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**FORM 10-Q**

**(Mark One)**

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

**For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2017**

**OR**

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

**COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 1-35730**

**STELLUS CAPITAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

**( Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**



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

The number of shares of the issuer's Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, outstanding as of August 3, 2017 was 15,642,457.

**STELLUS CAPITAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

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**PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION****STELLUS CAPITAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	June 30, 2017 (unaudited)	December 31, 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Non-controlled, affiliated investments, at fair value (amortized cost of \$1,052,185 and \$0, respectively)	\$980,000	\$—
Non-controlled, non-affiliated investments, at fair value (amortized cost of \$329,218,652 and \$362,217,251, respectively)	336,390,312	365,625,891
Cash and cash equivalents	6,953,303	9,194,129
Interest receivable	4,007,830	4,601,742
Accounts receivable	8,343	748
Prepaid expenses	302,716	456,219
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$348,642,504</b>	<b>\$379,878,729</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Notes Payable	\$24,654,747	\$24,565,891
Credit facility payable	38,418,389	115,171,208
SBA Debentures	63,503,349	63,342,036
Dividends payable	1,772,293	1,413,982
Base management fees payable	1,023,011	1,608,295
Incentive fees payable	1,423,614	1,353,271
Interest payable	888,145	973,812
Unearned revenue	22,288	19,955
Administrative services payable	316,193	272,511
Deferred Tax Liability	—	8,593
Other accrued expenses and liabilities	167,302	267,390
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$132,189,331</b>	<b>\$208,996,944</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$216,453,173</b>	<b>\$170,881,785</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (200,000,000 shares authorized, 15,642,457 and 12,479,959 shares issued and outstanding, respectively)	\$15,642	\$12,480
Paid-in capital	224,052,179	180,994,723
Accumulated net realized loss	(13,801,668 )	(13,089,671 )
Distributions in excess of net investment income	(912,456 )	(435,794 )
Net unrealized appreciation on investments and cash equivalents, net of provision for taxes of \$0 and \$8,593, respectively	7,099,476	3,400,047

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Net Assets	\$216,453,173	\$170,881,785
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$348,642,504	\$379,878,729
Net Asset Value Per Share	\$13.84	\$13.69

## STELLUS CAPITAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (unaudited)

	For the three months ended June 30, 2017	For the three months ended June 30, 2016	For the six months ended June 30, 2017	For the six months ended June 30, 2016
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>				
Interest income	\$9,642,531	\$9,328,416	\$19,118,783	\$18,703,153
Other income	751,834	294,753	1,139,562	387,849
Total Investment Income	\$10,394,365	\$9,623,169	\$20,258,345	19,091,002
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Management fees	\$1,523,010	\$1,550,841	\$3,087,538	\$3,099,214
Valuation fees	23,305	67,701	189,394	200,167
Administrative services expenses	310,860	250,627	619,958	537,927
Incentive fees	1,234,616	986,276	2,255,843	2,011,098
Professional fees	219,487	195,203	447,164	387,314
Directors' fees	79,000	86,000	171,000	178,000
Insurance expense	110,466	118,027	219,718	236,053
Interest expense and other fees	1,780,809	2,015,189	3,849,439	3,895,032
Deferred offering costs	-	261,761	-	261,761
Other general and administrative expenses	174,353	146,442	336,205	240,044
Total Operating Expenses	5,455,906	5,678,067	11,176,259	11,046,610
Net Investment Income	\$4,938,459	\$3,945,102	\$9,082,086	\$8,044,392
Net Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments and Cash Equivalents	\$54	\$1,486	\$(711,997)	\$2,380
Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Investments and Cash Equivalents	\$1,106,253	\$928,520	\$3,690,836	\$(815,154)
<b>Benefit for taxes on net realized loss or net unrealized gain on investments at Taxable Subsidiaries</b>	\$-	\$154,812	\$8,593	\$322,151
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	\$6,044,766	\$5,029,920	\$12,069,518	\$7,553,769
Net Investment Income Per Share	\$0.32	\$0.32	\$0.65	\$0.64
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations Per Share	\$0.39	\$0.41	\$0.87	\$0.61
Weighted Average Shares of Common Stock Outstanding	15,347,814	12,479,959	13,921,808	12,479,959
<b>Distributions Per Share</b>	\$0.34	\$0.34	\$0.68	\$0.68





## STELLUS CAPITAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (unaudited)

	For the six months ended June 30, 2017	For the six months ended June 30, 2016
Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations		
Net investment income	\$9,082,086	\$8,044,392
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and cash equivalents	(711,997 )	2,380
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and cash equivalents	3,690,836	(815,154 )
Benefit for taxes on net realized loss or net unrealized gain on investments at Taxable Subsidiaries	8,593	322,151
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	12,069,518	7,553,769
Stockholder distributions		
Net investment income	(9,558,748 )	(8,484,372 )
Total Distributions	(9,558,748 )	(8,484,372 )
Capital share transactions		
Issuance of common stock <sup>1</sup>	44,591,250	—
Sales load	(1,296,625 )	—
Offering costs	(234,007 )	—
Net increase in net assets resulting from capital share transactions	43,060,618	—
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	45,571,388	(930,603 )
Net assets at beginning of period	170,881,785	164,651,104
Net assets at end of period (includes \$912,456 and \$1,219,620 of distributions in excess of net investment income, respectively)	\$216,453,173	\$163,720,501

<sup>1</sup> See Note 4 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

## STELLUS CAPITAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)

	For the six months ended June 30, 2017	For the six months ended June 30, 2016
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 12,069,518	\$ 7,553,769
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Purchases of investments	(47,994,614 )	(17,899,868 )
Proceeds from sales and repayments of investments	79,950,227	15,972,633
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on investments	(3,690,836 )	815,154
Deferred tax benefit	(8,593 )	(322,151 )
Increase in investments due to PIK	(145,445 )	(109,619 )
Amortization of premium and accretion of discount, net	(575,750 )	(557,840 )
Amortization of loan structure fees	247,181	260,846
Amortization of deferred financing costs	88,856	162,203
Amortization of loan fees on SBIC debentures	161,313	88,709
Net realized loss (gain) on investments	711,997	(2,380 )
Deferred offering cost	—	261,761
Changes in other assets and liabilities		
Decrease in interest receivable	593,912	522,724
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(7,595 )	7,684
Decrease in prepaid expenses and fees	153,503	177,750
Increase (decrease) in management fees payable	(585,284 )	32,062
Increase in directors' fees payable	—	86,000
Increase in incentive fees payable	70,343	711,073
Increase (decrease) in administrative services payable	43,682	(163,551 )
Increase (decrease) in interest payable	(85,667 )	272,180
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	2,333	(13,284 )
Increase (decrease) in other accrued expenses and liabilities	(100,088 )	86,921
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 40,898,993	\$ 7,942,776
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock	44,591,250	—
Sales load for common stock issued	(1,296,625 )	—
Offering costs paid for common stock issued	(234,007 )	—
Stockholder distributions paid	(9,200,437 )	(8,484,372 )
Borrowings under credit facility	18,000,000	18,500,000
Repayments of credit facility	(95,000,000 )	(18,000,000 )
Net cash used in financing activities	\$ (43,139,819 )	\$ (7,984,372 )

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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(2,240,826 )	(41,596 )
Cash and cash equivalents balance at beginning of period	9,194,129	10,875,790
Cash and cash equivalents balance at end of period	\$6,953,303	\$10,834,194
Supplemental and non-cash financing activities		
Interest expense paid	\$3,432,756	\$3,106,094
Excise tax paid	\$37,648	\$-
Conversion from debt to equity	\$864,101	\$-
Increase in Dividend Payable	\$358,311	

## Stellus Capital Investment Corporation

Consolidated Schedule of Investments – (unaudited)  
June 30, 2017

Investments	Footnotes	Security	Coupon	LIBOR floor	Cash	PIK Maturity	Headquarters/ Industry	Principal Amount/ Shares	Amortized Cost
<b>Non-controlled, affiliated investments</b>	(2)								
<b><u>Glori Energy Production Inc.</u></b>							Houston, TX		
Glori Energy Production, LLC Class A Common Units	(4)	Equity					Energy: Oil & Gas	1,000 shares	\$1,052,185
<b>Subtotal Non-controlled, affiliated investments</b>									1,052,185
<b>Non-controlled, non-affiliated investments</b>	(2)								
<b><u>Abrasive Products &amp; Equipment, LLC, et al</u></b>							Deer Park, TX		
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	Second Lien	L+10.50%	1.00%	11.80%	3/5/2020	Chemicals, Plastics, & Rubber	\$5,325,237	\$5,262,111
APE Holdings, LLC Class A Units	(4)	Equity						375,000 units	375,000
<b>Total Apex Environmental Resources Holdings, LLC</b>							Amsterdam, OH		
Common Units	(4)	Equity					Environmental Industries	614 shares	614
Preferred Units	(4)	Equity						614 shares	614,427
<b>Total</b>									615,041

**Atkins****Nutritionals****Holdings II, Inc.**

Denver, CO

Term Loan	(3)	Second Lien	L+8.50%	1.25%	9.75%	4/3/2019	Beverage, Food, & Tobacco	\$8,000,000	7,942,907
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**Atmosphere****Aggregator****Holdings II, LP**

Atlanta, GA

Common Units	(4)	Equity					Services: Business	254,250 units	254,250
Atmosphere Aggregator Holdings, LP	(4)	Equity						750,000 units	750,000
Common Units									
Total									1,004,250

**ASC****Communications, (7)****LLC**

Chicago, IL

Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)(14)	First Lien	P+5.25%	2.00%	9.50%	6/29/2022	Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	\$7,500,000	7,425,000
ASC Communications Holdings, LLC	(2)(4)	Equity						73,529 shares	500,000
Class A Preferred Units (SBIC)									
Total									7,925,000

**Beneplace, LLC**

Austin TX

Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	Second Lien	L+10.00%	1.00%	11.30%	9/27/2022	FIRE: Insurance	\$5,000,000	4,903,312
Beneplace Holdings, LLC	(4)	Equity						500,000 units	500,000
Preferred Units									
Total									5,403,312

**Binder & Binder****National Social****Security****Disability****Advocates, LLC**

Hauppauge, NY

Residual claim from Term Loan	(4)	Unsecured					Services: Consumer	\$700,000	700,000
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**Calero Software,****LLC et al**

Rochester, NY

Term Loan	(12)	Second Lien	L+9.50%	1.00%	10.55%	6/5/2019	Telecommunications	\$7,500,000	7,437,247
Managed Mobility Holdings, LLC	(4)	Equity						8,932 units	525,000
Partnership Units									
Total									7,962,247

## Stellus Capital Investment Corporation

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June 30, 2017

Investments	Footnotes	Security	Coupon	LIBOR floor	Cash	PIK	Maturity	Headquarters/ Industry	Principal Amount/ Shares	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
<b><u>C.A.R.S. Protection Plus, Inc.</u></b>											
								Murrysville, PA			
Term Loan	(12)	First Lien	L+8.50%	0.50%	9.49%		12/31/2020	Automotive	\$98,746	97,269	98,746
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	First Lien	L+8.50%	0.50%	9.49%		12/31/2020		\$7,702,191	7,586,974	7,702,191
CPP Holdings LLC Class A Common Units	(4)	Equity							149,828 shares	149,828	240,000
Total										7,834,071	8,040,937
<b><u>Catapult Learning, LLC et al</u></b>											
								Camden, NJ			
Term Loan	(13)	First Lien	L+6.50%	1.00%	9.11%		7/16/2020	Education	\$12,500,000	12,416,189	12,370,000
<b><u>Colford Capital Holdings, LLC</u></b>											
								New York, NY			
Delay Draw Term Loan #1	(5)	Unsecured	12.00%		12.00%		5/31/2018	Finance	\$12,500,000	12,434,288	12,500,000
Delay Draw Term Loan #2	(5)	Unsecured	12.00%		12.00%		5/31/2018		\$2,000,000	1,986,759	2,000,000
Delay Draw Term Loan #4	(5)	Unsecured	12.00%		12.00%		5/31/2018		\$5,000,000	4,973,411	5,000,000
Colford Capital Holdings, LLC Preferred Units	(4)(5)	Equity							38,893 units	557,143	600,000
Total								Liberty, MO		19,951,601	20,100,000

**Douglas  
Products &  
Packaging  
Company,  
LLC**

Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	Second Lien	L+10.50%	0.50%	11.80%	12/31/2020	Chemicals, Plastics, & Rubber	\$9,000,000	8,888,777	9,000,000
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Fumigation Holdings, Inc. Class A Common Stock	(4)	Equity						250 shares	250,000	500,000
Total									9,138,777	9,500,000

**Dream II  
Holdings,  
LLC**

Class A Common Units	(4)	Equity					Boca Raton, FL Services: Consumer	250,000 units	242,304	370,000
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**Eating  
Recovery  
Center,  
LLC**

Term Loan	(6)	Unsecured	13.00%		12.00%	1.00%	6/28/2018	Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	\$18,400,000	18,311,425	18,400,000
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ERC Group Holdings LLC Class A Units	(4)	Equity						17,820 units	1,655,274	3,750,000
Total									19,966,699	22,150,000

**Empirix  
Inc.**

Term Loan	(12)	Second Lien	L+9.50%	1.00%	10.69%	5/1/2020	Software	\$11,657,850	11,535,843	11,657,850
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Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	Second Lien	L+9.50%	1.00%	10.69%	5/1/2020		\$9,750,000	9,646,563	9,750,000
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Empirix Holdings I, Inc. Common Shares, Class A	(4)	Equity						1,304 shares	1,304,232	1,356,000
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Empirix Holdings I, Inc. Common Shares, Class B	(4)	Equity						1,317,406 shares	13,174	13,700,000
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Total									22,499,812	22,776,000
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Houston, TX

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**Energy**

**Labs Inc.**

Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(13)	First Lien	L+7.00%	0.50%	11.24%	9/29/2021	Energy: Oil & Gas	\$5,300,000	5,206,120	5,300,000
Energy Labs Holding Corp. Common Stock	(4)	Equity						500 shares	500,000	450,000
Total									5,706,120	5,750,000

**EOS Fitness**

**OPCO**

**Holdings, LLC**

Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	First Lien	L+8.75%	0.75%	9.81%	12/30/2019	Phoenix, AZ Hotel, Gaming, & Leisure	\$3,236,969	3,200,367	3,236,969
EOS Fitness Holdings, LLC Class A Preferred Units	(4)	Equity						118 shares	117,670	146,200
EOS Fitness Holdings, LLC Class B Common Units	(4)	Equity						3,017 shares	3,017	3,750,000
Total									3,321,054	3,386,000



## Stellus Capital Investment Corporation

Consolidated Schedule of Investments – (unaudited)  
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Investments	Footnotes	Security	Coupon	LIBOR floor	Cash	PIK	Maturity	Headquarters/ Industry	Principal Amount/ Shares	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
<b><u>Furniture Factory Outlet, LLC</u></b>											
								Fort Smith, AR			
Term Loan	(12)	First Lien	L+9.00%	0.50%	10.30%		6/10/2021	Consumer Goods: Durable	\$7,350,984	7,229,376	7,350,984
Furniture Factory Holdings, LLC	(11)	Unsecured	11.00%				2/3/2021		\$122,823	122,823	122,823
Term Loan Sun Furniture Factory, LP	(4)	Equity							13,445 shares	94,569	130,000
Common Units										7,446,768	7,600,000
Total											
<b><u>GK Holdings, Inc.</u></b>											
								Cary, NC			
Term Loan	(12)	Second Lien	L+10.25%	1.00%	11.55%		1/30/2022	Education	\$5,000,000	4,926,355	5,000,000
<b><u>Good Source Solutions, Inc.</u></b>											
								Carlsbad, CA			
Term Loan	(13)	First Lien	L+7.25%	0.50%	11.62%		7/15/2021	Beverage, Food, & Tobacco	\$1,350,000	1,327,142	1,350,000
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(13)	First Lien	L+7.25%	0.50%	11.62%		7/15/2021		\$1,200,000	1,179,681	1,200,000
Good Source Holdings, LLC Class A	(4)	Equity							159 shares	159,375	150,000
Preferred Units											
Good Source Holdings, LLC Class B	(4)	Equity							4,482 shares	0	0
Common Units										2,666,198	2,700,000
Total											
<b><u>Grupo HIMA San Pablo, Inc., et al</u></b>											
								San Juan, PR			
Term Loan	(3)	First Lien	L+7.00%	1.50%	8.50%		1/31/2018	Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	\$4,783,333	4,769,882	4,630,000

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Term Loan		Second Lien	13.75%		13.75%	7/31/2018		\$4,000,000	3,946,603	3,500,000	
Total									8,716,485	8,130,000	
<b><u>Hostway Corporation</u></b>											
Term Loan	(4)(12)	Second Lien	L+8.75%	1.25%	10.05%	12/13/2020	High Tech Industries	\$6,750,000	6,670,396	5,970,000	
<b><u>HUF Worldwide, LLC</u></b>											
Term Loan	(12)	First Lien	L+9.00%	0.50%	10.15%	10/22/2019	Retail	\$3,651,709	3,610,147	3,650,000	
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	First Lien	L+9.00%	0.50%	10.15%	10/22/2019		\$6,138,648	6,075,804	6,130,000	
HUF Holdings, LLC Common Class A Units	(4)	Equity						616,892 units	624,427	330,000	
Total									10,310,378	10,100,000	
<b><u>Keais Records Service, LLC</u></b>											
Term Loan	(12)	Second Lien	L+10.50%	0.50%	11.80%	6/30/2022	Services: Business	\$7,750,000	7,628,622	7,750,000	
Keais Holdings, LLC Class A Units	(4)	Equity						148,335 units	775,000	820,000	
Total									8,403,622	8,570,000	
<b><u>KidKraft, Inc.</u></b>											
Term Loan	(6)	Second Lien	12.00%		11.00%	1.00%	3/30/2022	Consumer Goods: Durable	\$9,268,918	9,102,863	9,170,000
<b><u>Livingston International, Inc.</u></b>											
Term Loan	(5)(12)	Second Lien	L+8.25%	1.25%	9.55%	4/18/2020	Transportation: Cargo	\$6,841,739	6,775,432	6,840,000	
<b><u>Madison Logic, Inc.</u></b>											
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	First Lien	L+8.00%	0.50%	9.23%	11/30/2021	Media: Broadcasting & Subscription	\$4,937,500	4,892,840	4,930,000	
Madison Logic Holdings, Inc. Common Stock (SBIC)	(2)(4)	Equity						5,000 shares	50,000	57,000	
Madison Logic Holdings, Inc. Series A Preferred Stock (SBIC)	(2)(4)	Equity						4,500 shares	450,000	513,000	
Total									5,392,840	5,500,000	

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Consolidated Schedule of Investments – (unaudited)  
June 30, 2017

Investments	Footnotes	Security	Coupon	LIBOR floor	Cash	PIK	Maturity	Headquarters/ Industry	Principal Amount/ Shares	Amortized Cost
<b><u>Mobileum, Inc.</u></b>									Santa Clara, CA	
Term Loan	(12)	Second Lien	L+10.25%	0.75%	11.55%		5/1/2022	Software	\$9,000,000	8,836,290
Mobile Acquisition Holdings, LP Class A-2 Common Units	(4)	Equity							750 units	750,000
Total										9,586,290
<b><u>MBS Holdings, Inc.</u></b>									Birmingham, AL	
Series E Preferred Stock	(4)	Equity						Media: Broadcasting & Subscription	2,774,695 shares	1,000,000
Series F Preferred Stock	(4)	Equity							399,308 shares	206,682
Total										1,206,682
<b><u>MTC Parent, L.P.</u></b>									Oak Brook, IL	
Class A-2 Common Units	(4)	Equity						Finance	750,000 shares	28,842
<b><u>National Trench Safety, LLC, et al</u></b>									Houston, TX	
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)	Second Lien	11.50%		11.50%		3/31/2022	Construction & Building	\$10,000,000	9,831,498
NTS Investors, LP Class A Common Units	(4)	Equity							2,335 units	500,000
Total										10,331,498
<b><u>OG Systems, LLC</u></b>									Chantilly, Virginia	
Term Loan	(6)(12)	Unsecured	L+11.00%	1.00%	11.19%	1.00%	1/22/2020	Services: Government	\$4,028,288	3,986,448
OGS Holdings, Inc. Series A Convertible	(4)	Equity							11,521 shares	50,001



