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**Form 10-K**

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

OR

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

For the transition period from

to

Commission file number 814-00733

**Triangle Capital Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

06-1798488

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530  
Raleigh, North Carolina

(Address of principal executive offices)

27612

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(919) 719-4770

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of Each Class</u>	<u>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	The New York Stock Exchange
6.375% Notes Due (December) 2022	The New York Stock Exchange
6.375% Notes Due (March) 2022	The New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of the voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2015 was \$751,667,263.

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock on February 23, 2016 was 33,533,742.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the Registrant's definitive Proxy Statement relating to the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

*This Annual Report contains forward-looking statements which are subject to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements that are not historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Some of the statements in this Annual Report constitute forward-looking statements because they relate to future events or our future performance or financial condition. Forward-looking statements may include, among other things, statements as to our future operating results, our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies, the impact of the investments that we expect to make, the ability of our portfolio companies to achieve their objectives, our expected financings and investments, the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital, and the timing of cash flows, if any, from the operations of our portfolio companies. Words such as “expect,” “anticipate,” “target,” “goals,” “project,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “seek,” “estimate,” “continue,” “forecast,” “may,” “should,” “potential,” variations of such words, and similar expressions indicate a forward-looking statement, although not all forward-looking statements include these words. Readers are cautioned that the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report are only predictions, are not guarantees of future performance, and are subject to risks, events, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Our actual results could differ materially from those implied or expressed in the forward-looking statements for any reason, including the factors discussed in Item 1A entitled “Risk Factors” in Part I of this Annual Report and elsewhere in this Annual Report. Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include changes in the economy, risks associated with possible disruption in our operations or the economy generally due to terrorism, and future changes in laws or regulations and conditions in our operating areas. These statements are based on our current expectations, estimates, forecasts, information and projections about the industry in which we operate and the beliefs and assumptions of our management as of the date of this Annual Report. We assume no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless we are required to do so by law. 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 may make directly to you or through reports that we in the future may file with the SEC, including subsequent annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.*

## PART I

### Item 1. *Business.*

#### Organization

We are a Maryland corporation incorporated on October 10, 2006, for the purposes of acquiring 100% of the equity interests in Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (“Triangle SBIC”) and its general partner, Triangle Mezzanine LLC (“TML”), raising capital in our initial public offering, which was completed in February 2007 (the “IPO”) and thereafter operating as an internally managed business development company (“BDC”) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”). On December 15, 2009, Triangle Mezzanine Fund II, LP (“Triangle SBIC II”) was organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware. Triangle SBIC’s Small Business Investment Company (“SBIC”) license from the United States Small Business Administration (the “SBA”) became effective on September 11, 2003 and Triangle SBIC II’s SBIC license became effective on May 26, 2010. Unless otherwise noted, the terms “we,” “us,” “our” and “Triangle” refer to Triangle SBIC prior to the IPO and to Triangle Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries, including Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II, after the IPO. Both we and Triangle SBIC individually are closed-end, non-diversified investment companies that have elected to be treated as BDCs under the 1940 Act.

Our headquarters are in Raleigh, North Carolina, and our Internet address is [www.tcap.com](http://www.tcap.com). We are not including the information contained on our website as a part of, or incorporating it by reference into, this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We make available free of charge through our website our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to these reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish such material to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). Copies of this Annual Report and other reports are also available without charge upon written request to us.

#### Overview of our Business

We are a specialty finance company that provides customized financing to lower middle market companies located primarily in the United States. We define lower middle market companies as those having annual revenues between \$10.0 million and \$250.0 million. Our investment objective is to seek attractive returns by generating current income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity related investments. Our investment strategy is to partner with business owners, management teams and financial sponsors to provide flexible financing solutions to fund growth, changes of control, or other corporate events. We invest primarily in subordinated debt securities secured by second lien security interests in portfolio company assets, coupled with equity interests. On a more limited basis, we also invest in senior debt securities secured by first lien security interests in portfolio company assets. We generally invest in securities that would be rated below investment grade if they were rated. Such below investment grade securities are often referred to as “high yield” or “junk.”

We focus on investments in companies with histories of generating revenues and positive cash flow, established market positions and proven management teams with strong operating discipline. Our target portfolio company has annual revenues between \$20.0 million and \$200.0 million and annual earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”) between \$3.0 million and \$35.0 million. We believe that these companies have less access to capital and that the market for such capital is underserved relative to larger companies. Companies of this size are generally privately held and are less well known to traditional capital sources such as commercial and investment banks.

Our investments generally range from \$5.0 to \$35.0 million per portfolio company. In certain situations, we have partnered with other funds to provide larger financing commitments. We operate Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II as SBICs and utilize the proceeds from the sale of SBA-guaranteed debentures, referred to herein as SBA leverage, to enhance returns to our stockholders. As of December 31, 2015, we had investments in 92 portfolio companies, with an aggregate cost of approximately \$1.0 billion.

## Our Business Strategy

We seek attractive returns by generating current income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity related investments by:

- *Utilizing Long-Standing Relationships to Source Deals.* Our senior management team maintains extensive relationships with entrepreneurs, financial sponsors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, commercial bankers and other non-bank providers of capital who refer prospective portfolio companies to us. These relationships historically have generated significant investment opportunities. We believe that our network of relationships will continue to produce attractive investment opportunities.
- *Focusing on Underserved Markets.* The lower middle market has traditionally been underserved. We believe that operating margin and growth pressures, as well as regulatory concerns, have caused financial institutions to de-emphasize services to lower middle market companies in favor of larger corporate clients and more liquid capital market transactions. We believe these dynamics have resulted in the financing market for lower middle market companies to be underserved, providing us with greater investment opportunities.
- *Providing Customized Financing Solutions.* We offer a variety of financing structures and have the flexibility to structure our investments to meet the needs of our portfolio companies. Typically we invest in subordinated debt securities, coupled with equity interests. We believe our ability to customize financing arrangements makes us an attractive partner to lower middle market companies.
- *Leveraging the Experience of Our Management Team.* Our senior management team has extensive experience advising, investing in, lending to and operating companies across changing market cycles. The members of our management team have diverse investment backgrounds, with prior experience at investment banks, commercial banks, and privately and publicly held companies in the capacity of executive officers. We believe this diverse experience provides us with an in depth understanding of the strategic, financial and operational challenges and opportunities of the lower middle market companies in which we invest. We believe this understanding allows us to select and structure better investments and to efficiently monitor and provide managerial assistance to our portfolio companies.
- *Applying Rigorous Underwriting Policies and Active Portfolio Management.* Our senior management team has implemented rigorous underwriting policies that are followed in each transaction. These policies include a thorough analysis of each potential portfolio company's competitive position, financial performance, management team operating discipline, growth potential and industry attractiveness, which we believe allows us to better assess the company's prospects. After investing in a company, we monitor the investment closely, typically receiving monthly, quarterly and annual financial statements. We analyze and discuss in detail the company's financial performance with management in addition to participating in regular board of directors meetings. We believe that our initial and ongoing portfolio review process allows us to monitor effectively the performance and prospects of our portfolio companies.
- *Taking Advantage of Low Cost Debentures Guaranteed by the SBA.* Our license to do business as an SBIC allows us to issue fixed-rate, low interest debentures which are guaranteed by the SBA and sold in the capital markets, potentially allowing us to increase our net interest income beyond the levels achievable by other BDCs utilizing traditional leverage.
- *Financing Our Investment Portfolio with Long-Term Capital.* In addition to proceeds from sales of shares of our common stock and proceeds from issuance of SBA-guaranteed debentures by our SBIC subsidiaries, we have outstanding unsecured notes with original terms of seven to ten years.
- *Maintaining Portfolio Diversification.* While we focus our investments in lower middle market companies, we seek to invest across various industries. We monitor our investment portfolio to ensure we have acceptable industry balance, using industry and market metrics as key indicators. By monitoring our investment portfolio for industry balance, we seek to reduce the effects of economic downturns associated with any particular industry or market sector. However, we may from time to time hold securities of a single portfolio company that comprise more than 5.0% of our total assets and/or more than 10.0% of the outstanding voting securities of the portfolio company. For that reason, we are classified as a non-diversified management investment company under the 1940 Act.

## **Investments**

### ***Debt Investments***

We tailor the terms of our debt investments to the facts and circumstances of each transaction and prospective portfolio company, negotiating a structure that seeks to protect our rights and manage our risk while creating incentives for the portfolio company to achieve its business plan. To that end, we typically seek board observation rights with each of our portfolio companies and offer managerial assistance. We also seek to limit the downside risks of our investments by negotiating covenants that are designed to protect our investments while affording our portfolio companies as much flexibility in managing their businesses as possible. Such restrictions may include affirmative and negative covenants, default penalties, lien protections, change of control provisions and put rights. We typically include a prepayment penalty structure to enhance our potential total return on our investments.

