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Prospect Capital InterNotes®
6.900% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "Notes")

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CUSIP Number	ISIN Number	Principal Amount	Selling Price	Gross Concession	Net Proceeds	Coupon Type	Coupon Rate	Coupon Frequency	Maturity Date	1 st Coupon Date	1 st Coupon Amount	Survivor Option	Product Ranking
74349BAB6	US74349BAB62	\$1,465,000.00	100.000%	2.200%	\$1,432,770.00	Fixed	6.900%	Semi-Annual	03/15/2022	09/15/2012	\$35.84	Yes	Senior Unsecured Notes

Redemption Information: Callable at 100.000% on 03/15/2013 and every coupon date thereafter.

Trade Date: Monday, March 5, 2012 @ 12:00 PM ET
Settle Date: Thursday, March 8, 2012
Minimum Denomination/Increments: \$1,000.00/\$1,000.00
Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book Entry only

The Notes will be issued pursuant to the Indenture, dated as of February 16, 2012, as supplemented by that certain Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 8, 2012.

The date from which interest shall accrue on the Notes is Thursday, March 8, 2012. The "Interest Payment Dates" for the Notes shall be March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing September 15, 2012; the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date, will be paid to the Person in whose name the Note (or one or more predecessor Notes) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date (as defined in the Indenture) for such interest, which shall be March 1 or September 1, as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date.

The Notes will be redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time, at the option of Prospect Capital Corporation, on or after March 15, 2013 (the "Optional Redemption Date"), at a redemption price of \$1,000 per Note plus accrued and unpaid interest payments otherwise payable for the then-current quarterly interest period accrued to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption and upon not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior notice to the noteholder and the trustee, as described in the prospectus.

Prospect Capital Corporation is a financial services company that lends to and invests in middle market, privately-held companies. We are organized as an externally-managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Prospect Capital Management LLC manages our investments and Prospect Administration LLC provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

Recent Developments. On February 22, 2012, we priced a public stock offering for 12,000,000 shares of our common stock at \$10.95 per share (or \$10.82 per share net proceeds excluding expenses), raising \$129.84 million of gross proceeds. The offering is expected to close on February 28, 2012, subject to customary closing conditions.

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This pricing supplement relates only to the securities described in the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus, is only a summary of changes and should be read together with the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus, including among other things the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-7 of such prospectus supplement and page 10 of such prospectus. This pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus contain important information you should know before investing in our securities. Please read it before you invest and keep it for future reference. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information about us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the "SEC." This information is available free of charge by contacting us at 10 East 40th Street, 44th Floor, New York, NY 10016 or by telephone at (212) 448-0702. The SEC maintains a website at www.sec.gov where such information is available without charge upon written or oral request. Our internet website address is www.prospectstreet.com. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To Prospectus dated October 21, 2011)

Prospect Capital Corporation

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We may offer to sell our Prospect Capital InterNotes® from time to time. The specific terms of the notes will be set prior to the time of sale and described in a pricing supplement. You should read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the applicable pricing supplement carefully before you invest. We may offer other debt securities from time to time other than the notes under our Registration Statement or in private placements.

We may offer the notes to or through agents for resale. The applicable pricing supplement will specify the purchase price, agent discounts and net proceeds of any particular offering of notes. The agents are not required to sell any specific amount of notes but will use their reasonable best efforts to sell the notes. We also may offer the notes directly. We have not set a date for termination of our offering.

The agents have advised us that from time to time they may purchase and sell notes in the secondary market, but they are not obligated to make a market in the notes and may suspend or completely stop that activity at any time. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, we do not intend to list the notes on any stock exchange.

Investing in the notes involves certain risks, including those described in the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement and page 10 of the accompanying prospectus.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain important information you should know before investing in our securities. Please read it before you invest and keep it for future reference. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information about us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the "SEC." This information is available free of charge by contacting us at 10 East 40th Street, 44th Floor, New York, NY 10016 or by telephone at (212) 448-0702. The SEC maintains a website at www.sec.gov where such information is available without charge upon written or oral request. Our internet website address is www.prospectstreet.com. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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We may sell the notes to or through one or more agents or dealers, including the agent listed below.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the "Exchange Act," which involve substantial risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements predict or describe our future operations, business plans, business and investment strategies and portfolio management and the performance of our investments and our investment management business. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but rather are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, our beliefs, and our assumptions. Words such as "intends," "intend," "intended," "goal," "estimate," "estimates," "expects," "expect," "expected," "project," "projected," "projections," "plans," "seeks," "anticipates," "anticipated," "should," "could," "may," "will," "designed to," "foreseeable future," "believe," "believes" and "scheduled" and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Our actual results or outcomes may differ materially from those anticipated. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statement was made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors, some of which are beyond our control and difficult to predict and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in the forward-looking statements, including without limitation:

our future operating results,

our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies,

the impact of investments that we expect to make,

our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties,

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

the ability of our portfolio companies to achieve their objectives,

difficulty in obtaining financing or raising capital, especially in the current credit and equity environment,

the level and volatility of prevailing interest rates and credit spreads, magnified by the current turmoil in the credit markets,

adverse developments in the availability of desirable loan and investment opportunities whether they are due to competition, regulation or otherwise,

a compression of the yield on our investments and the cost of our liabilities, as well as the level of leverage available to us,

our regulatory structure and tax treatment, including our ability to operate as a business development company and a regulated investment company,

the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital,

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

the ability of our investment adviser to locate suitable investments for us and to monitor and administer our investments,

authoritative generally accepted accounting principles or policy changes from such standard-setting bodies as the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the SEC, Internal Revenue Service,

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the NASDAQ Global Select Market, and other authorities that we are subject to, as well as their counterparts in any foreign jurisdictions where we might do business, and

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

Although we believe that the assumptions on which these forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of those assumptions could prove to be inaccurate, and as a result, the forward-looking statements based on those assumptions also could be inaccurate. Important assumptions include our ability to originate new loans and investments, ability to obtain certain margins and levels of profitability and the availability of additional capital. In light of these and other uncertainties, the inclusion of a projection or forward-looking statement in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, respectively, should not be regarded as a representation by us that our plans and objectives will be achieved. These risks and uncertainties include those described or identified in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, respectively. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, as applicable. These forward-looking statements do not meet the safe harbor for forward-looking statements pursuant to Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the "Securities Act."

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement, including any pricing supplement included hereto, and the accompanying prospectus. We have not, and the agent(s) or dealer(s) has not, authorized any other person to provide you with information that is different from that contained in this prospectus supplement, including any pricing supplement included hereto, or the accompanying prospectus. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the agents are not, making an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, including any pricing supplement included hereto, and the accompanying prospectus is accurate only as of their respective dates and we assume no obligation to update any such information. Our business, financial condition and results of operations may have changed since those dates. Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures that we any make directly to you or through reports that we have filed with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

This prospectus supplement, including any pricing supplement included hereto, supersedes the accompanying prospectus to the extent it contains information that is different from or in addition to the information in that prospectus.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This section summarizes the legal and financial terms of the notes that are described in more detail in "Description of Notes" beginning on page S-40. Final terms of any particular notes will be determined at the time of sale and will be contained in the pricing supplement, which will be included with this prospectus supplement, relating to those notes. The terms in that pricing supplement may vary from and supersede the terms contained in this summary and in "Description of Notes." In addition, you should read the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and in that pricing supplement.

The terms "we," "us," "our" and "Company" refer to Prospect Capital Corporation; "Prospect Capital Management," "Investment Advisor" and "PCM" refer to Prospect Capital Management LLC; and "Prospect Administration" and the "Administrator" refer to Prospect Administration LLC.

The Company

Prospect Capital Corporation is a financial services company that primarily lends to and invests in middle market privately-held companies. We are a closed-end investment company that has filed an election to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the "1940 Act." We invest primarily in senior and subordinated debt and equity of companies in need of capital for acquisitions, divestitures, growth, development and recapitalization. We work with the management teams or financial sponsors to seek investments with historical cash flows, asset collateral or contracted pro-forma cash flows.

Typically, we concentrate on making investments in companies with annual revenues of less than \$500 million and enterprise values of less than \$250 million. Our typical investment involves a secured loan of less than \$50 million with some form of equity participation. From time to time, we acquire controlling interests in companies in conjunction with making secured debt investments in such companies. In most cases, companies in which we invest are privately held at the time we invest in them. We refer to these companies as "target" or "middle market" companies and these investments as "middle market investments."

We seek to maximize total returns to our investors, including both current yield and equity upside, by applying rigorous credit analysis and asset-based and cash-flow based lending techniques to make and monitor our investments. Many of our investments to date have been in energy-related industries. We have made no investments to date in the real estate or mortgage industries, and we do not intend currently to focus on such investments.

We are currently pursuing multiple investment opportunities, including purchases of portfolios from private and public companies, as well as originations and secondary purchases of particular securities. We also regularly evaluate control investment opportunities in a range of industries, some of these investments could be material to us. There can be no assurance that we will successfully consummate any investment opportunity we are currently pursuing. If any of these opportunities are consummated, there can be no assurance that investors will share our view of valuation or that any assets acquired will not be subject to future write downs, each of which could have an adverse effect on our stock price.

As of December 31, 2011, we held investments in 75 portfolio companies. The aggregate fair value as of December 31, 2011 of investments in these portfolio companies held on that date is approximately \$1.717 billion. Our portfolio across all our long-term debt had an annualized current yield of 12.2% as of December 31, 2011. The yield includes interest as well as dividends.

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Recent Developments

Dividends

On February 6, 2012, we announced the declaration of monthly dividends in the following amounts and with the following dates:

\$0.101450 per share for February 2012 to holders of record on February 29, 2012 with a payment date of March 23, 2012;

\$0.101475 per share for March 2012 to holders of record on March 30, 2012 with a payment date of April 20, 2012; and

\$0.101500 per share for April 2012 to holders of record on April 30, 2012 with a payment date of May 24, 2012.

Recent Investment Activity

On January 4, 2012, Energy Solutions Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Gas Solutions Holdings, Inc.) ("Energy Solutions") sold its gas gathering and processing assets ("Gas Solutions") for a sale price of \$200.5 million, including a potential earnout of \$28.0 million that will be paid based on the future performance of Gas Solutions. After expenses, including structuring fees of \$9.97 million paid to us, Energy Solutions received approximately \$148.69 million in cash and an additional \$10.0 million is being held in escrow. Currently, our loans to Energy Solutions remain outstanding and are collateralized by the cash held by Energy Solutions as a result of the sale transaction. The accounting for the sale of Gas Solutions has yet to be finalized, but will not result in any dividend income or realized gain recognition by us until cash payments are received from Energy Solutions.

On January 9, 2012, Arrowhead General Insurance Agency, Inc. repaid the \$27.0 million loan receivable to us.

On January 12, 2012, we made a follow-on investment of \$16.5 million to purchase 86.8% of the Class D Notes in CIFC Funding 2011-I, Ltd.

On January 17, 2012, we provided \$18.33 million of secured second-lien financing to a financial services processing company purchased by a leading private equity sponsor.

On January 31, 2012, Aircraft Fasteners International, LLC repaid the \$7.44 million loan receivable to us.

On February 2, 2012, NRG Manufacturing Inc. ("NRG") was sold to an outside buyer for \$123.26 million. In conjunction with the sale, the \$37.22 million loan that was outstanding was repaid. We also received a \$26.94 million make-whole fee for early repayment of the outstanding loan, which will be recorded as interest income in the quarter ending March 31, 2012. Further, we received a \$3.8 million advisory fee for the transaction, which will be recorded as other income in the quarter ending March 31, 2012. After expenses, including the make whole and advisory fees discussed above, \$40.89 million was available to be distributed to stockholders. While our 408 shares of NRG common stock represented 67.1% of the ownership, we only received net proceeds of \$25.99 million as our contribution to the escrow amount was proportionately higher than the other shareholders. In connection with the sales, we will recognize a realized gain of \$24.81 million in the results for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. In total, we received proceeds of \$93.98 million at closing. In addition, there is \$11.13 million being held in escrow of which 80% is due to us upon release of the escrowed amounts. This will be recognized as additional gain when and if received.

On February 15, 2012, we provided \$25 million of secured second-lien financing to a leading provider of Web security and wide area network (WAN) optimization solutions.

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Convertible Bonds Buyback

Between January 30, 2012 and February 2, 2012, we repurchased \$4.96 million of our August 2016 convertible bonds at a price of 97.5% of par, including commissions. The transactions will result in our recognizing \$10,000 of loss in the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

Stock Issuance in Connection with Dividend Reinvestment Plan

On January 25, 2012, we issued 85,252 shares of our common stock in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan.

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The Offering

Issuer	Prospect Capital Corporation
Purchasing Agent	Incapital LLC
Agents	From time to time, we may sell the notes to or through additional agents.
Title of Notes	Prospect Capital InterNotes®
Amount	We may issue notes from time to time in various offerings up to \$500,000,000, the aggregate principal amount authorized by our board of directors. There are no limitations on our ability to issue additional indebtedness in the form of InterNotes or otherwise other than under the 1940 Act.
Denominations	The notes will be issued and sold in denominations of \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000 (unless otherwise stated in the pricing supplement).
Status	The notes will be our direct unsecured senior obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured senior indebtedness from time to time outstanding.
Maturities	Each note will mature 12 months or more from its date of original issuance.
Interest	<p>Each note will bear interest from its date of original issuance at a fixed rate per year.</p> <p>Interest on each note will be payable either monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually on each interest payment date and on the stated maturity date. Interest also will be paid on the date of redemption or repayment if a note is redeemed or repurchased prior to its stated maturity in accordance with its terms.</p> <p>Interest on the notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.</p>
Principal	The principal amount of each note will be payable on its stated maturity date at the corporate trust office of the paying agent or at any other place we may designate.
Redemption and Repayment	Unless otherwise stated in the applicable pricing supplement, a note will not be redeemable at our option or be repayable at the option of the holder prior to its stated maturity date. The notes will not be subject to any sinking fund.
Survivor's Option	Specific notes may contain a provision permitting the optional repayment of those notes prior to stated maturity, if requested by the authorized representative of the beneficial owner of those notes, following the death of the beneficial owner of the notes, so long as the notes were owned by the beneficial owner or his or her estate at least six months prior to the request. This feature is referred to as a "Survivor's Option." Your notes will not be repaid in this manner unless the pricing supplement for your notes

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provides for the Survivor's Option. The right to exercise the Survivor's Option is subject to limits set by us on (1) the permitted dollar amount of total exercises by all holders of notes in any calendar year, and (2) the permitted dollar amount of an individual exercise by a holder of a note in any calendar year. Additional details on the Survivor's Option are described in the section entitled "Description of Notes Survivor's Option" on page S-43.

Sale and Clearance

We will sell notes in the United States only. Notes will be issued in book-entry only form and will clear through The Depository Trust Company. We do not intend to issue notes in certificated form.

Trustee

The trustee for the notes is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, under an indenture dated as of February 16, 2012.

Selling Group

The agents and dealers comprising the selling group are broker-dealers and securities firms. The Purchasing Agent entered into a Selling Agent Agreement with us dated February 16, 2012. Additional agents appointed by us from time to time in connection with the offering of the notes contemplated by this prospectus supplement will become parties to the Selling Agent Agreement. Dealers who are members of the selling group have executed a Master Selected Dealer Agreement with the Purchasing Agent. The agents and the dealers have agreed to market and sell the notes in accordance with the terms of those respective agreements and all other applicable laws and regulations. You may contact the Purchasing Agent at info@incapital.com for a list of selling group members.

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You should read the condensed financial information below with the Financial Statements and Notes thereto included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Financial information below for the years ended June 30, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007 has been derived from the financial statements that were audited by our independent registered public accounting firm. The selected consolidated financial data at and for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 has been derived from unaudited financial data. Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period financial information to conform to the current period presentation. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" starting on page S-11 for more information.

	For the Three Months Ended December 31,		For the Six Months Ended December 31,		For the Year/Period Ended June 30,				
	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
(in thousands except data relating to shares, per share and number of portfolio companies)									
Performance Data:									
Interest income	\$ 45,528	\$ 27,362	\$ 87,415	\$ 56,283	\$ 134,454	\$ 86,518	\$ 62,926	\$ 59,033	\$ 30,084
Dividend income	19,637	3,371	27,187	5,565	15,092	15,366	22,793	12,033	6,153
Other income	2,098	2,567	8,003	6,664	19,930	12,675	14,762	8,336	4,444
Total investment income	67,263	33,300	122,605	68,512	169,476	114,559	100,481	79,402	40,681
Interest and credit facility expenses	(9,759)	(2,261)	(18,719)	(4,522)	(17,598)	(8,382)	(6,161)	(6,318)	(1,903)
Investment advisory expense	(17,952)	(9,672)	(33,132)	(19,197)	(46,051)	(30,727)	(26,705)	(20,199)	(11,226)
Other expenses	(3,044)	(2,287)	(6,369)	(4,718)	(11,606)	(8,260)	(8,452)	(7,772)	(4,421)
Total expenses	(30,755)	(14,220)	(58,220)	(28,437)	(75,255)	(47,369)	(41,318)	(34,289)	(17,550)
Net investment income	36,508	19,080	64,385	40,075	94,221	67,190	59,163	45,113	23,131
Realized and unrealized gains (losses)	27,984	12,860	40,007	17,445	24,017	(47,565)	(24,059)	(17,522)	(6,403)
Net increase in net assets from operations	\$ 64,492	\$ 31,940	\$ 104,392	\$ 57,520	\$ 118,238	\$ 19,625	\$ 35,104	\$ 27,591	\$ 16,728
Per Share Data:									
Net increase in net assets from operations(1)	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.73	\$ 1.38	\$ 0.33	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.06
Distributions declared per share	\$ (0.31)	\$ (0.30)	\$ (0.61)	\$ (0.60)	\$ (1.21)	\$ (1.33)	\$ (1.62)	\$ (1.59)	\$ (1.54)
Average weighted shares outstanding for the period	109,533,742	84,091,152	109,246,616	79,134,173	85,978,757	59,429,222	31,559,905	23,626,642	15,724,095
Assets and Liabilities Data:									
Investments	\$ 1,716,603	\$ 918,221	\$ 1,716,603	\$ 918,221	\$ 1,463,010	\$ 748,483	\$ 547,168	\$ 497,530	\$ 328,222
Other assets	85,619	157,874	85,619	157,874	86,307	84,212	119,857	44,248	48,280

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Total assets	1,802,222	1,076,095	1,802,222	1,076,095	1,549,317	832,695	667,025	541,778	376,502
Amount drawn on credit facility	252,000		252,000		84,200	100,300	124,800	91,167	
2010 Notes	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000				
2011 Notes	172,500		172,500		172,500				
Amount owed to related parties	18,087	10,104	18,087	10,104	7,918	9,300	6,713	6,641	4,838
Other liabilities	37,151	12,801	37,151	12,801	20,342	11,671	2,916	14,347	71,616
Total liabilities	629,738	172,905	629,738	172,905	434,960	121,271	134,429	112,155	76,454
Net assets	\$ 1,172,484	\$ 903,190	\$ 1,172,484	\$ 903,190	\$ 1,114,357	\$ 711,424	\$ 532,596	\$ 429,623	\$ 300,048

Investment

Activity Data:

No. of portfolio companies at period end	75	58	75	58	72	58	30	29(2)	24(2)
Acquisitions	\$ 154,697	\$ 140,933	\$ 377,272	\$ 281,884	\$ 953,337	\$ 364,788(3)	\$ 98,305	\$ 311,947	\$ 167,255
Sales, repayments, and other disposals	\$ 120,206	\$ 62,915	\$ 166,261	\$ 131,063	\$ 285,562	\$ 136,221	\$ 27,007	\$ 127,212	\$ 38,407
Annualized current yield at end of period for performing debt investments(4)	12.2%	15.3%	12.2%	15.3%	12.3%	16.2%	14.6%	15.5%	17.3%

- (1) Per share data is based on average weighted shares for the period.
- (2) Includes a net profits interest in Charlevoix Energy Trading LLC ("Charlevoix"), remaining after loan was paid.
- (3) Includes \$207,126 of acquired portfolio investments from Patriot Acquisition.
- (4) Excludes equity investments and non-performing loans.