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Consolidated Schedule of Investments – (unaudited)  
June 30, 2017

Investments	Footnotes	Security	Coupon	LIBOR floor	Cash	PIK	Maturity	Headquarters/ Industry	Principal Amount/ Shares	Amortized Cost
<b><u>Time Manufacturing Acquisition, LLC</u></b>								Waco, TX		
Term Loan	(6)	Unsecured	11.50%		10.75%	0.75%	8/3/2023	Capital Equipment	\$6,349,532	6,228,348
Time Manufacturing Investments, LLC Class A Common Units	(4)	Equity							5,000 units	500,000
Total										6,728,348
<b><u>TFH Reliability, LLC</u></b>								Houston, TX		
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	Second Lien	L+10.75%	0.50%	12.05%		4/21/2022	Chemicals, Plastics, & Rubber	\$5,875,000	5,767,737
TFH Reliability Group, LLC Class A Common Units	(4)	Equity							250,000 shares	250,000
Total										6,017,737
<b><u>U.S. Auto Sales, Inc. et al</u></b>								Lawrenceville, GA		
Term Loan	(5)(12)	Second Lien	L+11.75%	1.00%	12.98%		6/8/2020	Finance	\$4,500,000	4,470,622
USASF Blocker II, LLC Common Units	(4)(5)	Equity							441 units	441,000
USASF Blocker LLC Common Units	(4)(5)	Equity							9,000 units	9,000
Total										4,920,622
<b><u>Vandelay Industries Finance, LLC, et al</u></b>								La Vergne, TN		

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Term Loan	(6)	Second Lien	11.75%		10.75%	1.00%	11/12/2019	Construction & Building	\$2,500,000	2,487,511
<b><u>VRI Intermediate Holdings, LLC</u></b>										
								Franklin, OH		
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	Second Lien	L+9.25%	1.00%	10.55%		10/31/2020	Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	\$9,000,000	8,823,640
VRI Ultimate Holdings, LLC Class A Preferred Units Total	(4)	Equity							326,797 shares	500,000
<b><u>Wise Holding Corporation</u></b>										
								Salt Lake City, UT		
Term Loan	(12)	Unsecured	L+11.00%	1.00%	12.30%		12/31/2021	Beverage, Food, & Tobacco	\$1,250,000	1,233,800
WCI Holdings LLC Class A Preferred Units	(4)	Equity							56 units	55,550
WCI Holdings LLC Class B Common Units Total	(4)	Equity							3,044 units	3,044
<b><u>Zemax, LLC</u></b>										
								Redmond, WA		
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	Second Lien	L+10.00%	1.00%	11.23%		4/23/2020	Software	\$3,962,500	3,915,519
Zemax Software Holdings, LLC Preferred Units (SBIC)	(2)(4)	Equity							24,500 units	5,000
Zemax Software Holdings, LLC Common Units (SBIC) Total	(2)(4)	Equity							5,000 shares	245,000
<b>Total Non-controlled, non-affiliated investments</b>										\$ 329,218,65
<b>Net Investments</b>										\$ 330,270,83
<b>LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS</b>										
<b>NET ASSETS</b>										

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(1) See Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of the methodologies used to value securities in the portfolio.

The Company's obligations to the lenders of the Credit Facility are secured by a first priority security interest in all (2) investments and cash and cash equivalents, but exclude \$4,495,533 of cash and \$103,071,285 of investments (at par) that are held by Stellus Capital SBIC LP.

(3) These loans have LIBOR which are higher than the current applicable LIBOR; therefore, the floors are in effect.

(4) Security is non-income producing.

The investment is not a qualifying asset under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Company may not acquire any non-qualifying assets unless, at the time of the acquisition, qualifying assets represent at least (5) 70% of the Company's total assets. Qualifying assets represent approximately 84% of the Company's total assets as of June 30, 2017.

(6) Represents a PIK security. At the option of the issuer, interest can be paid in cash or cash and PIK. The percentage of PIK shown is the maximum PIK that can be elected by the issuer.

Excluded from the investment is an undrawn revolver commitment in an amount not to exceed \$666,666, with an (7) interest rate of LIBOR plus 6.25% and a maturity of June 29, 2022. This investment is accruing an unused commitment fee of 0.50% per annum.

In the fourth quarter of 2016, Binder & Binder National Social Security Disability, emerged from Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York. The investment's fair value has been (8) adjusted to reflect the court-approved unsecured claim distribution proceeds that have been awarded to the Company. As of this time the Company does not expect to receive any additional repayment other than what the court has awarded.

Excluded from the investment is an undrawn revolver commitment in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000, with an (9) interest rate of LIBOR plus 9.00% and a maturity of October 22, 2019. This investment is accruing an unused commitment fee of 0.50% per annum.

Excluded from the investment is an undrawn commitment in an amount not to exceed \$520,000, with an interest (10) rate of LIBOR plus 8.00% and a maturity of September 30, 2018. This investment is accruing an unused commitment fee of 0.50% per annum.

(11) Interest compounds annually on this loan at a rate of 11%. The interest does not increase the principal balance.

(12) These loans have LIBOR floors which are lower than the applicable LIBOR rates; therefore, the floors are not in effect.

(13) These loans are last-out term loans with contractual rates higher than the applicable LIBOR rates; therefore, the floors are not in effect.

(14) These loans have Prime floors which are lower than the applicable Prime rates; therefore, the floors are not in effect.

**Abbreviation Legend**

PIK — Payment-In-Kind

L — LIBOR

Euro — Euro Dollar



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Investments	Footnotes	Security	Coupon	LIBOR floor	Cash	PIK	Maturity	Headquarters/ Industry	Principal Amount/ Shares	Amortized Cost
<b>Non-controlled, non-affiliated investments</b>	(2)									
<b><u>Abrasive Products &amp; Equipment, LLC, et al</u></b>								Deer Park, TX		
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(3)	Second Lien	L+10.50%	1.00%	11.50%		3/5/2020	Chemicals, Plastics, & Rubber	\$ 5,325,237	\$ 5,252,426
APE Holdings, LLC Class A Units	(4)	Equity							375,000 units	375,000
Total										5,627,426
<b><u>Apex Environmental Resources Holdings, LLC</u></b>								Amsterdam, OH		
Common Units	(4)	Equity						Environmental Industries	517 shares	517
Preferred Units	(4)	Equity							517 shares	517,439
Total										517,956
<b><u>Atkins Nutritionals Holdings II, Inc.</u></b>								Denver, CO		
Term Loan	(3)	Second Lien	L+8.50%	1.25%	9.75%		4/3/2019	Beverage, Food, & Tobacco	\$ 8,000,000	7,928,373
<b><u>Binder &amp; Binder National Social Security Disability Advocates, LLC</u></b>								Hauppauge, NY		

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Residual Claim From Term Loan	(4)(14)	Unsecured					Services: Consumer	\$ 1,000,000	1,000,000
<b><u>Calero Software, LLC et al</u></b>							Rochester, NY		
Term Loan	(3)	Second Lien	L+9.50%	1.00%	10.50%	6/5/2019	Telecommunications	\$ 7,500,000	7,422,928
Managed Mobility Holdings, LLC Partnership Units	(4)	Equity						8,932 units	525,000
Total									7,947,928
<b><u>C.A.R.S. Protection Plus, Inc</u></b>							Murrysville, PA		
Term Loan	(12)	First Lien	L+8.50%	0.50%	9.03%	12/31/2020	Automotive	\$ 101,911	100,207
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	First Lien	L+8.50%	0.50%	9.03%	12/31/2020		\$ 7,949,027	7,785,147
CPP Holdings LLC Class A Common Units	(4)	Equity						149,828 shares	149,828
Total									8,035,182
<b><u>Catapult Learning, LLC et al</u></b>							Camden, NJ		
Term Loan	(13)	First Lien	L+6.50%	1.00%	8.99%	7/16/2020	Education	\$12,500,000	12,404,725
<b><u>Colford Capital Holdings, LLC</u></b>							New York, NY		
Delay Draw Term Loan #1	(5)	Unsecured	12.00%		12.00%	5/31/2018	Finance	\$12,500,000	12,401,505
Delay Draw Term Loan #2	(5)	Unsecured	12.00%		12.00%	5/31/2018		\$ 2,000,000	1,980,173
Delay Draw Term Loan #4	(5)	Unsecured	12.00%		12.00%	5/31/2018		\$ 5,000,000	4,960,146
CC Blocker 1, LLC Preferred Units	(4)(5)	Equity						38,893 units	557,143
Total									19,898,967

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Investments	Footnotes	Security	Coupon	LIBOR floor	Cash	PIK	Maturity	Headquarters/ Industry	Principal Amount/ Shares	Amortized Cost	Value
<b><u>Doskocil Manufacturing Company, Inc.</u></b>								Arlington, TX			
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(13)	First Lien	L+6.00%	1.00%	9.40%		11/10/2020	Consumer goods: non-durable	\$ 8,750,000	\$ 8,626,143	\$ 8,750,000
<b><u>Douglas Products &amp; Packaging Company, LLC</u></b>								Liberty, MO			
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	Second Lien	L+10.50%	0.50%	11.50%		12/31/2020	Chemicals, Plastics, & Rubber	\$ 9,000,000	8,876,203	9,000,000
Fumigation Holdings, Inc. Class A Common Stock	(4)	Equity							250 shares	250,000	250,000
Total										9,126,203	9,250,000
<b><u>Eating Recovery Center, LLC</u></b>								Denver, CO			
Term Loan	(6)	Unsecured	13.00%		12.00%	1.00%	6/28/2018	Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	\$18,400,000	18,271,406	18,400,000
ERC Group Holdings LLC Class A Units	(4)	Equity							17,820 units	1,655,274	1,655,274
Total										19,926,680	20,055,274
<b><u>Empirix Inc.</u></b>								Billerica, MA			
Term Loan	(3)	Second Lien	L+9.50%	1.00%	10.50%		5/1/2020	Software	\$11,657,850	11,517,953	11,657,850
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(3)	Second Lien	L+9.50%	1.00%	10.50%		5/1/2020		\$ 9,750,000	9,631,895	9,750,000
Empirix Holdings I, Inc.	(4)	Equity							1,304 shares	1,304,232	1,304,232



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Investments	Footnotes	Security	Coupon	LIBOR floor	Cash	PIK	Maturity	Headquarters/ Industry	Principal Amount/ Shares	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
<b><u>GK Holdings, Inc.</u></b>								Cary, NC			
Term Loan	(3)	Second Lien	L+9.50%	1.00%	10.50%		1/30/2022	Education	\$5,000,000	\$4,920,321	\$5,000,000
<b><u>Glori Energy Production Inc.</u></b>								Houston, TX			
Term Loan	(3)(4)(6) (7)(8)	First Lien	L+12.00%	1.00%	11.00%	2.00%	3/14/2017	Energy: Oil & Gas	\$1,624,250	1,622,130	864,100
<b><u>Good Source Solutions, Inc.</u></b>								Carlsbad, CA			
Term Loan	(13)	First Lien	L+7.25%	0.50%	11.38%		7/15/2021	Beverage, Food, & Tobacco	\$1,350,000	1,325,011	1,346,000
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(13)	First Lien	L+7.25%	0.50%	11.38%		7/15/2021		\$1,200,000	1,177,788	1,196,000
Good Source Holdings, LLC Class A Preferred Units	(4)	Equity							159 shares	159,375	136,600
Good Source Holdings, LLC Class B Common Units Total	(4)	Equity							4,482 shares	0	0
										2,662,174	2,679,000
<b><u>Grupo HIMA San Pablo, Inc., et al</u></b>								San Juan, PR			
Term Loan	(3)	First Lien	L+7.00%	1.50%	8.50%		1/31/2018	Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	\$4,812,500	4,787,801	4,693,000
Term Loan		Second Lien	13.75%		13.75%		7/31/2018		\$4,000,000	3,924,736	3,535,000
Total										8,712,537	8,229,000
<b><u>Hollander Sleep</u></b>								Boca Raton, FL			

**Products,  
LLC**

Term Loan	(3)	First Lien	L+8.00%	1.00%	9.00%	10/21/2020	Services: Consumer	\$7,286,790	7,211,543	7,286,790
Dream II Holdings, LLC Class A Common Units Total	(4)	Equity						250,000 units	242,304	145,000
									7,453,847	7,431,847

**Hostway  
Corporation**

Term Loan	(3)	Second Lien	L+8.75%	1.25%	10.00%	12/13/2020	Chicago, IL High Tech Industries	\$6,750,000	6,661,202	5,832,000
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**HUF  
Worldwide,  
LLC**

Revolver	(9)(12)	First Lien	L+9.00%	0.50%	9.85%	10/22/2019	Los Angeles, CA Retail	\$ 375,000	375,000	375,000
Term Loan	(12)	First Lien	L+9.00%	0.50%	9.85%	10/22/2019		\$3,651,709	3,603,959	3,651,709
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	First Lien	L+9.00%	0.50%	9.85%	10/22/2019		\$6,138,648	6,063,652	6,138,648
HUF Holdings, LLC Common Class A Units Total	(4)	Equity						616,892 units	624,427	624,427
									10,667,038	10,789,038

**Keais Records  
Service, LLC**

Term Loan	(12)	Second Lien	L+10.50%	0.50%	11.50%	6/30/2022	Houston, TX Services: Business	\$7,750,000	7,620,000	7,620,000
Keais Holdings, LLC Class A Units Total	(4)	Equity						148,335 units	775,000	775,000
									8,395,000	8,395,000

**KidKraft, Inc.**

Term Loan	(6)	Second Lien	12.00%		11.00%	1.00%	3/30/2022	Dallas, TX Consumer Goods: Durable	\$9,222,874	9,044,671	9,044,671
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**Livingston  
International,  
Inc.**

Term Loan	(3)(5)	Second Lien	L+8.25%	1.25%	9.50%	4/18/2020	Toronto, Ontario Transportation: Cargo	\$6,841,739	6,765,448	6,692,000
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Investments	Footnotes	Security	Coupon	LIBOR floor	Cash	PIK	Maturity	Headquarters/ Industry	Principal Amount/ Shares	Amortized Cost
<b><u>Madison Logic, Inc.</u></b>								New York, NY		
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	First Lien	L+8.00%	0.50%	8.76%		11/30/2021	Media: Broadcasting & Subscription	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,950,667
Madison Logic Holdings, Inc.	(2)(4)	Equity							5,000 shares	50,000
Common Stock (SBIC)										
Madison Logic Holdings, Inc.	(2)(4)	Equity							4,500 shares	450,000
Series A Preferred Stock (SBIC)										
Total										5,450,667
<b><u>Mobileum, Inc.</u></b>								Santa Clara, CA		
Term Loan	(12)	Second Lien	L+10.25%	0.75%	11.25%		5/1/2022	Software	\$ 9,000,000	8,823,965
Mobile Acquisition Holdings, LP	(4)	Equity							750 units	750,000
Class A-2 Common Units										
Total										9,573,965
<b><u>Momentum Telecom Inc., et al</u></b>								Birmingham, AL		
Term Loan	(3)	First Lien	L+8.50%	1.00%	9.50%		3/10/2019	Media: Broadcasting & Subscription	\$ 6,468,196	6,395,759
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(3)	First Lien	L+8.50%	1.00%	9.50%		3/10/2019		\$ 8,687,486	8,589,400

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MBS Holdings, Inc. Series E Preferred Stock	(4)	Equity							2,774,695 shares	1,000,000
MBS Holdings, Inc. Series F Preferred Stock	(4)	Equity							399,308 shares	206,682
Total										16,191,841
<b><u>MTC Intermediate Holdco, Inc.</u></b>										
Oak Brook, IL										
Term Loan	(3)	Second Lien	L+9.50%	1.00%	10.50%	5/31/2022	Finance		\$ 575,000	564,899
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(3)	Second Lien	L+9.50%	1.00%	10.50%	5/31/2022			\$ 9,750,000	9,578,720
MTC Parent, L.P. Class A-2 Common Units	(4)	Equity							750,000 shares	750,000
Total										10,893,619
<b><u>OG Systems, LLC</u></b>										
Chantilly, Virginia										
Term Loan	(3)(6)	Unsecured	L+11.00%	1.00%	11.00%	1.00%	1/22/2020	Services: Government	\$ 4,028,288	3,979,529
OGS Holdings, Inc. Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	(4)	Equity							11,521 shares	50,001
Total										4,029,530
<b><u>Refac Optical Group, et al</u></b>										
Blackwood, NJ										
Revolver	(10)(12)	First Lien	L+8.00%		8.77%	9/30/2018	Retail		\$ 400,000	400,000
Term A Loan	(11)(12)	First Lien	L+8.00%		8.77%	9/30/2018			\$ 1,502,736	1,502,736
Term B Loan	(6)(11)(12)	First Lien	L+10.75%		9.77%	1.75%	9/30/2018		\$ 6,403,267	6,403,267
Total										8,306,003
<b><u>Securus Technologies Holdings, Inc.</u></b>										
Dallas, TX										
Term Loan	(3)	Second Lien	L+7.75	1.25%	9.00%	4/30/2021	Telecommunications		\$ 8,500,000	8,455,863
<b><u>Sitel Worldwide Corporation</u></b>										
Nashville, TN										
Term Loan	(3)	Second Lien	L+9.50	1.00%	10.50%	9/18/2022	High Tech Industries		\$10,000,000	9,825,536





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Investments	Footnotes	Security	Coupon	LIBOR floor	Cash	PIK	Maturity	Headquarters/ Industry	Principal Amount/ Shares	Amorti- Cost
<b><u>Skopos Financial, LLC</u></b>								Irving, TX		
Term Loan	(5)	Unsecured	12.00%		12.00%		1/31/2019	Finance	\$20,000,000	\$19,791
Skopos Financial Group, LLC Class A Units	(4)(5)	Equity							1,120,684 units	1,162,54
Total										20,954,4
<b><u>SPM Capital, LLC</u></b>								Bloomington, MN		
Term Loan	(3)	First Lien	L+5.50	1.50%	7.00%		10/31/2017	Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	\$ 6,387,916	6,362,83
<b><u>SQAD, LLC</u></b>								Tarrytown, NY		
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(6)	Unsecured	12.25%		11.00%	1.25%	4/30/2019	Media: Broadcasting & Subscription	\$ 7,245,241	7,179,97
SQAD Holdco, Inc. Preferred Shares, Series A (SBIC)	(2)(4)	Equity							5,624 shares	562,368
SQAD Holdco, Inc. Common Shares (SBIC)	(2)(4)	Equity							5,800 shares	62,485
Total										7,804,83
<b><u>Stratose Intermediate Holdings, II, LLC</u></b>								Atlanta, GA		
Term Loan	(3)	Second Lien	L+9.50%	1.00%	10.50%		7/26/2022	Services: Business	\$15,000,000	14,705,9
Atmosphere Aggregator Holdings II, LP Common Units	(4)	Equity							254,250 units	254,250
Atmosphere Aggregator Holdings LP Common Units	(4)	Equity							750,000 units	750,000
Total										15,710,2

