average exposure per issuer was \$14,751 and \$17,890,

respectively. Crystal Financial LLC's credit facility, which is non-recourse to Solar Capital, had approximately \$175,422 and \$232,922 of borrowings outstanding at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, Crystal Financial LLC had net income of \$34,099, \$27,362 and \$27,197, respectively, on gross income of \$69,442, \$62,542 and \$56,127, respectively. Due to timing and non-cash items, there may be material differences between GAAP net income and cash available for distributions.

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On July 31, 2013, the Board authorized a program for the purpose of repurchasing up to \$100,000 of the Company's common stock. Under the repurchase program, the Company could have, but was not obligated to, repurchase its outstanding common stock in the open market from time to time provided that the Company complied with the prohibitions under its Insider Trading Policies and Procedures and the guidelines specified in Rules 10b-18 and 10b-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including certain price, market volume and timing constraints. On December 5, 2013, the Board extended the repurchase program to be in place until the earlier of July 31, 2014 or until \$100,000 of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock had been repurchased. On July 31, 2014, the Company's stock repurchase program expired. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, the Company repurchased 1,779,033 shares at an average price of approximately \$21.97 per share, inclusive of commissions. The total dollar amount of shares repurchased in that period was \$39,078. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company repurchased 796,418 shares at an average price of approximately \$21.98 per share, inclusive of commissions, for a total dollar amount of \$17,508.

On October 7, 2015, the Board authorized a new share repurchase program to purchase common stock in the open market in an amount up to \$30,000. Under the repurchase program, the Company may, but is not obligated to, repurchase its outstanding common stock in the open market from time to time provided that the Company complies with the prohibitions under its Insider Trading Policies and Procedures and the guidelines specified in Rules 10b-18 and 10b-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including certain price, market volume and timing constraints. On October 7, 2016, the Company's stock repurchase program expired. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company repurchased 216,237 shares at an average price of \$15.76 per share, inclusive of commissions. The total dollar amount of shares repurchased in that period was \$3,408. During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company repurchased 400 shares at an average price of \$15.98 per share, inclusive of commissions, for a total dollar amount of \$6.

Note 13. Selected Quarterly Financial Data (unaudited)

Quarter Ended	Investment Income		Net Investment Income		Net Realized And Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Assets		Net Increase (Decrease) In Net Assets From Operations	
	Total	Per Share	Total	Per Share	Total	Per Share	Total	Per Share
December 31, 2016	\$ 36,638	0.87	\$ 17,648	0.42	\$ 195	0.00	\$ 17,843	0.42
September 30, 2016	39,798	0.94	17,004	0.40	8,615	0.21	25,619	0.61

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June 30, 2016	41,369	0.98	19,533	0.46	15,642	0.37	35,175	0.83
March 31, 2016	34,033	0.80	16,915	0.40	11,262	0.27	28,177	0.67
December 31, 2015	\$ 31,507	0.74	\$ 16,987	0.40	\$ (31,167)	(0.73)	\$ (14,180)	(0.33)
September 30, 2015	30,445	0.72	16,989	0.40	(16,903)	(0.40)	86	0.00
June 30, 2015	27,978	0.66	15,991	0.38	1,285	0.03	17,276	0.41
March 31, 2015	25,630	0.60	14,390	0.34	(3,491)	(0.08)	10,899	0.26

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The Company had unfunded debt and equity commitments to various delayed draw loans as well as to Crystal Financial LLC. The total amount of these unfunded commitments as of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 is \$64,013 and \$65,833, respectively, comprised of the following:

	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Crystal Financial LLC	\$ 44,263	\$ 50,000
Vapotherm, Inc	10,000	
aTyr Pharma, Inc	5,000	
SentreHeart, Inc	2,500	
Conventus Orthopaedics, Inc	2,250	
Achaogen, Inc.		10,000
AgaMatrix, Inc.		3,333
CardioDx, Inc.		2,500
Total Commitments*	\$ 64,013	\$ 65,833

* The Company controls the funding of the Crystal Financial LLC commitment and may cancel it at its discretion. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company had sufficient cash available and/or liquid securities available to fund its commitments as well as the commitments to SSLP disclosed in Note 15 and SSLP II disclosed in Note 16.

Note 15. Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC

On September 2, 2014, the Company entered into a limited liability company agreement with an affiliate (the Investor) of a fund managed by Pacific Investment Management Company LLC (PIMCO) to co-invest in middle market senior secured unitranche loans sourced by the same origination platform used by the Company. Initial funding commitments to the unitranche strategy total \$600,000, consisting of direct equity investments and co-investment commitments as described below. The joint venture vehicle known as the Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program LLC (SSLP) is structured as an unconsolidated Delaware limited liability company. The Company and the Investor initially made equity commitments to the SSLP of \$300,000 and \$43,250, respectively. All portfolio decisions and generally all other decisions in respect of the SSLP must be approved by an investment committee of the SSLP

consisting of representatives of the Company and PIMCO (with approval from a representative of each required).