We invest primarily in subordinated notes and, on a more limited basis, invest in senior secured debt. Subordinated notes are junior to senior secured debt. Our subordinated debt investments and senior secured debt investments generally have terms of three to seven years, do not have scheduled amortization and are due at maturity. Our subordinated debt investments generally provide for fixed interest rates between 10.0% and 15.0% per annum. In addition, our senior secured debt investments generally provide for variable interest at rates ranging from LIBOR plus 350 basis points to LIBOR plus 950 basis points per annum. Our subordinated debt investments generally are secured by a second priority security interest in the assets of the borrower and generally include an equity component, such as warrants to purchase common stock in the portfolio company. In addition, certain loan investments may have a form of interest that is not paid currently but is accrued and added to the loan balance and paid at the end of the term, referred to as payment-in-kind, or PIK, interest. In our negotiations with potential portfolio companies, we generally seek to minimize PIK interest as such income is taxable in the year accrued, and we may have to borrow money or raise additional capital in order to meet the requirement of generally having to pay out at least 90.0% of our taxable income to continue to qualify as a Regulated Investment Company, or RIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes. At December 31, 2015, the weighted average yield on our outstanding debt investments other than non-accrual debt investments was approximately 12.2%, the weighted average yield on all of our outstanding investments (including equity and equity-linked investments but excluding non-accrual debt investments) was approximately 10.6% and the weighted average yield on all of our outstanding investments (including equity and equity-linked investments and non-accrual debt investments) was approximately 10.2%.

An SBIC may make investments in the form of loans, debt securities, which include an equity feature or equity only securities. Loans and debt securities must be issued for a term of not less than one year (except for bridge loans in anticipation of a permanent financing in which the SBIC intends to participate, or to protect its prior investment) and must have amortization not exceeding “straight line.” The permissible interest rate on Loans is the higher of (i) 19% or (ii) 11% over the higher of the SBIC’s weighted cost of debenture leverage or the current debenture rate. For debt securities, the permitted rate is the higher of (i) 14% or (ii) 6% over the higher of the SBIC’s weighted cost of debenture leverage or the current debenture rate. If a financing is in default, these maximums may increase by up to 7%. SBA Regulations define an SBIC’s weighted cost of debenture leverage and describe the permitted rate when more than one SBIC participates in the financing.

### ***Equity Investments***

We may acquire equity interests in portfolio companies. We generally seek to structure our equity investments as non-control investments to provide us with minority rights and event-driven or time-driven puts. We also seek to obtain registration rights in connection with these investments, which may include demand and “piggyback” registration rights, board seats and board observation rights. Our investments have in the past and may in the future contain a synthetic equity position pursuant to a formula typically setting forth royalty rights we may exercise in accordance with such formula.

## Investment Criteria

We utilize the following criteria and guidelines in evaluating investment opportunities. However, not all of these criteria and guidelines have been, or will be, met in connection with each of our investments.

- *Established Companies With Positive Cash Flow.* We seek to invest in established companies with a history of generating revenues and positive cash flows. We typically focus on companies with a history of profitability and minimum trailing twelve month EBITDA of \$3.0 million. We do not invest in start-up companies, distressed situations, “turn-around” situations or companies that we believe have unproven business plans.
- *Experienced Management Teams With Meaningful Equity Ownership.* Based on our prior investment experience, we believe that a management team with significant experience with a portfolio company or relevant industry experience and meaningful equity ownership is essential to the long-term success of the portfolio company. We believe management teams with these attributes are more likely to manage the companies in a manner that protects our debt investment and enhances the value of our equity investment.
- *Strong Competitive Position.* We seek to invest in companies that have developed strong positions within their respective markets, are well positioned to capitalize on growth opportunities and compete in industries with barriers to entry. We also seek to invest in companies that exhibit a competitive advantage, which may help to protect their market position and profitability.
- *Varied Customer and Supplier Bases.* We prefer to invest in companies that have varied customer and supplier bases. Companies with varied customer and supplier bases are generally better able to endure economic downturns, industry consolidation and shifting customer preferences.
- *Significant Invested Capital.* We believe the existence of significant underlying equity value provides important support to investments. We look for portfolio companies that we believe have sufficient value beyond the layer of the capital structure in which we invest.

## Investment Committees

Triangle Capital Corporation has an investment committee that is responsible for all aspects of our investment process relating to investments made by Triangle Capital Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, other than investments made by Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II. The members of the Triangle Capital Corporation investment committee are Messrs. E. Ashton Poole, Brent P.W. Burgess, Steven C. Lilly, Jeffrey A. Dombcik, Douglas A. Vaughn, Cary B. Nordan, Matthew A. Young and David F. Parker.

Triangle SBIC has an investment committee that is responsible for all aspects of our investment process relating to investments made by Triangle SBIC. The members of Triangle SBIC’s investment committee are Messrs. E. Ashton Poole, Brent P.W. Burgess, Steven C. Lilly, Jeffrey A. Dombcik, Douglas A. Vaughn, Cary B. Nordan and David F. Parker.

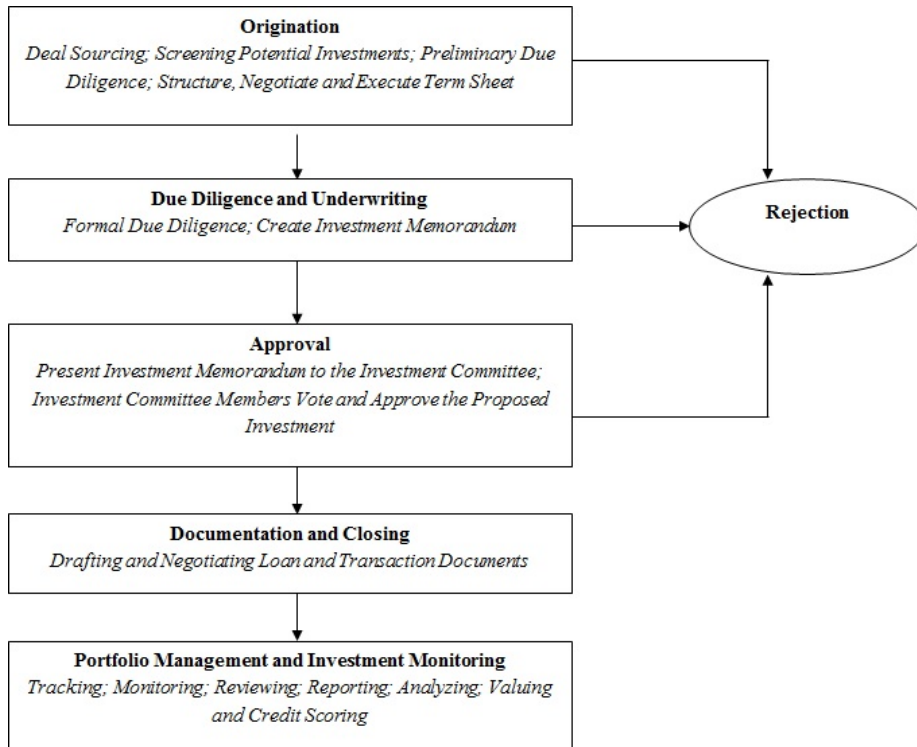
Triangle SBIC II has an investment committee that is responsible for all aspects of our investment process relating to investments made by Triangle SBIC II. The members of Triangle SBIC II’s investment committee are Messrs. E. Ashton Poole, Brent P.W. Burgess, Steven C. Lilly, Jeffrey A. Dombcik, Douglas A. Vaughn and Cary B. Nordan. For purposes of the discussion herein, any reference to the “investment committee” refers to the investment committees for each of Triangle Capital Corporation, Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II.

## Investment Process

Our investment committee meets once a week and also meets on an as needed basis depending on transaction volume. Our investment committee has organized our investment process into five distinct stages:

- Origination
- Due Diligence and Underwriting
- Approval
- Documentation and Closing
- Portfolio Management and Investment Monitoring

Our investment process is summarized in the following chart:



### Origination

The origination process for our investments includes sourcing, screening, preliminary due diligence, transaction structuring and negotiation. Our investment professionals utilize their extensive relationships with various financial sponsors, entrepreneurs, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers and other non-bank providers of capital to source transactions with prospective portfolio companies.