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<b><u>360 Holdings III Corp</u></b>							Irvine, CA			
Term Loan	(3)	First Lien	L+9.00%	1.00%	10.00%	10/1/2021	Consumer goods: non-durable	\$ 3,950,000	3,811,65	
<b><u>Telecommunications Management, LLC</u></b>							Sikeston, MO			
Term Loan	(3)	Second Lien	L+8.00%	1.00%	9.00%	10/30/2020	Media: Broadcasting & Subscription	\$ 5,000,000	4,970,52	
<b><u>TFH Reliability, LLC</u></b>							Houston, TX			
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(12)	Lien	L+10.75%	0.50%	11.75%	4/21/2022	Chemicals, Plastics, & Rubber	\$ 5,875,000	5,759,98	
TFH Reliability Group, LLC Class A Common Units	(4)	Equity						250,000 shares	250,000	
Total									6,009,98	
<b><u>U.S. Auto Sales, Inc. et al</u></b>							Lawrenceville, GA			
Term Loan	(3)(5)	Second Lien	L+11.75%	1.00%	12.75%	6/8/2020	Finance	\$ 4,500,000	4,466,51	
USASF Blocker II, LLC Common Units	(4)(5)	Equity						441 units	441,000	
USASF Blocker LLC Common Units	(4)(5)	Equity						9,000 units	9,000	
Total									4,916,51	
<b><u>Vandelay Industries Finance, LLC, et al</u></b>							La Vergne, TN			
Term Loan	(6)	Second Lien	11.75%		10.75%	1.00%	11/12/2019	Construction & Building	\$ 2,500,000	2,485,34
<b><u>Vision Media Management &amp; Fulfillment, LLC</u></b>							Valencia, CA			
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(13)	First Lien	L+8.50%	1.00%	10.22%	1/27/2021	Media: Broadcasting & Subscription	\$ 1,613,517	1,584,01	

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Investments	Footnotes	Security	Coupon	LIBOR floor	Cash	PIK	Maturity	Headquarters/ Industry	Principal Amount/ Shares	Amortized Cost	Fa Va
<b>Wise Holding Corporation</b>								Salt Lake City, UT Beverage, Food, & Tobacco			
Term Loan	(3)	Unsecured	L+10.00%	1.00%	11.00%		12/31/2021		\$1,250,000	\$ 1,232,489	\$
WCI Holdings LLC Class A Preferred Units	(4)	Equity							56 units	55,550	58
WCI Holdings LLC Class B Common Units	(4)	Equity							3,044 units	3,044	3,2
Total										1,291,083	1,3
<b>Zemax, LLC</b>								Redmond, WA			
Term Loan (SBIC)	(2)(3)	Second Lien	L+10.00%	1.00%	11.00%		4/23/2020	Software	\$3,962,500	3,908,696	3,9
Zemax Software Holdings, LLC Preferred Units (SBIC)	(2)(4)	Equity							24,500 units	5,000	5,4
Zemax Software Holdings, LLC Common Units (SBIC)	(2)(4)	Equity							5,000 shares	245,000	26
Total										4,158,696	4,2
<b>Total Non-controlled, non-affiliated investments</b>										\$ 362,217,251	\$
<b>Net Investments</b>										\$ 362,217,251	\$
<b>LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS</b>											(19
<b>NET ASSETS</b>											\$

- (1) See Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of the methodologies used to value securities in the portfolio.

(2) The Company's obligations to the lenders of the Credit Facility are secured by a first priority security interest in all non-controlled nonaffiliated investments and cash and cash equivalents, but exclude \$3,457,351 of cash and cash equivalents and \$100,252,693 of investments (at par) that are held by Stellus Capital SBIC LP. See Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for discussion.

- (3) These loans have LIBOR or Euro Floors which are higher than the current applicable LIBOR or Euro rates; therefore, the floors are in effect.

(4) Security is non-income producing.

(5) The investment is not a qualifying asset under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Company may not acquire any non-qualifying assets unless, at the time of the acquisition, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets. Qualifying assets represent approximately 85% of the Company's total assets.

- (6) Represents a payment-in-kind security. At the option of the issuer, interest can be paid in cash or cash and PIK. The percentage of PIK shown is the maximum PIK that can be elected by the issuer.

(7) Investment has been on non-accrual since December 1, 2016.

(8) Investment is in payment default.

(9) Excluded from the investment is an undrawn revolver commitment in an amount not to exceed \$875,000, with an interest rate of LIBOR plus 9.00% and a maturity of October 22, 2019. This investment is accruing an unused commitment fee of 0.50% per annum.

(10) Excluded from the investment is an undrawn commitment in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, with an interest rate of LIBOR plus 8.00% and a maturity of September 30, 2018. This investment is accruing an unused commitment fee of 0.50% per annum.

(11) Variable rate loans bear interest at a rate that may be determined by reference to either LIBOR (which can include one-, two-, three- or six month LIBOR) or an alternate base rate (which can include the Federal Funds Effective Rate or the Prime Rate), at the borrower's option, which rates reset periodically based on the terms of the loan agreement.



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(12) These loans have LIBOR floors which are lower than the applicable LIBOR rates; therefore, the floors are not in effect.

(13) These loans are last-out term loans with contractual rates higher than the applicable LIBOR rates; therefore, the floors are not in effect.

(14) In the fourth quarter of 2016 Binder, emerged from Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York. The investment's cost has been adjusted to reflect the court-approved unsecured claim distribution proceeds that have been awarded to the Company. As of this time we do not expect to receive any additional repayment other than what the court has awarded.

(15) Interest compounds annually on this loan at a rate of 11%. The interest does not increase the principal balance.

**Abbreviation Legend**

PIK — Payment-In-Kind

L — LIBOR

Euro — Euro Dollar

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**NOTE 1 — NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Nature of Operations**

Stellus Capital Investment Corporation (“we”, “us”, “our” and the “Company”) was formed as a Maryland corporation on May 18, 2012 (“Inception”) and is an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified investment management company. The Company is applying the guidance of Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 946, *Financial Services Investment Companies*. The Company has elected to be regulated as a business development company (“BDC”) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”) and treated as a regulated investment company (“RIC”) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Company’s investment activities are managed by our investment adviser, Stellus Capital Management, LLC (“Stellus Capital” or the “Advisor”).

The Company has issued a total of 15,642,457 shares and raised \$231,499,087 in gross proceeds since inception, incurring \$7,431,266 in offering expenses and sales load fees for net proceeds from offerings of \$224,067,821. The Company’s shares are currently listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “SCM”. See Note 4 for further details.

The Company has established the following wholly owned subsidiaries: SCIC — Consolidated Blocker 1, Inc., SCIC — SKP Blocker 1, Inc., SCIC — APE Blocker 1, Inc., SCIC — CC Blocker 1, Inc., SCIC — ERC Blocker 1, Inc., SCIC — Hollander Blocker 1, Inc., and SCIC — HUF Blocker 1, Inc., which are structured as Delaware entities, to hold equity or equity-like investments in portfolio companies organized as limited liability companies, or LLCs (or other forms of pass-through entities) (collectively, the “Taxable Subsidiaries”). The Taxable Subsidiaries are consolidated for U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”) reporting purposes, and the portfolio investments held by them are included in the consolidated financial statements.

On June 14, 2013, we formed Stellus Capital SBIC, LP (the “SBIC subsidiary”), a Delaware limited partnership, and its general partner, Stellus Capital SBIC GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company. On June 20, 2014, the SBIC subsidiary received a license from the U.S. Small Business Administration



(“SBA”) to operate as a small business investment company (“SBIC”) under Section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Company Act of 1958. The SBIC subsidiary and its general partner are consolidated for U.S. GAAP reporting purposes, and the portfolio investments held by it are included in the consolidated financial statements.

The SBIC license allows the SBIC subsidiary to obtain leverage by issuing SBA-guaranteed debentures, subject to the issuance of a capital commitment by the SBA and other customary procedures. SBA-guaranteed debentures are non-recourse, interest only debentures with interest payable semi-annually and have a ten year maturity. The principal amount of SBA-guaranteed debentures is not required to be paid prior to maturity but may be prepaid at any time without penalty. The interest rate of SBA-guaranteed debentures is fixed on a semi-annual basis at a market-driven spread over U.S. Treasury Notes with 10-year maturities. The SBA, as a creditor, will have a superior claim to the SBIC’s assets over the Company’s stockholders in the event the Company liquidates the SBIC subsidiary or the SBA exercises its remedies under the SBA-guaranteed debentures issued by the SBIC subsidiary upon an event of default. See footnote (2) of the Consolidated Schedule of Investments. SBA regulations currently limit the amount that an SBIC may borrow to a maximum of \$150 million when it has at least \$75 million in regulatory capital, as such term is defined by the SBA, receives a capital commitment from the SBA and has been through an examination by the SBA subsequent to licensing. As of both June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the SBIC subsidiary had \$38.0 million of regulatory capital, as such term is defined by the SBA, and has received commitments from the SBA of \$65.0 million. As of both June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the SBIC subsidiary had \$65.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures outstanding.

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The Company's investment objective is to maximize the total return to its stockholders in the form of current income and capital appreciation through debt and related equity investments in middle-market companies. The Company seeks to achieve its investment objective by originating and investing primarily in private U.S. middle-market companies (typically those with \$5.0 million to \$50.0 million of EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization)) through first lien, second lien, unitranche and mezzanine debt financing, with corresponding equity co-investments. The Company sources investments primarily through the extensive network of relationships that the principals of Stellus Capital have developed with financial sponsor firms, financial institutions, middle-market companies, management teams and other professional intermediaries.

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Presentation***

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. GAAP for interim financial information and pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Accordingly, certain disclosures accompanying the annual financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP are omitted. The unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries.

In the opinion of management, the unaudited consolidated financial results included herein contain all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring accruals, considered necessary for the fair presentation of the financial statements for the interim periods included herein. The results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results to be expected for the full year. Also, the unaudited consolidated financial statements and notes should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2016. Certain reclassifications have been made to certain prior period balances to conform with current presentation. In accordance with Regulation S-X under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Exchange Act, the Company does not consolidate portfolio company investments. The accounting records of the Company are maintained in U.S. dollars.

***Portfolio Investment Classification***

The Company classifies its portfolio investments in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act as follows: (a) “Control Investments” are defined as investments in which the Company owns more than 25% of the voting securities or has rights to maintain greater than 50% of the board representation, (b) “Affiliate Investments” are defined as investments in which the Company owns between 5% and 25% of the voting securities and does not have rights to maintain greater than 50% of the board representation, and (c) “Non-controlled, non-affiliate investments” are defined as investments that are neither Control Investments or Affiliate Investments.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

At June 30, 2017, cash balances totaling \$3,159,647 exceeded FDIC insurance protection levels of \$250,000 by \$2,909,647, subjecting the Company to risk related to the uninsured balance. In addition, at June 30, 2017, the Company held \$3,793,656 in cash equivalents. All of the Company’s cash deposits are held at large established high credit quality financial institutions and management believes that risk of loss associated with any uninsured balances is remote.

Cash consists of bank demand deposits. We deem certain U.S. Treasury Bills and other high-quality, short-term debt securities as cash equivalents. At the end of each fiscal quarter, we may take proactive steps to ensure we are in compliance with the RIC diversification requirements under Subchapter M of the Code, which are dependent upon the composition of our total assets at quarter end. We may accomplish this in several ways, including purchasing U.S. Treasury Bills and closing out positions after quarter-end or temporarily drawing down on the Credit Facility (see Note 9). On June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we held no U.S. Treasury Bills.

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*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of the consolidated statements of assets and liabilities in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ materially.

*Deferred Financing Costs, Prepaid Loan Fees on SBA Debentures and Prepaid Loan Structure Fees*

Deferred financing costs, prepaid loan fees on SBA-guaranteed debentures and prepaid loan structure fees consist of fees and expenses paid in connection with the closing of our Credit Facility, the Notes and SBA-guaranteed debentures and are capitalized at the time of payment. These costs are presented as a direct deduction to the carrying amount of the respective liability and amortized using the straight line method over the term of the respective instrument.

*Offering Costs*

Offering costs consist of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the offer and sale of the Company's common stock and bonds, including legal, accounting, printing fees and other related expenses, as well as costs incurred in connection with the filing of a shelf registration statement. These costs are capitalized when incurred and recognized as a reduction of offering proceeds when the offering is consummated. During the quarter ended June 30, 2017, the Company incurred \$234,007 in connection with the offering of our stock in April 2017. These costs are shown on the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets as a reduction to Paid-in Capital. During the quarter ended June 30, 2016, the Company determined that it was no longer likely to issue shares under its then current shelf registration statement. As a result, the Company expensed \$261,761 of previously capitalized deferred offering costs in the second quarter of last year. See Note 4 for further discussion.

***Investments***

As a BDC, the Company will generally invest in illiquid loans and securities including debt and equity securities of middle-market companies. Under procedures established by our board of directors, the Company intends to value investments for which market quotations are readily available at such market quotations. The Company will value these investments based on these market values from an independent pricing service or at the median between the bid and ask prices obtained from at least two brokers or dealers (if available, otherwise by a principal market maker or a primary market dealer). Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or whose market prices are not readily available will be valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors. Such determination of fair values may involve subjective judgments and estimates. The Company also engages independent third party valuation providers to review the valuation of each portfolio investment that does not have a readily available market quotation at least twice annually.

Investments purchased within 90 days of the valuation date will be valued at cost plus accreted discount, or minus amortized premium, which approximates fair value. With respect to unquoted securities, our board of directors, will value each investment considering, among other measures, discounted cash flow models, comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public and other factors. When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, the board of directors will use the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate and/or assist us in our valuation. Because the Company expects that there will not be a readily available market for many of the investments in its portfolio, the Company expects to value most of its portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the board of directors using a documented valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a readily available market value existed for such investments, and the differences could be material.

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In following these approaches, the types of factors that will be taken into account in fair value pricing investments will include, as relevant, but not be limited to:

• available current market data, including relevant and applicable market trading and transaction comparables;

• applicable market yields and multiples;

• security covenants;

• call protection provisions;

• information rights;

• the nature and realizable value of any collateral;

• the portfolio company's ability to make payments, its earnings and discounted cash flows and the markets in which it does business;

• comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public;

• comparable merger and acquisition transactions; and

• the principal market and enterprise values.

***Fair Value Measurements***

We account for substantially all of our financial instruments at fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 820 – Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (“ASC Topic 820”). ASC Topic 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework used to measure fair value and requires disclosures for fair value measurements, including the categorization of financial instruments into a three-level hierarchy based on the transparency of valuation inputs. ASC Topic 820 requires disclosure of the fair value of financial instruments for which it is practical to estimate such value. We believe that the carrying amounts of our financial instruments such as cash, receivables and payables approximate the fair value of these items due to the short maturity of these instruments. This is considered a Level 1 valuation technique. The carrying value of our Credit Facility approximates fair value because the interest rate adjusts to the market interest rate (Level 3 input). See Note 6 below for further discussion regarding the fair value measurements and hierarchy.

### ***Revenue Recognition***

We record interest income on an accrual basis to the extent such interest is deemed collectible. For loan and debt securities with contractual payment-in-kind (“PIK”) interest, which represents contractual interest accrued and added to the loan balance that generally becomes due at maturity, we do not accrue PIK interest if the portfolio company valuation indicates that such PIK interest is not collectible. We will not accrue interest on loans and debt securities if we have reason to doubt our ability to collect such interest. Loan origination fees, original issue discount and market discount or premium are capitalized, and we then accrete or amortize such amounts using the effective interest method as interest income. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any unamortized loan origination fee is recorded as interest income. We record prepayment premiums on loans and debt securities as other income. Dividend income, if any, will be recognized on the ex-dividend date.

We have investments in our portfolio that contain a payment-in-kind (“PIK”) interest provision. Any PIK interest is added to the principal balance of such investments and is recorded as income, if the portfolio company valuation indicates that such PIK interest is collectible. In order to maintain our status as a RIC, substantially all of this income must be distributed to stockholders, even if we have not collected any cash.

### ***Net Realized Gains or Losses and Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation***

We measure realized gains or losses by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment, sale or disposition and the amortized cost basis of the investment, without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation reflects the change in portfolio investment values during the reporting period, including any reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation, when gains or losses are realized.





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*Investment Transaction Costs*

Costs that are material associated with an investment transaction, including legal expenses, are included in the cost basis of purchases and deducted from the proceeds of sales unless such costs are reimbursed by the borrower.

*Receivables and Payables for Unsettled Securities Transaction*

The Company records all investments on a trade date basis.

*U.S. Federal Income Taxes*

The Company has elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code of 1986, as amended, and to operate in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. In order to qualify as a RIC, among other things, the Company is required to timely distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. So long as the Company maintains its status as a RIC, it generally will not pay corporate-level U.S. federal income taxes on any ordinary income or capital gains that it distributes annually to its stockholders as dividends. Any tax liability related to income earned by the Company represents obligations of the Company's investors and will not be reflected in the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

To avoid a 4% U.S. federal excise tax on undistributed earnings, the Company is required to distribute each calendar year the sum of (i) 98% of its ordinary income for such calendar year, (ii) 98.2% of its net capital gains for the one-year period ending December 31, (iii) any income recognized, but not distributed, in preceding years and on which the Company paid no federal income tax or the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement. For this purpose, however, any net ordinary income or capital gain net income retained by us that is subject to corporate income tax for the tax year ending in that calendar year will be considered to have been distributed by year end (or earlier if estimated taxes are paid). The Company, at its discretion, may choose not to distribute all of its taxable income for the calendar year and pay a non-deductible 4% excise tax on this income. If the Company chooses to do so, all other things being equal,

this would increase expenses and reduce the amount available to be distributed to stockholders. To the extent that the Company determines that its estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions from such taxable income, the Company accrues excise taxes on estimated excess taxable income as taxable income is earned. Included in other general and administrative expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2017 is an additional estimate of \$14,985 related to the estimated excise tax. The Company accrued \$22,663 as of December 31, 2016 and paid \$37,648 during the six months ending June 30, 2017.

The Company evaluates tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing its tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are “more-likely-than-not” of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions deemed to meet a “more-likely-than-not” threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the applicable period.

As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had not recorded a liability for any unrecognized tax positions. Management’s evaluation of uncertain tax positions may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based upon factors including, but not limited to, an on-going analysis of tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof. The Company’s policy is to include interest and penalties related to income taxes, if applicable, in general and administrative expenses. Any expenses for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, were de minimis.

The Taxable Subsidiaries are direct wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company that have elected to be taxable entities. The Taxable Subsidiaries permit the Company to hold equity investments in portfolio companies which are “pass through” entities for tax purposes and continue to comply with the “source income” requirements contained in RIC tax provisions of the Code. The Taxable Subsidiaries are not consolidated with the Company for income tax purposes and may generate income tax expense, benefit, and the related tax assets and liabilities, as a result of their ownership of certain portfolio investments. The income tax expense, or benefit, if any, and related tax assets and liabilities are reflected in the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

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The Taxable Subsidiaries use the liability method in accounting for income taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recorded for temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the financial statements, using statutory tax rates in effect for the year in which the temporary differences are expected to reverse. A valuation allowance is provided against deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized.

Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses. Taxable income generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as investment gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, the Company recorded deferred income tax benefit of \$0 and \$8,593, respectively, related to the Taxable Subsidiaries. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company recorded deferred income tax provision of \$154,812 and \$322,151, respectively, related to the Taxable Subsidiaries. In addition, as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had a deferred tax liability of \$0 and \$8,593, respectively.

***Earnings per Share***

Basic per share calculations are computed utilizing the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. The Company has no common stock equivalents. As a result, there is no difference between diluted earnings per share and basic per share amounts.

***Paid In Capital***

The Company records the proceeds from the sale of its common stock on a net basis to (i) capital stock and (ii) paid in capital in excess of par value, excluding all commissions and marketing support fees.