On October 15, 2015, the Company entered into an amended and restated limited liability company agreement for its SSLP to add Voya Investment Management LLC (Voya), part of Voya Financial, Inc. (NYSE: VOYA), as a partner in SSLP in place of the investor that was previously the Company s partner in SSLP, though this investor may still co-invest up to \$300,000 of equity in unitranche loans alongside SSLP. This joint venture is expected to invest primarily in senior secured unitranche loans to middle market companies predominantly owned by private equity sponsors or entrepreneurs, consistent with the Company s core origination and underwriting mandate. In addition to the Company s prior equity commitment of \$300,000 to SSLP, Voya has made an initial equity commitment of \$25,000 to SSLP, with the ability to upsize.

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On November 2, 2015, the Company assigned \$125,000 of its \$300,000 commitment to SSLP to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC (SSLP II), a Delaware limited liability company.

On November 25, 2015, SSLP commenced operations. On June 30, 2016, SSLP as transferor and SSLP 2016-1, LLC, a newly formed wholly owned subsidiary of SSLP, as borrower entered into a \$200,000 senior secured revolving credit facility (the SSLP Facility) with Wells Fargo Bank, NA acting as administrative agent. Solar Capital Ltd. acts as servicer under the SSLP Facility. The SSLP Facility is scheduled to mature on June 30, 2021. The SSLP Facility generally bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 2.50%. SSLP and SSLP 2016-1, LLC, as applicable, have made certain customary representations and warranties, and are required to comply with various covenants, including leverage restrictions, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. The SSLP Facility also includes usual and customary events of default for credit facilities of this nature. There were \$67,148 of borrowings outstanding as of December 31, 2016. During the year ended December 31, 2016, using proceeds from the SSLP Facility, SSLP returned capital totaling \$28,875 and \$4,125 to the Company and Voya, respectively. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company and Voya had contributed combined equity capital in the amount of \$116,433 and \$92,183, respectively. Of the \$116,433 of contributed equity capital at December 31, 2016, the Company contributed \$29,884 in the form of investments and \$71,995 in the form of cash and Voya contributed \$14,554 in the form of cash. As of December 31, 2016, the Company and Voya's remaining commitments to SSLP totaled \$73,121 and \$10,446, respectively. The Company, along with Voya, controls the funding of SSLP and SSLP may not call the unfunded commitments without approval of both the Company and Voya.

As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, SSLP had total assets of \$184,816 and \$92,528, respectively. For the same periods, SSLP's portfolio consisted of floating rate senior secured loans to 11 and 4 different borrowers, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2016, SSLP invested \$89,421 in 8 portfolio companies. Investments prepaid totaled \$1,183 for the year ended December 31, 2016. For the period from November 25, 2015 through December 31, 2015, SSLP invested \$91,833 in 4 portfolio companies. Investments prepaid totaled \$75 for the period from November 25, 2015 through December 31, 2015. At December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the weighted average yield of SSLP's portfolio was 7.4% and 8.5%, respectively, measured at fair value and 7.5% and 8.5%, respectively, measured at cost.

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Description	Industry	Spread Above Index⁽¹⁾	LIBOR Floor	Interest Rate⁽²⁾	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value⁽³⁾
AccentCare, Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+575	1.00%	6.75%	9/3/21	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,875
Alera Group Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	Insurance	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	12/30/22	13,824	13,686	13,686
Associated Pathologists, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	8/1/21	3,292	3,261	3,275
CIBT Holdings, Inc.	Professional Services	L+525	1.00%	6.25%	6/28/22	13,102	12,979	12,971
Empower Payments Acquisition, Inc. (RevSpring)	Professional Services	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	11/30/23	13,875	13,600	13,597
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽⁴⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.75%	12/14/21	34,650	34,202	34,650
Pet Holdings ULC & Pet Supermarket, Inc.	Specialty Retail	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	7/5/22	20,625	20,336	20,367
PPT Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+600	1.00%	7.00%	12/16/22	12,000	11,881	11,880
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.25%	11/25/21	2,475	2,454	2,475
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+839	1.00%	9.39%	11/25/21	22,250	21,866	21,861
		L+500	1.00%	6.00%	12/31/19	19,557	19,407	19,362

U.S. Anesthesia Partners Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services							
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+625	1.00%	7.25%	4/20/21	21,818	21,686	21,491
							\$ 180,233	\$ 180,490