If a transaction meets our investment criteria, we perform preliminary due diligence, taking into consideration some or all of the following factors:

- a comprehensive financial model that we prepare based on quantitative analysis of historical financial performance, financial projections and pro forma financial ratios assuming investment;
- the competitive landscape surrounding the potential investment;
- strengths and weaknesses of the potential investment's business strategy and industry;



- results of a broad qualitative analysis of the company’s management team, products or services, market position, market dynamics and customers and suppliers; and
- potential investment structures, certain financing ratios and investment pricing terms.

If the results of our preliminary due diligence are satisfactory, the origination team prepares a Summary Transaction Memorandum, which is presented to our investment committee. If our investment committee recommends moving forward, we issue a non-binding term sheet to the potential portfolio company. Upon execution of a term sheet, we begin our formal due diligence and underwriting process as we move toward investment approval.

### ***Due Diligence and Underwriting***

Our due diligence on a prospective investment is completed by a minimum of three investment professionals, which we refer to as the underwriting team. The members of the underwriting team work together to conduct due diligence and to understand the relationships among the prospective portfolio company’s business plan, operations and financial performance through various methods, including, among others, on-site visits with management, in-depth review of historical and projected financial data, interviews with customers and suppliers, evaluations of management and background checks, third-party accounting reports and review of any material contracts.

In most circumstances, we utilize outside experts to review the legal affairs, accounting systems, and, where appropriate, we engage specialists to investigate issues like environmental matters and general industry outlooks. During the underwriting process, significant attention is given to sensitivity analysis and how companies might be expected to perform in a protracted “downside” operating environment. In addition, we analyze key financing ratios and other industry metrics, including total debt to EBITDA, EBITDA to fixed charges, EBITDA to total interest expense, total debt to total capitalization and total senior debt to total capitalization.

Upon completion of a satisfactory due diligence review and as part of our evaluation of a proposed investment, the underwriting team prepares an Investment Memorandum. The Investment Memorandum includes information about the potential portfolio company such as its history, business strategy, potential strengths and risks involved, analysis of key customers, contracts and suppliers, third-party consultant findings, expected returns on investment structure, anticipated sources of repayment and exit strategies, analysis of historical financials, and potential capitalization and ownership.

### ***Approval***

The underwriting team for the proposed investment presents the Investment Memorandum to our investment committee for consideration and approval. After reviewing the Investment Memorandum, members of the investment committee may request additional due diligence or modify the proposed financing structure or terms of the proposed investment. Before we proceed with any investment, the investment committee must approve the proposed investment by the affirmative vote from a majority of the investment committee members. Upon receipt of transaction approval, the underwriting team proceeds to document the transaction.

### ***Documentation and Closing***

The underwriting team is responsible for all documentation related to investment closings. In addition, we rely on law firms with whom we have worked on multiple transactions to help us complete the necessary documentation associated with transaction closings. If a transaction changes materially from what was originally approved by the investment committee, the underwriting team requests a formal meeting of the investment committee to communicate the contemplated changes. The investment committee has the right to approve the amended transaction structure, to suggest alternative structures or not to approve the contemplated changes.

### ***Portfolio Management and Investment Monitoring***

Our investment professionals generally employ several methods of evaluating and monitoring the performance of our portfolio companies, which, depending on the particular investment, may include the following specific processes, procedures and reports:

- monthly and quarterly reviews of actual financial performance versus the corresponding period of the prior year and financial projections;
- monthly and quarterly monitoring of all financial and other covenants;
- reviews of senior lender loan compliance certificates, where applicable;
- quarterly reviews of operating results and general business performance, including the preparation of a portfolio monitoring report which is distributed to members of our investment committee;
- periodic face-to-face meetings with management teams and financial sponsors of portfolio companies;
- attendance at portfolio company board meetings through board seats or observation rights; and
- application of our investment rating system to each investment.

In the event that our investment committee determines that an investment is underperforming, or circumstances suggest that the risk associated with a particular investment has significantly increased, we undertake to monitor more closely the affected portfolio company. The level of monitoring of an investment is determined by a number of factors, including, but not limited to, trends in the financial performance of the portfolio company, the investment structure and the type of collateral securing our investment, if any.

### **Investment Rating System**

We monitor a wide variety of key credit statistics that provide information regarding our portfolio companies to help us assess credit quality and portfolio performance. We generally require our portfolio companies to have annual financial audits in addition to monthly and quarterly unaudited financial statements. Using these statements, we calculate and evaluate certain financing ratios. For purposes of analyzing the financial performance of our portfolio companies, we may make certain adjustments to their financial statements to reflect the pro forma results of the portfolio company consistent with a change of control transaction, to reflect anticipated cost savings resulting from a merger or restructuring, costs related to new product development, compensation to previous owners, and other acquisition or restructuring related items.

As part of our valuation procedures we assign an investment rating to all of our investments in debt securities. Our investment rating system uses a scale of 0 to 10, with 10 being the lowest probability of default and principal loss. This system is used to estimate the probability of default on our debt securities and the probability of loss if there is a default. The system is also used to assist us in estimating the fair value of equity related securities. These types of systems are referred to as risk rating systems and are also used by banks and rating agencies. Our risk rating system covers both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the business and the securities we hold.

Each portfolio company debt investment is rated based upon the following numeric investment rating system:

<u>Investment Rating</u>	<u>Description</u>
10	Investment is performing above original expectations and possibly 30.0% or more above original projections provided by the portfolio company. Investment has been positively influenced by an unforeseen external event. Full return of principal and interest is expected. Capital gain is expected.
9	Investment is performing above original expectations and possibly 30.0% or more above original projections provided by the portfolio company. Investment may have been or is soon to be positively influenced by an unforeseen external event. Full return of principal and interest is expected. Capital gain is expected.
8	Investment is performing above original expectations and possibly 21.0% to 30.0% above original projections provided by the portfolio company. Full return of principal and interest is expected. Capital gain is expected.
7	Investment is performing above original expectations and possibly 11.0% to 20.0% above original projections provided by the portfolio company. Full return of principal and interest is expected. Depending on age of transaction, potential for capital gain exists.
6	Investment is performing above original expectations and possibly 5.0% to 10.0% above original projections provided by the portfolio company. Full return of principal and interest is expected. Depending on age of transaction, potential for capital gain exists.
5	Investment is performing in line with original expectations. Full return of principal and interest is expected. Depending on age of transaction, potential for capital gain may be expected.
4	Investment is performing below original expectations, but no covenant defaults have occurred. Full return of principal and interest is expected. Potential for capital gain may still be expected.
3	Investment is in default of transaction covenants but interest payments are current. No loss of principal is expected.
2	Investment is in default of transaction covenants and interest (and possibly principal) payments are not current. A principal loss of between 1.0% and 33.0% is expected.
1	Investment is in default of transaction covenants and interest (and possibly principal) payments are not current. A principal loss of between 34.0% and 67.0% is expected.
0	Investment is in default and a principal loss of between 68.0% and 100.0% is expected.

#### **Valuation Process and Determination of Net Asset Value**

The most significant estimate inherent in the preparation of our financial statements is the valuation of investments and the related amounts of unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments. Unrealized appreciation or depreciation on portfolio investments are recorded as increases or decreases in investments on the balance sheets and are separately reflected on the consolidated statements of operations in determining net increase or decrease in net assets resulting from operations.

We have established and documented processes and methodologies for determining the fair values of portfolio company investments on a recurring (quarterly) basis in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (“ASC Topic 820”). ASC Topic 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.

Under ASC Topic 820, a financial instrument is categorized within the ASC Topic 820 valuation hierarchy based upon the lowest level of input to the valuation process that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels of valuation inputs established by ASC Topic 820 are as follows:

*Level 1 Inputs* – include quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

*Level 2 Inputs* – include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

*Level 3 Inputs* – include inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Our investment portfolio is comprised of debt and equity instruments of privately held companies for which quoted prices or other inputs falling within the categories of Level 1 and Level 2 are generally not available. Therefore, we determine the fair value of our investments in good faith using Level 3 inputs, pursuant to a valuation policy and process that is established by our management with the assistance of certain third-party advisors and subsequently approved by our Board of Directors. There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith, as fair value depends upon the specific circumstances of each individual investment. The recorded fair values of our investments may differ significantly from fair values that would have been used had an active market for the securities existed. In addition, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investments may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the valuations currently assigned. For a discussion of the risks inherent in determining the value of securities for which readily available market values do not exist, see “Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure — Our investment portfolio is and will continue to be recorded at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors and, as a result, there is and will continue to be uncertainty as to the value of our portfolio investments” included in Item 1A of Part I of this Annual Report.