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RISK FACTORS

Your investment in the notes will involve certain risks. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not describe all of those risks.

You should, in consultation with your own financial and legal advisors, carefully consider the following discussion of risks before deciding whether an investment in the notes is suitable for you. The notes will not be an appropriate investment for you if you are not knowledgeable about significant features of the notes or financial matters in general. You should not purchase the notes unless you understand, and know that you can bear, these investment risks.

Our amount of debt outstanding will increase as a result of this offering. Our current indebtedness could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations and our ability to meet our payment obligations under the notes and our other debt.

As of February 15, 2012, we and our subsidiaries had approximately \$490 million of senior indebtedness outstanding, \$172 million of which was secured indebtedness and \$318 million of which was unsecured indebtedness.

The use of debt could have significant consequences on our future operations, including:

making it more difficult for us to meet our payment and other obligations under the notes and our other outstanding debt;

resulting in an event of default if we fail to comply with the financial and other restrictive covenants contained in our debt agreements, which event of default could result in all of our debt becoming immediately due and payable;

reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund investments, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes, and limiting our ability to obtain additional financing for these purposes;

subjecting us to the risk of increased sensitivity to interest rate increases on our indebtedness with variable interest rates, including borrowings under our amended senior credit facility; and

limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, and increasing our vulnerability to, changes in our business, the industry in which we operate and the general economy.

Any of the above-listed factors could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations and our ability to meet our payment obligations under the notes and our other debt.

Our ability to meet our payment and other obligations under our debt instruments depends on our ability to generate significant cash flow in the future. This, to some extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative and regulatory factors as well as other factors that are beyond our control. We cannot assure you that our business will generate cash flow from operations, or that future borrowings will be available to us under our existing or amended senior credit facility or otherwise, in an amount sufficient to enable us to meet our payment obligations under the notes and our other debt and to fund other liquidity needs. If we are not able to generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt obligations, we may need to refinance or restructure our debt, including any notes sold, sell assets, reduce or delay capital investments, or seek to raise additional capital. If we are unable to implement one or more of these alternatives, we may not be able to meet our payment obligations under the notes and our other debt.

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The notes will be effectively subordinated to any existing and future secured indebtedness and structurally subordinated to existing and future liabilities and other indebtedness of our subsidiaries.

The notes will be our general, unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsubordinated, unsecured senior indebtedness, including without limitation, the \$150 million of 6.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2015 and the \$168 million of 5.5% Convertible Senior Notes due 2016. As a result, the notes will be effectively subordinated to our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness and structurally subordinated to any existing and future liabilities and other indebtedness of our subsidiaries. These liabilities may include indebtedness, trade payables, guarantees, lease obligations and letter of credit obligations. The notes do not restrict us or our subsidiaries from incurring indebtedness, including senior secured indebtedness in the future, nor do they limit the amount of indebtedness we can issue that is equal in right of payment to the notes. As of February 15, 2012, we had \$172 million outstanding under our credit facility. Our credit facility is secured by certain of our assets and the indebtedness thereunder is therefore effectively senior to the notes to the extent of the value of such assets.

The indenture and supplemental indentures under which the notes will be issued will contain limited protection for holders of the notes.

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

issue securities or otherwise incur additional indebtedness or other obligations, including (1) any indebtedness or other obligations that would be equal in right of payment to the notes, (2) any indebtedness or other obligations that would be secured and therefore rank effectively senior in right of payment to the notes to the extent of the values of the assets securing such debt, (3) indebtedness of ours that is guaranteed by one or more of our subsidiaries and which therefore is structurally senior to the notes and (4) securities, indebtedness or obligations issued or incurred by our subsidiaries that would be senior to our equity interests in our subsidiaries and therefore rank structurally senior to the notes with respect to the assets of our subsidiaries, in each case other than an incurrence of indebtedness or other obligation that would cause a violation of Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the 1940 Act or any successor provisions;

pay dividends on, or purchase or redeem or make any payments in respect of, capital stock or other securities ranking junior in right of payment to the notes;

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

enter into transactions with affiliates;

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

make investments; or

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

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

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Furthermore, the terms of the indenture and the notes do not protect holders of the notes in the event that we experience changes (including significant adverse changes) in our financial condition, results of operations or credit ratings, as they do not require that we or our subsidiaries adhere to any financial tests or ratios or specified levels of net worth, revenues, income, cash flow, or liquidity.

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

Certain of our current debt instruments include more protections for their holders than the indenture and the notes. See in the accompanying prospectus "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business The Notes present other risks to holders of our common stock, including the possibility that the Notes could discourage an acquisition of the Company by a third party and accounting uncertainty" and " In addition to regulatory restrictions that restrict our ability to raise capital, our credit facility contains various covenants which, if not complied with, could accelerate repayment under the facility, thereby materially and adversely affecting our liquidity, financial condition and results of operations." In addition, other debt we issue or incur in the future could contain more protections for its holders than the indenture and the notes, including additional covenants and events of default. The issuance or incurrence of any such debt with incremental protections could affect the market for and trading levels and prices of the notes.

Our credit ratings may not reflect all risks of your investment in the notes.

Our credit ratings are an assessment by rating agencies of our ability to pay our debts when due. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings will generally affect the market value of the notes and our access to the capital markets. These credit ratings may not reflect the potential impact of risks relating to structure or marketing of the notes. Agency ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, and may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the issuing organization. Each agency's rating should be evaluated independently of any other agency's rating.

We may choose to redeem notes when prevailing interest rates are relatively low.

If your notes will be redeemable at our option, we may choose to redeem your notes from time to time, especially when prevailing interest rates are lower than the rate borne by the notes. If prevailing rates are lower at the time of redemption, you would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the notes being redeemed. Our redemption right also may adversely impact your ability to sell your notes as the optional redemption date or period approaches.

Survivor's Option may be limited in amount.

We will have a discretionary right to limit the aggregate principal amount of notes subject to the Survivor's Option that may be exercised in any calendar year to an amount equal to the greater of \$2,000,000 or 2% of the outstanding principal amount of all notes outstanding as of the end of the most recent calendar year. We also have the discretionary right to limit to \$250,000 in any calendar year the aggregate principal amount of notes subject to the Survivor's Option that may be exercised in such calendar year on behalf of any individual deceased beneficial owner of notes. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that exercise of the Survivor's Option for the desired amount will be permitted in any single calendar year.

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We cannot assure that a trading market for your notes will ever develop or be maintained.

In evaluating the notes, you should assume that you will be holding the notes until their stated maturity. The notes are a new issue of securities. We cannot assure you that a trading market for your notes will ever develop, be liquid or be maintained. Many factors independent of our creditworthiness affect the trading market for and market value of your notes. Those factors include, without limitation:

the method of calculating the principal and interest for the notes;

the time remaining to the stated maturity of the notes;

the outstanding amount of the notes;

the redemption or repayment features of the notes; and

the level, direction and volatility of interest rates generally.

There may be a limited number of buyers when you decide to sell your notes. This may affect the price you receive for your notes or your ability to sell your notes at all.

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

(All figures in this section are in thousands except share, per share and other data)

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Historical results set forth are not necessarily indicative of our future financial position and results of operations.

Overview

We are a financial services company that primarily lends to and invests in middle market privately-held companies. We are a closed-end investment company that has filed an election to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the 1940 Act. We invest primarily in senior and subordinated debt and equity of companies in need of capital for acquisitions, divestitures, growth, development and recapitalization. We work with the management teams or financial sponsors to seek investments with historical cash flows, asset collateral or contracted pro-forma cash flows.

We seek to be a long-term investor with our portfolio companies. From our July 27, 2004 inception to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, we invested primarily in industries related to the industrial/energy economy. Since then, we have widened our strategy to focus in other sectors of the economy and continue to reduce our exposure to the energy industry, and our holdings in the energy and energy related industries now represent less than 13% of our investment portfolio.

The aggregate value of our portfolio investments was \$1,716,603 and \$1,463,010 as of December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, respectively. During the six months ended December 31, 2011, our net cost of investments increased by \$212,477, or 14.8%, as a result of thirteen new investments, several follow-on investments and a revolver advance of \$373,943, accrued payment-in-kind interest of \$3,329 and accretion of purchase discount of \$2,575, while we received full repayment on six investments, sold one investment, received several partial prepayments, amortization payments and a revolver repayment totaling \$166,261 and recognized a net realized loss of \$1,109. During the six months ended December 31, 2011, Deb Shops filed for bankruptcy and a plan for reorganization was proposed. The plan, which is expected to be approved by the bankruptcy court, will eliminate our debt position with no payment to us. As a result, we determined that the impairment of Deb Shops was other-than-temporary and recorded a realized loss of \$14,607 for the full amount of the amortized cost. This realized loss was primarily offset by our sale of 392 shares of NRG common stock in December 2011 for which we realized a gain of \$12,131.

Compared to the end of last fiscal year (ended June 30, 2011), net assets increased by \$58,127 or 5.2% during the six months ended December 31, 2011, from \$1,114,357 to \$1,172,484. This increase resulted from the issuance of new shares of our common stock (less offering costs) in the amount of \$14,895, dividend reinvestments of \$5,393, and another \$104,392 from operations. These increases, in turn, were offset by \$66,553 in dividend distributions to our stockholders. The \$104,392 increase in net assets resulting from operations is net of the following: net investment income of \$64,385, net realized loss on investments of \$1,109 and an increase in net assets due to changes in net unrealized appreciation of investments of \$41,116.

Second Quarter Highlights

Investment Transactions

On October 13, 2011 and October 19, 2011, we made investments of \$9,319 and \$1,358, respectively, to purchase 32.9% of the unrated subordinated notes to Apidos CLO VIII ("Apidos").

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On October 24, 2011, we made a senior secured investment of \$6,000 in Renaissance Learning, Inc. ("Renaissance"), a leading provider of technology based school improvement and student assessment programs. The second lien loan bears interest in cash at the greater of 12.0% or Libor plus 10.50% and has a final maturity on October 19, 2018.

On October 28, 2011, we made a follow-on investment of \$8,200 in Empire Today, LLC ("Empire"). The follow-on first lien note bears interest in cash at 11.375% and has a final maturity on February 1, 2017.

On October 31, 2011, IEC-Systems, LP and Advanced Rig Services, LLC ("IEC/ARS") repaid the \$20,909 loan receivable to us.

On November 4, 2011, we made a secured second lien investment of \$15,000 to support the acquisition of Injured Workers Pharmacy LLC ("IWP"), a specialty pharmacy services company, in a private equity backed transaction. The secured loan bears interest in cash at the greater of 12.0% or Libor plus 7.50% and has a final maturity on November 4, 2017.

On November 21, 2011, we received an equity distribution from the sale of our shares of Fairchild Industrial Products, Co. ("Fairchild") common and preferred stock, realizing \$1,549 of gross proceeds and a total gain of \$960 on settlement of the investment.

On December 2, 2011, we made a secured second-lien follow-on investment of \$7,500 to American Gilsonite Company ("American Gilsonite") for a dividend recapitalization. After the financing, we received a \$1,383 dividend as a result of our equity holdings in American Gilsonite. The second lien note bears interest in cash at the greater of 12.0% or Libor plus 10.0% and interest in kind of 2.5% and has a final maturity on March 10, 2016.

On December 22, 2011, we made a secured first lien investment of \$31,083 to VanDeMark Chemical, Inc. ("VanDeMark"), a specialty chemical manufacturer. The secured loan bears interest in cash at the greater of 12.2% or Libor plus 10.2% and has a final maturity on December 31, 2014.

On December 22, 2011, we made an investment of \$17,900 to purchase 13.2% of the secured Class D Notes and 86.0% of the unsecured Class E Notes in CIFIC Funding 2011-I, Ltd ("CIFIC"). The \$2,500 secured Class D Notes bear interest in cash at Libor plus 5.0% and has a final maturity date on January 19, 2023. The \$15,400 unsecured Class E Notes bear interest in cash at Libor plus 7.0% and has a final maturity on January 19, 2023.

On December 28, 2011, we made a secured first-lien follow-on investment of \$4,750 in Energy Solutions in order to facilitate the acquisition of a new vessel by Vessel Holdings LLC, a subsidiary of Freedom Marine Holdings, LLC ("Freedom Marine"). We invested \$1,250 of equity in Energy Solutions and \$3,500 of debt to Vessel Holdings LLC. The first lien note bears interest in cash at 18.0% and has a final maturity of December 12, 2016.

On December 28, 2011, we made a secured debt investment of \$10,000 to support the acquisition of Hoffmaster Group, Inc. ("Hoffmaster"). After the financing we received a repayment of the loan that was previously outstanding. The \$10,000 second lien note bears interest in cash at the greater of 11.0% or Libor plus 9.50% and has a final maturity date of January 3, 2019.

On December 28, 2011, we made a secured debt investment of \$37,218 to support the recapitalization of NRG. After the financing, we received repayment of the \$13,080 loan that was previously outstanding and a dividend of \$6,711 as a result of our equity holdings. In addition, we sold 392 shares of NRG common stock for \$13,266, realizing a gain of \$12,131. Our remaining 408 shares of NRG common stock held by us back to NRG were sold on February 2, 2012. (See *Recent Developments*.) The secured first lien note bears interest at 15.0% and has a final maturity on December 27, 2016.

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On December 29, 2011, Iron Horse Coiled Tubing, Inc. ("Iron Horse") repaid the \$11,338 loan receivable to us.

On December 30, 2011, we provided \$8,000 of senior secured debt to Hi-Tech Testing Inc. ("Hi-Tech"), a provider of non-destructive testing services to detect leaks and other defects in pipes, vessels, and related equipment for the oil and gas pipeline, chemical and paper and pulp industries. The secured note bears interest in cash at 11.0% and has a final maturity of September 26, 2016.

On December 30, 2011, we exited our investment in Mac & Massey Holdings, LLC ("Mac & Massey") and received \$10,239 for repayment of the \$9,323 loan receivable to us and monetization of our equity position, resulting in a realized gain of \$820. We recognized \$694 of accelerated purchase discount accretion in the quarter ended December 31, 2011.

Equity Issuance

On October 21, 2011, our Registration Statement on Form N-2 was declared effective by the SEC. Under this Shelf Registration Statement, we can issue up to \$750,000 of additional debt and equity securities in the public market.

On October 25, 2011, November 22, 2011 and December 22, 2011, we issued shares of our common stock in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan of 89,078, 94,213 and 90,677, respectively.

Dividend

On November 7, 2011, we announced the declaration of monthly dividends in the following amounts and with the following dates:

\$0.101375 per share for November 2011 to holders of record on November 30, 2011 with a payment date of December 22, 2011;

\$0.101400 per share for December 2011 to holders of record on December 30, 2011 with a payment date of January 25, 2012; and

\$0.101425 per share for January 2012 to holders of record on January 31, 2012 with a payment date of February 17, 2012.

Investment Holdings

As of December 31, 2011, we continue to pursue our investment strategy and continue to diversify the portfolio. In May 2007, we changed our name to "Prospect Capital Corporation" and terminated our policy to invest at least 80% of our net assets in energy companies. Since that time, we have reduced our exposure to the energy industry, and our holdings in the energy and energy related industries now represent less than 13% of our investment portfolio.

At December 31 2011, approximately \$1,716,603 or 146.4% of our net assets are invested in 75 long-term portfolio investments and 5.2% of our net assets are invested in money market funds.

During the six months ended December 31, 2011, we originated \$377,272 of new investments. Our origination efforts are focused primarily on secured lending, to reduce the risk in the portfolio, investing primarily in first lien loans, though we also continue to close selected junior debt and equity investments. In addition to targeting investments senior in corporate capital structures with our new originations, we have also increased our origination business mix of third party private equity sponsor owned companies, which tend to have more third party equity capital supporting our debt investments than non-sponsor transactions. Our performing loan portfolio's annualized current yield decreased from 12.3% as of June 30, 2011 to 12.2% as of December 31, 2011 across all long-term debt investments. We

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expect Prospect's current asset yield may continue to decline modestly as we continue to reduce credit risk. Generally, we have seen a decrease in interest rates on loans issued during our fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 and the six months ending December 31, 2011 in comparison to the rates in effect prior to June 30, 2010 as we continue to reduce the risk profile of the portfolio. Monetization of other equity positions that we hold is not included in this yield calculation. In many of our portfolio companies, we hold equity positions, ranging from minority interests to majority stakes, which we expect over time to contribute to our investment returns. Some of these equity positions include features such as contractual minimum internal rates of returns, preferred distributions, flip structures and other features expected to generate additional investment returns, as well as contractual protections and preferences over junior equity, in addition to the yield and security offered by our cash flow and collateral debt protections.

We classify our investments by level of control. As defined in the 1940 Act, control investments are those where there is the ability or power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company. Control is generally deemed to exist when a company or individual possesses or has the right to acquire within 60 days or less, a beneficial ownership of 25% or more of the voting securities of an investee company. Affiliated investments and affiliated companies are defined by a lesser degree of influence and are deemed to exist through the possession outright or via the right to acquire within 60 days or less, beneficial ownership of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of another person.

As of December 31, 2011, we own controlling interests in AIRMALL USA, Inc. ("AIRMALL"), Ajax Rolled Ring & Machine, Inc. ("Ajax"), AWCNC, LLC, Borga, Inc., C&J Cladding LLC, Energy Solutions, Integrated Contract Services, Inc. ("ICS"), Manx Energy, Inc. ("Manx"), NMMB Holdings, Inc. ("NMMB"), NRG, Nupla Corporation and R-V Industries, Inc. ("R-V"). We also own an affiliated interest in BNN Holdings Corp. f/k/a Biotronic NeuroNetwork ("Biotronic"), Boxercraft Incorporated ("Boxercraft"), Smart, LLC, and Sport Helmets Holdings, LLC ("Sport Helmets").