- (1) Floating rate instruments accrue interest at a predetermined spread relative to an index, typically the LIBOR or PRIME rate. These instruments are typically subject to a LIBOR or PRIME rate floor.
- (2) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2016.
- (3) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board s valuation process described elsewhere herein.
- (4) The Company also holds this security on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

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Description	Industry	Interest Rate⁽¹⁾	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value⁽²⁾
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽³⁾	Chemicals	9.25%	12/14/21	\$ 35,000	\$ 34,478	\$ 34,475
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC ⁽³⁾	Health Care Providers & Services	5.25%	11/25/21	2,750	2,723	2,723
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC ⁽³⁾	Health Care Providers & Services	9.42%	11/25/21	22,250	21,810	21,805
U.S. Anesthesia Partners Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	6.00%	12/31/19	19,757	19,561	19,559
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	7.00%	4/20/21	13,197	13,197	13,197
					\$ 91,769	\$ 91,759

- (1) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2015.
- (2) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board s valuation process described elsewhere herein.
- (3) The Company also holds a portion of this position on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities. Below is certain summarized financial information for SSLP as of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the period from November 25, 2015 through December 31, 2015:

	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Selected Balance Sheet Information for SSLP:		
Investments at fair value (cost \$180,233 and \$91,769, respectively)	\$ 180,490	\$ 91,759

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Cash and other assets	4,326	769
Total assets	\$ 184,816	\$ 92,528
Debt outstanding	\$ 67,148	\$
Distributions payable	1,688	253
Interest payable and other credit facility related expenses	660	
Accrued expenses and other payables	287	72
Total liabilities	\$ 69,783	\$ 325
Members equity	\$ 115,033	\$ 92,203
Total liabilities and members equity	\$ 184,816	\$ 92,528

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	Year ended December 31, 2016	For the Period November 25, 2015 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2015
Selected Income Statement Information for SSLP:		
Interest income	\$ 9,187	\$ 462
Service fees*	\$ 84	\$ 4
Interest and other credit facility expenses**	3,878	
Other general and administrative expenses	138	175
Total expenses	\$ 4,100	\$ 179
Net investment income	\$ 5,087	\$ 283
Net change in unrealized gain on investments	267	(10)
Net income	\$ 5,354	\$ 273

* Service fees are included within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations as other income.

** SSLP made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to the SSLP Facility, in accordance with ASC 825-10. As such, all expenses related to the establishment of the SSLP Facility were expensed during the year ended December 31, 2016. These amounts totaled \$2,816.

Note 16. Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program II LLC

On November 2, 2015, the Company assigned \$125,000 of its \$300,000 commitment to SSLP to SSLP II, a Delaware limited liability company. On August 5, 2016, the Company entered into an amended and restated limited liability company agreement with WFI Loanco, LLC (WFI) and SSLP II commenced operations. Also on August 5, 2016, the Company assigned \$49,977 of its \$125,000 commitment to SSLP II to Senior Secured Unitranche Loan Program III

LLC (SSLP III), a newly formed Delaware limited liability company. SSLP III, which has not commenced operations, is currently wholly owned by Solar Capital Ltd. but may bring in unaffiliated investors at a later date. The Company and WFI's equity commitments to SSLP II now total \$75,023 and \$18,000, respectively.

On November 15, 2016, SSLP II as transferor and SSLP II 2016-1, LLC, a newly formed wholly owned subsidiary of SSLP II, as borrower entered into a \$100,000 senior secured revolving credit facility (the SSLP II Facility) with Wells Fargo Bank, NA acting as administrative agent. Solar Capital Ltd. acts as servicer under the SSLP II Facility. The SSLP II Facility is scheduled to mature on November 15, 2021. The SSLP II Facility generally bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 2.50%. SSLP II and SSLP II 2016-1, LLC, as applicable, have made certain customary representations and warranties, and are required to comply with various covenants, including leverage restrictions, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. The SSLP II Facility also includes usual and customary events of default for credit facilities of this nature. There were \$32,950 of borrowings outstanding as of December 31, 2016. During the period August 5, 2016 through December 31, 2016, using proceeds from the SSLP II Facility, SSLP II returned capital totaling \$16,130 and \$3,870 to the Company and WFI, respectively. As of December 31, 2016, the Company and WFI contributed combined equity capital in the amount of \$46,963 and \$11,268, respectively. Of the \$58,231 of contributed equity capital at December 31, 2016, the Company contributed \$43,498 in the form of investments and \$3,465 in the form of cash and WFI contributed \$11,268 in the form of cash. As of December 31, 2016, the

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Company and WFI's remaining commitments to SSLP II totaled \$28,060 and \$6,732, respectively. The Company, along with WFI, controls the funding of SSLP II and SSLP II may not call the unfunded commitments without approval of both the Company and WFI.