Our valuation process is led by our executive officers and managing directors. The valuation process begins with a quarterly review of each investment in our investment portfolio by our executive officers and our investment committee. Valuations of each portfolio security are then prepared by our investment professionals, who have direct responsibility for the origination, management and monitoring of each investment. Under our valuation policy, each investment valuation is subject to (i) a review by the lead investment officer responsible for the portfolio company investment and (ii) a peer review by a second investment officer or executive officer. Generally, any investment that is valued below cost is subjected to review by one of our executive officers. After the peer review is complete, we engage two independent valuation firms, including Duff & Phelps, LLC, collectively, the "Valuation Firms," to provide third-party reviews of certain investments, as described further below. In addition, all investment valuations are provided to our independent registered public accounting firm in connection with quarterly review procedures and the annual audit of our financial statements. Finally, the Board of Directors has the responsibility for reviewing and approving, in good faith, the fair value of our investments in accordance with the 1940 Act.

The Valuation Firms provide third-party valuation consulting services to us which consist of certain limited procedures that we identified and requested the Valuation Firms to perform, which we herein refer to as the Procedures. The Procedures are performed with respect to each portfolio company at least once in every calendar year and for new portfolio companies, at least once in the twelve-month period subsequent to the initial investment. In addition, the Procedures are generally performed with respect to a portfolio company when there has been a significant change in the fair value of the investment. In certain instances, we may determine that it is not cost-effective, and as a result is not in our stockholders’ best interest, to request the Valuation Firms to perform the Procedures on one or more portfolio companies. Such instances include, but are not limited to, situations where the fair value of the investment in the portfolio company is determined to be insignificant relative to the total investment portfolio. Upon completion of the Procedures, the Valuation Firms reach a conclusion as to whether, with respect to each investment reviewed by each Valuation Firm, the fair value of those investments subjected to the Procedures appear reasonable. Our Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for determining the fair value of our investments in good faith. For a further discussion of the Valuation Firms’ procedures, see the section entitled “Investment Valuation” included in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” included in Item 7 of Part II of this Annual Report.

## ***Investment Valuation Inputs***

Under ASC Topic 820, fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between a willing buyer and a willing seller at the measurement date. For our portfolio securities, fair value is generally the amount that we might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security. Under ASC Topic 820, the fair value measurement assumes that the sale occurs in the principal market for the security, or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the security. Under ASC Topic 820, if no market for the security exists or if we do not have access to the principal market, the security should be valued based on the sale occurring in a hypothetical market. The securities in which we invest are generally only purchased and sold in merger and acquisition transactions, in which case the entire portfolio company is sold to a third-party purchaser. As a result, unless we have the ability to control such a transaction, the assumed principal market for our securities is a hypothetical secondary market. The Level 3 inputs to our valuation process reflect management's best estimate of the assumptions that would be used by market participants in pricing the investment in a transaction in a hypothetical secondary market.

### *Enterprise Value Waterfall Approach*

In valuing equity securities (including warrants), we estimate fair value using an "Enterprise Value Waterfall" valuation model. We estimate the enterprise value of a portfolio company and then allocate the enterprise value to the portfolio company's securities in order of their relative liquidation preference. In addition, the model assumes that any outstanding debt or other securities that are senior to our equity securities are required to be repaid at par. Additionally, we estimate the fair value of a limited number of its debt securities using the Enterprise Value Waterfall approach in cases where we do not expect to receive full repayment.

To estimate the enterprise value of the portfolio company, we primarily use a valuation model based on a transaction multiple, which generally is the original transaction multiple, and measures of the portfolio company's financial performance. In addition, we consider other factors, including but not limited to (i) offers from third-parties to purchase the portfolio company, (ii) the implied value of recent investments in the equity securities of the portfolio company, (iii) publicly available information regarding recent sales of private companies in comparable transactions and (iv) when management believes there are comparable companies that are publicly traded, a review of these publicly traded companies and the market multiple of their equity securities. For certain non-performing assets, we may utilize the liquidation or collateral value of the portfolio company's assets in our estimation of enterprise value.

The significant Level 3 inputs to the Enterprise Value Waterfall model are (i) an appropriate transaction multiple and (ii) a measure of the portfolio company's financial performance, which generally is either earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, as adjusted, or Adjusted EBITDA, or revenues. Such inputs can be based on historical operating results, projections of future operating results, or a combination thereof. The operating results of a portfolio company may be unaudited, projected or pro forma financial information and may require adjustments for certain non-recurring items. In determining the operating results input, we utilize the most recent portfolio company financial statements and forecasts available as of the valuation date. Management also consults with the portfolio company's senior management to obtain updates on the portfolio company's performance, including information such as industry trends, new product development, loss of customers and other operational issues. Additionally, we consider some or all of the following factors:

- financial standing of the issuer of the security;
- comparison of the business and financial plan of the issuer with actual results;
- the size of the security held;
- pending reorganization activity affecting the issuer, such as merger or debt restructuring;
- ability of the issuer to obtain needed financing;
- changes in the economy affecting the issuer;
- financial statements and reports from portfolio company senior management and ownership;
- the type of security, the security's cost at the date of purchase and any contractual restrictions on the disposition of the security;

- information as to any transactions or offers with respect to the security and/or sales to third parties of similar securities;
- the issuer's ability to make payments and the type of collateral;
- the current and forecasted earnings of the issuer;
- statistical ratios compared to lending standards and to other similar securities;
- pending public offering of common stock by the issuer of the security;
- special reports prepared by analysts;  
and
- any other factors we deem pertinent with respect to a particular investment.

Fair value measurements using the Enterprise Value Waterfall model can be sensitive to significant changes in one or more of the inputs. A significant increase in either the transaction multiple, Adjusted EBITDA or revenues for a particular equity security would result in a higher fair value for that security.

#### *Income Approach*

In valuing debt securities, we utilize an "Income Approach" model that considers factors including, but not limited to, (i) the stated yield on the debt security, (ii) the portfolio company's current trailing twelve months, or TTM, Adjusted EBITDA as compared to the portfolio company's historical or projected Adjusted EBITDA as of the date the investment was made and the portfolio company's anticipated Adjusted EBITDA for the next twelve months of operations, (iii) the portfolio company's current Leverage Ratio (defined as the portfolio company's total indebtedness divided by Adjusted EBITDA) as compared to its Leverage Ratio as of the date the investment was made, (iv) publicly available information regarding current pricing and credit metrics for similar proposed and executed investment transactions of private companies and (v) when management believes a relevant comparison exists, current pricing and credit metrics for similar proposed and executed investment transactions of publicly traded debt. In addition, we use a risk rating system to estimate the probability of default on the debt securities and the probability of loss if there is a default. This risk rating system covers both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the business and the securities held.

We consider the factors above, particularly any significant changes in the portfolio company's results of operations and leverage, and develop an expectation of the yield that a hypothetical market participant would require when purchasing the debt investment, which we refer to herein as the Required Rate of Return. The Required Rate of Return, along with the Leverage Ratio and Adjusted EBITDA are the significant Level 3 inputs to the Income Approach model. For investments where the Leverage Ratio and Adjusted EBITDA have not fluctuated significantly from the date the investment was made or have not fluctuated significantly from management's expectations as of the date the investment was made, and where there have been no significant fluctuations in the market pricing for such investments, we may conclude that the Required Rate of Return is equal to the stated rate on the investment and therefore, the debt security is appropriately priced. In instances where we determine that the Required Rate of Return is different from the stated rate on the investment, we discount the contractual cash flows on the debt instrument using the Required Rate of Return in order to estimate the fair value of the debt security.

Fair value measurements using the Income Approach model can be sensitive to significant changes in one or more of the inputs. A significant increase (decrease) in the Required Rate of Return or Leverage Ratio inputs for a particular debt security may result in a lower (higher) fair value for that security. A significant increase (decrease) in the Adjusted EBITDA input for a particular debt security may result in a higher (lower) fair value for that security.

The fair value of our royalty rights are calculated based on specific provisions contained in the pertinent operating or royalty agreements. The determination of the fair value of such royalty rights is not a significant component of our valuation process.

Determination of the fair value involves subjective judgments and estimates not susceptible to substantiation by auditing procedures. Accordingly, under current auditing standards, the notes to our financial statements will refer to the uncertainty with respect to the possible effect of such valuations, and any change in such valuations, on our financial statements. In addition, the SBA has established certain valuation guidelines for SBICs to follow when valuing portfolio investments.