The following is a summary of our investment portfolio by level of control at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, respectively:

Level of Control	December 31, 2011				June 30, 2011			
	Cost	Percent of Portfolio	Fair Value	Percent of Portfolio	Cost	Percent of Portfolio	Fair Value	Percent of Portfolio
Control	\$ 273,496	16.6%	\$ 386,552	22.5%	\$ 262,301	18.3%	\$ 310,072	21.2%
Affiliate	59,488	3.6%	67,872	4.0%	56,833	4.0%	72,337	4.9%
Non-control/Non-affiliate	1,315,227	79.8%	1,262,179	73.5%	1,116,600	77.7%	1,080,601	73.9%
Total Portfolio	\$ 1,648,211	100.0%	\$ 1,716,603	100.0%	\$ 1,435,734	100.0%	\$ 1,463,010	100.0%

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The following is our investment portfolio presented by type of investment at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, respectively:

Type of Investment	December 31, 2011				June 30, 2011			
	Cost	Percent of Portfolio	Fair Value	Percent of Portfolio	Cost	Percent of Portfolio	Fair Value	Percent of Portfolio
Revolving Line of Credit	\$ 1,991	0.1%	\$ 2,093	0.1%	\$ 7,144	0.5%	\$ 7,278	0.5%
Senior Secured Debt	929,526	56.4%	886,130	51.7%	822,582	57.3%	789,981	54.0%
Subordinated Secured Debt	529,715	32.1%	480,700	28.0%	491,188	34.2%	448,675	30.7%
Subordinated Unsecured Debt	70,165	4.3%	70,251	4.1%	54,687	3.8%	55,336	3.8%
CLO Debt	14,334	0.9%	14,334	0.8%		%		%
CLO Residual Interest	42,793	2.6%	39,362	2.3%		%		%
Preferred Stock	31,602	1.9%	22,471	1.3%	31,979	2.2%	25,454	1.7%
Common Stock	19,907	1.2%	179,993	10.5%	19,865	1.4%	116,076	7.9%
Membership Interests	6,017	0.4%	15,303	0.9%	6,128	0.4%	15,392	1.1%
Overriding Royalty Interests			% 2,210	0.1%		%	2,168	0.1%
Warrants	2,161	0.1%	3,756	0.2%	2,161	0.2%	2,650	0.2%
Total Portfolio	\$ 1,648,211	100.0%	\$ 1,716,603	100.0%	\$ 1,435,734	100.0%	\$ 1,463,010	100.0%

The following is our investments in debt securities presented by type of security at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, respectively:

Level of Control	December 31, 2011				June 30, 2011			
	Cost	Percent of Debt Securities	Fair Value	Percent of Debt Securities	Cost	Percent of Debt Securities	Fair Value	Percent of Debt Securities
First Lien	\$ 950,276	61.5%	\$ 907,781	62.5%	\$ 902,031	65.6%	\$ 854,975	65.7%
Second Lien	510,956	33.1%	461,142	31.7%	418,883	30.5%	390,959	30.0%
Unsecured	70,165	4.5%	70,251	4.8%	54,687	4.0%	55,336	4.3%
CLO Debt	14,334	0.9%	14,334	1.0%		%		%
Total Debt Securities	\$ 1,545,731	100.0%	\$ 1,453,508	100.0%	\$ 1,375,601	100.0%	\$ 1,301,270	100.0%

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The following is our investment portfolio presented by geographic location of the investment at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, respectively:

Geographic Location	December 31, 2011				June 30, 2011			
	Cost	Percent of Portfolio	Fair Value	Percent of Portfolio	Cost	Percent of Portfolio	Fair Value	Percent of Portfolio
Canada	\$ 60,127	3.6%	\$ 61,915	3.6%	\$ 74,239	5.2%	\$ 75,207	5.1%
Cayman Islands	57,127	3.5%	53,696	3.1%		%		%
Ireland	14,914	0.9%	15,000	0.9%	14,908	1.0%	15,000	1.0%
Midwest US	423,169	25.7%	375,594	21.9%	358,540	25.0%	340,251	23.4%
Northeast US	274,349	16.6%	286,070	16.7%	242,039	16.9%	234,628	16.0%
Southeast US	276,311	16.8%	254,583	14.8%	234,528	16.3%	208,226	14.2%
Southwest US	200,276	12.2%	333,736	19.4%	189,436	13.2%	266,004	18.2%
Western US	341,938	20.7%	336,009	19.6%	322,044	22.4%	323,694	22.1%
Total Portfolio	\$ 1,648,211	100.0%	\$ 1,716,603	100.0%	\$ 1,435,734	100.0%	\$ 1,463,010	100.0%

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The following is our investment portfolio presented by industry sector of the investment at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, respectively:

Industry	December 31, 2011				June 30, 2011			
	Cost	Percent of Portfolio	Fair Value	Percent of Portfolio	Cost	Percent of Portfolio	Fair Value	Percent of Portfolio
Aerospace and Defense	\$ 56		\$ 32		\$ 56		\$ 35	
Automobile / Auto Finance	56,570	3.4%	56,491	3.3%	41,924	2.9%	42,444	2.9%
Biomass Power(1)		%		%	2,540	0.2%		%
Business Services	6,633	0.4%	6,788	0.4%	6,604	0.5%	6,787	0.5%
Chemicals	56,618	3.4%	56,618	3.3%	25,277	1.8%	25,277	1.7%
Commercial Services	80,652	4.9%	80,652	4.7%	34,625	2.4%	34,625	2.4%
Consumer Services	88,692	5.4%	88,928	5.2%	68,286	4.8%	68,286	4.7%
Contracting	18,199	1.1%	1,106	0.0%	18,220	1.3%	1,767	0.1%
Diversified Financial Services	57,127	3.5%	53,696	3.1%		%		%
Diversified / Conglomerate Service		%	37	0.0%		%		%
Durable Consumer Products	159,556	9.7%	159,197	9.3%	141,779	9.9%	144,362	9.9%
Ecological	141	%	233	%	141	%	194	%
Electronics		%		%	588	%	1,374	0.1%
Energy(1)	63,246	3.8%	153,467	8.9%		%		%
Food Products	136,759	8.3%	133,074	7.8%	144,503	10.1%	146,498	10.0%
Gas Gathering and Processing(1)		%		%	42,003	2.9%	105,406	7.2%
Healthcare	168,059	10.2%	167,448	9.8%	156,396	10.9%	163,657	11.2%
Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares and Durable	1,683	0.1%	5,046	0.3%	1,916	0.1%	6,109	0.4%
Insurance	86,550	5.3%	87,865	5.1%	86,850	6.0%	87,448	6.0%
Machinery	12,091	0.7%	12,714	0.7%	13,179	0.9%	13,171	0.9%
Manufacturing	136,599	8.3%	188,411	11.0%	114,113	7.9%	136,039	9.3%
Media	118,009	7.2%	115,409	6.7%	121,302	8.4%	121,300	8.3%
Metal Services and Minerals	580	%	5,191	0.3%	580	%	4,699	0.3%
Mining, Steel, Iron and Non-Precious Metals and Coal Production(1)		%		%	1,448	0.1%		%
Oil and Gas Equipment Services	7,760	0.5%	7,760	0.5%		%		%
Oil and Gas Production	126,749	7.7%	52,821	3.1%	124,662	8.7%	70,923	4.8%
Oilfield Fabrication		%		%	23,076	1.6%	23,076	1.6%
Personal and Nondurable Consumer Products	54,550	3.3%	62,169	3.6%	15,147	1.1%	23,403	1.6%
Production Services	268	0.0%	2,040	0.1%	14,387	1.0%	15,357	1.0%
Property Management	52,070	3.2%	53,145	3.1%	52,420	3.7%	51,726	3.5%
Retail	63	%	124	0.0%	14,669	1.0%	145	0.0%
Shipping Vessels(1)		%		%	11,303	0.8%	3,079	0.2%
Software & Computer Services	37,897	2.3%	38,000	2.3%	37,890	2.7%	38,000	2.7%
Specialty Minerals	37,732	2.3%	41,955	2.4%	30,169	2.1%	34,327	2.3%
Textiles and Leather	15,183	0.9%	18,613	1.1%	12,931	0.9%	15,632	1.1%
Transportation	68,119	4.1%	67,573	3.9%	76,750	5.3%	77,864	5.3%
Total Portfolio	\$ 1,648,211	100.0%	\$ 1,716,603	100.0%	\$ 1,435,734	100.0%	\$ 1,463,010	100.0%

(1) During the quarter ended December 31, 2011, our ownership of Change Clean Energy Holdings, Inc. ("CCEHI") and Change Clean Energy, Inc. ("CCEI"), Freedom Marine and Yatesville Coal Holdings, Inc. ("Yatesville") was transferred to Energy Solutions to consolidate all of our energy holdings under one management team.

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Portfolio Investment Activity

During the six months ended December 31, 2011, we acquired \$336,000 of new investments, completed follow-on investments in existing portfolio companies, totaling approximately \$36,943, funded \$1,000 of revolver advances, and recorded PIK interest of \$3,329, resulting in gross investment originations of \$377,272. The more significant of these investments are described briefly in the following:

On July 1, 2011, we made a senior secured follow-on investment of \$2,300 in Boxercraft to support the acquisition of Jones & Mitchell, a supplier of college-licensed apparel. The first lien note bears interest in cash at Libor plus 7.50% and has a final maturity on September 16, 2013.

On July 8, 2011, we made a senior secured investment of \$39,000 to support the recapitalization of Totes Isotoner Corporation ("Totes"). The second lien note bears interest in cash at the greater of 10.75% or Libor plus 9.25% and has a final maturity on January 8, 2018.

On August 5, 2011 and September 7, 2011, we made senior secured follow-on investments of \$3,850 and \$11,800, respectively, in ROM Acquisition Corporation to support the acquisitions of Havis Lighting Solutions, a supplier of products primarily used by emergency response and police vehicles, and the acquisition of a leading manufacturer of personal safety products for the transportation and industrial markets. The first lien notes bear interest in cash at the greater of 10.50% or Libor plus 9.50% and has a final maturity on May 8, 2013.

On August 9, 2011, we provided a \$15,000 term loan to support the acquisition of Nobel Learning Communities, Inc., a leading national operator of private schools. The unsecured note bears interest in cash at 11.50% and interest in kind of 1.50% and has a final maturity on August 9, 2017.

On August 9, 2011, we made an investment of \$32,116 to purchase 66% of the unrated subordinated notes in Babson CLO Ltd 2011-I ("Babson").

On September 16, 2011, we acted as the facility agent and lead lender of a syndication of lenders that collectively provided \$132,000 in senior secured financing to support the financing of Capstone Logistics, LLC ("Capstone"), a leading logistics company. This company provides a broad array of logistics services to a diverse group of blue chip customers in the grocery, food service, retail, and specialty automotive industries. As of December 31, 2011 our investment is \$75,652 structured as \$34,027 of Term Loan A and \$41,625 of Term Loan B first lien notes. After the financing, we received repayment of the loan that was outstanding for Progressive Logistics Services, LLC ("PLS"). The Term Loan A notes bear interest in cash at the greater of 7.50% or Libor plus 5.50% and has a final maturity on September 16, 2016. The Term Loan B notes bear interest in cash at the greater of 13.50% or Libor plus 11.50% and has a final maturity on September 16, 2016.

On September 30, 2011, we provided a \$23,000 senior secured loan to support the recapitalization of Anchor Hocking, LLC ("Anchor Hocking"), a leading designer, manufacturer, and marketer of high quality glass products for the retail, food service, and OEM channels. The second lien note bears interest in cash at the greater of 10.50% or Libor plus 9.00% and has a final maturity on September 27, 2016.

On October 13, 2011 and October 19, 2011, we made investments of \$9,319 and \$1,358, respectively, to purchase 32.9% of the unrated subordinated notes to Apidos.

On October 24, 2011, we made a senior secured investment of \$6,000 in Renaissance, a leading provider of technology based school improvement and student assessment programs. The second lien loan bears interest in cash at the greater of 12.0% or Libor plus 10.50% and has a final maturity on October 19, 2018.

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On October 28, 2011, we made a follow-on investment of \$8,200 in Empire. The follow-on first lien note bears interest in cash at 11.375% and has a final maturity on February 1, 2017.

On November 4, 2011, we made a secured second lien investment of \$15,000 to support the acquisition of IWP, a specialty pharmacy services company, in a private equity backed transaction. The secured loan bears interest in cash at the greater of 12.0% or Libor plus 7.50% and has a final maturity on November 4, 2017.

On December 2, 2011, we made a secured second-lien follow-on investment of \$7,500 to American Gilsonite for a dividend recapitalization. After the financing, we received a \$1,383 dividend as a result of our equity holdings in American Gilsonite. The second lien note bears interest in cash at the greater of 12.0% or Libor plus 10.0% and interest in kind of 2.5% and has a final maturity on March 10, 2016.

On December 22, 2011, we made a secured first lien investment of \$31,083 to VanDeMark, a specialty chemical manufacturer. The secured loan bears interest in cash at the greater of 12.2% or Libor plus 10.2% and has a final maturity on December 31, 2014.

On December 22, 2011, we made an investment of \$17,900 to purchase 13.2% of the secured Class D Notes and 86.0% of the unsecured Class E Notes in CIFIC. The \$2,500 secured Class D Notes bear interest in cash at Libor plus 5.0% and has a final maturity date on January 19, 2023. The \$15,400 unsecured Class E Notes bear interest in cash at Libor plus 7.0% and has a final maturity on January 19, 2023.

On December 28, 2011, we made a secured first-lien follow-on investment of \$4,750 in Energy Solutions in order to facilitate the acquisition of a new vessel by Vessel Holdings LLC, a subsidiary of Freedom Marine. We invested \$1,250 of equity in Energy Solutions and \$3,500 of debt to Vessel Holdings LLC. The first lien note bears interest in cash at 18.0% and has a final maturity of December 12, 2016.

On December 28, 2011, we made a secured debt investment of \$10,000 to support the acquisition of Hoffmaster. After the financing we received a repayment of the loan that was previously outstanding. The \$10,000 second lien note bears interest in cash at the greater of 11.0% or Libor plus 9.50% and has a final maturity date of January 3, 2019.

On December 28, 2011, we made a secured debt investment of \$37,218 to support the recapitalization of NRG. After the financing, we received repayment of the \$13,080 loan that was previously outstanding and a dividend of \$6,711 as a result of our equity holdings. In addition, we sold 392 shares of NRG common stock for \$13,266, realizing a gain of \$12,131. Our remaining 408 shares of NRG common stock held by us back to NRG were sold on February 2, 2012. (See *Recent Developments*.) The secured first lien note bears interest at 15.0% and has a final maturity on December 27, 2016.

On December 30, 2011, we provided \$8,000 of senior secured debt to Hi-Tech, a provider of non-destructive testing services to detect leaks and other defects in pipes, vessels, and related equipment for the oil and gas pipeline, chemical and paper and pulp industries. The secured note bears interest in cash at 11.0% and has a final maturity of September 26, 2016.

During the six months ended December 31, 2011, we closed-out four positions which are briefly described below.

On October 31, 2011, IEC/ARS repaid the \$20,909 loan receivable to us.

On November 21, 2011, we received an equity distribution from the sale of our shares of Fairchild common and preferred stock, realizing \$1,549 of gross proceeds and a total gain of \$960 on settlement of the investment.

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On December 29, 2011, Iron Horse repaid the \$11,338 loan receivable to us.

On December 30, 2011, we exited our investment in Mac & Massey and received \$10,239 for repayment of the \$9,323 loan receivable to us and monetization of our equity position, resulting in a realized gain of \$820. We recognized \$694 of accelerated purchase discount accretion in the quarter ended December 31, 2011.

In addition to the repayments noted above, during the six months ended December 31, 2011 we received principal amortization payments of \$12,520 on several loans, and \$17,291 of partial prepayments related to Aircraft Fasteners International, LLC ("AFI"), Anchor Hocking, Cargo Airport Services USA, LLC, Iron Horse, LHC Holdings Corp. ("LHC"), NMMB and Pinnacle Treatment Centers, Inc.

During the six months ended December 31, 2010, we also received principal amortization payments of \$8,932 on several loans, and \$10,290 of partial prepayments related to AIRMALL, AFI, Ajax, EXL Acquisition Corporation, Fischbein, LLC ("Fischbein"), Iron Horse, LHC and Progrexion Holdings, Inc ("Progrexion").

During the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, we recognized \$1,548 and \$2,385 of interest income due to purchase discount accretion from the assets acquired from Patriot, respectively. Included in the \$1,548 recorded during the three months ended December 31, 2011 is \$854 of normal accretion and \$694 of accelerated accretion resulting from the repayment of Mac & Massey. Included in the \$2,385 recorded during the six months ended December 31, 2011 is \$1,691 of normal accretion and \$694 of accelerated accretion resulting from the repayment of Mac & Massey.

During the three and six months ended December 31, 2010, we recognized \$1,305 and \$5,353, respectively, of interest income due to purchase discount accretion from the assets acquired from Patriot. Included in the \$5,353 for the six months ended December 31, 2010, is \$1,116 of accelerated accretion resulting from the repayment of Impact Products, LLC. We also recapitalized our debt investment in Northwestern Management Services, LLC. The \$20,000 loan was issued at market terms comparable to other industry transactions. In accordance with ASC 320-20-35 the cost basis of the new loan was recorded at par value, which precipitated the acceleration of \$1,612 of original purchase discount from the loan repayment which was recognized as interest income. There was no accelerated accretion recorded during the quarter ended December 31, 2010.

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The following is a quarter-by-quarter summary of our investment activity:

Quarter-End	Acquisitions(1)	Dispositions(2)
December 31, 2011	\$ 154,697	\$ 120,206
September 30, 2011	222,575	46,055
June 30, 2011	312,301	62,367
March 31, 2011	359,152	76,494
December 31, 2010	140,933	62,915
September 30, 2010	140,951	67,621
June 30, 2010	88,973	39,883
March 31, 2010	59,311	26,603
December 31, 2009(3)	210,438	45,494
September 30, 2009	6,066	24,241
June 30, 2009	7,929	3,148
March 31, 2009	6,356	10,782
December 31, 2008	13,564	2,128
September 30, 2008	70,456	10,949
June 30, 2008	118,913	61,148
March 31, 2008	31,794	28,891
December 31, 2007	120,846	19,223
September 30, 2007	40,394	17,949
June 30, 2007	130,345	9,857
March 31, 2007	19,701	7,731
December 31, 2006	62,679	17,796
September 30, 2006	24,677	2,781
June 30, 2006	42,783	5,752
March 31, 2006	15,732	901
December 31, 2005		3,523
September 30, 2005	25,342	
June 30, 2005	17,544	
March 31, 2005	7,332	
December 31, 2004	23,771	32,083
September 30, 2004	30,371	
Since inception	\$ 2,505,926	\$ 806,521

(1) Includes new deals, additional fundings, refinancings and PIK interest.

(2) Includes scheduled principal payments, prepayments and refinancings.

(3) The \$210,438 of acquisitions for the quarter ended December 31, 2009 includes \$207,126 of portfolio investments acquired from Patriot.