*Recently Issued Accounting Standards*

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). The guidance in this ASU supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Revenue Recognition (Topic 605). Under the new guidance, an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The update is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. The Company has assessed the revenue recognition guidance (Topic 605) and does not anticipate a material change in recognition due to the limited revenue streams and the overall basic requirements for recognition. As such, interest income and other income, the Company's two revenue streams, will be limited in impact by the aforementioned guidance. Additionally, in May 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-12, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients, which includes amendments for enhanced clarification of the guidance. While the Company is currently assessing the impact of the guidance we do not expect the impact of this new standard on our consolidated financial statements to be material. The Company plans to do a modified adoption of ASU No 2014-09 when implemented.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-15 — Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern. In connection with the preparation of interim and annual reports, the Company's management will evaluate whether conditions or events exist that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued (or within one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued, when applicable), and, if so, disclose that fact. Additionally, the Company's management must evaluate and disclose whether its plans will alleviate that doubt. The guidance was effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2016. The Company has adopted the guidance as of January 1, 2016 and there is no impact on its consolidated financial statement.

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In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-17 — Income Taxes (Topic 740): Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes. ASU 2015-17 requires entities to present deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities as noncurrent in a classified balance sheet. It simplifies the current guidance, which required entities to separately present deferred tax assets and liabilities as current or noncurrent in a classified balance sheet. The guidance was effective for the Company January 1, 2017. The Company has adopted the guidance as of January 1, 2017 and there is no material impact on its consolidated financial statement.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15 — Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments. ASU 2016-15 is intended to reduce diversity in practice in how certain transactions are classified in the statement of cash flows. The new guidance addresses the classification of various transactions including debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs, settlement of zero-coupon debt instruments, contingent consideration payments made after a business combination, distributions received from equity method investments, beneficial interests in securitization transactions, and others. The update is effective for annual periods beginning after December 31, 2017, and interim periods within those annual periods. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The Company early adopted the guidance as of January 1, 2017 and there is no material impact of this new standard on our consolidated financial statements.

From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) or other standards setting bodies that are adopted by the Company as of the specified effective date. We believe the impact of the recently issued standards and any that are not yet effective will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

#### NOTE 2 — RELATED PARTY ARRANGEMENTS

##### Investment Advisory Agreement

The Company has entered into an investment advisory agreement with Stellus Capital under which they serve as our investment advisor. Pursuant to this agreement, the Company has agreed to pay to Stellus Capital an annual base management fee of 1.75% of gross assets, including assets purchased with borrowed funds or other forms of leverage

and excluding cash and cash equivalents, and an annual incentive fee.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, the Company recorded an expense for base management fees of \$1,523,010 and \$3,087,538, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company recorded an expense for base management fees of \$1,550,841 and \$3,099,214, respectively. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, \$1,023,011 and \$1,608,295, respectively, were payable to Stellus Capital.

The incentive fee has two components, investment income and capital gains, as follows:

### ***Investment Income Incentive Fee***

The investment income component (“Investment Income Incentive Fee”) is calculated, and payable, quarterly in arrears based on the Company’s pre-incentive fee net investment income for the immediately preceding calendar quarter, subject to a cumulative total return requirement and to deferral of non-cash amounts. The pre-incentive fee net investment income, which is expressed as a rate of return on the value of the Company’s net assets attributable to the Company’s common stock, for the immediately preceding calendar quarter, will have a 2.0% (which is 8.0% annualized) hurdle rate (also referred to as the “Hurdle”). Pre-incentive fee net investment income means interest income, dividend income and any other income accrued during the calendar quarter, minus the Company’s operating expenses for the quarter 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 PIK interest and zero coupon securities), accrued income that the Company has not yet received in cash. The Advisor receives no incentive fee for any calendar quarter in which the Company’s pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the Hurdle. Subject to the cumulative total return requirement described below, the Advisor receives 100% of the Company’s pre-incentive fee net investment income for any calendar quarter with respect to that portion of the pre-incentive net investment income for such quarter, if any, that exceeds the Hurdle but is less than 2.5% (which is 10.0% annualized) of net assets (also referred to as the “Catch-up”) and 20.0% of the Company’s pre-incentive fee net investment income for such calendar quarter, if any, greater than 2.5% (10.0% annualized) of net assets.

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The foregoing incentive fee is subject to a total return requirement, which provides that no incentive fee in respect of the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income is payable except to the extent 20.0% of the cumulative net increase in net assets resulting from operations over the then current and 11 preceding calendar quarters exceeds the cumulative incentive fees accrued and/or paid for the 11 preceding quarters. In other words, any Investment Income Incentive Fee that is payable in a calendar quarter is limited to the lesser of (i) 20% of the amount by which the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income for such calendar quarter exceeds the 2.0% hurdle, subject to the Catch-up, and (ii) (x) 20% of the cumulative net increase in net assets resulting from operations for the then current and 11 preceding quarters *minus* (y) the cumulative incentive fees accrued and/or paid for the 11 preceding calendar quarters. For the foregoing purpose, the "cumulative net increase in net assets resulting from operations" is the amount, if positive, of the sum of pre-incentive fee net investment income, realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of the Company for the then current and 11 preceding calendar quarters. In addition, the Advisor is not paid the portion of such incentive fee that is attributable to deferred interest until the Company actually receives such interest in cash.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, the Company incurred \$1,234,616 and \$2,255,843 respectively, of Investment Income Incentive Fees. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company incurred 986,276 and \$2,011,098, respectively, of Investment Income Incentive Fees. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, \$1,423,614 and \$1,353,271, respectively, of such Investment Income Incentive Fees were payable to the Advisor, of which \$1,266,741 and \$1,162,713, respectively, were currently payable (as explained below). As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, \$156,873 and \$190,557, respectively, of Investment Income Incentive Fees incurred but not paid by the Company were generated from deferred interest (i.e. PIK interest, certain discount accretion and deferred interest) and are not payable until such deferred amounts are received by the Company in cash.

***Capital Gains Incentive Fee***

The Company also pays the Advisor an incentive fee based on capital gains (the "Capital Gains Incentive Fee"). The Capital Gains Incentive Fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the investment management agreement, as of the termination date). The Capital Gains Incentive Fee is equal to 20.0% of the Company's cumulative aggregate realized capital gains from inception through the end of that calendar year, computed net of the cumulative aggregate realized capital losses and cumulative aggregate unrealized capital depreciation through the end of such year. The aggregate amount of any previously paid Capital Gains Incentive Fees is subtracted from such Capital Gains Incentive Fee calculated.

U.S. GAAP requires that the incentive fee accrual considers the cumulative aggregate realized gains and losses and unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation of investments or other financial instruments in the calculation, as an incentive fee would be payable if such realized gains and losses and unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation were realized, even though such realized gains and losses and unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation is not permitted to be considered in calculating the fee actually payable under the investment advisory agreement. There can be no assurance that unrealized appreciation or depreciation will be realized in the future. Accordingly, such fees, as calculated and accrued, would not necessarily be payable under the investment advisory agreement, and may never be paid based upon the computation of incentive fees in subsequent periods. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company incurred no Capital Gains Incentive Fee. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, no Capital Gains Incentive Fees were payable to the Advisor.

The following tables summarize the components of the incentive fees discussed above:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2017	2016	June 30, <b>2017</b>	2016
Investment Income Incentive Fees Incurred	\$1,234,616	\$986,276	\$2,255,843	\$2,011,098
Capital Gains Incentive Fee Incurred	—	—	—	—
Incentive Fee Expense	\$1,234,616	\$986,276	\$2,255,843	\$2,011,098



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	June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Investment Income Incentive Fee Currently Payable	\$1,266,741	\$ 1,162,714
Investment Income Incentive Fee Deferred	156,873	190,557
Incentive Fee Payable	\$1,423,614	\$ 1,353,271

**Director Fees**

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, the Company recorded an expense relating to director fees of \$79,000 and \$171,000, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company recorded an expense relating to director fees of \$86,000 and \$178,000, respectively. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, no fees were payable relating to director fees.

**Co-Investments**

The Company has received exemptive relief from the SEC to co-invest with investment funds managed by Stellus Capital where doing so is consistent with its investment strategy as well as applicable law (including the terms and conditions of the exemptive order issued by the SEC). Under the terms of the relief permitting us to co-invest with other funds managed by Stellus Capital, a “required majority” (as defined in Section 57(o) of the 1940 Act) of the Company’s independent directors must make certain conclusions in connection with a co-investment transaction, including (1) the terms of the proposed transaction, including the consideration to be paid, are reasonable and fair to the Company and its stockholders and do not involve overreaching of the Company or its stockholders on the part of any person concerned and (2) the transaction is consistent with the interests of the Company’s stockholders and is consistent with its investment objectives and strategies. The Company intends to co-invest, subject to the conditions included in the exemptive order the Company received from the SEC, with private credit funds managed by Stellus Capital that have an investment strategy that is identical to the Company’s investment strategy. The Company believes that such co-investments may afford it additional investment opportunities and an ability to achieve greater diversification.

**Administrative Agent**

The Company acts as administrative agent for certain loans it originates and then syndicates. As administrative agent, the Company receives interest, principal and/or other payments from borrowers that is redistributed to syndication partners. If not redistributed by the reporting date, such a payable is recorded to syndication partners on the Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities. No such payable exists as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

### **License Agreement**

The Company has entered into a license agreement with Stellus Capital under which Stellus Capital has agreed to grant the Company a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name “Stellus Capital.” Under this agreement, the Company has a right to use the “Stellus Capital” name for so long as Stellus Capital or one of its affiliates remains its investment advisor. Other than with respect to this limited license, the Company has no legal right to the “Stellus Capital” name. This license agreement will remain in effect for so long as the investment advisory agreement with Stellus Capital is in effect.

### **Administration Agreement**

The Company has entered into an administration agreement with Stellus Capital pursuant to which Stellus Capital will furnish it with office facilities and equipment and will provide it with the clerical, bookkeeping, recordkeeping and other administrative services necessary to conduct day-to-day operations. Under this administration agreement, Stellus Capital will perform, or oversee the performance of, the Company’s required administrative services, which includes, among other things, being responsible for the financial records which the Company is required to maintain and preparing reports to its stockholders and reports filed with the SEC.

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Included in administrative services expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, the Company recorded expenses of \$280,274 and \$560,196, respectively, relating to the administration agreement. Included in administrative services expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company recorded expenses of \$221,755 and \$475,908, respectively, relating to the administration agreement. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, \$280,274 and \$232,169, respectively, remained payable to Stellus Capital relating to the administration agreement.

**Indemnifications**

The investment advisory 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 under the investment advisory agreement, Stellus Capital and its officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons and members, and any other person or entity affiliated with it, are entitled to indemnification from the Company for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of Stellus Capital's services under the investment advisory agreement or otherwise as our investment adviser.

**NOTE 3 — DISTRIBUTIONS**

Monthly distributions are generally declared by the Company's board of directors each calendar quarter and recognized as distribution liabilities on the ex-dividend date. The Company intends to distribute net realized gains (*i.e.*, net capital gains in excess of net capital losses), if any, at least annually. The stockholder distributions, if any, will be determined by the board of directors. Any distribution to stockholders will be declared out of assets legally available for distribution.

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The following table reflects the Company's distributions declared and paid or to be paid on its common stock since Inception:

Date Declared	Record Date	Payment Date	Per Share
Fiscal 2012			
December 7, 2012	December 21, 2012	December 27, 2012	\$ 0.1812
Fiscal 2013			
March 7, 2013	March 21, 2013	March 28, 2013	\$ 0.3400
June 7, 2013	June 21, 2013	June 28, 2013	\$ 0.3400
August 21, 2013	September 5, 2013	September 27, 2013	\$ 0.3400
November 22, 2013	December 9, 2013	December 23, 2013	\$ 0.3400
Fiscal 2014			
December 27, 2013	January 15, 2014	January 24, 2014	\$ 0.0650
January 20, 2014	January 31, 2014	February 14, 2014	\$ 0.1133
January 20, 2014	February 28, 2014	March 14, 2014	\$ 0.1133
January 20, 2014	March 31, 2014	April 15, 2014	\$ 0.1133
April 17, 2014	April 30, 2014	May 15, 2014	\$ 0.1133
April 17, 2014	May 30, 2014	June 16, 2014	\$ 0.1133
April 17, 2014	June 30, 2014	July 15, 2014	\$ 0.1133
July 7, 2014	July 31, 2014	August 15, 2014	\$ 0.1133
July 7, 2014	August 29, 2014	September 15, 2014	\$ 0.1133
July 7, 2014	September 30, 2014	October 15, 2014	\$ 0.1133
October 15, 2014	October 31, 2014	November 14, 2014	\$ 0.1133
October 15, 2014	November 28, 2014	December 15, 2014	\$ 0.1133
October 15, 2014	December 31, 2014	January 15, 2015	\$ 0.1133
Fiscal 2015			
January 22, 2015	February 2, 2015	February 13, 2015	\$ 0.1133
January 22, 2015	February 27, 2015	March 13, 2015	\$ 0.1133
January 22, 2015	March 31, 2015	April 15, 2015	\$ 0.1133
April 15, 2015	April 30, 2015	May 15, 2015	\$ 0.1133
April 15, 2015	May 29, 2015	June 15, 2015	\$ 0.1133
April 15, 2015	June 30, 2015	July 15, 2015	\$ 0.1133
July 8, 2015	July 31, 2015	August 14, 2015	\$ 0.1133
July 8, 2015	August 31, 2015	September 15, 2015	\$ 0.1133
July 8, 2015	September 20, 2015	October 15, 2015	\$ 0.1133
October 14, 2015	October 30, 2015	November 13, 2015	\$ 0.1133
October 14, 2015	November 30, 2015	December 15, 2015	\$ 0.1133

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October 14, 2015 Fiscal 2016	December 31, 2015	January 15, 2016	\$ 0.1133
January 13, 2016	January 29, 2016	February 15, 2016	\$ 0.1133
January 13, 2016	February 29, 2016	March 15, 2016	\$ 0.1133
January 13, 2016	March 31, 2016	April 15, 2016	\$ 0.1133
April 15, 2016	April 29, 2016	May 13, 2016	\$ 0.1133
April 15, 2016	May 31, 2016	June 15, 2016	\$ 0.1133
April 15, 2016	June 30, 2016	July 15, 2016	\$ 0.1133
July 7, 2016	July 29, 2016	August 15, 2016	\$ 0.1133
July 7, 2016	August 31, 2016	September 15, 2016	\$ 0.1133
July 7, 2016	September 30, 2016	October 14, 2016	\$ 0.1133
October 7, 2016	October 31, 2016	November 15, 2016	\$ 0.1133

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October 7, 2016	November 30, 2016	December 15, 2016	\$0.1133
October 7, 2016	December 30, 2016	January 13, 2017	\$0.1133
Fiscal 2017			
January 13, 2017	January 31, 2017	February 15, 2017	\$0.1133
January 13, 2017	February 28, 2017	March 15, 2017	\$0.1133
January 13, 2017	March 31, 2017	April 14, 2017	\$0.1133
April 14, 2017	April 28, 2017	May 15, 2017	\$0.1133
April 14, 2017	May 31, 2017	June 15, 2017	\$0.1133
April 14, 2017	June 30, 2017	July 14, 2017	\$0.1133
Total			\$6.3648

Unless the stockholder elects to receive its distributions in cash, the Company intends to make such distributions in additional shares of the Company's common stock under the Company's dividend reinvestment plan. Although distributions paid in the form of additional shares of the Company's common stock will generally be subject to U.S. federal, state and local taxes in the same manner as cash distributions, investors participating in the Company's dividend reinvestment plan will not receive any corresponding cash distributions with which to pay any such applicable taxes. Any distributions reinvested through the issuance of shares through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan will increase the Company's gross assets on which the base management fee and the incentive fee are determined and paid to Stellus Capital. No new shares were issued in connection with the distributions made during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

**NOTE 4 — EQUITY OFFERINGS AND RELATED EXPENSES**

The table below illustrates the number of common stock shares the Company issued since inception through various equity offerings.

	Number of	<b>Gross</b>	Underwriting	<b>Offering</b>	Net	Average
Issuance of Common Stock	Shares	Proceeds	fees	Expenses	Proceeds	Offering
						Price
Year ended December 31, 2012	12,035,023	\$ 180,522,093	\$ 4,959,720	\$ 835,500	\$ 174,726,873	\$ 14.90
Year ended December 31, 2013	63,998	899,964	—	—	899,964	\$ 14.06
Year ended December 31, 2014	380,936	5,485,780	75,510	29,904	5,380,366	\$ 14.47

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Quarter ended June 30, 2017	3,162,500	44,591,250	1,296,625	234,007	43,060,618	\$ 14.10
Total	15,642,457	\$ 231,499,087	\$ 6,331,855	\$ 1,099,411	224,067,821	

The Company issued no shares of common stock during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 or the year ended December 31, 2016 in connection with the stockholder distribution reinvestment plan.

The Company issued 3,162,500 additional shares of common stock during the quarter ended June 30, 2017 in connection with an equity offering. Gross proceeds resulting from the issuance totaled \$44,591,250, and underwriting and other expenses related to the offering totaled \$1,530,632. The average offering price for this capital raise was \$14.10.

**NOTE 5 — NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS PER COMMON SHARE**

The following information sets forth the computation of net increase in net assets resulting from operations per common share for the three and six ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.

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	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2017	<b>June 30,</b> 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$6,044,766	\$5,029,920	\$12,069,518	\$7,553,769
Average common shares	15,347,814	12,479,959	13,921,808	12,479,959
Basic and diluted earnings per common share	\$0.39	\$0.41	\$0.87	\$0.61

**NOTE 6 — PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE**

In accordance with the authoritative guidance on fair value measurements and disclosures under U.S. GAAP, the Company discloses the fair value of its investments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The guidance establishes three levels of the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1 — Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2 — Quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active or financial instruments for which significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 — Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

The level of an asset or liability within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. However, the determination of what constitutes “observable” requires significant judgment by management.



The Company considers whether the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly decreased and identifies transactions that are not orderly in determining fair value. Accordingly, if the Company determines that either the volume and/or level of activity for an asset or liability has significantly decreased (from normal conditions for that asset or liability) or price quotations or observable inputs are not associated with orderly transactions, increased analysis and management judgment will be required to estimate fair value. Valuation techniques such as an income approach might be appropriate to supplement or replace a market approach in those circumstances.

At June 30, 2017, the Company had investments in 46 portfolio companies. The composition of our investments as of June 30, 2017 is as follows:

	Cost	Fair Value
Senior Secured – First Lien <sup>(a)</sup>	\$79,199,390	\$79,569,800
Senior Secured – Second Lien	155,692,613	155,707,188
Unsecured Debt	77,029,784	77,273,279
Equity	18,349,050	24,820,045
Total Investments	\$330,270,837	\$337,370,312

(a) Includes unitranche investments, which account for 6% of our portfolio at fair value.

At December 31, 2016, the Company had investments in 45 portfolio companies. The composition of our investments as of December 31, 2016 was as follows:

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	Cost	Fair Value
Senior Secured – First Lien <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 113,264,200	\$ 113,482,205
Senior Secured – Second Lien	163,112,172	162,486,388
Unsecured Debt	70,919,986	70,725,412
Equity	14,920,893	18,931,886
Total Investments	\$362,217,251	\$365,625,891

(a) Includes unitranche investments, which account for 8% of our portfolio at fair value.

The Company's investment portfolio may contain loans that are in the form of lines of credit or revolving credit facilities, which require the Company to provide funding when requested by portfolio companies in accordance with the terms and conditions of the underlying loan agreements. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had three and two such investments, respectively, with aggregate unfunded commitments of \$2,436,667 and \$1,875,000, respectively.