### ***Quarterly Net Asset Value Determination***

We determine the net asset value per share of our common stock on at least a quarterly basis, and more frequently if we are required to do so pursuant to an equity offering or pursuant to federal laws and regulations. The net asset value per share is equal to the value of our total assets minus total liabilities and any preferred stock outstanding divided by the total number of shares of common stock outstanding.

### **Managerial Assistance**

As a BDC, we offer, and must provide upon request, managerial assistance to certain of our portfolio companies. This assistance typically involves, among other things, monitoring the operations of our portfolio companies, participating in board and management meetings, consulting with and advising officers of portfolio companies and providing other organizational and financial guidance. Our senior management team provides such services. We believe, based on our management team's combined experience at investment banks, commercial banks, and operating in executive-level capacities in various operating companies, we offer this assistance effectively. We generally receive fees for these services.

### **Exit Strategies/Refinancing**

While we generally exit most investments through the refinancing or repayment of our debt and redemption of our equity securities, we typically assist our portfolio companies in developing and planning exit opportunities, including any sale or merger of our portfolio companies. We may also assist in the structure, timing, execution and transition of these exit strategies.

### **Competition**

We compete for investments with a number of investment funds (including private equity funds, mezzanine funds and other SBICs) and BDCs, as well as traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks and other sources of financing. Many of these entities have greater financial and managerial resources than we do. We believe we compete with these entities primarily on the basis of our willingness to make smaller investments, the experience and contacts of our management team, our responsive and efficient investment analysis and decision-making processes, our comprehensive suite of customized financing solutions and the investment terms we offer.

We believe that some of our competitors make senior secured loans, junior secured loans and subordinated debt investments with interest rates that are comparable to or lower than the rates we offer. Therefore, we do not seek to compete primarily on the interest rates we offer to potential portfolio companies.

Our competitors also do not always require equity components in their investments. For additional information concerning the competitive risks we face, see "Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure — We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities" included in Item 1A of Part I of this Annual Report.

### **Brokerage Allocation and Other Practices**

We did not pay any brokerage commissions during the three years ended December 31, 2015 in connection with the acquisition and/or disposal of our investments. We generally acquire and dispose of our investments in privately negotiated transactions; therefore, we infrequently use brokers in the normal course of our business. Our management team is primarily responsible for the execution of any publicly traded securities portion of our portfolio transactions and the allocation of brokerage commissions. We do not expect to execute transactions through any particular broker or dealer, but will seek to obtain the best net results for us, taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), size of order, difficulty of execution, and operational facilities of the firm and the firm's risk and skill in positioning blocks of securities. While we will generally seek reasonably competitive trade execution costs, we will not necessarily pay the lowest spread or commission available. Subject to applicable legal requirements, if we use a broker, we may select a broker based partly upon brokerage or research services provided to us. In return for such services, we may pay a higher commission than other brokers would charge if we determine in good faith that such commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided.

## Dividend Reinvestment Plan

We have adopted a dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of our distributions on behalf of our common stockholders, unless a common stockholder elects to receive cash as provided below. As a result, if our Board of Directors authorizes, and we declare, a cash dividend, then our common stockholders who have not “opted out” of our dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, rather than receiving the cash dividends.

No action will be required on the part of a registered common stockholder to have his or her cash dividend reinvested in shares of our common stock. A registered common stockholder may elect to receive an entire dividend in cash by notifying Computershare, Inc., the “Plan Administrator” and our transfer agent and registrar, in writing so that such notice is received by the Plan Administrator no later than the record date for dividends to common stockholders. The Plan Administrator will set up an account for shares acquired through the plan for each common stockholder who has not elected to receive dividends in cash and hold such shares in non-certificated form. Upon request by a common stockholder participating in the plan, received in writing not less than 10 days prior to the record date, the Plan Administrator will, instead of crediting shares to the participant’s account, issue a certificate registered in the participant’s name for the number of whole shares of our common stock and a check for any fractional share. Those common stockholders whose shares are held by a broker or other financial intermediary may receive dividends in cash by notifying their broker or other financial intermediary of their election.

We intend to use primarily newly issued shares to implement the plan, so long as our shares are trading at or above net asset value. If our shares are trading below net asset value, we intend to purchase shares in the open market in connection with our implementation of the plan. If we use newly issued shares to implement the plan, the number of shares to be issued to a common stockholder is determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to such common stockholder by the market price per share of our common stock at the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, on the dividend payment date. Market price per share on that date will be the closing price for such shares on the NYSE or, if no sale is reported for such day, at the average of their reported bid and asked prices. If we purchase shares in the open market to implement the plan, the number of shares to be issued to a common stockholder is determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to such common stockholder by the average price per share for all shares purchased by the Plan Administrator in the open market in connection with the dividend. The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after giving effect to payment of the dividend cannot be established until the value per share at which additional shares will be issued has been determined and elections of our common stockholders have been tabulated.

There will be no brokerage charges or other charges to common stockholders who participate in the plan. However, certain brokerage firms may charge brokerage charges or other charges to their customers. We will pay the Plan Administrator’s fees under the plan. If a participant elects by written notice to the Plan Administrator to have the Plan Administrator sell part or all of the shares held by the Plan Administrator in the participant’s account and remit the proceeds to the participant, the Plan Administrator is authorized to deduct a \$15.00 transaction fee plus a \$0.10 per share brokerage commission from the proceeds.

Common stockholders who receive dividends in the form of stock generally are subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as are common stockholders who elect to receive their dividends in cash. A common stockholder’s basis for determining gain or loss upon the sale of stock received in a dividend from us will be equal to the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to the common stockholder. Any stock received in a dividend will have a holding period for tax purposes commencing on the day following the day on which the shares are credited to the U.S. common stockholder’s account.

Participants may terminate their accounts under the plan by notifying the Plan Administrator via its website at [www.computershare.com/investor](http://www.computershare.com/investor), by filling out the transaction request form located at the bottom of their statement and sending it to the Plan Administrator at Computershare, Inc., P.O. Box 30170, College Station, Texas 77842-3170, or by calling the Plan Administrator at (866) 228-7201.

We may terminate the plan upon notice in writing mailed to each participant at least 30 days prior to any record date for the payment of any dividend by us. All correspondence concerning the plan should be directed to the Plan Administrator by mail at Computershare, Inc., P.O. Box 30170, College Station, Texas 77842-3170.



## Employees

As of December 31, 2015, we employed twenty-six individuals, including investment and portfolio management professionals, operations professionals and administrative staff. We expect to expand our management team and administrative staff in the future in proportion to our growth.

## Election to be Regulated as a Business Development Company and Regulated Investment Company

Both we and Triangle SBIC individually are closed-end, non-diversified management investment companies that have elected to be treated as BDCs under the 1940 Act. In addition, we have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Our election to be regulated as a BDC and our election to be treated as a RIC for federal income tax purposes have a significant impact on our operations. Some of the most important effects on our operations of our election to be regulated as a BDC and our election to be treated as a RIC are outlined below.

- **We report our investments at market value or fair value with changes in value reported through our consolidated statements of operations.**

In accordance with the requirements of Article 6 of Regulation S-X, we report all of our investments, including debt investments, at market value or, for investments that do not have a readily available market value, at their "fair value" as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. Changes in these values are reported through our statements of operations under the caption of "net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments." See "Valuation Process and Determination of Net Asset Value" above.

- **We intend to distribute substantially all of our income to our stockholders. We generally will be required to pay income taxes only on the portion of our taxable income we do not distribute to stockholders (actually or constructively).**

As a RIC, so long as we meet certain minimum distribution, source-of-income and asset diversification requirements, we generally are required to pay U.S. federal income taxes only on the portion of our taxable income and gains we do not distribute (actually or constructively) and certain built-in gains. We intend to distribute to our stockholders substantially all of our income. We may, however, make deemed distributions to our stockholders of any retained net long-term capital gains. If this happens, our stockholders will be treated as if they received an actual distribution of the net capital gains and reinvested the net after-tax proceeds in us. Our stockholders also may be eligible to claim a tax credit (or, in certain circumstances, a tax refund) equal to their allocable share of the corporate-level U.S. federal income tax we pay on the deemed distribution. See "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations." We met the minimum distribution requirements for 2013, 2014 and 2015 and continually monitor our distribution requirements with the goal of ensuring compliance with the Code.