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Investment Valuation

In determining the fair value of our portfolio investments at December 31, 2011 the Audit Committee considered valuations from the independent valuation firm and from management having an aggregate range of \$1,659,592 to \$1,825,520, excluding money market investments.

In determining the range of value for debt instruments, management and the independent valuation firm generally shadow rated the investment and then based upon the range of ratings, determined appropriate yields to maturity for a loan rated as such. A discounted cash flow analysis was then prepared using the appropriate yield to maturity as the discount rate, yielding the ranges. For equity investments, the enterprise value was determined by applying EBITDA multiples for similar recent investment sales. For stressed equity investments, a liquidation analysis was prepared.

The Board of Directors looked at several factors in determining where within the range to value the asset including: recent operating and financial trends for the asset, independent ratings obtained from third parties and comparable multiples for recent sales of companies within the industry. The composite of all these analysis, applied to each investment, was a total valuation of \$1,716,603, excluding money market investments.

Our portfolio companies are generally middle market companies, outside of the financial sector, with less than \$50,000 of annual EBITDA. We believe our market has experienced less volatility than others because we believe there are more buy and hold investors who own these less liquid investments.

Control investments offer increased risk and reward over straight debt investments. Operating results and changes in market multiples can result in dramatic changes in values from quarter to quarter. Significant downturns in operations can further result in our looking to recoveries on sales of assets rather than the enterprise value of the investment. Several control investments in our portfolio are under enhanced scrutiny by our senior management and our Board of Directors and are discussed below.

Ajax Rolled Ring & Machine, Inc.

We acquired a controlling equity interest in Ajax in a recapitalization of Ajax that was closed on April 4, 2008. We funded \$22,000 of senior secured term debt, \$11,500 of subordinated term debt and \$6,300 of equity as of that closing. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, we funded an additional \$3,530 of secured subordinated debt to refinance a third-party revolver provider and provide working capital. Ajax repaid \$3,461 of this secured subordinated debt during the quarter ended September 30, 2010. As of December 31, 2011, we control 77.68% of the fully-diluted common and preferred equity. The principal balance of our senior debt to Ajax was \$20,387 and new debt was \$15,035 as of December 31, 2011.

Ajax forges seamless steel rings sold to various customers. The rings are used in a range of industrial applications, including in construction equipment and wind power turbines. Ajax's business is cyclical, and the business experienced a significant rebound in 2010 and 2011 following the decline in 2009 due to the global macroeconomic crisis. Ajax's EBITDA has experienced a 133% and 82% year-over-year improvement in 2010 and 2011, respectively.

The Board of Directors increased the fair value of our investment in Ajax to \$40,428 as of December 31, 2011, a reduction of \$1,051 from its amortized cost, compared to the \$7,822 unrealized depreciation recorded at June 30, 2011.

Energy Solutions Holdings Inc. (f/k/a Gas Solutions Holdings, Inc.)

Gas Solutions Holdings, Inc. ("Gas Solutions") is an investment that we completed in September 2004 in which we own 100% of the equity. Gas Solutions is a midstream gathering and

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processing business located in east Texas. We have provided additional capital for growth initiatives, acquisitions and other capital needs subsequent to our initial investment.

In December 2011, we completed a reorganization of Gas Solutions renaming the company Energy Solutions and transferring ownership of other operating companies owned by us and operating within the energy industry with the intent of strategically expanding Energy Solutions operations across energy sectors. As part of the reorganization, we transferred our equity interests in CCEHI, CCEI, Freedom Marine and Yatesville to Energy Solutions. On December 28, 2011, we made a follow-on investment of \$4,750 to support the acquisition of a new vessel by Vessel Holdings LLC, a subsidiary of Freedom Marine.

On January 4, 2012, Energy Solutions sold Gas Solutions, its gas gathering and processing assets, for a sale price of \$200,502, including a potential earnout of \$28,000 that will be paid based on the future performance of Gas Solutions. (See *Recent Developments*.) Our loans to and investment in Energy Solutions remain outstanding as Energy Solutions and will continue as a portfolio company of Prospect managing other energy-related subsidiaries. The cash balances of Energy Solutions continue to collateralize our loan positions.

In determining the value of Energy Solutions, we have utilized two valuation techniques to determine the value of the investment. Our Board of Directors has determined the value to be \$153,467 for our debt and equity positions at December 31, 2011 based upon a combination of an asset purchase analysis for Gas Solutions and a liquidation analysis for our interests in Freedom Marine. At December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, Energy Solutions, including the underlying portfolio companies affected by the reorganization, was valued at \$90,221 and \$51,491 above its amortized cost, respectively.

Integrated Contract Services, Inc.

ICS is an investment that we entered into in April 2007. Prior to January 2009, ICS owned the assets of ESA Environmental Specialists, Inc. ("ESA") and 100% of the stock of The Healing Staff ("THS"). ESA originally defaulted under our contract governing our investment in ESA, prompting us to commence foreclosure actions with respect to certain ESA assets in respect of which we have a priority lien. In response to our actions, ESA filed voluntarily for reorganization under the bankruptcy code on August 1, 2007. On September 20, 2007, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court approved a Section 363 Asset Sale from ESA to us. To complete this transaction, we contributed our ESA debt to a newly-formed entity, ICS, and provided funds for working capital on October 9, 2007. In return for the ESA debt, we received senior secured debt in ICS of equal amount to our ESA debt, preferred stock of ICS, and 49% of the ICS common stock. ICS subsequently ceased operations and assigned the collateral back to us. ICS is in default of both payment and financial covenants. During September and October 2007, we provided \$1,170 to THS for working capital.

In January 2009, we foreclosed on the real and personal property of ICS. Through this foreclosure process, we gained 100% ownership of THS and certain ESA assets. THS provides outsourced medical staffing and security staffing services to governmental and commercial enterprises. In November 2009, THS was informed that the U.S. Air Force would not exercise its option to renew its contract. THS continues to solicit new contracts to replace the revenue lost when the Air Force contract ended. As part of its strategy to recovery from the loss of the Air Force contract, in 2010 THS started a new business, Vets Securing America, Inc. ("VSA"), to provide out-sourced security guards staffed primarily using retired military veterans. During the year ended June 30, 2011 and the six months ended December 31, 2011, we made follow-on secured debt investments of \$1,708 and \$874, respectively, to support the ongoing operations of THS and VSA. In October 2011, we sold a building acquired from ESA for \$894. The proceeds were used to reduce the outstanding loan balance due to us.

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Based upon an analysis of the liquidation value of the ESA assets and the enterprise value of THS/VSA, our Board of Directors determined the fair value of our investment in ICS to be \$1,106 at December 31, 2011, a reduction of \$17,093 from its amortized cost, compared to the \$16,453 unrealized loss recorded at June 30, 2011.

Manx Energy, Inc.

On January 19, 2010, we modified the terms of our senior secured debt in Appalachian Energy Holdings LLC ("AEH") and Coalbed LLC ("Coalbed") in conjunction with the formation of Manx, a new entity consisting of the assets of AEH, Coalbed and Kinley Exploration. The assets of the three companies were combined under new common management. We funded \$2,800 at closing to Manx to provide for working capital. A portion of our loans to AEH and Coalbed was exchanged for Manx preferred equity, while our AEH equity interest was converted into Manx common stock. There was no change to fair value at the time of restructuring, and we continue to fully reserve any income accrued for Manx. During the year ended June 30, 2011, we made a follow-on secured debt investments of \$750 in Manx to support ongoing operations.

The Board of Directors decreased the fair value of our investment in Manx to \$436 as of December 31, 2011, a reduction of \$18,583 from its amortized cost, compared to the \$17,707 unrealized loss recorded at June 30, 2011.

Equity positions in the portfolio are susceptible to potentially significant changes in value, both increases as well as decreases, due to changes in operating results. Two of our portfolio companies have experienced such volatility due to improved operating results Energy Solutions and NRG. As a result of improved operations and the resulting significant increase in valuation during the six months ended December 31, 2011, Energy Solutions sold its equity interests in the underlying Gas Solutions entities and we exited our investment in NRG in February 2012. (See *Recent Developments*.) The pending sale prices assisted in the determination of fair value for our equity interests as of December 31, 2011. The value of our equity position in Energy Solutions, including our equity positions in the underlying portfolio companies affected by the reorganization, has increased to \$109,536 as of December 31, 2011, a premium of \$100,743 to its cost, compared to the \$60,863 unrealized gain recorded at June 30, 2011. The value of our equity position in NRG has increased to \$50,257 as of December 31, 2011, a premium of \$49,077 to its cost, compared to the \$30,086 unrealized gain recorded at June 30, 2011. Two other portfolio companies with equity investments also experienced volatility due to improved operating results and experienced meaningful increases in valuation during the six months ended December 31, 2011 Ajax and R-V. The valuation of Ajax increased due to improved operating results and emergent customer base. R-V experienced improved operating results. The value of our equity position in Ajax has increased to \$5,006 as of December 31, 2011, a discount of \$1,051 to its cost, compared to the \$6,057 unrealized loss recorded at June 30, 2011. The value of our equity position in R-V has increased to \$12,806 as of December 31, 2011, a premium of \$6,037 to its cost, compared to the \$1,348 unrealized gain recorded at June 30, 2011. Five of the other controlled investments have been valued at discounts to the original investment. Seven of the control investments are valued at premiums to the original investment amounts. Overall, at December 31, 2011, the control investments are valued at \$113,056 above their amortized cost.

We hold four affiliate investments at December 31, 2011. The affiliate investments reported strong operating results with valuations remaining relatively consistent from June 30, 2011. Our equity investment in Biotronic experienced the most meaningful decrease in valuation as prior to June 30, 2011 we anticipated that the company would be sold at a substantial premium to our cost basis. This sales process was discontinued during the six months ended December 31, 2011 as the buyer and Biotronic could not agree to terms acceptable to each party. The value of our equity position in Biotronic has decreased to \$388 as of December 31, 2011, a discount of \$2,491 to its amortized cost, compared to the \$4,127 unrealized gain recorded at June 30, 2011. The other three affiliate investments

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are valued at amortized cost or higher. Overall, at December 31, 2011, affiliate investments are valued \$8,384 above their amortized cost.

With the Non-control/Non-affiliate investments, generally, there is less volatility related to our total investments because our equity positions tend to be smaller than with our control/affiliate investments, and debt investments are generally not as susceptible to large swings in value as equity investments. For debt investments, the fair value is limited on the high side to each loan's par value, plus any prepayment premia that could be imposed. Many of the debt investments in this category have not experienced a significant change in value, as they were previously valued at or near par value. The exception to this categorization relates to investments which were acquired in the Patriot Acquisition, many of which were acquired at significant discounts to par value, and any changes in operating results or interest rates can have a significant effect on the value of such investments. During the six months ended December 31, 2011, our investment in Stryker experienced the most meaningful decrease in valuation due to declining operating results and a reduction in current natural gas prices. The value of our investment in Stryker Energy, LLC ("Stryker") has decreased to \$7,662 as of December 31, 2011, a discount of \$25,049 to its amortized cost, compared to the \$6,706 unrealized loss recorded at June 30, 2011. The decrease was due primarily to a drop in natural gas prices during the quarter ended December 31, 2011 and continuing to January 2012. Our other Non-control/Non-affiliate investments did not experience significant changes in operations. A few portfolio companies experienced decreases in valuations due to the general economic decline and increased market rates for middle market loans ICON Health & Fitness, Inc. and New Meatco Provisions, LLC. The remaining investments did not experience significant changes in valuation. Overall, at December 31, 2011, Non-control/Non-affiliate investments are valued \$53,048 below their amortized cost.

Capitalization

Our investment activities are capital intensive and the availability and cost of capital is a critical component of our business. We capitalize our business with a combination of debt and equity. Our debt currently consists of a revolving credit facility availing us of the ability to borrow debt subject to borrowing base determinations, Senior Convertible Notes, which we issued in December 2010 and February 2011 and our equity capital, which is comprised entirely of common equity. The following table shows the Revolving Credit Facility and Senior Convertible Notes amounts and outstanding borrowings at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011:

	As of December 31, 2011		As of June 30, 2011	
	Facility Amount	Amount Outstanding	Facility Amount	Amount Outstanding
Revolving Credit Facility	\$ 400,000	\$ 252,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 84,200
Senior Convertible Notes	\$ 322,500	\$ 322,500	\$ 322,500	\$ 322,500

The following table shows the contractual maturity of our Revolving Credit Facility and Senior Convertible Notes at December 31, 2011:

	Payments Due By Period		
	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 3 Years	More Than 3 Years
Revolving Credit Facility	\$	\$ 252,000	\$
Senior Convertible Notes	\$	\$	\$ 322,500

We have and expect to continue to fund a portion of our cash needs through borrowings from banks, issuances of senior securities, including secured, unsecured and convertible debt securities and preferred stock, or issuances of common equity. For flexibility, we maintain a universal shelf

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registration statement that allows for the public offering and sale of our debt securities, common stock, preferred stock and warrants to purchase such securities in an amount up to \$750,000. We may from time to time issue securities pursuant to the shelf registration statement or otherwise pursuant to private offerings. The issuance of debt or equity securities will depend on future market conditions, funding needs and other factors and there can be no assurance that any such issuance will occur or be successful.

Revolving Credit Facility

On June 25, 2009, we completed a first closing on an expanded \$250,000 syndicated revolving credit facility (the "Facility") through Prospect Capital Funding, LLC ("PCF"). The Facility included an accordion feature which allowed the Facility to accept up to an aggregate total of \$250,000 of commitments for which we had \$210,000 of commitments from six lenders when the Facility was renegotiated. The revolving period of the Facility extended through June 2010, with an additional one year amortization period after the completion of the revolving period.

On June 11, 2010, we closed an extension and expansion of our revolving credit facility with a syndicate of lenders (the "Syndicated Facility") through PCF. The lenders have extended current commitments of \$400,000 under the Syndicated Facility. As additional investments that are eligible, transferred to PCF and pledged under the Syndicated Facility, PCF will generate additional availability up to the \$400,000 commitment limit. The revolving period of the Syndicated Facility extends through June 2012, with an additional one year amortization period (with distributions allowed) after the completion of the revolving period. During such one year amortization period, all principal payments on the pledged assets will be applied to reduce the balance. At the end of the one year amortization period, the remaining balance will become due if required by the lenders.

As of December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, PCF had the ability to borrow up to \$371,378 and \$255,673, respectively, under its Syndicated Facility based on the assets pledged as collateral at that time, of which \$252,000 and \$84,200 was drawn, respectively. The Syndicated Facility requires us to transfer investments to PCF and pledge assets as collateral in order to borrow under the credit facility. At December 31, 2011, the investments used as collateral for the Syndicated Facility had an aggregate market value of \$966,553, which represents 82.4% of net assets. These assets have been sold to Prospect Capital Funding, LLC, a bankruptcy remote entity, which owns the assets and as such, these assets are not available to the general creditors of us. PCF, our wholly-owned subsidiary, holds \$857,017 of these investments at market value as of December 31, 2011. The release of any assets from PCF requires the approval of Rabobank as facility agent.

The Syndicated Facility bears interest at one-month Libor plus 325 basis points, subject to a minimum Libor floor of 100 basis points. The maintenance of this facility requires us to pay a fee for the amount not drawn upon. The lenders charge a fee on the unused portion of the credit facility equal to either 75 basis points if at least half of the credit facility is used or 100 basis points otherwise.

Senior Convertible Notes

On December 21, 2010, we issued \$150,000 in aggregate principal amount of our 6.25% senior convertible notes due 2015 ("2015 Notes") for net proceeds following underwriting expenses of approximately \$145,200. Interest on the 2015 Notes is paid semi-annually in arrears on June 15 and December 15, at a rate of 6.25% per year, commencing June 15, 2011. The 2015 Notes mature on December 15, 2015 unless converted earlier. The 2015 Notes are convertible into shares of common stock at an initial conversion rate and conversion rate at December 31, 2011 of 88.0902 and 88.1056 shares of common stock, respectively, per \$1,000 principal amount of 2015 Notes, which is equivalent to a conversion price of approximately \$11.35 per share of common stock, subject to adjustment in certain

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circumstances. The conversion rate for the 2015 Notes will be increased if monthly cash dividends paid to common shares exceed the rate of \$0.101125 cents per share, subject to adjustment.

On February 18, 2011, we issued \$172,500 in aggregate principal amount of our 5.50% senior convertible notes due 2016 ("2016 Notes") for net proceeds following underwriting expenses of approximately \$167,325. Interest on the 2016 Notes is paid semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15, at a rate of 5.50% per year, commencing August 15, 2011. The 2016 Notes mature on August 15, 2016 unless converted earlier. The 2016 Notes are convertible into shares of common stock at an initial conversion rate and conversion rate at December 31, 2011 of 78.3699 and 78.3814 shares, respectively, of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of 2016 Notes, which is equivalent to a conversion price of approximately \$12.76 per share of common stock, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. The conversion rate for the 2016 Notes will be increased when monthly cash dividends paid to common shares exceed the rate of \$0.101150 per share.

In no event will the total number of shares of common stock issuable upon conversion exceed 96.8992 per \$1,000 principal amount of the 2015 Notes (the "conversion rate cap"), except that, to the extent we receive written guidance or a no-action letter from the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Guidance") permitting us to adjust the conversion rate in certain instances without regard to the conversion rate cap and to make the 2015 Notes convertible into certain reference property in accordance with certain reclassifications, business combinations, asset sales and corporate events by us without regard to the conversion rate cap, we will make such adjustments without regard to the conversion rate cap and will also, to the extent that we make any such adjustment without regard to the conversion rate cap pursuant to the Guidance, adjust the conversion rate cap accordingly. We will use our commercially reasonable efforts to obtain such Guidance as promptly as practicable.

Prior to obtaining the Guidance, we will not engage in certain transactions that would result in an adjustment to the conversion rate increasing the conversion rate beyond what it would have been in the absence of such transaction unless we have engaged in a reverse stock split or share combination transaction such that in our reasonable best estimation, the conversion rate following the adjustment for such transaction will not be any closer to the conversion rate cap than it would have been in the absence of such transaction.

Upon conversion, unless a holder converts after a record date for an interest payment but prior to the corresponding interest payment date, the holder will receive a separate cash payment with respect to the Notes surrendered for conversion representing accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including the conversion date. Any such payment will be made on the settlement date applicable to the relevant conversion on the 2015 Notes and 2016 Notes (collectively, "Senior Convertible Notes").

No holder of Senior Convertible Notes will be entitled to receive shares of our common stock upon conversion to the extent (but only to the extent) that such receipt would cause such converting holder to become, directly or indirectly, a beneficial owner (within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder) of more than 5.0% of the shares of our common stock outstanding at such time. The 5.0% limitation shall no longer apply following the effective date of any fundamental change. We will not issue any shares in connection with the conversion or redemption of the Notes which would equal or exceed 20% of the shares outstanding at the time of the transaction in accordance with NASDAQ rules.