The fair values of our investments disaggregated into the three levels of the fair value hierarchy based upon the lowest level of significant input used in the valuation as of June 30, 2017 are as follows:

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Securities (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Senior Secured – First Lien	\$ —	\$ —	\$79,569,800	\$79,569,800
Senior Secured – Second Lien	—	—	155,707,188	155,707,188
Unsecured Debt	—	—	77,273,279	77,273,279
Equity	—	—	24,820,045	24,820,045
Total Investments	\$ —	\$ —	\$337,370,312	\$337,370,312

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The fair values of our investments disaggregated into the three levels of the fair value hierarchy based upon the lowest level of significant input used in the valuation as of December 31, 2016 are as follows:

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Securities (Level 1)			Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Senior Secured – First Lien	\$	—	\$ —		\$ 113,482,205	\$ 113,482,205
Senior Secured – Second Lien		—	17,965,000		144,521,388	162,486,388
Unsecured Debt		—	—		70,725,412	70,725,412
Equity		—	—		18,931,886	18,931,886
Total Investments	\$	—	\$ 17,965,000		\$ 347,660,891	\$ 365,625,891

The aggregate values of Level 3 portfolio investments changed during the six months ended June 30, 2017 are as follows:

	Senior Secured Loans-First Lien	Senior Secured Loans-Second Lien	Unsecured Debt	Equity	Total
Fair value at beginning of year	\$ 113,482,205	\$ 144,521,388	\$ 70,725,412	\$ 18,931,886	\$ 347,660,891
Purchases of investments	7,905,000	30,601,000	6,203,400	3,285,214	47,994,614
Payment-in-kind interest	56,725	46,044	42,676	—	145,445
Sales and redemptions	(40,710,611 )	(29,846,898 )	(300,000 )	(721,161 )	(71,578,670 )
Transfer from term loan to equity	(864,101 )	—	—	864,101	—
Realized loss	(626,997 )	—	—	—	(626,997 )
Change in unrealized appreciation included in earnings	152,404	599,494	438,071	2,460,005	3,649,974
Amortization of premium and accretion of discount, net	175,175	236,160	163,720	—	575,055
Transfer from Level 2	—	9,550,000	—	—	9,550,000
Fair value at end of period	\$ 79,569,800	\$ 155,707,188	\$ 77,273,279	\$ 24,820,045	\$ 337,370,312

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Change in unrealized appreciation

(depreciation) on Level 3 investments still held as of June 30, 2017

	\$(233,386 )	\$ 1,067,036	\$438,068	\$2,460,003	\$3,731,721
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The aggregate values of Level 3 portfolio investments changed during the year ended December 31, 2016 are as follows:

	Senior Secured Loans-First Lien	Senior Secured Loans-Second Lien	Unsecured Debt	Equity	Total
Fair value at beginning of year	\$ 131,908,961	\$ 131,972,581	\$72,212,282	\$12,923,873	\$349,017,697
Purchases of investments	25,009,310	35,664,883	1,354,073	3,632,768	65,661,034
Payment-in-kind interest	112,952	22,874	107,940	—	243,766
Sales and Redemptions	(44,947,647 )	(9,850,061 )	(122,094 )	(1,019,375 )	(55,939,177 )
Realized Gains	(674,702 )	—	(12,200,353)	(214,286 )	(13,089,341 )
Change in unrealized depreciation included in earnings	1,653,933	2,684,245	9,085,283	3,608,906	17,032,367
Amortization of premium and accretion of discount, net	419,398	392,196	288,281	—	1,099,875
Transfer from Level 2	—	(16,365,330 )	—	—	(16,365,330 )
Fair value at end of year	\$113,482,205	\$144,521,388	\$70,725,412	\$18,931,886	\$347,660,891
Change in unrealized depreciation on Level 3 investments still held as of December 31, 2016	\$1,399,408	\$2,588,122	\$9,084,789	\$3,686,972	\$16,759,291

During the six months ended June 30, 2017, there was one sale of a Level 2 and a transfer from Level 2 to Level 3, as there was a drop in the available broker quotes. During the year ended December 31, 2016, there were two transfers from Level 3 to Level 2 as additional broker quotes became available. Transfers are reflected at the value of the securities at the beginning of the period.

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The following is a summary of geographical concentration of our investment portfolio as of June 30, 2017:

	Cost	Fair Value	% of Total Investments	
Texas	79,383,012	79,231,241	23.48	%
New York	49,402,400	49,674,931	14.72	%
Colorado	27,909,605	30,150,000	8.94	%
Massachusetts	22,499,812	22,777,850	6.75	%
California	22,562,866	22,550,357	6.68	%
New Jersey	20,908,609	20,867,420	6.19	%
North Carolina	12,851,355	12,925,000	3.83	%
Tennessee	12,324,273	12,350,000	3.66	%
Ohio	9,938,681	10,443,640	3.10	%
Missouri	9,138,777	9,500,000	2.82	%
Puerto Rico	8,716,485	8,139,833	2.41	%
Pennsylvania	7,834,071	8,040,937	2.38	%
Georgia	5,924,872	7,900,000	2.34	%
Arkansas	7,446,768	7,603,807	2.25	%
Illinois	6,699,238	7,463,750	2.21	%
Canada	6,775,432	6,841,739	2.03	%
Minnesota	5,690,178	5,670,800	1.68	%
Washington	4,165,519	4,332,500	1.28	%
Virginia	4,036,449	4,108,288	1.22	%
Arizona	3,321,055	3,386,969	1.00	%
Alabama	1,206,682	1,850,000	0.55	%
Utah	1,292,394	1,191,250	0.35	%
Florida	242,304	370,000	0.11	%
	\$330,270,837	\$337,370,312	100.00	%

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The following is a summary of geographical concentration of our investment portfolio as of December 31, 2016:

	Cost	Fair Value	% of Total Investments	
Texas	\$74,433,626	\$73,576,277	20.13	%
New York	42,102,392	41,930,666	11.47	%
Colorado	27,855,053	28,979,651	7.93	%
California	28,298,845	28,606,727	7.82	%
Massachusetts	22,467,254	22,944,663	6.28	%
Georgia	20,626,735	22,469,217	6.15	%
New Jersey	20,710,728	20,804,704	5.69	%
Illinois	17,554,821	17,590,281	4.81	%
Alabama	16,191,841	16,584,379	4.54	%
Missouri	14,096,725	14,441,599	3.95	%
Tennessee	12,310,883	12,045,701	3.29	%
Arkansas	9,912,815	10,102,283	2.76	%
Pennsylvania	8,035,182	8,301,104	2.27	%
Puerto Rico	8,712,537	8,229,054	2.25	%
Florida	7,453,847	7,431,820	2.03	%
Canada	6,765,448	6,692,648	1.83	%
Minnesota	6,362,834	6,374,800	1.74	%
North Carolina	4,920,321	5,000,000	1.37	%
Washington	4,158,696	4,211,990	1.15	%
Virginia	4,029,530	4,060,519	1.11	%
Arizona	3,408,099	3,410,583	0.93	%
Utah	1,291,083	1,311,789	0.36	%
Ohio	517,956	525,436	0.14	%
	\$362,217,251	\$365,625,891	100.00	%

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The following is a summary of industry concentration of our investment portfolio as of June 30, 2017:

	Cost	Fair Value	% of Total Investments	
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	\$51,622,001	53,209,273	15.77	%
Finance	45,901,277	47,240,000	14.00	%
Software	36,251,622	36,840,350	10.92	%
Chemicals, Plastics, & Rubber	20,793,627	21,050,480	6.24	%
Construction & Building	20,375,055	20,406,045	6.05	%
Retail	18,802,798	18,612,777	5.52	%
Education	17,342,544	17,375,000	5.15	%
Consumer Goods: Durable	16,549,631	16,780,036	4.97	%
High Tech Industries	16,507,158	15,823,750	4.69	%
Media: Broadcasting & Subscription	14,439,189	15,655,886	4.64	%
Beverage, Food, & Tobacco	11,901,499	11,891,250	3.52	%
Services: Business	9,407,872	11,440,000	3.39	%
Automotive	7,834,071	8,040,937	2.38	%
Telecommunications	7,962,247	7,590,000	2.25	%
Transportation: Cargo	6,775,432	6,841,739	2.03	%
Capital Equipment	6,728,348	6,759,532	2.00	%
Energy: Oil & Gas	6,758,305	6,730,000	1.99	%
FIRE: Insurance	5,403,312	5,475,000	1.62	%
Services: Government	4,036,449	4,108,288	1.22	%
Hotel, Gaming, & Leisure	3,321,055	3,386,969	1.00	%
Environmental Industries	615,042	1,120,000	0.33	%
Services: Consumer	942,304	993,000	0.29	%
	\$330,270,837	\$337,370,312	100.00	%

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The following is a summary of industry concentration of our investment portfolio as of December 31, 2016:

	Cost	Fair Value	% of Total Investments	
Finance	\$56,663,586	\$57,504,930	15.73	%
Software	36,199,915	36,730,618	10.05	%
Media: Broadcasting & Subscription	36,001,876	36,637,803	10.02	%
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	35,002,051	35,583,505	9.73	%
Services: Business	24,105,217	25,884,879	7.08	%
Chemicals, Plastics, & Rubber	20,763,612	21,165,542	5.79	%
Consumer goods: Durable	18,957,486	19,146,954	5.24	%
Retail	18,973,041	19,095,787	5.22	%
Education	17,325,046	17,498,701	4.79	%
Telecommunications	16,403,791	16,009,390	4.38	%
High Tech Industries	16,486,738	15,382,000	4.21	%
Consumer Goods: Non-durable	12,437,795	12,700,000	3.47	%
Beverage, Food, & Tobacco	11,881,630	11,991,250	3.28	%
Automotive	8,035,182	8,301,104	2.27	%
Services: Consumer	8,453,847	8,153,879	2.23	%
Transportation: Cargo	6,765,448	6,692,648	1.83	%
Energy: Oil & Gas	7,320,058	6,654,662	1.82	%
Services: Government	4,029,530	4,060,519	1.11	%
Hotel, Gaming, & Leisure	3,408,099	3,410,583	0.93	%
Construction & Building	2,485,347	2,495,701	0.68	%
Environmental Industries	517,956	525,436	0.14	%
	\$362,217,251	365,625,891	100.00	%

The following provides quantitative information about Level 3 fair value measurements as of June 30, 2017:

Description:	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range (Average) <sup>(1) (3)</sup>
			HY credit spreads,	-2.32% to 5.28%
		Income/Market	Risk free rates	(-0.67%)



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First lien debt	\$ 79,569,800	approach <sup>(2)</sup>	Market multiples	-0.10% to 0.78% (0.27%) 5x to 19x (11x) <sup>(4)</sup>
			HY credit spreads,	-2.31% to 4.52% (-0.38%)
		Income/Market	Risk free rates	-0.64% to 0.72% (0.04%)
Second lien debt	\$ 155,707,188	approach <sup>(2)</sup>	Market multiples	5x to 31x (12x) <sup>(4)</sup>
			HY credit spreads,	-1.46% to -0.52% (-0.90%)
		Income/Market	Risk free rates	-0.36% to 0.88% 0.18%
Unsecured debt	\$ 77,273,279	approach <sup>(2)</sup>	Market multiples	5x to 13x (11x) <sup>(4)</sup>
			Underwriting multiple/ EBITDA Multiple	1x to 13x (9x)
Equity investments	\$ 24,820,045	Market approach <sup>(5)</sup>		
Total Long Term Level 3 Investments	\$ 337,370,312			

(1) Weighted average based on fair value as of June 30, 2017.

(2) Inclusive of not limited to (a) the market approach which is used to determine sufficient enterprise value, and (b) the income approach which is based on discounting future cash flows using an appropriate market yield.

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The Company calculates the price of the loan by discounting future cash flows, which include forecasted future LIBOR rates based on the published forward LIBOR curve at the valuation date, using an appropriate yield calculated as of the valuation date. This yield is calculated based on the loan's yield at the original investment and is adjusted as of the valuation date based on: changes in comparable credit spreads, changes in risk free interest rates (3) (per swap rates), and changes in credit quality (via an estimated shadow rating). Significant movements in any of these factors would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value measurement. As an example, the "Range (Average)" for second lien debt instruments in the table above indicates that the change in the HY spreads between the date a loan closed and the valuation date ranged from -2.31% (-231 basis points) to 4.52% (452 basis points). The average of all changes was -0.38% (-38 basis points).

(4) Median of LTM (last twelve months) EBITDA multiples of comparable companies.

The primary significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of the Company's equity investments is the EBITDA multiple (the "Multiple"). Significant increases (decreases) in the Multiple in isolation would result in a significantly higher (lower) fair value measurement. To determine the Multiple for the market (5) approach, the Company considers current market trading and/or transaction multiple, portfolio company performance (financial ratios) relative to public and private peer companies and leverage levels, among other factors. Changes in one or more of these factors can have a similar directional change on other factors in determining the appropriate Multiple to use in the market approach.

The following provides quantitative information about Level 3 fair value measurements as of December 31, 2016:

Description:	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range (Average) <sup>(1) (3)</sup>
First lien debt	\$113,482,205	Income/Market approach <sup>(2)</sup>	HY credit spreads,	-2.01% to 0.69% (-0.66%)
			Risk free rates	-0.21% to 0.83% (0.16%)
			Market multiples	7x to 14x (10x) <sup>(4)</sup>
Second lien debt	\$144,521,388	Income/Market approach <sup>(2)</sup>	HY credit spreads,	-7.34% to 6.67% (0.00%)
			Risk free rates	-0.60% to 0.79% (0.00%)
			Market multiples	5x to 19x (11x) <sup>(4)</sup>
Unsecured debt	\$70,725,412	Income/Market approach <sup>(2)</sup>	HY credit spreads,	-0.91% to 0.03% (-0.36%)
			Risk free rates	-0.36% to 0.95% (0.10%)
			Market multiples	7x to 13x (10x) <sup>(4)</sup>

Equity investments	\$18,931,886	Market approach <sup>(5)</sup>	Underwriting multiple/ EBITDA Multiple	1x to 13x (9x)
Total Long Term Level 3 Investments	\$347,660,891			

(1) Weighted average based on fair value as of December 31, 2016.

(2) Inclusive of not limited to (a) the market approach which is used to determine sufficient enterprise value, and (b) the income approach which is based on discounting future cash flows using an appropriate market yield.

The Company calculates the price of the loan by discounting future cash flows, which include forecasted future LIBOR rates based on the published forward LIBOR curve at the valuation date, using an appropriate yield calculated as of the valuation date. This yield is calculated based on the loan's yield at the original investment and is adjusted as of the valuation date based on: changes in comparable credit, changes in risk free interest rates (per (3) swap rates), and changes in credit quality (via an estimated shadow rating). Significant movements in any of these factors would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value measurement. As an example, the "Range (Average)" for first lien debt instruments in the table above indicates that the change in the HY spreads between the date a loan closed and the valuation date ranged from -2.01% (201 basis points) to 0.69% (69 basis points). The average of all changes was -0.66%.

(4) Median of LTM (last twelve months) EBITDA multiples of comparable companies.

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The primary significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of the Company's equity investments is the EBITDA multiple (the "Multiple"). Significant increases (decreases) in the Multiple in isolation would result in a significantly higher (lower) fair value measurement. To determine the Multiple for the market (5) approach, the Company considers current market trading and/or transaction multiple, portfolio company performance (financial ratios) relative to public and private peer companies and leverage levels, among other factors. Changes in one or more of these factors can have a similar directional change on other factors in determining the appropriate Multiple to use in the market approach.

**NOTE 7 — COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company is currently not subject to any material legal proceedings, nor, to our knowledge, is any material legal proceeding threatened against us. From time to time, we 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 business, financial condition or results of operations.

As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had unfunded commitments of \$2,436,667 and \$1,875,000, respectively, to provide debt financing for three and two portfolio companies, respectively. The Company maintains sufficient liquidity to fund such unfunded loan commitments (through cash on hand and available borrowings under its Credit Facility as defined in Note 9, below) should the need arise.

**NOTE 8 — FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

	For the six months ended June 30, 2017 (unaudited)	For the six months ended June 30, 2016 (unaudited)
<b>Per Share Data:</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 13.69	\$ 13.19

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Net investment income	0.65		0.64	
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	0.26		(0.07)	)
Net realized loss	(0.05)	)	—	
Benefit for taxes on net realized loss or net unrealized gain on investments at Taxable Subsidiaries	—		0.04	
Total from investment operations	\$ 0.86		\$ 0.61	
Offering Cost	(0.02)	)		
Stockholder distributions from:				
Net investment income	(0.68)	)	(0.68)	)
Other <sup>(7)</sup>	(0.01)	)	—	
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 13.84		\$ 13.12	
Per share market value at end of period	\$ 13.71		\$ 10.24	
Total return based on market value <sup>(2)</sup>	19.38	%	14.04	%
Weighted average shares outstanding	13,921,808		12,479,959	

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Ratio/Supplemental Data:				
Net assets at end of period	\$216,453,173	\$163,720,501		
Weighted Average net assets	\$172,029,910	\$163,791,413		
Annualized ratio of gross operating expenses to net assets <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>	13.11	% 13.35	%	
Annualized ratio of interest expense and other fees to net assets <sup>(3)</sup>	4.51	% 4.81	%	
Annualized ratio of net investment income to net assets <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>	10.65	% 9.96	%	
Portfolio Turnover <sup>(4)</sup>	13.65	% 4.55	%	
Notes payable	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000		
Credit Facility payable	\$39,000,000	\$110,000,000		
SBA Debentures	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000		
Asset coverage ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	4.38 x	2.21 x		

(1) Financial highlights are based on weighted average shares outstanding as of period end.

(2) Total return on market value is based on the change in market price per share since the end of the prior year and assumes enrollment in the Company's dividend reinvestment plan. The total returns are not annualized.

(3) Financial highlights for periods of less than one year are annualized, with exception of the provision for taxes on the unrealized gain on investments.

(4) Calculated as the lesser of purchases or sales divided by average portfolio balance and is not annualized.

Asset coverage ratio is equal to (i) the sum of (a) net assets at the end of the period and (b) total debt outstanding at (5) the end of the period, divided by (ii) total debt outstanding at the end of the period. SBA debentures are excluded from the numerator and denominator.

(6) These ratios include the impact of the benefit for income taxes related to unrealized loss on investments of \$8,593 for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and a benefit for income taxes related to unrealized gain on investments of

\$322,151 for the six months ended June 30, 2016, which are not reflected in net investment income, gross operating expenses or net operating expenses. The provision for income taxes related to unrealized gain or loss on investments to net assets for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 is <0.01% and 0.10%, respectively.

Includes the impact of different share amounts as a result of calculating certain per share data based on weighted (7) average shares outstanding during the period and certain per share data based on shares outstanding as of the period end.

#### **NOTE 9 — CREDIT FACILITY**

On November 7, 2012, the Company entered into a revolving credit facility (the “Credit Facility”) with various lenders. SunTrust Bank, one of the lenders, serves as administrative agent under the Credit Facility. The Credit Facility, as amended on November 21, 2014 and August 31, 2016, provides for borrowings in an aggregate amount of \$120,000,000 on a committed basis with an accordion feature that allows the Company to increase the aggregate commitments up to \$195,000,000, subject to new or existing lenders agreeing to participate in the increase and other customary conditions. There can be no assurances that existing lenders will agree to such an increase, or that additional lenders will join the Credit Facility to increase available borrowings.

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Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest, subject to the Company's election, on a per annum basis equal to (i) LIBOR plus 2.625% with no LIBOR floor or (ii) 1.625% plus an alternate base rate based on the highest of the Prime Rate, Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5% or one month LIBOR plus 1.0%. The Company pays unused commitment fees of 0.50% per annum on the unused lender commitments under the Credit Facility. Interest is payable quarterly in arrears. Any amounts borrowed under the Credit Facility will mature, and all accrued and unpaid interest thereunder will be due and payable, on October 1, 2018.