In addition, we have certain wholly-owned taxable subsidiaries, or the Taxable Subsidiaries, each of which holds a portion of one or more of our portfolio investments that are listed on the Consolidated Schedule of Investments. The Taxable Subsidiaries are consolidated for financial reporting purposes in accordance with GAAP, so that our consolidated financial statements reflect our investments in the portfolio companies owned by the Taxable Subsidiaries. The purpose of the Taxable Subsidiaries is to permit us to hold certain interests in portfolio companies that are organized as limited liability companies, or LLCs (or other forms of pass-through entities) and still satisfy the RIC tax requirement that at least 90.0% of our gross income for federal income tax purposes must consist of qualifying investment income. Absent the Taxable Subsidiaries, a proportionate amount of any gross income of a partnership or LLC (or other pass-through entity) portfolio investment would flow through directly to us. To the extent that such income did not consist of investment income, it could jeopardize our ability to qualify as a RIC and therefore cause us to incur significant amounts of corporate-level U.S. federal income taxes. Where interests in LLCs (or other pass-through entities) are owned by the Taxable Subsidiaries, however, the income from such interests is taxed to the Taxable Subsidiaries and does not flow through to us, thereby helping us preserve our RIC status and resultant tax advantages. The Taxable Subsidiaries are not consolidated for U.S. federal income tax purposes and may generate income tax expense as a result of their ownership of the portfolio companies. This income tax expense, if any, is reflected in our Statement of Operations.

- **Our ability to use leverage as a means of financing our portfolio of investments is limited.**

As a BDC, we are required to meet a coverage ratio of total assets to total senior securities of at least 200.0%. For this purpose, senior securities include all borrowings (other than SBA leverage and certain other short-term borrowings) and any preferred stock we may issue in the future. Additionally, our ability to continue to utilize leverage as a means of financing our portfolio of investments may be limited by this asset coverage test. Under current SBA regulations, our SBIC subsidiaries cannot have outstanding more than an aggregate of \$300.0 million of debenture leverage guaranteed by the SBA. While use of debenture leverage from the SBA may enhance returns if we meet our investment objective, our returns may be reduced or eliminated if the returns on investments by Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II are less than the costs of operating them, including the costs of using debenture leverage.

- **We are required to comply with the provisions of the 1940 Act applicable to business development companies.**

As a BDC, we are required to have a majority of directors who are not “interested” persons under the 1940 Act. In addition, we are required to comply with other applicable provisions of the 1940 Act, including those requiring the adoption of a code of ethics, fidelity bonding and investment custody arrangements. See “Regulation of Business Development Companies” below.

### **Exemptive Relief**

The 1940 Act prohibits certain transactions between us, Triangle SBIC, and Triangle SBIC II, as well as our and their affiliates, without first obtaining an exemptive order from the SEC. We and Triangle SBIC initially filed a joint exemptive application with the SEC in 2007 and then received exemptive relief to our amended exemptive application in 2008. In 2010, we jointly filed with Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II another amendment to the exemptive application requesting relief under various sections of the 1940 Act to permit us, as the BDC parent, our current SBIC subsidiaries and, to the extent applicable, any of our future wholly-owned subsidiaries, to operate effectively as one company for 1940 Act regulatory purposes. Specifically, the application requested relief to (a) engage in certain transactions with each other, (b) invest in securities in which the other is an investor and engage in transactions with portfolio companies that would not otherwise be prohibited as one company, (c) be subject to modified consolidated asset coverage requirements for senior securities issued by each of us and (d) where such reporting is required for one of Triangle Capital Corporation's current or future wholly-owned subsidiaries, allow such subsidiary to file reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) on a consolidated basis with Triangle Capital Corporation. On October 22, 2010, the SEC issued an exemptive relief order approving our requests.

In addition, under current SEC rules and regulations, BDCs may not grant options or restricted stock to directors who are not officers or employees of the BDC. Similarly, under the 1940 Act, BDCs cannot issue stock for services to their executive officers and employees other than options, warrants and rights to acquire capital stock. In March 2008, we received an exemptive relief order from the SEC that (a) permits us to grant restricted stock to our independent directors as a part of their compensation for service on our Board and (b) permits us to grant restricted stock in exchange for or in recognition of services by our executive officers and employees. In February 2013, the SEC issued a notice regarding our request for exemptive relief to amend this exemptive relief order to permit an increase in our annual grant of \$30,000 of restricted stock to our non-employee directors to \$50,000 of restricted stock based on the closing stock price of our common stock on the date of grant. On March 21, 2013, we received an order from the SEC granting such exemptive relief. We received stockholder approval for this amendment at the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

### **Regulation of Business Development Companies**

The following is a general summary of the material regulatory provisions affecting BDCs. It does not purport to be a complete description of all of the laws and regulations affecting BDCs.

Both we and Triangle SBIC individually have elected to be regulated as BDCs under the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act contains prohibitions and restrictions relating to transactions between BDCs and their affiliates, principal underwriters and affiliates of those affiliates or underwriters. The 1940 Act requires that a majority of the directors

be persons other than “interested persons,” as that term is defined in the 1940 Act. In addition, the 1940 Act provides that we may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or to withdraw our election as, a BDC unless approved by a majority of our outstanding voting securities.

In addition, the 1940 Act defines “a majority of the outstanding voting securities” as the lesser of (i) 67.0% or more of the voting securities present at a meeting if the holders of more than 50.0% of our outstanding voting securities are present or represented by proxy, or (ii) 50.0% of our voting securities.

### ***Qualifying Assets***

Under the 1940 Act, a BDC may not acquire any asset other than assets of the type listed in Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act, which are referred to as qualifying assets, unless, at the time the acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70.0% of the company’s total assets. The principal categories of qualifying assets relevant to our business are any of the following:

(1) Securities purchased in transactions not involving any public offering from the issuer of such securities, which issuer (subject to certain limited exceptions) is an eligible portfolio company, or from any person who is, or has been during the preceding 13 months, an affiliated person of an eligible portfolio company, or from any other person, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the SEC. An eligible portfolio company is defined in the 1940 Act and rules adopted pursuant thereto as any issuer which:

(a) is organized under the laws of, and has its principal place of business in, the United States;

(b) is not an investment company (other than an SBIC wholly-owned by the BDC) or a company that would be an investment company but for exclusions under the 1940 Act for certain financial companies such as banks, brokers, commercial finance companies, mortgage companies and insurance companies; and

(c) satisfies any of the following:

(i) does not have any class of securities with respect to which a broker or dealer may extend margin credit;

(ii) is controlled by a BDC or a group of companies including a BDC and the BDC has an affiliated person who is a director of the eligible portfolio company;

(iii) is a small and solvent company having total assets of not more than \$4.0 million and capital and surplus of not less than \$2.0 million;

(iv) does not have any class of securities listed on a national securities exchange; or

(v) has a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange, but has an aggregate market value of outstanding voting and non-voting common equity of less than \$250.0 million.

(2) Securities in companies that were eligible portfolio companies when we made our initial investment if certain other requirements are satisfied.

(3) Securities of any eligible portfolio company that we control.

(4) Securities purchased in a private transaction from a U.S. issuer that is not an investment company or from an affiliated person of the issuer, or in transactions incident thereto, if the issuer is in bankruptcy and subject to reorganization or if the issuer, immediately prior to the purchase of its securities, was unable to meet its obligations as they came due without material assistance (other than conventional lending or financing arrangements).

(5) Securities of an eligible portfolio company purchased from any person in a private transaction if there is no ready market for such securities and we already own 60.0% of the outstanding equity of the eligible portfolio company.

(6) Securities received in exchange for or distributed on or with respect to securities described in (1) through (5) above, or pursuant to the exercise of warrants or rights relating to such securities.

(7) Cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment.

In addition, a BDC must have been organized and have its principal place of business in the United States and must be operated for the purpose of making investments in the types of securities described in (1), (2), (3) or (4) above.

#### ***Managerial Assistance to Portfolio Companies***

In order to count portfolio securities as qualifying assets for the purpose of the 70.0% test, we must either control the issuer of the securities or must offer to make available to the issuer of the securities (other than small and solvent companies described above) significant managerial assistance; except that, where we purchase such securities in conjunction with one or more other persons acting together, one of the other persons in the group may make available such managerial assistance. Making available “significant managerial assistance” means, among other things, any arrangement whereby we, through our directors, officers or employees, offer to provide, and, if accepted, do so provide, significant guidance and counsel concerning the management, operations or business objectives and policies of a portfolio company.