Subject to certain exceptions, holders may require us to repurchase, for cash, all or part of their Notes upon a fundamental change at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest up to, but excluding, the fundamental change repurchase date. In addition, upon a fundamental change that constitutes a non-stock change of control we will also pay holders an amount in cash equal to the present value of all remaining interest payments (without duplication of the foregoing amounts) on such Senior Convertible Notes through and including the maturity date.

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In connection with the issuance of the Senior Convertible Notes, we incurred \$10,562 of fees which are being amortized over the term of the facility in accordance with ASC 470-50, *Debt Modifications and Extinguishments*, of which \$8,883 remains to be amortized at December 31, 2011.

During the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, we recorded \$9,759 and \$18,719 of interest costs and amortization of financing costs as interest expense, respectively.

Net Asset Value

During the six months ended December 31, 2011, we raised \$14,895 of additional equity, net of offering costs, by issuing 1,500,000 shares of our common stock. The following table shows the calculation of net asset value per share as of December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011:

	As of December 31, 2011	As of June 30, 2011
Net Assets	\$ 1,172,484	\$ 1,114,357
Shares of common stock outstanding	109,691,051	107,606,690
Net asset value per share	\$ 10.69	\$ 10.36

At December 31, 2011, we had 109,691,051 of our common stock issued and outstanding.

Results of Operations

Net increase in net assets resulting from operations for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was \$64,492 and \$31,940, respectively, representing \$0.59 and \$0.38 per weighted average share, respectively. During the three months ended December 31, 2011, we experienced net unrealized and realized gains of \$27,984 or approximately \$0.26 per weighted average share primarily from significant write-ups of our investments in Energy Solutions and NRG, and our sale of NRG common stock for which we realized a gain of \$12,131. These instances of appreciation were partially offset by unrealized depreciation in Babson, Biotronic, NMMB and Stryker. Net investment income increased on a weighted average per share basis from \$0.23 to \$0.33 for the three months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively. This increase is primarily due to an increase in dividend income received from Energy Solutions and NRG. During the three months ended December 31, 2010, we experienced net unrealized and realized gains of \$12,860 or approximately \$0.15 per weighted average share primarily from significant write-ups of our investments in Biotronic, Fischbein, Iron Horse, Maverick Healthcare, LLC ("Maverick"), NRG and R-V, and our sale of Miller Petroleum, Inc. ("Miller") common stock, for which we realized a gain of \$5,415. These instances of appreciation were partially offset by unrealized depreciation in H&M, ICS, Stryker and Wind River.

Net increase in net assets resulting from operations for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was \$104,392 and \$57,520, respectively, representing \$0.96 and \$0.73 per weighted average share, respectively. During the six months ended December 31, 2011, we experienced net unrealized and realized gains of \$40,007 or approximately \$0.37 per weighted average share primarily from significant write-ups of our investments in Ajax, Energy Solutions, NRG and R-V, and our sale of NRG common stock for which we realized a gain of \$12,131. These instances of unrealized appreciation were partially offset by unrealized depreciation in Biotronic and Stryker, and the impairment of Deb Shops due to bankruptcy for which we recorded a realized loss for the full amount of the amortized cost. Net investment income increased on a weighted average per share basis from \$0.51 to \$0.59 for the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively. This increase is primarily due to an increase in dividend income received from Energy Solutions and NRG. This increase is partially offset by a decline in our annualized current yield on portfolio investments. During the six months ended December 31, 2010, we experienced net unrealized and realized gains of \$17,445 or approximately \$0.22 per weighted average share primarily from significant write-ups of our investments in AIRMALL, Ajax, The Copernicus Group, Inc., Fischbein, Iron Horse and Maverick, and our sale of Miller common

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stock for which we realized a gain of \$5,415. These instances of unrealized appreciation were partially offset by unrealized depreciation in H&M, ICS, NRG, Stryker and Wind River.

While we seek to maximize gains and minimize losses, our investments in portfolio companies can expose our capital to risks greater than those we may anticipate. These companies are typically not issuing securities rated investment grade, have limited resources, have limited operating history, have concentrated product lines or customers, are generally private companies with limited operating information available and are likely to depend on a small core of management talents. Changes in any of these factors can have a significant impact on the value of the portfolio company.

Investment Income

We generate revenue in the form of interest income on the debt securities that we own, dividend income on any common or preferred stock that we own, fees generated from the structuring of new deals. Our investments, if in the form of debt securities, will typically have a term of one to ten years and bear interest at a fixed or floating rate. To the extent achievable, we will seek to collateralize our investments by obtaining security interests in our portfolio companies' assets. We also may acquire minority or majority equity interests in our portfolio companies, which may pay cash or in-kind dividends on a recurring or otherwise negotiated basis. In addition, we may generate revenue in other forms including prepayment penalties and possibly consulting fees. Any such fees generated in connection with our investments are recognized as earned.

Investment income, which consists of interest income, including accretion of loan origination fees and prepayment penalty fees, dividend income and other income, including settlement of net profits interests, overriding royalty interests and structuring fees, was \$67,293 and \$33,300 for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. Investment income was \$122,605 and \$68,512 for the six months ended, December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. During the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, the increase in investment income is primarily the result of a larger income producing portfolio and the deployment of additional capital in revenue-producing assets through increased origination and increased dividends received from Energy Solutions and NRG. The following table describes the various components of investment income and the related levels of debt investments:

	For The Three Months Ended December 31,		For The Six Months Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	Interest income	\$ 45,528	\$ 27,362	\$ 87,415
Dividend income	19,637	3,371	27,187	5,565
Other income	2,098	2,567	8,003	6,664
Total investment income	\$ 67,263	\$ 33,300	\$ 122,605	\$ 68,512
Average debt principal of performing investments	\$ 1,376,917	\$ 734,204	\$ 1,346,000	\$ 729,744
Weighted-average interest rate earned	13.23%	14.91%	12.99%	15.43%

Average interest income producing assets have increased from \$734,204 for the three months ended December 31, 2010 to \$1,376,917 for the three months ended December 31, 2011. The average yield on interest bearing assets decreased from 14.91% for the three months ended December 31, 2010 to 13.23% for the three months ended December 31, 2011. Average interest income producing assets have increased from \$729,744 for the six months ended December 31, 2010 to \$1,346,000 for the six months ended December 31, 2011. The average yield on interest bearing assets decreased from 15.43%

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for the six months ended December 31, 2010 to 12.99% for the six months ended December 31, 2011. The decrease in annual returns is primarily the result of accretion on the assets acquired from Patriot on which we recognized \$5,960 and \$2,575 during the six months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. Without these adjustments, the weighted average interest rates earned on debt investments would have been 12.61% and 13.79% for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Generally, we have seen a decrease in interest rates on loans issued during our fiscal year 2011 and the three and six months ending December 31, 2011 in comparison to the rates in effect prior to December 30, 2010 as we continue to reduce the risk profile of the portfolio. The average yield on interest bearing assets increased from 12.76% for the three months ended September 30, 2011 to 13.23% for the three months ended December 31, 2011. The increase is the result of \$694 of accelerated accretion resulting from the repayment of Mac & Massey. Without this adjustment, the weighted average interest rates earned on debt investments would have been 12.76% for three months ended September 30, 2011 and 13.02% for the three months ended December 31, 2011.

Investment income is also generated from dividends and other income. Dividend income increased from \$3,371 for the three months ended December 31, 2010 to \$19,637 for the three months ended December 31, 2011. Dividend income increased from \$5,565 for the six months ended December 31, 2010 to \$27,187 for the six months ended December 31, 2011. The increase in dividend income is primarily attributed to an increase in the level of dividends received during the respective three and six month periods from our investments in Energy Solutions and NRG due to increased profits generated by the portfolio companies. We received dividends from Energy Solutions of \$10,800 and \$2,100 during the three months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. We received dividends from Energy Solutions of \$14,300 and \$3,850 during the six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. We received dividends from NRG of \$6,711 and \$200 during the three months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. We received dividends from NRG of \$9,911 and \$200 during the six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Other income is generated primarily from structuring fees. Comparing the six months ended December 31, 2010 to the six months ended December 31, 2011, income from other sources increased from \$6,664 to \$8,003. This \$1,339 increase is primarily due to \$7,356 of structuring fees recognized during the six months ended December 31, 2011 primarily from the Capstone, Totes and VanDeMark originations, in comparison to \$5,675 of structuring fees recognized during the six months ended December 31, 2010 primarily related to AIRMALL, American Gilsonite, JHH Holdings, Inc., Progrexion, Royal, Snacks Holding Corporation, and VPSI.

Operating Expenses

Our primary operating expenses consist of investment advisory fees (base management and income incentive fees), borrowing costs, legal and professional fees and other operating and overhead-related expenses. These expenses include our allocable portion of overhead under the Administration Agreement with Prospect Administration under which Prospect Administration provides administrative services and facilities for us. Our investment advisory fees compensate our Investment Adviser for its work in identifying, evaluating, negotiating, closing and monitoring our investments. We bear all other costs and expenses of our operations and transactions in accordance with our Administration Agreement with Prospect Administration. Operating expenses were \$30,755 and \$14,220 for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. Operating expenses were \$58,220 and \$28,437 for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively.

The base investment advisory expenses were \$8,825 and \$4,903 for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. The base investment advisory expenses were \$17,036 and \$9,179 for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. This increase is directly related to our growth in total assets. For the three months ended

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December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, we incurred \$9,127 and \$4,769, respectively, of income incentive fees. For the six months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, we incurred \$16,096 and \$10,018, respectively, of income incentive fees. The \$4,358 and \$6,078 increase in the income incentive fee for the respective three-month and six-month periods are driven by an increase in pre-incentive fee net investment income of \$21,786 and \$30,388 for the respective three-month and six-month periods primarily due to an increase in interest income from a larger asset base and increased dividend income generated by our investments in Energy Solutions and NRG. No capital gains incentive fee has yet been incurred pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement.

During the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, we incurred \$9,759 and \$18,719, respectively, of expenses related to our Syndicated Facility and Senior Convertible Notes. This compares with expenses of \$2,261 and \$4,522 incurred during the three and six months ended December 31, 2010, respectively. These expenses are related directly to the leveraging capacity put into place for each of those periods and the levels of indebtedness actually undertaken during those quarters. The table below describes the various expenses of our Syndicated Facility and Senior Convertible Notes and the related indicators of leveraging capacity and indebtedness during these periods.

	For The Three Months Ended December 31,		For The Six Months Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	Interest on borrowings	\$ 7,029	\$ 512	\$ 13,248
Amortization of deferred financing costs	2,406	1,144	4,494	2,134
Commitment and other fees	324	605	977	927
Total	\$ 9,759	\$ 2,261	\$ 18,719	\$ 4,522
Weighted-average debt outstanding	\$ 547,558	\$ 41,139	\$ 496,998	\$ 64,249
Weighted-average interest rate on borrowings	5.02%	4.87%	5.22%	4.45%
Facility amount at beginning of period	\$ 400,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 210,000

The increase in interest expense for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 is primarily due to the issuance of Senior Convertible Notes on December 21, 2010 and February 18, 2011 for which we incurred \$4,585 and \$9,458 of interest expense, respectively.

As our asset base has grown and we have added complexity to our capital raising activities, we have commensurately increased the size of our administrative and financial staff, accounting for a significant increase in the overhead allocation from Prospect Administration. Over the last two years, Prospect Administration has increased staffing levels along with costs passed through. The allocation of overhead expense from Prospect Administration was \$1,117 and \$840 for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. The allocation of overhead expense from Prospect Administration was \$2,233 and \$1,640 for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. As our portfolio continues to grow, we expect to continue to increase the size of our administrative and financial staff on a basis that provides increasing returns to scale. Other allocated expenses from Prospect Administration will continue to increase along with the increase in staffing and asset base.

Total operating expenses, net of investment advisory fees and interest costs ("Other Operating Expenses"), were \$3,044 and \$2,287 for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Other Operating Expenses were \$6,369 and \$4,718 for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The \$1,651 increase in Other Operating Expenses for the respective six-month period is primarily due to increased size of our portfolio, for which we have incurred higher costs for legal and valuation services and administrative expenses.

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Net Investment Income

Net investment income represents the difference between investment income and operating expenses. Our net investment income ("NII") was \$36,508 and \$19,080 for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively, or \$0.33 per share and \$0.23 per share, respectively. The \$17,428 increase for the three months ended December 31, 2011 is primarily due to increases of \$18,166 and \$16,266 in interest income and dividend income, respectively, due to the increased size of our portfolio for which we have recognized additional interest income and an increased level of dividends received primarily from our investments in Energy Solutions and NRG. The \$33,963 increase in investment income is offset by an increase in operating expenses of \$16,535, primarily due to a \$8,280 increase in advisory fees due to the growing size of our portfolio and related income, and \$7,498 of additional interest and credit facility expenses.

Our NII was \$64,385 and \$40,075 for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively, or \$0.59 per share and \$0.51 per share, respectively. The \$24,310 increase for the six months ended December 31, 2011 is primarily due to increases of \$31,132 and \$21,622 in interest income and dividend income, respectively, due to the increased size of our portfolio for which we have recognized additional interest income and an increased level of dividends received primarily from our investments in GSHI and NRG. The \$54,093 increase in investment income is offset by an increase in operating expenses of \$29,783, primarily due to a \$13,935 increase in advisory fees due to the growing size of our portfolio and related income, and \$14,197 of additional interest and credit facility expenses. We anticipate NII per share will continue to increase as we utilize prudent term leverage to finance our growth.

Net Realized Gain (Loss), Increase in Net Assets from Net Changes in Unrealized Appreciation

Net realized gain was \$13,498 and \$4,489 for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. Net realized (loss) gain was (\$1,109) and \$5,016 for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. The net realized gain for the three months ended December 31, 2011 was due primarily to the sale of NRG common stock for which we realized a gain of \$12,131. For the six months ended December 31, 2011 this gain was offset by our impairment of Deb Shops. During the six months ended December 31, 2011, Deb Shops filed for bankruptcy and a plan for reorganization was proposed. The plan, which is expected to be approved by the bankruptcy court, will eliminate our debt position with no payment to us. As a result, we determined that the impairment of Deb Shops was other-than-temporary and recorded a realized loss of \$14,607 for the full amount of the amortized cost. The net realized gain for the three and six months ended December 31, 2010 was due primarily to the sale of our common stock in Miller.

Net increase in net assets from changes in unrealized appreciation was \$14,486 and \$8,371 for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. For the three months ended December 31, 2011, the \$14,486 increase in net assets from the net change in unrealized appreciation was driven by significant write-ups of our investments in Energy Solutions and NRG. These instances of appreciation were partially offset by unrealized depreciation in Babson, Biotronic, NMMB and Stryker. For the three months ended December 31, 2010, the \$8,371 increase in net assets from the net change in unrealized appreciation was driven by significant write-ups of our investments in Biotronic, Fischbein, Iron Horse, Maverick, Miller, NRG and R-V. These instances of unrealized appreciation were partially offset by unrealized depreciation in H&M, ICS, Stryker and Wind River.

Net increase in net assets from changes in unrealized appreciation was \$41,116 and \$12,429 for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. For the six months ended December 31, 2011, the \$41,116 increase in net assets from the net change in unrealized appreciation was driven by significant write-ups of our investments in Ajax, Energy Solutions, NRG and R-V. These instances of unrealized appreciation were partially offset by unrealized depreciation in Biotronic and

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Stryker. For the six months ended December 31, 2010, the \$12,429 increase in net assets from the net change in unrealized appreciation was driven by significant write-ups of our investments in Airmall, Ajax, Copernicus, Fischbein, Iron Horse, Maverick and Miller. These instances of unrealized appreciation were partially offset by unrealized depreciation in H&M, ICS, NRG, Stryker and Wind River.

Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources

For the six months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, our operating activities used \$119,765 and \$176,337 of cash, respectively. Financing activities provided \$120,134 and \$179,275 of cash during the six months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively, which included the payments of dividends of \$60,932 and \$41,483, during the six months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively.

Our primary uses of funds have been to continue to invest in our investments in portfolio companies, to add new companies to our investment portfolio, repay outstanding borrowings and to make cash distributions to holders of our common stock.

Our primary sources of funds have been issuances of debt and equity. We have and may continue to fund a portion of our cash needs through borrowings from banks, issuances of senior securities or secondary offerings. We may also securitize a portion of our investments in mezzanine or senior secured loans or other assets. Our objective is to put in place such borrowings in order to enable us to expand our portfolio. During the six months ended December 31, 2011, we borrowed \$442,300 and made repayments totaling \$274,500 under our revolving credit facility. As of December 31, 2011, we had \$252,000 outstanding borrowings on our revolving credit facility and \$322,500 outstanding on our Senior Convertible notes (See Note 5 to our consolidated financial statements).

Undrawn committed revolvers incur commitment fees ranging from 0.50% to 2.00%. As of December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, we have \$33,890 and \$35,822 of undrawn revolver commitments to our portfolio companies, respectively.

On October 21, 2011, our Registration Statement on Form N-2 was declared effective by the SEC. Under this Shelf Registration Statement, we can issue up to \$750,000 of additional equity securities.

We also continue to generate liquidity through public and private stock offerings.

On July 18, 2011, we issued 1,500,000 shares in connection with the exercise of an over-allotment option granted with the June 21, 2011 offering of 10,000,000 shares which were delivered June 24, 2011, raising an additional \$15,225 of gross proceeds and \$14,895 of net proceeds.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

At December 31, 2011, we did not have any off-balance sheet liabilities or other contractual obligations that are reasonably likely to have a current or future material effect on our financial condition, other than those which originate from 1) the investment advisory and management agreement and the administration agreement and 2) the portfolio companies.

Recent Developments

On January 4, 2012, Energy Solutions sold Gas Solutions, its gas gathering and processing assets, for a sale price of \$200,502, including a potential earnout of \$28,000 that will be paid based on the future performance of Gas Solutions. After expenses, including structuring fees of \$9,966 paid to us, Energy Solutions received approximately \$148,687 in cash and an additional \$10,000 is being held in escrow. Currently, our loans to Energy Solutions remain outstanding and are collateralized by the cash held by Energy Solutions as a result of the sale transaction. The accounting for the sale of Gas

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Solutions has yet to be finalized, but will not result in any dividend income or realized gain recognition by us until cash payments are received from Energy Solutions.

On January 9, 2012, Arrowhead General Insurance Agency, Inc. repaid the \$27,000 loan receivable to us.

On January 12, 2012, we made a follow-on investment of \$16,500 to purchase 86.8% of the Class D Notes in CIFC Funding 2011-I, Ltd.

On January 17, 2012, we provided \$18,332 of secured second-lien financing to a financial services processing company purchased by a leading private equity sponsor.

On January 25, 2012, we issued 85,252 shares of our common stock in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan.

On January 31, 2012, Aircraft Fasteners International, LLC repaid the \$7,441 loan receivable to us.