As of December 31, 2016, SSLP II had total assets of \$93,467. At December 31, 2016, SSLP II's portfolio consisted of floating rate senior secured loans to 12 different borrowers. For the period August 5, 2016 through December 31, 2016, SSLP II invested \$102,173 in 13 portfolio companies. Investments prepaid totaled \$12,052 for the same period. At December 31, 2016, the weighted average yield of SSLP II's portfolio was 7.6%, measured at fair value and 7.9%, measured at cost.

SSLP II Portfolio as of December 31, 2016

Description	Industry	Spread Above LIBOR Index⁽¹⁾	Floor	Interest Rate⁽²⁾	Maturity Date	Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value⁽³⁾
Alera Group Intermediate Holdings, Inc.	Insurance	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	12/30/22	\$ 5,184	\$ 5,132	\$ 5,132
American Teleconferencing Services, Ltd. (PGI) ⁽⁴⁾	Communications Equipment	L+650	1.00%	7.50%	12/8/21	14,619	13,244	14,217
Associated Pathologists, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	8/1/21	1,646	1,631	1,638
CIBT Holdings, Inc.	Professional Services	L+525	1.00%	6.25%	6/28/22	5,241	5,191	5,188
Empower Payments Acquisition, Inc. (RevSpring)	Professional Services	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	11/30/23	6,938	6,800	6,799
Falmouth Group Holdings Corp. (AMPAC) ⁽⁴⁾	Chemicals	L+675	1.00%	7.75%	12/14/21	10,945	10,945	10,945
Pet Holdings ULC & Pet Supermarket, Inc.	Specialty Retail	L+550	1.00%	6.50%	7/5/22	9,075	8,947	8,962
Polycom, Inc.		L+650	1.00%	7.50%	9/27/23	11,605	11,152	11,547

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	Communications Equipment							
PPT Management Holdings, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+600	1.00%	7.00%	12/16/22	10,000	9,901	9,900
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+425	1.00%	5.25%	11/25/21	990	990	990
PSKW, LLC & PDR, LLC	Health Care Providers & Services	L+839	1.00%	9.39%	11/25/21	8,900	8,748	8,744
U.S. Anesthesia Partners Inc.	Health Care Providers & Services	L+500	1.00%	6.00%	12/31/19	4,988	4,938	4,938
VetCor Professional Practices LLC	Health Care Facilities	L+625	1.00%	7.25%	4/20/21	2,840	2,787	2,797
							\$ 90,406	\$ 91,797

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- (2) Floating rate debt investments typically bear interest at a rate determined by reference to either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR or L) index rate or the prime index rate (PRIME or P), and which typically reset monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2016.
- (3) Represents the fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820. The determination of such fair value is not included in the Board s valuation process described elsewhere herein.
- (4) The Company also holds this security on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

Below is certain summarized financial information for SSLP II as of December 31, 2016 and for the period August 5, 2016 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2016:

	December 31, 2016
Selected Balance Sheet Information for SSLP II:	
Investments at fair value (cost \$90,406)	\$ 91,797
Cash and other assets	1,670
Total assets	\$ 93,467
Debt outstanding	\$ 32,950
Distributions payable	1,460
Interest payable and other credit facility related expenses	147
Accrued expenses and other payables	183
Total liabilities	\$ 34,740
Members' equity	\$ 58,727
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 93,467

**For the period
August 5, 2016
(commencement
of operations)
through
December 31,
2016**

Selected Income Statement Information for SSLP II:

Interest income	\$	2,259
Service fees*	\$	28
Interest and other credit facility expenses**		1,536
Other general and administrative expenses		130
Total expenses	\$	1,694
Net investment income	\$	565
Net change in unrealized gain on investments		1,391
Net income	\$	1,956

* Service fees are included within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations as other income.

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** SSLP II made an irrevocable election to apply the fair value option of accounting to the SSLP II Facility, in accordance with ASC 825-10. As such, all expenses related to the establishment of the SSLP II Facility were expensed during the year ended December 31, 2016. These amounts totaled \$1,389.

Note 17. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated the need for disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events through the date the consolidated financial statements were issued.

On February 15, 2017, the Company closed a private offering of \$100,000 of additional 2022 Unsecured Notes with a fixed interest rate of 4.60% and a maturity date of May 8, 2022. Interest on the 2022 Unsecured Notes is due semi-annually on May 8 and November 8. The 2022 Unsecured Notes were issued in a private placement only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On February 22, 2017, the Company, through its commitment to SSLP III, and Solar Senior formed Solar Life Science Program LLC (LSJV) with an affiliate of Deerfield Management. The Company is committing approximately \$49,977 to LSJV.

On February 22, 2017, our Board declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.40 per share payable on April 4, 2017 to holders of record as of March 23, 2017.

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