#### ***Temporary Investments***

Pending investment in other types of “qualifying assets,” as described above, our investments may consist of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment, which we refer to, collectively, as temporary investments, so that 70.0% of our assets are qualifying assets. We may invest in U.S. Treasury bills or in repurchase agreements, provided that such agreements are fully collateralized by cash or securities issued by the U.S. Government or its agencies. A repurchase agreement involves the purchase by an investor, such as us, of a specified security and the simultaneous agreement by the seller to repurchase it at an agreed-upon future date and at a price that is greater than the purchase price by an amount that reflects an agreed-upon interest rate. There is no percentage restriction on the proportion of our assets that may be invested in such repurchase agreements. However, if more than 25.0% of our total assets constitute repurchase agreements from a single counterparty, we would not meet the asset diversification tests required to maintain our qualification as a RIC for federal income tax purposes. Thus, we do not intend to enter into repurchase agreements with a single counterparty in excess of this limit. Our management team will monitor the creditworthiness of the counterparties with which we enter into repurchase agreement transactions.

#### ***Senior Securities***

We are permitted, under specified conditions, to issue multiple classes of debt and one class of stock senior to our common stock if our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least equal to 200.0% immediately after each such issuance. In addition, while any senior securities remain outstanding (other than senior securities representing indebtedness issued in consideration of a privately arranged loan which is not intended to be publicly distributed), we must make provisions to prohibit any distribution to our stockholders or the repurchase of such securities or shares unless we meet the applicable asset coverage ratios at the time of the distribution or repurchase. We may also borrow amounts up to 5.0% of the value of our total assets for temporary or emergency purposes without regard to asset coverage. For a discussion of the risks associated with leverage, see “Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure — Because we intend to distribute substantially all of our income to our stockholders to maintain our status as a regulated investment company, we will continue to need additional capital to finance our growth and regulations governing our operation as a business development company will affect our ability to, and the way in which we, raise additional capital and make distributions” included in Item 1A of Part I of this Annual Report.

#### ***Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Corporate Governance Guidelines***

We have adopted a code of ethics, which we call our “Code of Business Conduct and Ethics,” and corporate governance guidelines, which collectively cover ethics and business conduct. These documents apply to our directors, officers and employees. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and corporate governance guidelines are publicly available on the Investor Relations section of our website under “Corporate Governance” at <http://>

[tcap.client.shareholder.com/governance.cfm](http://tcap.client.shareholder.com/governance.cfm). We will report any amendments to or waivers of a required provision of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and corporate governance guidelines on our website or in a Current Report on Form 8-K. You may read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. You may obtain information regarding the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and you should not consider that information to be part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### ***Compliance Policies and Procedures***

We have adopted and implemented written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation of the U.S. federal securities laws, and are required to review these compliance policies and procedures annually for their adequacy and the effectiveness of their implementation, and to designate a chief compliance officer to be responsible for administering such policies and procedures. Steven C. Lilly serves as our Chief Compliance Officer.

### ***Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures***

We vote proxies relating to our portfolio securities in a manner which we believe will be in the best interest of our stockholders. We review on a case-by-case basis each proposal submitted to a stockholder vote to determine its impact on the portfolio securities held by us. Although we generally vote against proposals that may have a negative impact on our portfolio securities, we may vote for such a proposal if there exists compelling long-term reasons to do so.

Our proxy voting decisions are made by the investment professionals who are responsible for monitoring each of our investments. To ensure that our vote is not the product of a conflict of interest, we require that: (i) anyone involved in the decision making process disclose to our chief compliance officer any potential conflict that he or she is aware of and any contact that he or she has had with any interested party regarding a proxy vote; and (ii) employees involved in the decision making process or vote administration are prohibited from revealing how we intend to vote on a proposal in order to reduce any attempted influence from interested parties.

Stockholders may, without charge, obtain information regarding how we voted proxies with respect to our portfolio securities by making a written request for proxy voting information to: Chief Compliance Officer, 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612 or by calling our investor relations department collect at (919) 719-4770.

### ***Other***

We may also be prohibited under the 1940 Act from knowingly participating in certain transactions with our affiliates without the prior approval of our Board of Directors who are not interested persons and, in some cases, prior approval by the SEC.

We are periodically examined by the SEC for compliance with the 1940 Act.

We are required to provide and maintain a bond issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company to protect us against larceny and embezzlement. Furthermore, as a BDC, we are prohibited from protecting any director or officer against any liability to us or our stockholders arising from willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of such person's office.

We are required to adopt and implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation of the federal securities laws, review these policies and procedures annually for their adequacy and the effectiveness of their implementation, and to designate a chief compliance officer to be responsible for administering the policies and procedures. See "Compliance Policies and Procedures" above.

## Small Business Administration Regulations

Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II are licensed by the Small Business Administration, or SBA, to operate as Small Business Investment Companies, or SBICs, under Section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. Triangle SBIC's SBIC license became effective on September 11, 2003 and Triangle SBIC II's SBIC license became effective on May 26, 2010.

SBICs are designed to stimulate the flow of private equity capital to eligible small businesses. Under SBA regulations, SBICs may make loans to eligible small businesses, invest in the equity securities of such businesses and provide them with consulting and advisory services. Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II have typically invested in senior and subordinated debt, acquired warrants and/or made equity investments in qualifying small businesses.

Under current SBA regulations, eligible small businesses generally include businesses that (together with their affiliates) have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$19.6 million and have average annual net income after federal income taxes not exceeding \$6.5 million (average net income to be computed without benefit of any carryover loss) for the two most recent fiscal years. In addition, an SBIC must devote at least 25.0% of its investment activity to "smaller" concerns as defined by the SBA. A smaller concern generally includes businesses that have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$6.0 million and have average annual net income after federal income taxes not exceeding \$2.0 million (average net income to be computed without benefit of any net carryover loss) for the two most recent fiscal years. SBA regulations also provide alternative size standard criteria to determine eligibility for designation as an eligible small business or smaller concern, which criteria depend on the industry in which the business is engaged and are based on such factors as the number of employees and gross revenue. However, once an SBIC has invested in a company, it may continue to make follow-on investments in the company, regardless of the size of the portfolio company at the time of the follow-on investment, up to the time of the portfolio company's initial public offering.

The SBA prohibits an SBIC from providing funds to small businesses for certain purposes, such as relending and investment outside the United States, to businesses engaged in certain prohibited industries, and to certain "passive" (non-operating) companies. In addition, without prior SBA approval, an SBIC may not invest an amount equal to more than 30.0% of the SBIC's regulatory capital (as defined by the SBA) in any one portfolio company.

The SBA places certain limitations on the financing terms of investments by SBICs in portfolio companies (such as limiting the permissible interest rate on debt securities held by an SBIC in a portfolio company). Although prior regulations prohibited an SBIC from controlling a small business concern except in limited circumstances, regulations adopted by the SBA in 2002 now allow an SBIC to exercise control over a small business for a period of seven years from the date on which the SBIC initially acquires its control position. This control period may be extended for an additional period of time with the SBA's prior written approval.

The SBA restricts the ability of an SBIC to lend money to any of its officers, directors and employees or to invest in affiliates thereof. The SBA also prohibits, without prior SBA approval, a "change of control" of an SBIC or transfers that would result in any person (or a group of persons acting in concert) owning 10.0% or more of a class of capital stock of a licensed SBIC. A "change of control" is any event which would result in the transfer of the power, direct or indirect, to direct the management and policies of an SBIC, whether through ownership, contractual arrangements or otherwise.

An SBIC (or group of SBICs under common control) can currently have outstanding at any time debentures guaranteed by the SBA in amounts up to two times (and in certain cases, up to three times) the amount of its regulatory capital, which generally is the amount raised from private investors. Debentures guaranteed by the SBA have a maturity of ten years, with interest payable semi-annually. As of December 31, 2015, the maximum statutory limit on the dollar amount of outstanding SBA-guaranteed debentures that may be issued by a single SBIC was \$150.0 million and by a group of SBICs under common control was \$350.0 million.

As of December 31, 2015, Triangle SBIC had issued \$150.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures and Triangle SBIC II had issued \$75.0 million in face amount of SBA-guaranteed debentures. The weighted average interest rate for all SBA-guaranteed debentures as of December 31, 2015 was 4.02%. As of December 31, 2015, all SBA-guaranteed debentures were pooled.

SBICs must invest idle funds that are not being used to make loans in investments permitted under SBA regulations in the following limited types of securities: (i) direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by, the United States government, which mature within 15 months from the date of the investment; (ii) repurchase agreements with federally insured institutions with a maturity of seven days or less (and the securities underlying the repurchase obligations must be direct obligations of or guaranteed by the federal government); (iii) certificates of deposit with a maturity of one year or less, issued by a federally insured institution; (iv) a deposit account in a federally insured institution that is subject to a withdrawal restriction of one year or less; (v) a checking account in a federally insured institution; or (vi) a reasonable petty cash fund.