On February 2, 2012, NRG was sold to an outside buyer for \$123,258. In conjunction with the sale, the \$37,218 loan that was outstanding was repaid. We also received a \$26,936 make-whole fee for early repayment of the outstanding loan, which will be recorded as interest income in the quarter ending March 31, 2012. Further, we received a \$3,800 advisory fee for the transaction, which will be recorded as other income in the quarter ending March 31, 2012. After expenses, including the make whole and advisory fees discussed above, \$40,886 was available to be distributed to stockholders. While our 408 shares of NRG common stock represented 67.1% of the ownership, we only received net proceeds of \$25,991 as our contribution to the escrow amount was proportionately higher than the other shareholders. In connection with the sales, we will recognize a realized gain of \$24,810 in the results for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. In total, we received proceeds of \$93,977 at closing. In addition, there is \$11,125 being held in escrow of which 80% is due to us upon release of the escrowed amounts. This will be recognized as additional gain when and if received.

Between January 30, 2012 and February 2, 2012, we repurchased \$4,963 of our August 2016 convertible bonds at a price of 97.5, including commissions. The transactions will result in our recognizing \$10 of loss in the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

On February 6, 2012, we announced the declaration of monthly dividends in the following amounts and with the following dates:

\$0.101450 per share for February 2012 to holders of record on February 29, 2012 with a payment date of March 23, 2012;

\$0.101475 per share for March 2012 to holders of record on March 30, 2012 with a payment date of April 20, 2012; and

\$0.101500 per share for April 2012 to holders of record on April 30, 2012 with a payment date of May 24, 2012.

On February 15, 2012, we provided \$25 million of secured second-lien financing to a leading provider of Web security and wide area network (WAN) optimization solutions.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining such estimates could cause actual results to differ materially. In addition to the discussion below, our critical accounting policies are further described in the notes to the financial statements.

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Basis of Consolidation

Under the 1940 Act rules, the regulations pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation S-X, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies, we are precluded from consolidating any entity other than another investment company or an operating company which provides substantially all of its services and benefits to us. Our December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011 financial statements include our accounts and the accounts of Prospect Capital Funding, LLC, our only wholly-owned, closely-managed subsidiary that is also an investment company. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Investment Classification

We are a non-diversified company within the meaning of the 1940 Act. We classify our investments by level of control. As defined in the 1940 Act, control investments are those where there is the ability or power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company. Control is generally deemed to exist when a company or individual possesses or has the right to acquire within 60 days or less, a beneficial ownership of 25% or more of the voting securities of an investee company. Affiliated investments and affiliated companies are defined by a lesser degree of influence and are deemed to exist through the possession outright or via the right to acquire within 60 days or less, beneficial ownership of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of another person.

Investments are recognized when we assume an obligation to acquire a financial instrument and assume the risks for gains or losses related to that instrument. Investments are derecognized when we assume an obligation to sell a financial instrument and forego the risks for gains or losses related to that instrument. Specifically, we record all security transactions on a trade date basis. Investments in other, non-security financial instruments are recorded on the basis of subscription date or redemption date, as applicable. Amounts for investments recognized or derecognized but not yet settled are reported as Receivables for investments sold and Payables for investments purchased, respectively, in the Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

Investment Valuation

Our Board of Directors has established procedures for the valuation of our investment portfolio. These procedures are detailed below.

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at such market quotations.

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

- 1) Each portfolio company or investment is reviewed by our investment professionals with the independent valuation firm engaged by our Board of Directors;
- 2) the independent valuation firm conducts independent appraisals and makes their own independent assessment;
- 3) the audit committee of our Board of Directors reviews and discusses the preliminary valuation of our Investment Adviser and that of the independent valuation firm; and
- 4) the Board of Directors discusses the valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of our Investment Adviser, the independent valuation firm and the audit committee.

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Effective July 1, 2008, we adopted the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC" or "Codification") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* ("ASC 820"). ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.

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

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

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

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

In all cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls has been determined based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to each investment.

In April 2009, the FASB issued ASC 820-10-65, *Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly* ("ASC 820-10-65"). This update provides further clarification for ASC 820 in markets that are not active and provides additional guidance for determining when the volume of trading level of activity for an asset or liability has significantly decreased and for identifying circumstances that indicate a transaction is not orderly. ASC 820-10-65 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. The adoption of ASC 820-10-65 did not have any effect on our net asset value, financial position or results of operations for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, as there was no change to the fair value measurement principles set forth in ASC 820.

In January 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2010-06, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820): Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements* ("ASC 2010-06"). ASC 2010-06 amends ASC 820-10 and clarifies and provides additional disclosure requirements related to recurring and non-recurring fair value measurements and employers' disclosures about postretirement benefit plan assets. ASC 2010-06 is effective December 15, 2009, except for the disclosure about purchase, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll forward of activity in level 3 fair value measurements. The adoption of ASC 2010-06 for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, did not have any effect on our financial statements.

Federal and State Income Taxes

We have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company and intend to continue to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), applicable to regulated investment companies. We are required to distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income and intend to distribute (or retain through a deemed distribution) all of our investment company taxable income and net capital gain to stockholders; therefore, we have made no provision for income taxes. The character of income and gains that we will distribute is determined in accordance with income tax regulations that may differ from GAAP. Book and tax basis differences relating to stockholder dividends and distributions and other permanent book and tax differences are reclassified to paid-in capital.

If we do not distribute at least 98% of our annual income and 98.2% of our capital gains in the calendar year earned, we will generally be required to pay an excise tax equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of our annual ordinary income and 98.2% of our capital gains exceeds the distributions

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from such taxable income for the year. To the extent that we determine that our estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions from such taxable income, we accrue excise taxes, if any, on estimated excess taxable income as taxable income is earned using an annual effective excise tax rate. The annual effective excise tax rate is determined by dividing the estimated annual excise tax by the estimated annual taxable income.

If we fail to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement or otherwise fail to qualify as a RIC in any taxable year, we would be subject to tax on all of our taxable income at regular corporate rates. We would not be able to deduct distributions to stockholders, nor would we be required to make distributions. Distributions would generally be taxable to our individual and other non-corporate taxable stockholders as ordinary dividend income eligible for the reduced maximum rate for taxable years beginning before 2013 (but not for taxable years beginning thereafter, unless the relevant provisions are extended by legislation) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, provided certain holding period and other requirements are met. Subject to certain limitations under the Code, corporate distributions would be eligible for the dividends-received deduction. To qualify again to be taxed as a RIC in a subsequent year, we would be required to distribute to our shareholders our accumulated earnings and profits attributable to non-RIC years reduced by an interest charge of 50% of such earnings and profits payable by us as an additional tax. In addition, if we failed to qualify as a RIC for a period greater than two taxable years, then, in order to qualify as a RIC in a subsequent year, we would be required to elect to recognize and pay tax on any net built-in gain (the excess of aggregate gain, including items of income, over aggregate loss that would have been realized if we had been liquidated) or, alternatively, be subject to taxation on such built-in gain recognized for a period of ten years.

We adopted FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes* ("ASC 740"). ASC 740 provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented, and disclosed in the financial statements. ASC 740 requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing our tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold are recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current year. Adoption of ASC 740 was applied to all open tax years as of July 1, 2007. The adoption of ASC 740 did not have an effect on our net asset value, financial condition or results of operations as there was no liability for unrecognized tax benefits and no change to our beginning net asset value. As of December 31, 2011 and for the three and six months then ended, we did not have a liability for any unrecognized tax benefits. Management's determinations regarding ASC 740 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.

Valuation of Other Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

In February 2007, FASB issued ASC Subtopic 820-10-05-1, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* ("ASC 820-10-05-1"). ASC 820-10-05-1 permits an entity to elect fair value as the initial and subsequent measurement attribute for many of assets and liabilities for which the fair value option has been elected and similar assets and liabilities measured using another measurement attribute. We adopted this statement on July 1, 2008 and have elected not to value other assets and liabilities at fair value as would be permitted by ASC 820-10-05-1.

Senior Convertible Notes

We have recorded the Senior Convertible Notes (See Note 5) at their contractual amounts. The Senior Convertible Notes were analyzed for any features that would require its accounting to be bifurcated and they were determined to be immaterial.

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Revenue Recognition

Realized gains or losses on the sale of investments are calculated using the specific identification method.

Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on an accrual basis. Origination, closing and/or commitment fees associated with investments in portfolio companies are accreted into interest income over the respective terms of the applicable loans. Accretion of such purchase discounts or premiums is calculated by the effective interest method as of the purchase date and adjusted only for material amendments or prepayments. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any prepayment penalties and unamortized loan origination, closing and commitment fees are recorded as interest income. The purchase discount for portfolio investments acquired from Patriot Capital Funding, Inc. ("Patriot") was determined based on the difference between par value and fair market value as of December 2, 2009, and will continue to accrete until maturity or repayment of the respective loans.

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Structuring fees and similar fees are recognized as income as earned, usually when paid. Structuring fees, excess deal deposits, net profits interests and overriding royalty interests are included in other income.

Loans are placed on non-accrual status when there is reasonable doubt that principal or interest will not be collected in accordance with the terms of the investment. Accrued interest is generally reversed when a loan is placed on non-accrual status. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment. Non-accrual loans are restored to accrual status when past due principal and interest is paid and in management's judgment, are likely to remain current.

Dividends and Distributions

Dividends and distributions to common stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount, if any, to be paid as a dividend or distribution is approved by our Board of Directors each quarter and is generally based upon our management's estimate of our earnings for the quarter. Net realized capital gains, if any, are distributed at least annually.

Financing Costs

We record origination expenses related to our credit facility and the Senior Convertible Notes as deferred financing costs. These expenses are deferred and amortized as part of interest expense using the straight-line method for our revolving credit facility and the effective interest method for our Senior Convertible Notes, over the respective expected life.

We record registration expenses related to shelf filings as prepaid assets. These expenses consist principally of Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") registration fees, legal fees and accounting fees incurred. These prepaid assets will be charged to capital upon the receipt of an equity offering proceeds or charged to expense if no offering completed.

Guarantees and Indemnification Agreements

We follow ASC 460, *Guarantees* ("ASC 460"). ASC 460 elaborates on the disclosure requirements of a guarantor in its interim and annual financial statements about its obligations under certain guarantees that it has issued. It also requires a guarantor to recognize, at the inception of a guarantee, for those guarantees that are covered by ASC 460, the fair value of the obligation undertaken in issuing certain guarantees.

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Per Share Information

Net increase or decrease in net assets resulting from operations per common share are calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period presented. In accordance with ASC 946, *Financial Services Investment Companies*, convertible securities are not considered in the calculation of net assets per share.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2011-02, *Receivables (Topic 310): A Creditor's Determination of Whether a Restructuring is a Troubled Debt Restructuring* ("ASU 2011-02"). ASU 2011-02 clarifies which loan modifications constitute troubled debt restructurings. It is intended to assist creditors in determining whether a modification of the terms of a receivable meets the criteria to be considered a troubled debt restructuring, both for purposes of recording an impairment loss and for disclosure of troubled debt restructurings. In evaluating whether a restructuring constitutes a troubled debt restructuring, a creditor must separately conclude that both of the following exist: (a) the restructuring constitutes a concession; and (b) the debtor is experiencing financial difficulties. ASU 2011-02 provides guidance to clarify whether the creditor has granted a concession and whether a debtor is experiencing financial difficulties. The adoption of ASC 2010-06 for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, did not have any effect on our financial statements.

In May 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2011-04, *Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs* ("ASU 2011-04"). ASU 2011-04 amends Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurements" ("ASC 820") by: (1) clarifying that the highest-and-best-use and valuation-premise concepts only apply to measuring the fair value of non-financial assets; (2) allowing a reporting entity to measure the fair value of the net asset or net liability position in a manner consistent with how market participants would price the net risk position, if certain criteria are met; (3) providing a framework for considering whether a premium or discount can be applied in a fair value measurement; (4) providing that the fair value of an instrument classified in a reporting entity's shareholders' equity is estimated from the perspective of a market participant that holds the identical item as an asset; and (5) expanding the qualitative and quantitative fair value disclosure requirements. The expanded disclosures include, for Level 3 items, a description of the valuation process and a narrative description of the sensitivity of the fair value to changes in unobservable inputs and interrelationships between those inputs if a change in those inputs would result in a significantly different fair value measurement. ASU 2011-4 also requires disclosures about the highest-and-best-use of a non-financial asset when this use differs from the asset's current use and the reasons for such a difference. In addition, this ASU amends Accounting Standards Codification 820, "Fair Value Measurements," to require disclosures to include any transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. These amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011 and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The amendments of ASU 2011-04, when adopted, are not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

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QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are subject to financial market risks, including changes in interest rates and equity price risk. Some of the loans in our portfolio have floating interest rates.

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 higher interest rates with respect to our portfolio of investments. During the three months ended December 31, 2011, we did not engage in hedging activities.

DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

The following description of the particular terms of the notes being offered supplements and, to the extent inconsistent with or to the extent otherwise specified in an applicable pricing supplement, replaces the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities set forth under the heading "Description of Our Debt Securities" in the accompanying prospectus. Unless otherwise specified in an applicable pricing supplement, the notes will have the terms described below. Capitalized terms used but not defined below have the meanings given to them in the accompanying prospectus and in the indenture relating to the notes.

The notes being offered by this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the applicable pricing supplement will be issued under an indenture, dated as of February 16, 2012, between us and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, as trustee, as supplemented from time to time. The indenture is more fully described in the accompanying prospectus. The indenture does not limit the aggregate amount of debt securities that may be issued under it and provides that the debt securities may be issued under it from time to time in one or more series. The following statements are summaries of the material provisions of the indenture and the notes. These summaries do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the indenture, including for the definitions of certain terms. From time to time we may offer other debt securities either publicly or through private placement having maturities, interest rates, covenants and other terms that may differ materially from the terms of the notes described herein and in any pricing supplement.

The notes constitute a single series of debt securities for purposes of the indenture and are unlimited in aggregate principal amount under the terms of the indenture. Our board of directors has authorized the issuance and sale of the notes from time to time in various offerings up to an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000,000.

Notes issued in accordance with this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the applicable pricing supplement will have the following general characteristics:

the notes will be our direct unsecured senior obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured senior indebtedness from time to time outstanding;

the notes may be offered from time to time by us through the Purchasing Agent and each note will mature on a day that is at least 12 months from its date of original issuance;

each note will bear interest from its date of original issuance at a fixed rate per year;

the notes will not be subject to any sinking fund; and

the minimum denomination of the notes will be \$1,000 (unless otherwise stated in the pricing supplement).

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In addition, the pricing supplement relating to each offering of notes will describe specific terms of the notes, including:

- the price, which may be expressed as a percentage of the aggregate initial public offering price of the notes, at which the notes will be issued to the public;
- the date on which the notes will be issued to the public;
- the stated maturity date of the notes;
- the rate per year at which the notes will bear interest;
- the interest payment frequency;
- the purchase price, Purchasing Agent's discount and net proceeds to us;
- whether the authorized representative of the holder of a beneficial interest in the notes will have the right to seek repayment upon the death of the holder as described under "Survivor's Option" on page S-43;
- if the notes may be redeemed at our option or repaid at the option of the holder prior to its stated maturity date, the provisions relating to any such redemption or repayment;
- any special U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes; and
- any other significant terms of the notes not inconsistent with the provisions of the indenture.

We may at any time purchase notes at any price or prices in the open market or otherwise. Notes so purchased by us may, at our discretion, be held, resold or surrendered to the trustee for cancellation.

Payment of Principal and Interest

Principal of and interest on beneficial interests in the notes will be made in accordance with the arrangements then in place between the paying agent and The Depository Trust Company (referred to as "DTC") and its participants as described under "Registration and Settlement The Depository Trust Company" on page S-46. Payments in respect of any notes in certificated form will be made as described under "Registration and Settlement Registration, Transfer and Payment of Certificated Notes" on page S-48.

Interest on each note will be payable either monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually on each interest payment date and at the note's stated maturity or on the date of redemption or repayment if a note is redeemed or repaid prior to maturity. Interest is payable to the person in whose name a note is registered at the close of business on the regular record date before each interest payment date. Interest due at a note's stated maturity or on a date of redemption or repayment will be payable to the person to whom principal is payable.

We will pay any administrative costs imposed by banks in connection with making payments in immediately available funds, but any tax, assessment or governmental charge imposed upon any payments on a note, including, without limitation, any withholding tax, is the responsibility of the holders of beneficial interests in the note in respect of which such payments are made.

Interest and Interest Rates

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Each note will accrue interest from its date of original issuance until its stated maturity or earlier redemption or repayment. The applicable pricing supplement will specify a fixed interest rate per year payable monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Interest on the notes will be computed on the

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basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. If the stated maturity date, date of earlier redemption or repayment or interest payment date for any note is not a business day, principal and interest for that note will be paid on the next business day, and no interest will accrue on the amount payable from, and after, the stated maturity date, date of earlier redemption or repayment or interest payment date.

Payment of Interest

Interest on the notes will be paid as follows:

Interest Payment Frequency	Interest Payment Dates
Monthly	Fifteenth day of each calendar month, beginning in the first calendar month following the month the note was issued.
Quarterly	Fifteenth day of every third month, beginning in the third calendar month following the month the note was issued.
Semi-annually	Fifteenth day of every sixth month, beginning in the sixth calendar month following the month the note was issued.
Annually	Fifteenth day of every twelfth month, beginning in the twelfth calendar month following the month the note was issued.

The regular record date for any interest payment date will be the first day of the calendar month in which the interest payment date occurs, except that the regular record date for interest due on the note's stated maturity date or date of earlier redemption or repayment will be that particular date.

Interest on a note will be payable beginning on the first interest payment date after its date of original issuance to holders of record on the corresponding regular record date.

"Business day" means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law or regulation to close in The City of New York.

Redemption and Repayment

Unless we otherwise provide in the applicable pricing supplement, a note will not be redeemable or repayable prior to its stated maturity date.

If the pricing supplement states that the note will be redeemable at our option prior to its stated maturity date, then on such date or dates specified in the pricing supplement, we may redeem those notes at our option either in whole or from time to time in part, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice to the holder of those notes.

If the pricing supplement states that your note will be repayable at your option prior to its stated maturity date, we will require receipt of notice of the request for repayment at least 30 but not more than 60 days prior to the date or dates specified in the pricing supplement. We also must receive the completed form entitled "Option to Elect Repayment." Exercise of the repayment option by the holder of a note is irrevocable.

Since the notes will be represented by a global note, DTC or its nominee will be treated as the holder of the notes; therefore DTC or its nominee will be the only entity that receives notices of redemption of notes from us, in the case of our redemption of notes, and will be the only entity that can exercise the right to repayment of notes, in the case of optional repayment. See "Registration and Settlement" on page S-46.

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To ensure that DTC or its nominee will timely exercise a right to repayment with respect to a particular beneficial interest in a note, the beneficial owner of the interest in that note must instruct the broker or other direct or indirect participant through which it holds the beneficial interest to notify DTC or its nominee of its desire to exercise a right to repayment. Because different firms have different cut-off times for accepting instructions from their customers, each beneficial owner should consult the broker or other direct or indirect participant through which it holds an interest in a note to determine the cut-off time by which the instruction must be given for timely notice to be delivered to DTC or its nominee. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC or its nominee to participants, by participants to indirect participants and by participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners of the notes will be governed by agreements among them and any applicable statutory or regulatory requirements.