The Company's obligations to the lenders are secured by a first priority security interest in its portfolio of securities and cash not held at the SBIC subsidiary, but excluding short term investments. The Credit Facility contains certain affirmative and negative covenants, including but not limited to: (i) maintaining a minimum liquidity test of at least 85% of adjusted borrowing base, (ii) maintaining an asset coverage ratio of at least 2.0 to 1.0, and (iii) maintaining a minimum shareholder's equity. As of June 30, 2017, the Company was in compliance with these covenants. Additionally, the Credit Facility requires that the Company meet certain conditions in connection with incurring additional indebtedness under the Credit Facility, including that the Company have a minimum asset coverage ratio of 2.20 to 1.0 immediately after giving effect to such borrowing. As of June 30, 2017, the Company's asset coverage ratio was 4.38 to 1.0.

As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the outstanding balance under the Credit Facility was \$39,000,000 and \$116,000,000, respectively. The carrying amount of the amount outstanding under the Credit Facility approximates its fair value. The Company incurred total costs of \$3,117,716 in connection with obtaining, amending, and maintaining the Credit Facility, which are being amortized over the life of the Credit Facility. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, \$581,611 and \$828,792 of such prepaid loan structure fees and administration fees had yet to be amortized, respectively. These prepaid loan fees are presented on our consolidated statement of assets and liabilities as a deduction from the debt liability attributable to the Credit Facility as required by ASU No. 2015-3.

	June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Credit Facility payable	\$39,000,000	\$116,000,000
Prepaid loan structure fees	581,611	828,792
Credit facility payable, net of prepaid loan structure fees	\$38,418,389	\$115,171,208



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For the three months ended June 30, 2017, the weighted average effective interest rate under the Credit Facility was approximately 3.7% (approximately 5.1% including commitment fees and other loan fees). Interest is paid quarterly in arrears. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the Credit Facility of \$742,880 for the three months ended June 30, 2017, of which \$541,064 was interest expense, \$111,842 was amortization of loan fees paid on the Credit Facility, \$77,542 related to commitment fees on the unused portion of the Credit Facility, and \$12,432 related to loan administration fees. The Company paid \$657,326 in interest expense and unused commitment fees for the three months ended June 30, 2017. The average borrowings under the Credit Facility for the three months ended June 30, 2017 were \$58,648,352.

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, the weighted average effective interest rate under the Credit Facility was approximately 3.6% (approximately 4.4% including commitment fees and other loan fees). Interest is paid quarterly in arrears. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the Credit Facility of \$1,780,520 for the six months ended June 30, 2017, of which \$1,436,731 was interest expense, \$222,454 was amortization of loan fees paid on the Credit Facility, \$96,608 related to commitment fees on the unused portion of the Credit Facility, and \$24,727 related to loan administration fees. The Company paid \$1,619,006 in interest expense and unused commitment fees for the six months ended June 30, 2017. The average borrowings under the Credit Facility for the six months ended June 30, 2017 were \$81,570,442.

For the three months ended June 30, 2016, the weighted average effective interest rate under the Credit Facility was approximately 3.1% (approximately 3.7% including commitment and other loan fees). Interest is paid quarterly in arrears. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the Credit Facility of \$977,922 for the three months ended June 30, 2016, of which \$830,436 was interest expense, \$118,025 was amortization of loan fees paid on the Credit Facility, \$17,063 related to commitment fees on the unused portion of the Credit Facility, and \$12,398 related to loan administration fees. The Company paid \$878,914 in interest expense and unused commitment fees for the three months ended June 30, 2016. The average borrowings under the Credit Facility for the three months ended June 30, 2016 were \$106,615,385.

For the six months ended June 30, 2016, the weighted average effective interest rate under the Credit Facility was approximately 3.1% (approximately 3.7% including commitment and other loan fees). Interest is paid quarterly in arrears. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the Credit Facility of \$1,967,366 for the six months ended June 30, 2016, of which \$1,676,186 was interest expense, \$236,050 was amortization of loan fees paid on the Credit Facility, \$30,334 related to commitment fees on the unused portion of the Credit Facility, and \$24,796 related to loan administration fees. The Company paid \$1,736,054 in interest expense and unused commitment fees for the six

months ended June 30, 2016. The average borrowings under the Credit Facility for the six months ended June 30, 2016 were \$108,057,692.

**NOTE 10 — NOTES**

On May 5, 2014, the Company closed a public offering of \$25,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 6.50% notes (the "Notes"). The Notes mature on April 30, 2019, and may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after April 30, 2016. The Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.50% per year payable quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15, of each year. The net proceeds to the Company from the sale of the Notes, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, were approximately \$24.1 million. The Company used all of the net proceeds from this offering to repay a portion of the amount outstanding under the Credit Facility. On both June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the carrying amount of the Notes was approximately \$25,000,000 and the fair value of the Notes was approximately \$26.0 million and \$25.2 million, respectively. The Notes are listed on New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "SCQ". The fair value of the Notes is based on the closing price of the security, which is a Level 2 input under ASC 820 due to sufficient trading volume.

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In connection with the issuance and maintenance of the Notes, we have incurred \$934,570 of fees which are being amortized over the term of the Notes, of which \$345,253 remains to be amortized as of June 30, 2017. These financing costs are presented on the consolidated statement of assets and liabilities as a deduction from the debt liability as required by ASU No. 2015-3.

The following is a summary of the Notes Payable, net of deferred financing costs:

	June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Notes payable	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
Deferred financing costs	345,253	434,109
Notes payable, net of deferred financing costs	\$24,654,747	\$24,565,891

For the three months ended June 30, 2017, the Company incurred interest and fee expense on the Notes of \$453,438, of which \$406,250 was interest expense, \$45,439 was amortization of loan fees paid on the Notes, and \$1,749 related to administration fees. The Company paid \$406,250 in interest expense on the Notes during the period.

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, the Company incurred interest and fee expense on the Notes of \$906,357, of which \$812,500 was interest expense, \$90,378 was amortization of loan fees paid on the Notes, and \$3,479 related to administration fees. The Company paid \$812,500 in interest expense on the Notes during the period.

For the three months ended June 30, 2016, the Company incurred interest and fee expense on the Notes of \$452,775, of which \$406,250 was interest expense, \$45,941 was amortization of loan fees paid on the Notes, and \$584 related to administration fees. The Company paid \$406,250 in interest expense on the Notes during the period.

For the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company incurred interest and fee expense on the Notes of \$906,209, of which \$812,500 was interest expense, \$91,380 was amortization of loan fees paid on the Notes, and \$2,329 related to administration fees. The Company paid \$812,500 in interest expense on the Notes during the period.

The indenture and supplements thereto relating to the Notes contain certain covenants, including but not limited to (i) a requirement that the Company comply with the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act or any successor provisions, and (ii) a requirement to provide financial information to the holders of the notes and the trustee under the indenture if the Company should no longer be subject to the reporting requirements under the Exchange Act.

#### **NOTE 11 — SBA DEBENTURES**

Due to the SBIC subsidiary's status as a licensed SBIC, we have the ability to issue debentures guaranteed by the SBA at favorable interest rates. Under the regulations applicable to SBIC funds, an SBIC can have outstanding debentures guaranteed by the SBA subject to a regulatory leverage limit, up to two times the amount of regulatory capital. As of both June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the SBIC subsidiary had \$38,000,000 in regulatory capital, respectively, as such term is defined by the SBA.

As a BDC, we are only allowed to employ leverage to the extent that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% after giving effect to such leverage. The amount of leverage that we employ at any time depends on our assessment of the market and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing.

On August 12, 2014, we obtained exemptive relief from the SEC to permit us to exclude the debt of the SBIC subsidiary guaranteed by the SBA from our 200% asset coverage test under the 1940 Act. The exemptive relief provides us with increased flexibility under the 200% asset coverage test by permitting us to borrow up to \$65,000,000 more than we would otherwise be able to absent the receipt of this exemptive relief.

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On a stand-alone basis, the SBIC subsidiary held \$108,295,676 and \$104,622,663 in assets at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, which accounted for approximately 31.0% and 27.5% of our total consolidated assets at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Debentures guaranteed by the SBA have fixed interest rates that equal prevailing 10-year Treasury Note rates plus a market spread and have a maturity of ten years with interest payable semi-annually. The principal amount of the debentures is not required to be paid before maturity, but may be pre-paid at any time with no prepayment penalty. As of both June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the SBIC subsidiary had \$65,000,000 of SBA Debentures (the "SBA Debentures") outstanding, which mature ten years from issuance. The first maturity related to the SBA Debentures does not occur until 2025, and the remaining weighted average duration of all of our outstanding SBA Debentures is approximately 8.4 years as of June 30, 2017.

As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the carrying amount of the SBA Debentures approximated their fair value. The fair values of the SBA Debentures are determined in accordance with ASC 820, which defines fair value in terms of the price that would be paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions. The fair value of the SBA Debentures are estimated based upon market interest rates for our own borrowings or entities with similar credit risk, adjusted for nonperformance risk, if any. At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 the SBA Debentures would be deemed to be Level 3, as defined in Note 6.

As of June 30, 2017, the Company has incurred \$2,226,250 in financing costs related to the SBA Debentures. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, \$1,496,651 and \$1,657,964 of prepaid financing costs had yet to be amortized, respectively. These prepaid loan fees are presented on the consolidated statement of assets and liabilities as a deduction from the debt liability as required by ASU No. 2015-3. See Note 1 for further discussion.

The following is a summary of the SBA Debentures, net of prepaid loan fees:

June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
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SBA Debentures payable	\$65,000,000	\$ 65,000,000
Prepaid loan fees	1,496,651	1,657,964
SBA Debentures, net of prepaid loan fees	\$63,503,349	\$ 63,342,036

For the three months ended June 30, 2017, the weighted average effective interest rate for the SBA Debentures was approximately 3.1% (approximately 3.6% including loan fees). Interest is paid semi-annually. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the SBA Debentures of \$584,491 for the three months ended June 30, 2017, of which \$503,391 was interest expense, and \$81,100 was amortization of loan fees. The Company paid no interest during the three months ended June 30, 2017. The average borrowings of SBA Debentures for the three months ended June 30, 2017 were \$65,000,000.

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, the weighted average effective interest rate for the SBA Debentures was approximately 3.1% (approximately 3.6% including loan fees). Interest is paid semi-annually. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the SBA Debentures of \$1,162,561 for the six months ended June 30, 2017, of which \$1,001,250 was interest expense, and \$161,311 was amortization of loan fees. The Company paid \$1,001,250 of interest expense during the six months ended June 30, 2017. The average borrowings of SBA Debentures for the six months ended June 30, 2017 were \$65,000,000.

For the three months ended June 30, 2016, the weighted average effective interest rate for the SBA Debentures was approximately 3.1% (approximately 3.6% including loan fees). Interest is paid semi-annually. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the SBA Debentures of \$584,493 for the three months ended June 30, 2016, of which \$503,391 was interest expense, and \$81,102 was amortization of loan fees. The Company paid no interest expense during the three months ended June 30, 2016. The average borrowings of SBA Debentures for the three months ended June 30, 2016 were \$65,000,000.

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**June 30, 2017**

**(Unaudited)**

For the six months ended June 30, 2016, the weighted average effective interest rate for the SBA Debentures was approximately 2.7% (approximately 3.2% including loan fees). Interest is paid semi-annually. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the SBA Debentures of \$1,021,458 for the six months ended June 30, 2016, of which \$859,254 was interest expense, and \$162,204 was amortization of loan fees. The Company paid \$557,540 of interest expense during the six months ended June 30, 2016. The average borrowings of SBA Debentures for the six months ended June 30, 2016 were \$65,000,000.

**NOTE 12 — SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

***Investment Portfolio***

On July 3, 2017, the Company invested an additional \$0.06 million in the equity of Apex Environmental Resources Holdings LLC.

On July 7, 2017, the Company received full repayment on the second lien term loan of Atkins Nutritionals Holdings II, Inc. for proceeds of \$8.0 million.

On July 14, 2017, the Company received full repayment on the unsecured term loan of OG Systems LLC for proceeds of \$4.0 million.

On July 26, 2017, the Company invested \$22.5 million in the first lien term loan of Resolute Industrial, LLC, a provider of water and air-cooled services and manufacturer. We also committed to fund a \$2.5 million revolver and a \$5.75 million delayed draw term loan. Additionally, the Company invested \$0.75 million in the equity of the company.

***SBIC Subsidiary***

On July, 25, 2017, the Company contributed additional equity of \$20.5 million to the SBIC subsidiary, bringing total regulatory capital contributed to \$58.5 million.

***Credit Facility***

The outstanding balance under the Credit Facility as of August 3, 2017 was \$51.5 million.

***Dividend Declared***

On July 7, 2017, the Company's board of directors declared a regular monthly dividend for each of July 2017, August 2017 and September 2017 as follows:

<b>Declared</b>	<b>Ex-Dividend Date</b>	<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Amount per Share</b>
7/7/2017	7/27/2017	7/31/2017	8/15/2017	\$ 0.1133
7/7/2017	8/29/2017	8/31/2017	9/15/2017	\$ 0.1133
7/7/2017	9/28/2017	9/29/2017	10/13/2017	\$ 0.1133

On July 10, 2017, The New York Stock Exchange announced a change beginning with record date of September 7, 2017, going forward. Ex-dividend dates were changed from two to one business day prior to the record date. Based on this change, the correct ex-dividend date for the 9/29/17 record date is 9/28/2017, instead of 9/27/2017 as reported in the Company's July 10, 2017 press release.



## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

### Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the statements in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q constitute forward-looking statements, which relate to future events or our future performance or financial condition. The forward-looking statements contained in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q involve risks and uncertainties, including statements as to:

- our future operating results;
- our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies;
- the effect of investments that we expect to make;
- our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties;
- actual and potential conflicts of interest with Stellus Capital Management;
- the dependence of our future success on the general economy and its effect on the industries in which we invest;
- the ability of our portfolio companies to achieve their objectives;
- the use of borrowed money to finance a portion of our investments;
- the adequacy of our financing sources and working capital;
- the timing of cash flows, if any, from the operations of our portfolio companies;
- the ability of Stellus Capital Management to locate suitable investments for us and to monitor and administer our investments;

the ability of Stellus Capital Management to attract and retain highly talented professionals;

our ability to maintain our qualification as a regulated investment company, or RIC, under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the Code, and as a BDC under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the 1940 Act, and

the effect of future changes in laws or regulations (including the interpretation of these laws and regulations by regulatory authorities) and conditions in our operating areas, particularly with respect to BDCs or RICs.

Such forward-looking statements may include statements preceded by, followed by or that otherwise include the words “may,” “might,” “will,” “intend,” “should,” “could,” “can,” “would,” “expect,” “believe,” “estimate,” “anticipate,” “predict” or similar words.

We have based the forward-looking statements included in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q on information available to us on the date of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in our forward-looking statements, and future results could differ materially from historical performance. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless required by law or SEC rule or regulation. You are advised to consult any additional disclosures that we may make directly to you or through reports that we in the future may file with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

## Overview

We were organized as a Maryland corporation on May 18, 2012, and formally commenced operations on November 7, 2012. Our investment objective is to maximize the total return to our stockholders in the form of current income and capital appreciation through debt and related equity investments in middle-market companies.

We are an externally managed, non-diversified, closed-end investment management company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company (“BDC”) under the 1940 Act. The Company’s investment activities are managed by its investment advisor, Stellus Capital Management, LLC (“Stellus Capital” or the “Advisor”). As a BDC, we are required to comply with certain regulatory requirements.

For instance, as a BDC, we may 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. Qualifying assets include investments in “eligible portfolio companies.” Under the relevant SEC rules, the term “eligible portfolio company” includes private operating companies, operating companies whose securities are not listed on a national securities exchange, and certain public operating companies that have listed their securities on a national securities exchange and have a market capitalization of less than \$250 million, in each case organized and with their principal of business

in the United States.

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We have elected to be treated for U.S. federal tax purposes as a regulated investment company (“RIC”) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). To maintain our qualification as a RIC, we must, among other things, meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements. As of June 30, 2017, we were in compliance with the RIC requirements. As a RIC, we generally will not have to pay corporate-level U.S. federal income taxes on any income we distribute to our stockholders.

## Portfolio Composition and Investment Activity

### *Portfolio Composition*

We originate and invest primarily in privately-held middle-market companies (typically those with \$5.0 million to \$50.0 million of EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization)) through first lien, second lien, unitranche and mezzanine debt financing, often times with a corresponding equity investment.

As of June 30, 2017, we had \$337.4 million (at fair value) invested in 46 portfolio companies. As of June 30, 2017, our portfolio included approximately 24% of first lien debt, 46% of second lien debt, 23% of mezzanine debt and 7% of equity investments at fair value. The composition of our investments at cost and fair value as of June 30, 2017 was as follows:

	Cost	Fair Value
Senior Secured – First Lien <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 79,199,390	\$ 79,569,800
Senior Secured – Second Lien	155,692,613	155,707,188
Unsecured Debt	77,029,784	77,273,279
Equity	18,349,050	24,820,045
Total Investments	\$ 330,270,837	\$ 337,370,312

As of December 31, 2016, we had \$365.6 million (at fair value) invested in 45 portfolio companies. As of December 31, 2016, our portfolio included approximately 31% of first lien debt, 45% of second lien debt, 19% of mezzanine debt and 5% of equity investments at fair value. The composition of our investments at cost and fair value as of December 31, 2016 was as follows:

	Cost	Fair Value
Senior Secured – First Lien <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 113,264,200	\$ 113,482,205
Senior Secured – Second Lien	163,112,172	162,486,388

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Unsecured Debt	70,919,986	70,725,412
Equity	14,920,893	18,931,886
Total Investments	\$362,217,251	\$365,625,891

Our investment portfolio may contain loans that are in the form of lines of credit or revolving credit facilities, which require us to provide funding when requested by portfolio companies in accordance with the terms and conditions of the underlying loan agreements. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we had three and two such investments, respectively, with aggregate unfunded commitments of \$2.4 million and \$1.9 million, respectively.

The following is a summary of geographical concentration of our investment portfolio as of June 30, 2017:

	Cost	Fair Value	% of Total Investments	
Texas	79,383,012	79,231,241	23.48	%
New York	49,402,400	49,674,931	14.72	%
Colorado	27,909,605	30,150,000	8.94	%
Massachusetts	22,499,812	22,777,850	6.75	%
California	22,562,866	22,550,357	6.68	%
New Jersey	20,908,609	20,867,420	6.19	%
North Carolina	12,851,355	12,925,000	3.83	%
Tennessee	12,324,273	12,350,000	3.66	%
Ohio	9,938,681	10,443,640	3.10	%
Missouri	9,138,777	9,500,000	2.82	%
Puerto Rico	8,716,485	8,139,833	2.41	%
Pennsylvania	7,834,071	8,040,937	2.38	%
Georgia	5,924,872	7,900,000	2.34	%
Arkansas	7,446,768	7,603,807	2.25	%
Illinois	6,699,238	7,463,750	2.21	%
Canada	6,775,432	6,841,739	2.03	%
Minnesota	5,690,178	5,670,800	1.68	%
Washington	4,165,519	4,332,500	1.28	%
Virginia	4,036,449	4,108,288	1.22	%
Arizona	3,321,055	3,386,969	1.00	%
Alabama	1,206,682	1,850,000	0.55	%
Utah	1,292,394	1,191,250	0.35	%
Florida	242,304	370,000	0.11	%
	\$330,270,837	\$337,370,312	100.00	%

The following is a summary of geographical concentration of our investment portfolio as of December 31, 2016:

	Cost	Fair Value	% of Total Investments	
Texas	\$74,433,626	\$73,576,277	20.13	%
New York	42,102,392	41,930,666	11.47	%
Colorado	27,855,053	28,979,651	7.93	%
California	28,298,845	28,606,727	7.82	%
Massachusetts	22,467,254	22,944,663	6.28	%
Georgia	20,626,735	22,469,217	6.15	%
New Jersey	20,710,728	20,804,704	5.69	%
Illinois	17,554,821	17,590,281	4.81	%
Alabama	16,191,841	16,584,379	4.54	%
Missouri	14,096,725	14,441,599	3.95	%
Tennessee	12,310,883	12,045,701	3.29	%
Arkansas	9,912,815	10,102,283	2.76	%
Pennsylvania	8,035,182	8,301,104	2.27	%
Puerto Rico	8,712,537	8,229,054	2.25	%
Florida	7,453,847	7,431,820	2.03	%
Canada	6,765,448	6,692,648	1.83	%
Minnesota	6,362,834	6,374,800	1.74	%
North Carolina	4,920,321	5,000,000	1.37	%
Washington	4,158,696	4,211,990	1.15	%
Virginia	4,029,530	4,060,519	1.11	%
Arizona	3,408,099	3,410,583	0.93	%
Utah	1,291,083	1,311,789	0.36	%
Ohio	517,956	525,436	0.14	%
	\$362,217,251	\$365,625,891	100.00	%

The following is a summary of industry concentration of our investment portfolio as of June 30, 2017:

	Cost	Fair Value	% of Total Investments	
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	\$51,622,001	53,209,273	15.77	%
Finance	45,901,277	47,240,000	14.00	%
Software	36,251,622	36,840,350	10.92	%
Chemicals, Plastics, & Rubber	20,793,627	21,050,480	6.24	%
Construction & Building	20,375,055	20,406,045	6.05	%
Retail	18,802,798	18,612,777	5.52	%
Education	17,342,544	17,375,000	5.15	%
Consumer Goods: Durable	16,549,631	16,780,036	4.97	%
High Tech Industries	16,507,158	15,823,750	4.69	%
Media: Broadcasting & Subscription	14,439,189	15,655,886	4.64	%
Beverage, Food, & Tobacco	11,901,499	11,891,250	3.52	%
Services: Business	9,407,872	11,440,000	3.39	%
Automotive	7,834,071	8,040,937	2.38	%
Telecommunications	7,962,247	7,590,000	2.25	%
Transportation: Cargo	6,775,432	6,841,739	2.03	%
Capital Equipment	6,728,348	6,759,532	2.00	%
Energy: Oil & Gas	6,758,305	6,730,000	1.99	%
FIRE: Insurance	5,403,312	5,475,000	1.62	%
Services: Government	4,036,449	4,108,288	1.22	%
Hotel, Gaming, & Leisure	3,321,055	3,386,969	1.00	%
Environmental Industries	615,042	1,120,000	0.33	%
Services: Consumer	942,304	993,000	0.29	%
	\$330,270,837	\$337,370,312	100.00	%



The following is a summary of industry concentration of our investment portfolio as of December 31, 2016:

	Cost	Fair Value	% of Total Investments	
Finance	\$56,663,586	\$57,504,930	15.73	%
Software	36,199,915	36,730,618	10.05	%
Media: Broadcasting & Subscription	36,001,876	36,637,803	10.02	%
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	35,002,051	35,583,505	9.73	%
Services: Business	24,105,217	25,884,879	7.08	%
Chemicals, Plastics, & Rubber	20,763,612	21,165,542	5.79	%
Consumer goods: Durable	18,957,486	19,146,954	5.24	%
Retail	18,973,041	19,095,787	5.22	%
Education	17,325,046	17,498,701	4.79	%
Telecommunications	16,403,791	16,009,390	4.38	%
High Tech Industries	16,486,738	15,382,000	4.21	%
Consumer Goods: Non-durable	12,437,795	12,700,000	3.47	%
Beverage, Food, & Tobacco	11,881,630	11,991,250	3.28	%
Automotive	8,035,182	8,301,104	2.27	%
Services: Consumer	8,453,847	8,153,879	2.23	%
Transportation: Cargo	6,765,448	6,692,648	1.83	%
Energy: Oil & Gas	7,320,058	6,654,662	1.82	%
Services: Government	4,029,530	4,060,519	1.11	%
Hotel, Gaming, & Leisure	3,408,099	3,410,583	0.93	%
Construction & Building	2,485,347	2,495,701	0.68	%
Environmental Industries	517,956	525,436	0.14	%
	\$362,217,251	365,625,891	100.00	%

At June 30, 2017, our average portfolio company investment at amortized cost and fair value was approximately \$7.2 million and \$7.3 million, respectively, and our largest portfolio company investment at amortized cost and fair value was approximately \$22.5 million and \$22.8 million, respectively. At December 31, 2016, our average portfolio company investment at amortized cost and fair value was approximately \$8.0 million and \$8.1 million, respectively, and our largest portfolio company investment at amortized cost and fair value was approximately \$22.5 million and \$22.9 million, respectively.

At June 30, 2017, 69% of our debt investments bore interest based on floating rates (subject to interest rate floors), such as LIBOR, and 31% bore interest at fixed rates. At December 31, 2016, 77% of our debt investments bore interest based on floating rates (subject to interest rate floors), such as LIBOR, and 23% bore interest at fixed rates.

The weighted average yield on all of our debt investments as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 was 11.3% and 11.0%, respectively. The weighted average yield was computed using the effective interest rates for all of our debt investments, including accretion of original issue discount. Approximately 10.8% of our weighted average yield was current cash interest.

As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$7.0 million and \$9.2 million, respectively.

### ***Investment Activity***

During the six months ended June 30, 2017, we made an aggregate of \$48.0 million of investments in six new portfolio companies and three existing portfolio companies. During the six months ended June 30, 2017, we received an aggregate of \$80.0 million in proceeds from repayments of our investments, including \$5.0 million from amortization of certain investments. In addition, we realized a \$0.8 million loss on conversion of our term loan in Glori Energy Production, Inc. to equity, which has a cost basis of \$1.0 million at June 30, 2017.

Our level of investment activity can vary substantially from period to period depending on many factors, including the amount of debt and equity capital required by middle-market companies, the level of merger and acquisition activity, the general economic environment and the competitive environment for the types of investments we make.

## Asset Quality

In addition to various risk management and monitoring tools, Stellus Capital uses an investment rating system to characterize and monitor the credit profile and expected level of returns on each investment in our investment portfolio. This investment rating system uses a five-level numeric scale. The following is a description of the conditions associated with each investment category:

Investment Category 1 is used for investments that are performing above expectations, and whose risks remain favorable compared to the expected risk at the time of the original investment.

Investment Category 2 is used for investments that are performing within expectations and whose risks remain neutral compared to the expected risk at the time of the original investment. All new loans are initially rated 2.

Investment Category 3 is used for investments that are performing below expectations and that require closer monitoring, but where no loss of return or principal is expected. Portfolio companies with a rating of 3 may be out of compliance with financial covenants.

Investment Category 4 is used for investments that are performing substantially below expectations and whose risks have increased substantially since the original investment. These investments are often in work out. Investments with a rating of 4 are those for which some loss of return but no loss of principal is expected.

Investment Category 5 is used for investments that are performing substantially below expectations and whose risks have increased substantially since the original investment. These investments are almost always in work out. Investments with a rating of 5 are those for which some loss of return and principal is expected.

Investment Category	As of June 30, 2017 (dollars in millions)			As of December 31, 2016 (dollars in millions)		
	Fair Value	% of Total Portfolio	Number of Companies	Fair Value	% of Total Portfolio	Number of Companies
1	\$57.5	17 %	9	\$ 73.5	20 %	6
2	236.9	70 %	30	239.8	66 %	32
3	41.4	13 %	5	50.7	14 %	5
4	1.0	— %	1	0.9	— %	1
5	0.6	— %	1	1	— %	1
Total	\$337.4	100 %	46	\$ 365.6	100 %	45

*Loans and Debt Securities on Non-Accrual Status*

We will not accrue interest on loans and debt securities if we have reason to doubt our ability to collect such interest. As of June 30, 2017, we had one loan on non-accrual status which represented approximately 2.1% of our loan portfolio at cost and 1.9% at fair value. As of December 31, 2016, we had two loans on non-accrual status, which represented approximately 0.7% of our loan portfolio at cost and 0.4% at fair value.

**Results of Operations**

An important measure of our financial performance is net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations, which includes net investment income (loss), net realized gain (loss) and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation). Net investment income (loss) is the difference between our income from interest, dividends, fees and other investment income and our operating expenses including interest on borrowed funds. Net realized gain (loss) on investments is the difference between the proceeds received from dispositions of portfolio investments and their amortized cost, except for loans booked at a discount to account for origination fees. Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments is the net change in the fair value of our investment portfolio.

*Comparison of the Three Months and Six Months Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016**Revenues*

We generate revenue in the form of interest income on debt investments and capital gains and distributions, if any, on investment securities that we may acquire in portfolio companies. Our debt investments typically have a term of five to seven years and bear interest at a fixed or floating rate. Interest on our debt securities is generally payable quarterly. Payments of principal on our debt investments may be amortized over the stated term of the investment, deferred for several years or due entirely at maturity. In some cases, our debt investments may pay payment in-kind, or PIK interest. Any outstanding principal amount of our debt securities and any accrued but unpaid interest will generally become due at the maturity date. The level of interest income we receive is directly related to the balance of interest-bearing investments multiplied by the weighted average yield of our investments. We expect that the total dollar amount of interest and any dividend income that we earn to increase as the size of our investment portfolio increases. In addition, we may generate revenue in the form of prepayment fees, commitment, loan origination, structuring or due diligence fees.

The following shows the breakdown of investment income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (in millions).

	Three months ended June 30, (dollars in millions)		Six months ended June 30, (dollars in millions)	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Interest income	\$ 9.5	\$ 9.2	\$ 19.0	\$ 18.6
PIK interest	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Miscellaneous fees	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.4
Total	\$ 10.4	\$ 9.6	\$ 20.3	\$ 19.1

The increases in total income from the respective periods were due to the growth in the overall investment portfolio as well as prepayment premiums from the early repayment of certain investments.

*Expenses*

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Our primary operating expenses include the payment of fees to Stellus Capital under the investment advisory agreement, our allocable portion of overhead expenses under the administration agreement and other operating costs described below. We bear all other out-of-pocket costs and expenses of our operations and transactions, which may include:

• organization and offering;

• calculating our net asset value (including the cost and expenses of any independent valuation firm);

• fees and expenses payable to third parties, including agents, consultants or other advisors, in monitoring financial and legal affairs for us and in monitoring our investments and performing due diligence on our prospective portfolio companies or otherwise relating to, or associated with, evaluating and making investments;

• interest payable on debt, if any, incurred to finance our investments and expenses related to unsuccessful portfolio acquisition efforts;

• offerings of our common stock and other securities;

• base management and incentive fees;

• administration fees and expenses, if any, payable under the administration agreement (including our allocable portion of Stellus Capital's overhead in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including rent and the allocable portion of the cost of our chief compliance officer, chief financial officer and their respective staffs);

• transfer agent, dividend agent and custodial fees and expenses;

• U.S. federal and state registration fees;

• all costs of registration and listing our shares on any securities exchange;

• U.S. federal, state and local taxes;

• independent directors' fees and expenses;

• costs of preparing and filing reports or other documents required by the SEC or other regulators;

• costs of any reports, proxy statements or other notices to stockholders, including printing costs;

• costs and fees associated with any fidelity bond, directors and officers/errors and omissions liability insurance, and any other insurance premiums;

• direct costs and expenses of administration, including printing, mailing, long distance telephone, copying, secretarial and other staff, independent auditors and outside legal costs;

• proxy voting expenses; and

• all other expenses incurred by us or Stellus Capital in connection with administering our business.

The following shows the breakdown of operating expenses for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (in millions).

	Three months ended June 30, (dollars in millions)		Six months ended June 30, (dollars in millions)	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Operating Expenses				
Management fees	\$ 1.5	\$ 1.6	\$ 3.1	\$ 3.1
Valuation Fees	—	0.1	0.2	0.2
Administrative services expenses	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5
Incentive fees	1.2	1.0	2.3	2.0
Professional fees	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.4
Directors' fees	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Insurance expense	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Interest expense and other fees	1.9	2.0	3.8	3.9
Deferred offering costs	—	0.3	—	0.3
Other general and administrative	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 5.5	\$ 5.7	\$ 11.2	\$ 11.0

*Net Investment Income*

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For the three months ended June 30, 2017, net investment income was \$4.9 million, or \$0.32 per common share (based on 15,347,814 weighted-average common shares outstanding at June 30, 2017).

For the three months ended June 30, 2016, net investment income was \$3.9 million, or \$0.32 per common share (based on 12,479,959 weighted-average common shares outstanding at June 30, 2016).

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, net investment income was \$9.1 million, or \$0.65 per common share (based on 13,921,808 weighted-average common shares outstanding at June 30, 2017).

For the six months ended June 30, 2016, net investment income was \$8.0 million, or \$0.64 per common share (based on 12,479,959 weighted-average common shares outstanding at June 30, 2016).

### *Net Realized Gains and Losses*

We measure realized gains or losses by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale or disposition and the amortized cost basis of the investment, using the specific identification method, without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized.

Repayments and sales of investments and amortization of other certain investments for the three months ended June 30, 2017 totaled \$40.7 million, there were no realized losses and realized gains were de minimis.

Repayments and sales of investments and amortization of other certain investments for the three months ended June 30, 2016 totaled \$15.4 million and net realized gains totaled \$1.0 thousand.

Repayments and sales of investments and amortization of other certain investments and a noncash conversion of debt to equity for the six months ended June 30, 2017 totaled \$80.0 million, and net realized losses totaled \$0.7 million.



Repayments and sales of investments and amortization of other certain investments for the six months ended June 30, 2016 totaled \$16.0 million and net realized gains totaled \$2 thousand.

*Net Change in Unrealized Depreciation of Investments*

Net change in unrealized depreciation primarily reflects the change in portfolio investment values during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses are realized.

Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments and cash equivalents for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 totaled \$1.1 million and \$0.9 million, respectively.

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and cash equivalents for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 totaled \$3.7 million and (\$0.8) million, respectively.

The increase in the change in unrealized appreciation for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 was due primarily to general tightening of market interest rate spreads. The increase in the change in unrealized appreciation for the three months ended June 30, 2016 was due to general tightening of market interest rate spreads. The increase in the change in unrealized depreciation for the six months ended June 30, 2016 was due primarily to additional depreciation on our one non-accrual loan and additional depreciation due to general widening of market interest rate spreads.

*Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations*

For the three months ended June 30, 2017, net increase in net assets resulting from operations totaled \$6.0 million, or \$0.39 per common share (based on 15,347,814 weighted-average common shares outstanding at June 30, 2017).

For the three months ended June 30, 2016, net increase in net assets resulting from operations totaled \$5.0 million, or \$0.41 per common share (based on 12,479,959 weighted-average common shares outstanding at June 30, 2016).

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For the six months ended June 30, 2017, net increase in net assets resulting from operations totaled \$12.1 million, or \$0.87 per common share (based on 13,921,808 weighted-average common shares outstanding at June 30, 2017).

For the six months ended June 30, 2016, net increase in net assets resulting from operations totaled \$7.6 million, or \$0.61 per common share (based on 12,479,959 weighted-average common shares outstanding at June 30, 2016).

The increase in net assets resulting from operations was primarily the result of (i) an increase in net investment income and (ii) an increase in the net change in unrealized appreciation of investments.

### **Financial condition, liquidity and capital resources**

#### ***Cash Flows from Operating and Financing Activities***

Our operating activities provided net cash of \$40.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017, primarily in connection with the repayment of our investments, some of which was offset by the purchase and origination of new portfolio investments. Our financing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2017 used cash of \$43.1 million due to distributions to stockholders and net repayments of our Credit Facility during the period some of which offset by net proceeds from the issuance of common stock.

Our operating activities provided cash of \$7.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016, primarily in connection with cash interest received and repayments of our investments, which was offset by the purchase and origination of portfolio investments. Our financing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2016 used cash of \$8.0 million due to distributions to stockholders during the period.

#### ***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

Our liquidity and capital resources are derived from the Credit Facility, SBA-guaranteed debentures, the offering of securities and cash flows from operations, including investment sales and repayments, and income earned. Our primary use of funds from operations includes investments in portfolio companies and other operating expenses we incur, as well as the payment of dividends to the holders of our common stock. A proposal, approved by our stockholders at our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, authorizes us to sell shares equal to up to 25% of our outstanding common stock below the then current net asset value per share in one or more offerings. This offer will expire in 2018 on the one year anniversary of our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. We would need similar future approval from our stockholders to issue shares below the then current net asset value per share any time after the expiration of the current approval. We may use, and expect to continue to use, these capital resources as well as

proceeds from turnover within our investment portfolio and from public and private offerings of securities to finance our investment activities.

Although we expect to fund the growth of our investment portfolio through the net proceeds from future public and private equity offerings and issuances of senior securities or future borrowings to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, our plans to raise capital may not be successful. In this regard, if our common stock trades at a price below our then-current net asset value per share, we may be limited in our ability to raise equity capital given that we cannot sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share unless our stockholders approve such a sale and our board of directors makes certain determinations in connection therewith. In addition, we intend to distribute between 90% and 100% of our taxable income to our stockholders in order to satisfy the requirements applicable to RICs under Subchapter M of the Code. Consequently, we may not have the funds or the ability to fund new investments, to make additional investments in our portfolio companies, to fund our unfunded commitments to portfolio companies or to repay borrowings. In addition, the illiquidity of our portfolio investments may make it difficult for us to sell these investments when desired and, if we are required to sell these investments, we may realize significantly less than their recorded value.

Also, as a BDC, we generally are required to meet a coverage ratio of total assets, less liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, to total senior securities, which include all of our borrowings and any outstanding preferred stock, of at least 200%. This requirement limits the amount that we may borrow. We have received exemptive relief from the SEC to permit us to exclude the debt of our SBIC subsidiary guaranteed by the SBA from the definition of senior securities in the 200% asset coverage test under the 1940 Act. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, our asset coverage ratio was 438% and 221%, respectively. At all times during the six months ended June 30, 2017 and year ended December 31, 2016, we were in compliance with the asset coverage requirements. The amount of leverage that we employ will depend on our assessment of market conditions and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing, such as the maturity, covenant package and rate structure of the proposed borrowings, our ability to raise funds through the issuance of shares of our common stock and the risks of such borrowings within the context of our investment outlook. Ultimately, we only intend to use leverage if the expected returns from borrowing to make investments will exceed the cost of such borrowing. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$7.0 million and \$9.2 million, respectively.

### *Credit Facility*

On November 7, 2012, the Company entered into a revolving credit facility (the "Credit Facility") with various lenders. SunTrust Bank, one of the lenders, serves as administrative agent under the Credit Facility. The Credit Facility, as amended on November 21, 2014 and August 31, 2016, provides for borrowings in an aggregate amount of \$120.0 million on a committed basis with an accordion feature that allows the Company to increase the aggregate commitments up to \$195.0 million, subject to new or existing lenders agreeing to participate in the increase and other customary conditions. There can be no assurances that existing lenders will agree to such an increase, or that additional lenders will join the Credit Facility to increase available borrowings.

Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest, subject to the Company's election, on a per annum basis equal to (i) LIBOR plus 2.625% with no LIBOR floor or (ii) 1.625% plus an alternate base rate based on the highest of the Prime

Rate, Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5% or one month LIBOR plus 1.0%. The Company pays unused commitment fees of 0.50% per annum on the unused lender commitments under the Credit Facility. Interest is payable quarterly in arrears. Any amounts borrowed under the Credit Facility will mature, and all accrued and unpaid interest thereunder will be due and payable, on October 1, 2018.