The redemption or repayment of a note normally will occur on the interest payment date or dates following receipt of a valid notice. Unless otherwise specified in the pricing supplement, the redemption or repayment price will equal 100% of the principal amount of the note plus unpaid interest accrued to the date or dates of redemption or repayment.

We may at any time purchase notes at any price or prices in the open market or otherwise. We may also purchase notes otherwise tendered for repayment by a holder or tendered by a holder's duly authorized representative through exercise of the Survivor's Option described below. If we purchase the notes in this manner, we have the discretion to either hold, resell or surrender the notes to the trustee for cancellation.

Survivor's Option

The "Survivor's Option" is a provision in a note pursuant to which we agree to repay that note, if requested by the authorized representative of the beneficial owner of that note, following the death of the beneficial owner of the note, so long as the note was owned by that beneficial owner or the estate of that beneficial owner at least six months prior to the request. The pricing supplement relating to each offering of notes will state whether the Survivor's Option applies to those notes.

If a note is entitled to a Survivor's Option, upon the valid exercise of the Survivor's Option and the proper tender of that note for repayment, we will, at our option, repay or repurchase that note, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the deceased beneficial owner's interest in that note plus unpaid interest accrued to the date of repayment.

To be valid, the Survivor's Option must be exercised by or on behalf of the person who has authority to act on behalf of the deceased beneficial owner of the note (including, without limitation, the personal representative or executor of the deceased beneficial owner or the surviving joint owner with the deceased beneficial owner) under the laws of the applicable jurisdiction.

The death of a person holding a beneficial ownership interest in a note as a joint tenant or tenant by the entirety with another person, or as a tenant in common with the deceased holder's spouse, will be deemed the death of a beneficial owner of that note, and the entire principal amount of the note so held will be subject to repayment by us upon request. However, the death of a person holding a beneficial ownership interest in a note as tenant in common with a person other than such deceased holder's spouse will be deemed the death of a beneficial owner only with respect to such deceased person's interest in the note.

The death of a person who, during his or her lifetime, was entitled to substantially all of the beneficial ownership interests in a note will be deemed the death of the beneficial owner of that note for purposes of the Survivor's Option, regardless of whether that beneficial owner was the registered holder of that note, if entitlement to those interests can be established to the satisfaction of the trustee. A beneficial ownership interest will be deemed to exist in typical cases of nominee ownership,

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ownership under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act or Uniform Gifts to Minors Act, community property or other joint ownership arrangements between a husband and wife. In addition, a beneficial ownership interest will be deemed to exist in custodial and trust arrangements where one person has all of the beneficial ownership interests in the applicable note during his or her lifetime.

We have the discretionary right to limit the aggregate principal amount of notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted by us from authorized representatives of all deceased beneficial owners in any calendar year to an amount equal to the greater of \$2,000,000 or 2% of the principal amount of all notes outstanding as of the end of the most recent calendar year. We also have the discretionary right to limit to \$250,000 in any calendar year the aggregate principal amount of notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option shall be accepted by us from the authorized representative of any individual deceased beneficial owner of notes in such calendar year. In addition, we will not permit the exercise of the Survivor's Option except in principal amounts of \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000.

An otherwise valid election to exercise the Survivor's Option may not be withdrawn. Each election to exercise the Survivor's Option will be accepted in the order that elections are received by the trustee, except for any note the acceptance of which would contravene any of the limitations described in the preceding paragraph. Notes accepted for repayment through the exercise of the Survivor's Option normally will be repaid on the first interest payment date that occurs 20 or more calendar days after the date of the acceptance. For example, if the acceptance date of a note tendered through a valid exercise of the Survivor's Option is September 1, 2012, and interest on that note is paid monthly, we would normally, at our option, repay that note on the interest payment date occurring on October 15, 2012, because the September 15, 2012 interest payment date would occur less than 20 days from the date of acceptance. Each tendered note that is not accepted in any calendar year due to the application of any of the limitations described in the preceding paragraph will be deemed to be tendered in the following calendar year in the order in which all such notes were originally tendered. If a note tendered through a valid exercise of the Survivor's Option is not accepted, the trustee will deliver a notice by first-class mail to the registered holder, at that holder's last known address as indicated in the note register, that states the reason that note has not been accepted for repayment.

With respect to notes represented by a global note, DTC or its nominee is treated as the holder of the notes and will be the only entity that can exercise the Survivor's Option for such notes. To obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option for a note, the deceased beneficial owner's authorized representative must provide the following items to the broker or other entity through which the beneficial interest in the note is held by the deceased beneficial owner:

a written instruction to such broker or other entity to notify DTC of the authorized representative's desire to obtain repayment pursuant to exercise of the Survivor's Option;

appropriate evidence satisfactory to the trustee (a) that the deceased was the beneficial owner of the note at the time of death and his or her interest in the note was owned by the deceased beneficial owner or his or her estate at least six months prior to the request for repayment, (b) that the death of the beneficial owner has occurred, (c) of the date of death of the beneficial owner, and (d) that the representative has authority to act on behalf of the beneficial owner;

if the interest in the note is held by a nominee of the deceased beneficial owner, a certificate satisfactory to the trustee from the nominee attesting to the deceased's beneficial ownership of such note;

written request for repayment signed by the authorized representative of the deceased beneficial owner with the signature guaranteed by a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. or a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States;

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if applicable, a properly executed assignment or endorsement;

tax waivers and any other instruments or documents that the trustee reasonably requires in order to establish the validity of the beneficial ownership of the note and the claimant's entitlement to payment; and

any additional information the trustee reasonably requires to evidence satisfaction of any conditions to the exercise of the Survivor's Option or to document beneficial ownership or authority to make the election and to cause the repayment of the note.

In turn, the broker or other entity will deliver each of these items to the trustee, together with evidence satisfactory to the trustee from the broker or other entity stating that it represents the deceased beneficial owner.

The death of a person owning a note in joint tenancy or tenancy by the entirety with another or others shall be deemed the death of the holder of the note, and the entire principal amount of the note so held shall be subject to repayment, together with interest accrued thereon to the repayment date. The death of a person owning a note by tenancy in common shall be deemed the death of a holder of a note only with respect to the deceased holder's interest in the note so held by tenancy in common; except that in the event a note is held by husband and wife as tenants in common, the death of either shall be deemed the death of the holder of the note, and the entire principal amount of the note so held shall be subject to repayment. The death of a person who, during his or her lifetime, was entitled to substantially all of the beneficial interests of ownership of a note, shall be deemed the death of the holder thereof for purposes of this provision, regardless of the registered holder, if such beneficial interest can be established to the satisfaction of the trustee and us. Such beneficial interest shall be deemed to exist in typical cases of nominee ownership, ownership under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act, the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, community property or other joint ownership arrangements between a husband and wife and trust arrangements where one person has substantially all of the beneficial ownership interest in the note during his or her lifetime.

We retain the right to limit the aggregate principal amount of notes as to which exercises of the Survivor's Option applicable to the notes will be accepted in any one calendar year as described above. All other questions regarding the eligibility or validity of any exercise of the Survivor's Option will be determined by the trustee, in its sole discretion, which determination will be final and binding on all parties.

The broker or other entity will be responsible for disbursing payments received from the trustee to the authorized representative. See "Registration and Settlement" on page S-46.

Forms for the exercise of the Survivor's Option may be obtained from the Trustee at 110 Wall Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10005, Attention: General Counsel.

If applicable, we will comply with the requirements of Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act, and the rules promulgated thereunder, and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with any repayment of notes at the option of the registered holders or beneficial owners thereof.

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REGISTRATION AND SETTLEMENT

The Depository Trust Company

All of the notes we offer will be issued in book-entry only form. This means that we will not issue certificates for notes, except in the limited case described below. Instead, we will issue global notes in registered form. Each global note will be held through DTC and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

Accordingly, Cede & Co. will be the holder of record of the notes. Each note represented by a global note evidences a beneficial interest in that global note.

Beneficial interests in a global note will be shown on, and transfers are effected through, records maintained by DTC or its participants. In order to own a beneficial interest in a note, you must be an institution that has an account with DTC or have a direct or indirect account with such an institution. Transfers of ownership interests in the notes will be accomplished by making entries in DTC participants' books acting on behalf of beneficial owners.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered holder of a global note, DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, will be the sole holder and owner of the notes represented thereby for all purposes, including payment of principal and interest, under the indenture. Except as otherwise provided below, you will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificated notes and will not be considered the holder of the notes for any purpose under the indenture. Accordingly, you must rely on the procedures of DTC and the procedures of the DTC participant through which you own your note in order to exercise any rights of a holder of a note under the indenture. The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of notes take physical delivery of such notes in certificated form. Those limits and laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in the notes.

Each global note representing notes will be exchangeable for certificated notes of like tenor and terms and of differing authorized denominations in a like aggregate principal amount, only if (1) DTC notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the global notes or we become aware that DTC has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in any such case we fail to appoint a successor to DTC within 60 calendar days, (2) we, in our sole discretion, determine that the global notes shall be exchangeable for certificated notes or (3) an event of default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the notes under the indenture. Upon any such exchange, the certificated notes shall be registered in the names of the beneficial owners of the global note representing the notes.

The following is based on information furnished by DTC:

DTC will act as securities depository for the notes. The notes will be issued as fully-registered notes registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. Generally, one fully registered global note will be issued for all of the principal amount of the notes.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 2 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues and money market instruments from over 85 countries that DTC's direct participants deposit with DTC.

DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among direct participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between direct participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include both U.S. and non U.S. securities brokers and dealers,

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banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC, in turn, is owned by a number of direct participants of DTC and members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Government Securities Clearing Corporation, MBS Clearing Corporation, and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation, as well as by The New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC, and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly. The DTC rules applicable to its participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of the notes under the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for the notes on DTC's records. The beneficial interest of each actual purchaser of each note is in turn to be recorded on the direct and indirect participants' records. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participant through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of beneficial interests in the notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of direct and indirect participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their beneficial interests in notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all notes deposited by direct participants with DTC will be registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of the notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such notes will be credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The direct and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants, and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial owners of the notes may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the notes, such as redemption, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the security documents. For example, beneficial owners of the notes may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the notes for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to beneficial owners. In the alternative, beneficial owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar of the notes and request that copies of the notices be provided to them directly. Any such request may or may not be successful.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the notes unless authorized by a direct participant in accordance with DTC's procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to us as soon as possible after the regular record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts the notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

We will pay principal and or interest payments on the notes in same-day funds directly to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding

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detail information. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of these participants and not of DTC or any other party, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements that may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC, is our responsibility, disbursement of such payments to direct participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of the direct or indirect participant.

We will send any redemption notices to DTC. If less than all of the notes are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in such issue to be redeemed.

A beneficial owner, or its authorized representative, shall give notice to elect to have its notes repaid by us, through its direct or indirect participant, to the trustee, and shall effect delivery of such notes by causing the direct participant to transfer that participant's interest in the global note representing such notes, on DTC's records, to the trustee. The requirement for physical delivery of notes in connection with a demand for repayment will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the global note representing such notes are transferred by the direct participants on DTC's records.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository for the notes at any time by giving us reasonable notice. Under such circumstances, if a successor securities depository is not obtained, we will print and deliver certificated notes. We may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, we will print and deliver certificated notes.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but neither we, the Purchasing Agent nor any agent takes any responsibility for its accuracy.

Registration, Transfer and Payment of Certificated Notes

If we ever issue notes in certificated form, those notes may be presented for registration, transfer and payment at the office of the registrar or at the office of any transfer agent designated and maintained by us. We have originally designated American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC to act in those capacities for the notes. The registrar or transfer agent will make the transfer or registration only if it is satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. There will not be a service charge for any exchange or registration of transfer of the notes, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with the exchange. At any time, we may change transfer agents or approve a change in the location through which any transfer agent acts. We also may designate additional transfer agents for any notes at any time.

We will not be required to: (1) issue, exchange or register the transfer of any note to be redeemed for a period of 15 days after the selection of the notes to be redeemed; (2) exchange or register the transfer of any note that was selected, called or is being called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any note being redeemed in part; or (3) exchange or register the transfer of any note as to which an election for repayment by the holder has been made, except the unrepaid portion of any note being repaid in part.

We will pay principal of and interest on any certificated notes at the offices of the paying agents we may designate from time to time. Generally, we will pay interest on a note by check on any interest payment date other than at stated maturity or upon earlier redemption or repayment to the person in whose name the note is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for that payment. We will pay principal and interest at stated maturity or upon earlier redemption or repayment in same-day funds against presentation and surrender of the applicable notes.

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SUPPLEMENT TO MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following summary of U.S. federal income tax considerations supplements the discussion set forth under the heading "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the accompanying prospectus and is subject to the qualifications and assumptions set forth therein.

The following is a general summary of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes. This discussion is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), Treasury Regulations and judicial decisions and administrative interpretations thereof, all as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations, possibly with retroactive effect. No ruling from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has been or will be sought regarding any matter discussed herein. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax aspects set forth below.

This discussion applies only to a holder of notes that acquires the notes pursuant to this offering at the initial offering price and who holds the notes as a capital asset (generally, property held for investment) under the Code. This discussion does not address any U.S. federal estate or gift tax consequences or any state, local or non-U.S. tax consequences. In addition, this discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be applicable to investors in light of their particular circumstances, or to investors subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax law, including, but not limited to:

banks, insurance companies or other financial institutions;

pension plans or trusts;

U.S. noteholders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;

real estate investment trusts;

regulated investment companies;

persons subject to the alternative minimum tax;

cooperatives;

tax-exempt organizations;

dealers in securities;

expatriates;

foreign persons or entities (except to the extent set forth below);

persons deemed to sell the notes under the constructive sale provisions of the Code; or

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persons that hold the notes as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction or other integrated investment.

If a partnership (including any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) owns notes, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partners in a partnership that owns the notes should consult their tax advisors as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to them.

We encourage investors to consult their tax advisors regarding the specific consequences of an investment in our notes, including tax reporting requirements, the applicability of U.S. federal, state or local and foreign tax laws, eligibility for the benefits of any applicable tax treaty and the effect of any possible changes in the tax laws.

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Consequences to U.S. Noteholders

The following is a general summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that will apply to you if you are a U.S. noteholder. Material U.S. federal income tax consequences to non-U.S. noteholders are described under "Consequences to Non-U.S. Noteholders" below. For purposes of this summary, the term "U.S. noteholder" means a beneficial owner of a note that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes (i) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the U.S., (ii) a corporation, or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, that is created or organized under the laws of the U.S., any of the States or the District of Columbia, (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, or (iv) a trust (A) if a court within the U.S. is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust, or (B) that has made a valid election to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Stated interest and OID on the notes

Except as discussed below, a U.S. noteholder generally will be required to recognize stated interest as ordinary income at the time it is paid or accrued on the notes in accordance with its regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In addition, if the notes' "issue price" (the first price at which a substantial amount of the notes is sold to investors) is less than their stated principal amount by more than a statutorily defined de minimis threshold, the notes will be issued with original issue discount ("OID") for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the notes are issued with OID, a U.S. noteholder generally will be required to include the OID in gross income as ordinary interest income in advance of the receipt of cash attributable to that income and regardless of such holder's regular method of tax accounting. Such OID will be included in gross income for each day during each taxable year in which the note is held using a constant yield-to-maturity method that reflects the compounding of interest. This means that the holder will have to include in income increasingly greater amounts of OID over time. Notice will be given in the applicable pricing supplement when we determine whether a particular note will be issued with OID. We are required to provide information returns stating the amount of OID accrued on the notes held by persons of record other than certain exempt holders.

If you own a note issued with de minimis OID (i.e., discount that is not OID), you generally must include the de minimis OID in income at the time principal payments on the notes are made in proportion to the amount paid. Any amount of de minimis OID that you have included in income will be treated as capital gain.

Short-term notes

Notes that have a fixed maturity of one year or less ("short-term notes") will be subject to the following special rules.

All of the interest on a short-term note is treated as part of the short-term note's stated redemption price at maturity, thereby giving rise to OID. Thus, all short-term notes will be OID debt securities. OID will be treated as accruing on a short-term debt instrument ratably or, at the election of a U.S. noteholder, under a constant yield method.

A U.S. noteholder that uses the cash method of tax accounting (with certain exceptions) will generally not be required to include OID in respect of the short-term note in income on a current basis, though they may be required to include stated interest in income as the income is received. Such a U.S. noteholder may not be allowed to deduct all of the interest paid or accrued on any indebtedness incurred or maintained to purchase or carry such a short-term note until the maturity of the note or its earlier disposition in a taxable transaction. In addition, such a U.S. noteholder will be required to treat any gain realized on a disposition of the note as ordinary income to the extent of the holder's accrued OID on the note, and short-term capital gain to the extent the gain exceeds accrued OID. A U.S.

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noteholder that uses the cash method of tax accounting may, however, elect to include OID on a short-term note in income on a current basis. In such case, the limitation on the deductibility of interest described above will not apply. A U.S. noteholder that uses the accrual method of tax accounting and certain cash method holders generally will be required to include OID on a short-term note in income on a current basis.

Sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of the notes

Subject to the special rules for short-term notes discussed above, upon the sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of a note, a U.S. noteholder generally will recognize capital gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between (1) the sum of cash plus the fair market value of all other property received on such disposition (except to the extent such cash or property is attributable to accrued but unpaid interest, which, to the extent not previously included in income, generally will be taxable as ordinary income) and (2) its adjusted tax basis in the note. A U.S. noteholder's adjusted tax basis in a note generally will equal the price the U.S. noteholder paid for the note increased by OID (including with respect to a short-term note), if any, previously included in income with respect to that note, and reduced by any cash payments on the note other than stated interest. Such capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if, at the time of such taxable disposition, the U.S. noteholder has held the note for more than one year. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

In general, information reporting requirements will apply to certain payments of principal and interest (including OID) and to the proceeds of sale of a note paid to a U.S. noteholder (unless such noteholder is an exempt recipient). A backup withholding tax may apply to such payments if a U.S. noteholder fails to provide a taxpayer identification number or certification of exempt status, or if it is otherwise subject to backup withholding.

Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or credit against a U.S. noteholder's United States federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Consequences to Non-U.S. Noteholders

The following is a general summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that will apply to you if you are a non-U.S. noteholder. A beneficial owner of a note that is not a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes (including any entity or arrangement otherwise treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) or a U.S. noteholder is referred to herein as a "non-U.S. noteholder."

Stated interest and OID on the notes

Stated interest and OID, if any, paid or accrued to a non-U.S. noteholder will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax if the interest or OID is not effectively connected with its conduct of a trade or business within the United States, and the non-U.S. noteholder:

does not own, actually or constructively, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote;

is not a "controlled foreign corporation" with respect to which we are, directly or indirectly, a "related person";

is not a bank whose receipt of interest on the notes is described in section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code; and

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provides its name and address, and certifies, under penalties of perjury, that it is not a U.S. person (on a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form)), or holds its notes through certain foreign intermediaries and satisfies the certification requirements of applicable Treasury Regulations.

If a non-U.S. noteholder does not qualify for an exemption under these rules, interest income and OID, if any, from the notes may be subject to withholding tax at the rate of 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate). Stated interest and OID, if any, effectively connected with a non-U.S. noteholder's conduct of a U.S. trade or business (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, which is attributable to a United States permanent establishment), however, would not be subject to a 30% withholding tax so long as the non-U.S. noteholder provides us or our paying agent an adequate certification (currently on IRS Form W-8ECI); such payments of interest generally would be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis at the rates applicable to U.S. persons generally. In addition, if a non-U.S. noteholder is a foreign corporation and the stated interest and OID, if any, is effectively connected with its conduct of a U.S. trade or business, it may also be subject to a 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate) branch profits tax on its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to adjustments. To claim the benefit of a tax treaty, a non-U.S. noteholder must provide a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) to us or our paying agent before the payment of stated interest or OID, and may be required to obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number and provide documentary evidence issued by foreign governmental authorities to prove residence in the foreign country.

Sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of the notes

Any gain recognized by a non-U.S. noteholder on the sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of the notes (except with respect to accrued and unpaid interest, which would be taxed as described under "Consequences to Non-U.S. Noteholders Stated interest and OID on the notes" above) generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax unless:

the gain is effectively connected with its conduct of a U.S. trade or business (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment); or

the non-U.S. noteholder is a nonresident alien individual present in the U.S. for 183 or more days in the taxable year within which the sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition takes place and certain other requirements are met.

If a non-U.S. noteholder is a holder described in the first bullet point above, the net gain derived from the sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of its notes generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis at the rates applicable to U.S. persons generally. In addition, if such non-U.S. noteholder is a foreign corporation, it may also be subject to a 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate) branch profits tax on its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to adjustments. If a non-U.S. noteholder is a holder described in the second bullet point above, it will be subject to a flat 30% U.S. federal income tax on the gain derived from the sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of its notes, which may be offset by U.S. source capital losses, even though it is not considered a resident of the United States.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Generally, we must report to the IRS and to a non-U.S. noteholder the amount of interest (including OID) on the notes paid to a non-U.S. noteholder and the amount of tax, if any, withheld with respect to those payments if the notes are in registered form. Copies of the information returns reporting such interest payments and any withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which a non-U.S. noteholder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty.

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In general, a non-U.S. noteholder will not be subject to backup withholding with respect to payments on the notes that we make to such noteholder provided that we do not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such noteholder is a U.S. person as defined under the Code, and we have received from you the statement described above under the fourth bullet point under "Consequences to Non-U.S. Noteholders Stated interest and OID on the notes".

In addition, no information reporting requirements or backup withholding will be required regarding the proceeds of the sale of a note made within the United States or conducted through certain United States-related financial intermediaries, if the payor receives the statement described above and does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the non-U.S. noteholder is a U.S. person as defined under the Code, or the non-U.S. noteholder otherwise establishes an exemption.

Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or credit against a non-U.S. noteholder's United States federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Other withholding rules

After December 31, 2013, withholding at a rate of 30% will be required on interest in respect of, and after December 31, 2014, withholding at a rate of 30% will be required on gross proceeds from the sale of, notes held by or through certain foreign financial institutions (including investment funds), unless such institution enters into an agreement with the Secretary of the Treasury to report, on an annual basis, information with respect to shares in, and accounts maintained by, the institution to the extent such shares or accounts are held by certain United States persons or by certain non-U.S. entities that are wholly or partially owned by United States persons. Accordingly, the entity through which notes are held will affect the determination of whether such withholding is required. Similarly, interest in respect of, and gross proceeds from the sale of, notes held by an investor that is a non-financial non-U.S. entity will be subject to withholding at a rate of 30%, unless such entity either (i) certifies to us that such entity does not have any "substantial United States owners" or (ii) provides certain information regarding the entity's "substantial United States owners," which we will in turn provide to the Secretary of the Treasury. Although current law provides that obligations that are outstanding on March 18, 2012 are exempt from the withholding and reporting requirements under a grandfathering provision, recently proposed regulations have proposed extending this grandfathering provision to obligations that are outstanding on December 31, 2012. Non-U.S. noteholders are encouraged to consult with their tax advisors regarding the possible implications of these requirements on their investment in notes.

Non-U.S. noteholders should consult any applicable income tax treaties that may provide for different rules. In addition, non-U.S. noteholders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes.

**CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS APPLICABLE TO ERISA, GOVERNMENTAL AND
OTHER PLAN INVESTORS**

A fiduciary of a pension plan or other employee benefit plan (including a governmental plan, an individual retirement account or a Keogh plan) proposing to invest in the notes should consider this section carefully.

A fiduciary of an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (commonly referred to as "ERISA"), should consider fiduciary standards under ERISA in the context of the particular circumstances of such plan before authorizing an investment in the notes. Such fiduciary should consider whether the investment is in accordance with the documents and instruments governing the plan.

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In addition, ERISA and the Code prohibit certain transactions (referred to as "prohibited transactions") involving the assets of a plan subject to ERISA or the assets of an individual retirement account or plan subject to Section 4975 of the Code (referred to as an "ERISA plan"), on the one hand, and persons who have certain specified relationships to the plan ("parties in interest" within the meaning of ERISA or "disqualified persons" within the meaning of the Code), on the other. If we (or an affiliate) are considered a party in interest or disqualified person with respect to an ERISA plan, then the investment in notes by the ERISA plan may give rise to a prohibited transaction. The purchase and holding of notes by an ERISA plan may be subject to one or more statutory or administrative exemptions from the prohibited transaction rules under ERISA and the Code. Even if the conditions for relief under such exemptions were satisfied, however, there can be no assurance that such exemptions would apply to all of the prohibited transactions that may be deemed to arise in connection with a plan's investment in the notes.

By purchasing and holding the notes, the person making the decision to invest on behalf of an ERISA plan is representing that the purchase and holding of the notes will not result in a prohibited transaction under ERISA or the Code. Therefore, an ERISA plan should not invest in the notes unless the plan fiduciary or other person acquiring securities on behalf of the ERISA plan determines that neither we nor an affiliate is a party in interest or a disqualified person or, alternatively, that an exemption from the prohibited transaction rules is available. If an ERISA plan engages in a prohibited transaction, the transaction may require "correction" and may cause the ERISA plan fiduciary to incur certain liabilities and the parties in interest or disqualified persons to be subject to excise taxes.

Employee benefit plans that are governmental plans and non-U.S. plans are not subject to ERISA requirements. However, non-U.S., federal, state or local laws or regulations governing the investment and management of the assets of governmental or non-U.S. plans may contain fiduciary and prohibited transaction requirements similar to those under ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code discussed above. By purchasing and holding the notes, the person making the decision to invest on behalf of such plans is representing that the purchase and holding of the notes will not violate any law applicable to such governmental or non-U.S. plan that is similar to the prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA or the Code.

If you are the fiduciary of an employee benefit plan or ERISA plan and you propose to invest in the notes with the assets of such employee benefit plan or ERISA plan, you should consult your own legal counsel for further guidance. The sale of notes to an employee benefit plan is in no respect a representation by us, the Purchasing Agent or any other person that such an investment meets all relevant legal requirements with respect to investments by employee benefit plans generally or any particular plan or that such an investment is appropriate for employee benefit plans generally or any particular plan.

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Unless otherwise indicated in a pricing supplement for the notes, we expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes initially to maintain balance sheet liquidity, involving repayment of debt under our credit facility, investments in high quality short-term debt instruments or a combination thereof, and thereafter to make long-term investments in accordance with our investment objective. We anticipate that substantially all of the net proceeds from each offering will be used for the above purposes within six months, depending on the availability of appropriate investment opportunities consistent with our investment objective and market conditions.

As of February 15, 2012, we had \$172.0 million outstanding under our credit facility and, based on the assets currently pledged as collateral on the facility, an additional approximately \$214.4 million was available to us for borrowing under our credit facility. Interest on borrowings under the credit facility is one-month LIBOR plus 325 basis points, subject to a minimum Libor floor of 100 basis points. Additionally, the lenders charge a fee on the unused portion of the credit facility equal to either 75 basis points if at least half of the credit facility is used or 100 basis points otherwise.

SENIOR SECURITIES

Information about our senior securities is shown in the following table as of each fiscal year ended June 30 since the Company commenced operations and as of December 31, 2011.

Credit Facility	Total Amount Outstanding(1)	Asset Coverage per Unit(2)	Involuntary Liquidating Preference per Unit(3)	Average Market Value per Unit(4)
Fiscal 2012 (as of December 31, 2011, unaudited)	\$ 252,000	\$ 6,932		
Fiscal 2011 (as of June 30, 2011)	84,200	18,065		
Fiscal 2010 (as of June 30, 2010)	100,300	8,093		
Fiscal 2009 (as of June 30, 2009)	124,800	5,268		
Fiscal 2008 (as of June 30, 2008)	91,167	5,712		
Fiscal 2007 (as of June 30, 2007)		N/A		
Fiscal 2006 (as of June 30, 2006)	28,500	4,799		
Fiscal 2005 (as of June 30, 2005)		N/A		
Fiscal 2004 (as of June 30, 2004)		N/A		
2010 Notes				
Fiscal 2012 (as of December 31, 2011, unaudited)	\$ 150,000	\$ 11,647		
Fiscal 2011 (as of June 30, 2011)	150,000	10,140		
2011 Notes				
Fiscal 2012 (as of December 31, 2011, unaudited)	\$ 172,500	\$ 10,127		
Fiscal 2011 (as of June 30, 2011)	172,500	8,818		
All Senior Securities				
Fiscal 2012 (as of December 31, 2011, unaudited)	\$ 556,000	\$ 3,041		
Fiscal 2011 (as of June 30, 2011)	406,700	3,740		

(1) Total amount of each class of senior securities outstanding at the end of the period presented (in 000's).

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The asset coverage ratio for a class of senior securities representing indebtedness is calculated as our consolidated total assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior

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securities, divided by senior securities representing indebtedness. This asset coverage ratio is multiplied by \$1,000 to determine the Asset Coverage Per Unit.

(3) This column is inapplicable.

(4) This column is inapplicable.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

For the period ended December 31, 2011 and the years ended June 30, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007, the ratios of earnings to fixed charges of the Company, computed as set forth below, were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2011	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2011	For the Year Ended June 30, 2011	For the Year Ended June 30, 2010	For the Year Ended June 30, 2009	For the Year Ended June 30, 2008	For the Year Ended June 30, 2007
Earnings to Fixed Charges(1)	7.61	6.58	7.72	3.34	6.78	5.37	9.79

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

(1) Earnings include the net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation can vary substantially from year to year. Excluding the net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation, the earnings to fixed charges ratio would be 6.12 for the three months ended December 31, 2011, 4.38 for the six months ended December 31, 2011, 7.29 for the year ended June 30, 2011, 2.87 for the year ended June 30, 2010, 4.35 for the year ended June 30, 2009, 7.93 for the year ended June 30, 2008, and 8.77 for the year ended June 30, 2007.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Under the terms of a Selling Agent Agreement dated February 16, 2012, the notes will be offered from time to time by us to the Purchasing Agent for subsequent resale to agents and other dealers who are broker-dealers and securities firms. The Purchasing Agent, and the additional agents named from time to time pursuant to the Selling Agent Agreement, are, or will be, parties to the Selling Agent Agreement. The notes will be offered for sale in the United States only. Dealers who are members of the selling group have executed a Master Selected Dealer Agreement with the Purchasing Agent. We also may appoint additional agents to sell the notes. Any sale of the notes through those additional agents, however, will be on the same terms and conditions to which the original agents have agreed. The Purchasing Agent will purchase the notes at a discount ranging from 0.4% to 3.8% of the non-discounted price for each note sold. However, we also may sell the notes to the Purchasing Agent at a discount greater than or less than the range specified above. The discount at which we sell the notes to the Purchasing Agent will be set forth in the applicable pricing supplement. The Purchasing Agent also may sell notes to dealers at a concession not in excess of the discount it received from us. In certain cases, the Purchasing Agent and the other agents and dealers may agree that the Purchasing Agent will retain the entire discount. We will disclose any particular arrangements in the applicable pricing supplement.

Following the solicitation of orders, each of the agents, severally and not jointly, may purchase notes as principal for its own account from the Purchasing Agent. Unless otherwise set forth in the

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applicable pricing supplement, these notes will be purchased by the agents and resold by them to one or more investors at a fixed public offering price. After the initial public offering of notes, the public offering price (in the case of notes to be resold at a fixed public offering price), discount and concession may be changed.

We have the sole right to accept offers to purchase notes and may reject any proposed offer to purchase notes in whole or in part. Each agent also has the right, in its discretion reasonably exercised, to reject any proposed offer to purchase notes in whole or in part. We reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify any offer without notice. We also may change the terms, including the interest rate we will pay on the notes, at any time prior to our acceptance of an offer to purchase.

Each agent, including the Purchasing Agent, may be deemed to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act. We have agreed to indemnify the agents against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to any payments they may be required to make in respect of such liabilities. We also have agreed to reimburse the agents for certain expenses.

No note will have an established trading market when issued. We do not intend to apply for the listing of the notes on any securities exchange. However, we have been advised by the agents that they may purchase and sell notes in the secondary market as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. The agents are not obligated to make a market in the notes, and they may discontinue making a market in the notes at any time without notice. Neither we nor the agents can provide any assurance regarding the development, liquidity or maintenance of any trading market for any notes. All secondary trading in the notes will settle in same-day funds. See "Registration and Settlement" on page S-46.

In connection with certain offerings of notes, the rules of the SEC permit the Purchasing Agent to engage in transactions that may stabilize the price of the notes. The Purchasing Agent will conduct these activities for the agents. These transactions may consist of short sales, stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover positions created by short sales. A short sale is the sale by the Purchasing Agent of a greater amount of notes than the amount the Purchasing Agent has agreed to purchase in connection with a specific offering of notes. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases made by the Purchasing Agent to prevent or retard a decline in the price of the notes while an offering of notes is in process. In general, these purchases or bids for the notes for the purpose of stabilization or to reduce a syndicate short position could cause the price of the notes to be higher than it might otherwise be in the absence of those purchases or bids. Neither we nor the Purchasing Agent makes any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that these transactions may have on the price of any notes. In addition, neither we nor the Purchasing Agent makes any representation that, once commenced, these transactions will not be discontinued without notice. The Purchasing Agent is not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time.

The agents or dealers to or through which we may sell notes may engage in transactions with us and perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

LEGAL MATTERS

The legality of the notes will be passed upon for the Company by Joseph Ferraro, our General Counsel. Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP ("Skadden, Arps"), New York, New York, and Venable LLP, as special Maryland counsel, Baltimore, Maryland, will pass on certain matters for the Company. Troutman Sanders LLP will pass on certain matters for the agents. Skadden, Arps and Venable LLP each have from time to time acted as counsel for us and our subsidiaries and may do so in the future.

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INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

BDO USA, LLP is the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form N-2, together with all amendments and related exhibits, under the Securities Act, with respect to the notes offered by this prospectus supplement. The registration statement contains additional information about us and the notes being registered by this prospectus supplement. We file with or submit to the SEC annual, quarterly and current periodic reports, proxy statements and other information meeting the informational requirements of the Exchange Act. This information and the information specifically regarding how we voted proxies relating to portfolio securities for the period ended June 30, 2011, are available free of charge by contacting us at 10 East 40th Street, 44th floor, New York, NY 10016 or by telephone at toll-free (888) 748-0702. You may inspect and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information, as well as the registration statement and related exhibits and schedules, at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information filed electronically by us with the SEC which are available on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of these reports, proxy and information statements and other information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following E-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20549-0102.

No dealer, salesperson or other individual has been authorized to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this prospectus supplement and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by us or the Purchasing Agent or any agent. This prospectus supplement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so, or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation. Neither the delivery of this prospectus supplement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs or that information contained herein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date hereof.

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PROSPECT CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	December 31, 2011 (Unaudited)	June 30, 2011 (Audited)
Assets (Note 4)		
Investments at fair value:		
Control investments (net cost of \$273,496 and \$262,301, respectively)	\$ 386,552	\$ 310,072
Affiliate investments (net cost of \$59,488 and \$56,833, respectively)	67,872	72,337
Non-control/Non-affiliate investments (net cost of \$1,315,227 and \$1,116,600, respectively)	1,262,179	1,080,601
Total investments at fair value (net cost of \$1,648,211 and \$1,435,734, respectively, Note 3)	1,716,603	1,463,010
Investments in money market funds	60,705	59,903
Cash	1,861	1,492
Receivables for:		
Interest, net	9,739	9,269
Other	517	267
Prepaid expenses	387	101
Deferred financing costs	12,410	15,275
Total Assets	1,802,222	1,549,317
Liabilities		
Credit facility payable (Note 4)	252,000	84,200
Senior convertible notes (Note 5)	322,500	322,500
Dividends payable	11,123	10,895
Due to Broker	17,339	
Due to Prospect Administration (Note 9)	628	212
Due to Prospect Capital Management (Note 9)	17,459	7,706
Accrued expenses	5,966	5,876
Other liabilities	2,723	3,571
Total Liabilities	629,738	434,960
Net Assets	\$ 1,172,484	\$ 1,114,357
Components of Net Assets		
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (200,000,000 common shares authorized; 109,691,051 and 107,606,690 issued and outstanding, respectively) (Note 6)	\$ 110	\$ 108
Paid-in capital in excess of par (Note 6)	1,217,027	1,196,741
Distributions in excess of net investment income	(23,806)	(21,638)
Accumulated net realized losses on investments	(89,239)	(88,130)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	68,392	27,276
Net Assets	\$ 1,172,484	\$ 1,114,357
Net Asset Value Per Share	\$ 10.69	\$ 10.36

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Table of Contents**PROSPECT CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****For The Three and Six Months Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010****(in thousands, except share and per share data)****(Unaudited)**

	For The Three Months Ended December 31,		For The Six Months Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Investment Income				
Interest Income: (Note 3)				
Control investments	\$ 6,415	\$ 5,428	\$ 12,580	\$ 10,617
Affiliate investments	2,399	3,524	4,801	6,474
Non-control/Non-affiliate investments	36,714	18,410	70,034	39,192
Total interest income	45,528	27,362	87,415	56,283
Dividend income:				
Control investments	17,645	2,300	24,345	4,050
Non-control/Non-affiliate investments	1,992	1,068	2,841	1,508
Money market funds		3	1	7
Total dividend income	19,637	3,371	27,187	5,565
Other income: (Note 7)				
Control investments	612	14	618	1,785
Affiliate investments	13	7	74	154
Non-control/Non-affiliate investments	1,473	2,546	7,311	4,725
Total other income	2,098	2,567	8,003	6,664
Total Investment Income	67,263	33,300	122,605	68,512
Operating Expenses				
Investment advisory fees:				
Base management fee (Note 9)	8,825	4,903	17,036	9,179