The Company's obligations to the lenders are secured by a first priority security interest in its portfolio of securities and cash not held at the SBIC subsidiary, but excluding short term investments. The Credit Facility contains certain affirmative and negative covenants, including but not limited to: (i) maintaining a minimum liquidity test of at least 85% of adjusted borrowing base, (ii) maintaining an asset coverage ratio of at least 2.0 to 1.0, and (iii) maintaining a minimum shareholder's equity. As of June 30, 2017, the Company was in compliance with these covenants. Additionally, the Credit Facility requires that the Company meet certain conditions in connection with incurring additional indebtedness under the Credit Facility, including that the Company have a minimum asset coverage ratio of 2.20 to 1.0 immediately after giving effect to such borrowing. As of June 30, 2017, the Company's asset coverage ratio was 4.38 to 1.0. As of June 30, 2017, these conditions were met.

As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the outstanding balance under the Credit Facility was \$39.0 million and \$116.0 million, respectively. The carrying amount of the amount outstanding under the Credit Facility approximates its fair value. The Company incurred total costs of \$3.1 million in connection with obtaining, amending, and maintaining the Credit Facility, which are being amortized over the life of the Credit Facility. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, \$0.6 million and \$0.8 million of such prepaid loan structure fees and administration fees had yet to be amortized, respectively. These prepaid loan fees are presented on our consolidated statement of assets and liabilities as a deduction from the debt liability attributable to the Credit Facility as required by ASU No. 2015-3. See Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements for further discussion.

For the three months ended June 30, 2017, the weighted average effective interest rate under the Credit Facility was approximately 3.7% (approximately 5.1% including commitment fees and other loan fees). Interest is paid quarterly in arrears. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the Credit Facility of \$0.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017, of which \$0.5 million was interest expense, \$0.1 million was amortization of loan fees paid on the Credit Facility, and the remainder related to commitment fees on the unused portion of the Credit Facility and loan administration fees. The Company paid \$0.7 million in interest expense and unused commitment fees for the three months ended June 30, 2017. The average borrowings under the Credit Facility for the three months ended June 30, 2017 were \$58.6 million.

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, the weighted average effective interest rate under the Credit Facility was approximately 3.6% (approximately 4.4% including commitment fees and other loan fees). Interest is paid quarterly in arrears. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the Credit Facility of \$1.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017, of which \$1.4 million was interest expense, \$0.2 million was amortization of loan fees paid on the Credit Facility, and the remainder related to commitment fees on the unused portion of the Credit Facility and loan administration fees. The Company paid \$1.6 million in interest expense and unused commitment fees for the six months ended June 30, 2017. The average borrowings under the Credit Facility for the six months ended June 30, 2017 were \$81.6 million.

For the three months ended June 30, 2016, the weighted average effective interest rate under the Credit Facility was approximately 3.1% (approximately 3.7% including commitment and other loan fees). Interest is paid quarterly in arrears. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the Credit Facility of \$1.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2016, of which \$0.8 million was interest expense, \$0.1 million was amortization of loan fees paid on the Credit Facility, and the remainder related to commitment fees on the unused portion of the Credit Facility and loan administration fees. The Company paid \$0.9 million in interest expense and unused commitment fees for the three months ended June 30, 2016. The average borrowings under the Credit Facility for the three months ended June 30, 2016 were \$106.6 million.

For the six months ended June 30, 2016, the weighted average effective interest rate under the Credit Facility was approximately 3.1% (approximately 3.7% including commitment and other loan fees). Interest is paid quarterly in arrears. The Company recorded interest and fee expense of \$2.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016, of

which \$1.7 million was interest expense, \$0.2 million was amortization of loan fees paid on the Credit Facility, and the remainder related to commitment fees on the unused portion of the Credit Facility and loan administration fees. The Company paid \$1.7 million in interest expense and unused commitment fees for the six months ended June 30, 2016. The average borrowings under the Credit Facility for the six months ended June 30, 2016 were \$108.0 million.

### *Notes*

On May 5, 2014, the Company closed a public offering of \$25.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.50% notes (the "Notes"). The Notes mature on April 30, 2019, and may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after April 30, 2016. The Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.50% per year payable quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15, of each year. The net proceeds to the Company from the sale of the Notes, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, were approximately \$24.1 million. The Company used all of the net proceeds from this offering to repay a portion of the amount outstanding under the Credit Facility. On both June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the carrying amount of the Notes was approximately \$25.0 million and the fair value of the Notes was approximately \$26.0 million and \$25.2 million, respectively. The Notes are listed on New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "SCQ". The fair value of the Notes is based on the closing price of the security, which is a Level 2 input under ASC 820 due to sufficient trading volume.

In connection with the issuance of the Notes, we incurred \$0.9 million of fees which are being amortized over the term of the Notes, of which \$0.3 million remains to be amortized. These financing costs are presented on the consolidated statement of assets and liabilities as a deduction from the debt liability as required by ASU No. 2015-3.

For the three months ended June 30, 2017, the Company incurred interest and fee expense on the Notes of \$0.5 million, of which \$0.4 million was interest expense and the remainder was amortization of loan fees paid on the Notes and administration fees. The Company paid \$0.4 million in interest expense on the Notes during the period.

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, the Company incurred interest and fee expense on the Notes of \$0.9 million, of which \$0.8 million was interest expense and the remainder was amortization of loan fees paid on the Notes and administration fees. The Company paid \$0.8 million in interest expense on the Notes during the period.

For the three months ended June 30, 2016, the Company incurred interest and fee expense on the Notes of \$0.5 million, of which \$0.4 million was interest expense and the remainder was amortization of loan fees paid on the Notes and administration fees. The Company paid \$0.4 million in interest expense on the Notes during the period.

For the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company incurred interest and fee expense on the Notes of \$0.9 million, of which \$0.8 million was interest expense and the remainder was amortization of loan fees paid on the Notes and administration fees. The Company paid \$0.8 million in interest expense on the Notes during the period.

The indenture and supplements thereto relating to the Notes contain certain covenants, including but not limited to (i) a requirement that the Company comply with the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act or any successor provisions, and (ii) a requirement to provide financial information to the holders of the notes and the trustee under the indenture if the Company should no longer be subject to the reporting requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

### ***SBA-Guaranteed Debentures***

Due to the SBIC subsidiary's status as a licensed SBIC, we have the ability to issue debentures guaranteed by the SBA at favorable interest rates. Under the regulations applicable to SBIC funds, an SBIC can have outstanding debentures guaranteed by the SBA subject to a regulatory leverage limit, up to two times the amount of regulatory capital. As of both June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the SBIC subsidiary had \$38.0 million in regulatory capital, as such term is defined by the SBA.

As a BDC, we are only allowed to employ leverage to the extent that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% after giving effect to such leverage. The amount of leverage that we employ at any time depends on our assessment of the market and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing.



On August 12, 2014, we obtained exemptive relief from the SEC to permit us to exclude the debt of the SBIC subsidiary guaranteed by the SBA from our 200% asset coverage test under the 1940 Act. The exemptive relief provides us with increased flexibility under the 200% asset coverage test by permitting us to borrow up to \$65 million more than we would otherwise be able to absent the receipt of this exemptive relief.

On a stand-alone basis, the SBIC subsidiary held \$108.3 million and \$104.6 million in assets at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, which accounted for approximately 31.0% and 27.5% of our total consolidated assets, respectively.

Debentures guaranteed by the SBA have fixed interest rates that equal prevailing 10-year Treasury Note rates plus a market spread and have a maturity of ten years with interest payable semi-annually. The principal amount of the debentures is not required to be paid before maturity, but may be pre-paid at any time with no prepayment penalty. As of both June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the SBIC subsidiary had \$65.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures (the "SBA Debentures") outstanding, which mature ten years from issuance. The first maturity related to the SBA Debentures does not occur until 2025, and the remaining weighted average duration of all of our outstanding SBA Debentures is approximately 8.4 years as of June 30, 2017.

As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the carrying amount of the SBA Debentures approximated their fair value. The fair values of the SBA Debentures are determined in accordance with ASC 820, which defines fair value in terms of the price that would be paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions. The fair value of the SBA Debentures are estimated based upon market interest rates for our own borrowings or entities with similar credit risk, adjusted for nonperformance risk, if any. At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 the SBA Debentures would be deemed to be Level 3, as defined in Note 6 to our consolidated financial statements.

As of June 30, 2017, the Company has incurred \$2.2 million in financing costs related to the SBA Debentures. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, \$1.5 million and \$1.7 million of prepaid financing costs had yet to be amortized, respectively. These prepaid loan fees are presented on our consolidated statement of assets and liabilities as a deduction from the debt liability as required by ASU No. 2015-3.

For the three months ended June 30, 2017, the weighted average effective interest rate for the SBA Debentures was approximately 3.1% (approximately 3.6% including loan fees). Interest is paid semi-annually. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the SBA Debentures of \$0.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017, of which \$0.5 million was interest expense, and the remainder was amortization of loan fees. The Company paid no interest expense during the three months ended June 30, 2017. The average borrowings of SBA Debentures for the three months ended June 30, 2017 were \$65.0 million.

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, the weighted average effective interest rate for the SBA Debentures was approximately 3.1% (approximately 3.6% including loan fees). Interest is paid semi-annually. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the SBA Debentures of \$1.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017, of which \$1.0 million was interest expense, and the remainder was amortization of loan fees. The Company paid \$1.0 million of interest expense during the six months ended June 30, 2017. The average borrowings of SBA Debentures for the three months ended June 30, 2017 were \$65.0 million.

For the three months ended June 30, 2016, the weighted average effective interest rate for the SBA Debentures was approximately 3.1% (approximately 3.6% including loan fees). Interest is paid semi-annually. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the SBA Debentures of \$0.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016, of which \$0.5 million was interest expense, and the remainder was amortization of loan fees. The Company paid no interest expense for the six months ended June 30, 2016. The average borrowings of SBA Debentures for the six months ended June 30, 2016 were \$65.0 million.

For the six months ended June 30, 2016, the weighted average effective interest rate for the SBA Debentures was approximately 2.7% (approximately 3.2% including loan fees). Interest is paid semi-annually. The Company recorded interest and fee expense on the SBA Debentures of \$1.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016, of which \$0.9 million was interest expense, and the remainder was amortization of loan fees. The Company paid \$0.6 million of interest expense for the six months ended June 30, 2016. The average borrowings of SBA Debentures for the six months ended June 30, 2016 were \$65.0 million.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We may be a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financial needs of our portfolio companies. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, our off-balance sheet arrangements consisted of unfunded commitments to provide debt financing to three and two of our portfolio companies respectively totaling \$2.4 million and \$1.9 million, respectively. The Company maintains sufficient liquidity to fund such unfunded loan commitments (through cash on hand and available borrowings under the Credit Facility) should the need arise.

### **Regulated Investment Company Status and Dividends**

We have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. So long as we maintain our status as a RIC, we will not be taxed on our investment company taxable income or realized net capital gains, to the extent that such taxable income or gains are distributed, or deemed to be distributed, to stockholders on a timely basis.

Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation until realized. Dividends declared and paid by us in a year may differ from taxable income for that year as such dividends may include the distribution of current year taxable income or the distribution of prior year taxable income carried forward into and distributed in the current year. Distributions also may include returns of capital.

To qualify for RIC tax treatment, we must, among other things, distribute, with respect to each taxable year, at least 90% of our investment company net taxable income (i.e., our net ordinary income and our realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any). If we maintain our qualification as a RIC, we must also satisfy certain distribution requirements each calendar year in order to avoid a federal excise tax on or undistributed earnings of a RIC.

We intend to distribute to our stockholders between 90% and 100% of our annual taxable income (which includes our taxable interest and fee income). However, the covenants contained in the Credit Facility may prohibit us from making distributions to our stockholders, and, as a result, could hinder our ability to satisfy the distribution requirement. In addition, we may retain for investment some or all of our net taxable capital gains (i.e., realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses) and treat such amounts as deemed distributions to our stockholders. If we do this, our stockholders will be treated as if they received actual distributions of the capital gains we retained and then reinvested the net after-tax proceeds in our common stock. Our stockholders also may be eligible to claim tax credits (or, in certain circumstances, tax refunds) equal to their allocable share of the tax we paid on the capital gains deemed distributed to them. To the extent our taxable earnings for a fiscal taxable year fall below the total amount of our dividends for that fiscal year, a portion of those dividend distributions may be deemed a return of capital to our stockholders.

We may not be able to achieve operating results that will allow us to make distributions at a specific level or to increase the amount of these distributions from time to time. In addition, we may be limited in our ability to make distributions due to the asset coverage test for borrowings applicable to us as a business development company under the 1940 Act and due to provisions in Credit Facility. We cannot assure stockholders that they will receive any distributions or distributions at a particular level.

In accordance with certain applicable Treasury regulations and private letter rulings issued by the Internal Revenue Service, a RIC may treat a distribution of its own stock as fulfilling its RIC distribution requirements if each stockholder may elect to receive his or her entire distribution in either cash or stock of the RIC, subject to a limitation that the aggregate amount of cash to be distributed to all stockholders must be at least 20% of the aggregate declared distribution. If too many stockholders elect to receive cash, each stockholder electing to receive cash must receive a pro rata amount of cash (with the balance of the distribution paid in stock). In no event will any stockholder, electing to receive cash, receive less than 20% of his or her entire distribution in cash. If these and certain other requirements are met, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the amount of the dividend paid in stock will be equal to the amount of cash that could have been received instead of stock. We have no current intention of paying dividends in shares of our stock in accordance with these Treasury regulations or private letter rulings.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements contained herein for a description of recent accounting pronouncements, if any, including the expected dates of adoption and the anticipated impact on the financial statements.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

See Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements contained herein for a description of critical accounting policies.

### ***Subsequent Events***

### ***Investment Portfolio***

On July 3, 2017, the Company invested an additional \$0.06 million in the equity of Apex Environmental Resources Holdings LLC.

On July 7, 2017, the Company received full repayment on the second lien term loan of Atkins Nutritionals Holdings II, Inc. for proceeds of \$8.0 million.

On July 14, 2017, the Company received full repayment on the unsecured term loan of OG Systems LLC for proceeds of \$4.0 million.

On July 26, 2017, the Company invested \$22.5 million in the first lien term loan of Resolute Industrial, LLC, a provider of water and air-cooled services and manufacturer. We also committed to fund a \$2.5 million revolver and a \$5.75 million delayed draw term loan. Additionally, the Company invested \$0.75 million in the equity of the company.

### ***SBIC Subsidiary***

On July, 25, 2017, the Company contributed additional equity of \$20.5 million to the SBIC subsidiary, bringing total regulatory capital contributed to \$58.5 million.



***Credit Facility***

The outstanding balance under the Credit Facility as of August 3, 2017 was \$51.5 million.

***Dividend Declared***

On July 7, 2017, the Company's board of directors declared a regular monthly dividend for each of July 2017, August 2017 and September 2017 as follows:

<b>Declared</b>	<b>Ex-Dividend Date</b>	<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Amount per Share</b>
7/7/2017	7/27/2017	7/31/2017	8/15/2017	\$ 0.1133
7/7/2017	8/29/2017	8/31/2017	9/15/2017	\$ 0.1133
7/7/2017	9/28/2017	9/29/2017	10/13/2017	\$ 0.1133

On July 10, 2017, the New York Stock Exchange announced a change beginning with record date September 7, 2017, going forward. Ex-dividend dates were changed from two to one business day prior to the record date. Based on this change, the correct ex-dividend date for 9/29/2017 record date is 9/28/2017, instead of 9/27/2017 as reported in the Company's July 10, 2017 press release.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We are subject to financial market risks, including changes in interest rates. For the quarters ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, 69% and 78% of the loans in our portfolio bore interest at floating rates, respectively. For the quarter ended, 2017, 69% loans in our portfolio have interest rate floors, which have effectively converted the loans to fixed rate loans in the current interest rate environment. In the future, we expect other loans in our portfolio will have floating rates. Assuming that the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of June 30, 2017, were to remain constant and no actions were taken to alter the existing interest rate sensitivity, a hypothetical one percent increase in LIBOR would increase our net income approximately \$489 thousand, due to the current floors in place. A hypothetical decrease in LIBOR would decrease our net income by \$157 thousand. Although we believe that this measure is indicative of our sensitivity to interest rate changes, it does not adjust for potential changes in credit quality, size and composition of the assets on the balance sheet and other business developments that could affect net increase in net assets resulting from operations, or net income. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that actual results would not differ materially from the potential outcome simulated by this estimate. We may hedge against interest rate fluctuations by using standard hedging instruments such as futures, options and forward contracts subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act. While hedging activities may insulate us against adverse changes in interest rates, they may also limit our ability to participate in the benefits of lower interest rates with respect to our portfolio of investments. For the quarters ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, we did not engage in hedging activities.

Changes in interest rates will affect our cost of funding. Our interest expense will be affected by changes in the published LIBOR rate in connection with the Credit Facility. As of June 30, 2017, we had not entered into any interest rate hedging arrangements. At June 30, 2017, based on our applicable levels of our Credit Facility, a 1% increase in interest rates would have decreased our net investment income by approximately \$147 thousand for the quarter ended June 30, 2017.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

##### ***(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

The Company's management, under the supervision and with the participation of various members of management, including its Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) or Rule 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, the Company's CEO and CFO have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

##### ***(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

The Company's management did not identify any change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended June 30, 2017 that has materially affected, or is reasonable likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.



## **PART II — OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

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

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Other than as listed below and those described under Item 1A - Risk Factors in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017, there have been no other material changes in the information provided under the heading "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K as of December 31, 2016. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial may materially affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

***Our investments in software companies are subject to many risks, including regulatory concerns, litigation risks and intense competition.***

As of June 30, 2017, our investments in software companies represented 10.92% of our total portfolio, at fair value. Our investments in software companies are subject to substantial risks. For example, our portfolio companies face intense competition since their businesses are rapidly evolving and intensely competitive, and are subject to changing technology, shifting user needs, and frequent introductions of new products and services. Software companies have many competitors in different industries, including general purpose search engines, vertical search engines and e-commerce sites, social networking sites, traditional media companies, and providers of online products and services. Potential competitors to our portfolio companies in the software industries range from large and established companies to emerging start-ups. Further, such companies are subject to laws that were adopted prior to the advent of the Internet and related technologies and, as a result, do not contemplate or address the unique issues of the Internet and related technologies. The laws that do reference the Internet are being interpreted by the courts, but their applicability and scope remain uncertain. For example, the laws relating to the liability of providers of online services are currently unsettled both within the United States, and abroad. Claims have been threatened and filed under both U.S. and foreign laws for defamation, invasion of privacy and other tort claims, unlawful activity, copyright and trademark infringement, or other theories based on the nature and content of the materials searched and the ads posted by a company's users, a company's products and services, or content generated by a company's users. Further, the growth of software companies into a variety of new fields implicate a variety of new regulatory issues and may subject such companies to increased regulatory scrutiny, particularly in the United States and Europe. As a result, these portfolio company investments face considerable risk. This could, in turn, materially adversely affect the value

of the software companies in our portfolio.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

None.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

Not applicable.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Other Information**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report or hereby incorporated by reference to exhibits previously filed with the SEC:

- 31.1\* Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 31.2\* Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 32.1\* Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2\* Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

\*Filed herewith

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**STELLUS CAPITAL INVESTMENT  
CORPORATION**

Dated: August 3, 2017

By: /s/ Robert T. Ladd

**Name:** Robert T. Ladd

**Title:** Chief Executive Officer and President

By: /s/ W. Todd Huskinson

**Name:** W. Todd Huskinson

**Title:** Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
31.1	Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14 (a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
31.2	Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14 (a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
32.1	Chief Executive Officer Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
32.2	Chief Financial Officer Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*

\* Filed herewith.