SBICs are periodically examined and audited by the SBA's staff to determine their compliance with SBIC regulations and are periodically required to file certain forms with the SBA. Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II were audited by the SBA during 2015, and there were no unresolved findings from the audit.

Neither the SBA nor the U.S. government or any of its agencies or officers has approved any ownership interest to be issued by us or any obligation that we or any of our subsidiaries may incur.

### **Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Sarbanes-Oxley Act Compliance**

We are subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of the Exchange Act, including the filing of quarterly, annual and current reports, proxy statements and other required items. In addition, we are subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which imposes a wide variety of regulatory requirements on publicly-held companies and their insiders. For example:

- pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Exchange Act, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are required to certify the accuracy of the financial statements contained in our periodic reports;
- pursuant to Item 307 of Regulation S-K, our periodic reports are required to disclose our conclusions about the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures;
- pursuant to Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act, our management is required to prepare a report regarding its assessment of our internal control over financial reporting, and separately, our independent registered public accounting firm audits our internal controls over financial reporting; and
- pursuant to Item 308 of Regulation S-K and Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act, our periodic reports must disclose whether there were significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

### **The New York Stock Exchange Corporate Governance Regulations**

The NYSE has adopted corporate governance regulations that listed companies must comply with. We believe we currently are in compliance with such corporate governance listing standards. We intend to monitor our compliance with all future listing standards and to take all necessary actions to ensure that we stay in compliance.

### **Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations**

The following discussion is a general summary of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to us and to an investment in our shares. This summary does not purport to be a complete description of the income tax considerations applicable to us or to investors in such an investment. For example, we have not described tax consequences that we assume to be generally known by investors or certain considerations that may be relevant to certain types of holders subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws, including stockholders subject to the alternative minimum tax, tax-exempt organizations, insurance companies, dealers in securities, pension plans and trusts, financial institutions, U.S. stockholders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, persons who mark-to-market our shares and persons who hold our shares as part of a "straddle," "hedge" or "conversion" transaction. This summary assumes that investors hold shares of our common stock as capital assets (within the meaning of the Code). The discussion is based upon the Code, Treasury regulations, and administrative and judicial interpretations, each as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and all of which are subject to change, possibly retroactively, which could affect the continuing validity of this

discussion. This summary does not discuss any aspects of U.S. estate or gift tax or foreign, state or local tax. It does not discuss the special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws that could result if we invested in tax-exempt securities or certain other investment assets.

For purposes of our discussion, a “U.S. stockholder” means a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- a citizen or individual resident of the United States;
- a corporation, or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust if (i) a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) it has a valid election in place to be treated as a U.S. person.

For purposes of our discussion, a “Non-U.S. stockholder” means a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock that is neither a U.S. stockholder nor a partnership (including an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes).

If an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes (a “partnership”) holds shares of our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner or member of the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner or member and the activities of the partnership. A prospective stockholder that is a partner or member in a partnership holding shares of our common stock should consult his, her or its tax advisors with respect to the purchase, ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock.

Tax matters are very complicated and the tax consequences to an investor of an investment in our shares will depend on the facts of his, her or its particular situation. We encourage investors to consult their own tax advisors regarding the specific consequences of such an investment, including tax reporting requirements, the applicability of U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax laws, eligibility for the benefits of any applicable tax treaty and the effect of any possible changes in the tax laws.

#### ***Election to be Taxed as a RIC***

We have qualified and elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code commencing with our taxable year ended December 31, 2007. As a RIC, we generally are not subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income taxes on any income that we distribute to our stockholders from our tax earnings and profits. To qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements (as described below). In addition, in order to obtain RIC tax treatment, we must distribute to our stockholders, for each taxable year, at least 90% of our “investment company taxable income,” which is generally our net ordinary income plus the excess, if any, of realized net short-term capital gain over realized net long-term capital loss, or the Annual Distribution Requirement. Even if we qualify as a RIC, we generally will be subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax on our undistributed taxable income and could be subject to U.S. federal excise, state, local and foreign taxes.

#### ***Taxation as a RIC***

Provided that we qualify as a RIC, we will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the portion of our investment company taxable income and net capital gain (which we define as net long-term capital gain in excess of net short-term capital loss) that we timely distribute to stockholders. We will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the regular corporate rates on any income or capital gain not distributed (or deemed distributed) to our stockholders.

We will be subject to a 4% nondeductible U.S. federal excise tax on certain undistributed income unless we distribute in a timely manner an amount at least equal to the sum of (i) 98.0% of our ordinary income for each calendar year, (ii) 98.2% of our capital gain net income for the calendar year and (iii) any income recognized, but not distributed, in preceding years and on which we paid no U.S. federal income tax.



In order to qualify as a RIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we must, among other things:

- meet the Annual Distribution Requirement;
- qualify to be treated as a BDC or be registered as a management investment company under the 1940 Act at all times during each taxable year;
- derive in each taxable year at least 90% of our gross income from dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock or other securities or foreign currencies or other income derived with respect to our business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies and net income derived from an interest in a “qualified publicly traded partnership” (as defined in the Code), or the 90% Income Test; and
- diversify our holdings so that at the end of each quarter of the taxable year:
  - at least 50% of the value of our assets consists of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. Government securities, securities of other RICs, and other securities if such other securities of any one issuer do not represent more than 5% of the value of our assets or more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of the issuer (which for these purposes includes the equity securities of a “qualified publicly traded partnership”); and
  - no more than 25% of the value of our assets is invested in the securities, other than U.S. Government securities or securities of other RICs, (i) of one issuer (ii) of two or more issuers that are controlled, as determined under applicable tax rules, by us and that are engaged in the same or similar or related trades or businesses or (iii) of one or more “qualified publicly traded partnerships,” or the Diversification Tests.

To the extent that we invest in entities treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes (other than a “qualified publicly traded partnership”), we generally must include the items of gross income derived by the partnerships for purposes of the 90% Income Test, and the income that is derived from a partnership (other than a “qualified publicly traded partnership”) will be treated as qualifying income for purposes of the 90% Income Test only to the extent that such income is attributable to items of income of the partnership which would be qualifying income if realized by us directly. In addition, we generally must take into account our proportionate share of the assets held by partnerships (other than a “qualified publicly traded partnership”) in which we are a partner for purposes of the Diversification Tests.

In order to meet the 90% Income Test, we have established several special purpose corporations, and in the future may establish additional such corporations, to hold assets from which we do not anticipate earning dividend, interest or other income under the 90% Income Test (the "Taxable Subsidiaries"). Any investments held through a Taxable Subsidiary generally are subject to U.S. federal income and other taxes, and therefore we can expect to achieve a reduced after-tax yield on such investments.

We may be required to recognize taxable income in circumstances in which we do not receive a corresponding payment in cash. For example, if we hold debt obligations that are treated under applicable tax rules as having original issue discount (such as debt instruments with payment-in-kind interest or, in certain cases, increasing interest rates or issued with warrants), we must include in income each year a portion of the original issue discount that accrues over the life of the obligation, regardless of whether cash representing such income is received by us in the same taxable year. We may also have to include in income other amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as deferred loan origination fees that are paid after origination of the loan or are paid in non-cash compensation such as warrants or stock. We anticipate that a portion of our income may constitute original issue discount or other income required to be included in taxable income prior to receipt of cash.

Because any original issue discount or other amounts accrued will be included in our investment company taxable income for the year of the accrual, we may be required to make a distribution to our stockholders in order to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement, even though we will not have received any corresponding cash amount. As a result, we may have difficulty meeting the annual distribution requirement necessary to obtain and maintain RIC tax treatment under the Code. We may have to sell some of our investments at times and/or at prices we would not consider advantageous, raise additional debt or equity capital or forgo new investment opportunities

for this purpose. If we are not able to obtain cash from other sources, we may fail to qualify for RIC tax treatment and thus become subject to corporate-level income tax.

Furthermore, a portfolio company in which we invest may face financial difficulty that requires us to work-out, modify or otherwise restructure our investment in the portfolio company. Any such restructuring may result in unusable capital losses and future non-cash income. Any restructuring may also result in our recognition of a substantial amount of non-qualifying income for purposes of the 90% Income Test, such as cancellation of indebtedness income in connection with the work-out of a leveraged investment (which, while not free from doubt, may be treated as non-qualifying income) or the receipt of other non-qualifying income.

Gain or loss realized by us from warrants acquired by us as well as any loss attributable to the lapse of such warrants generally will be treated as capital gain or loss. Such gain or loss generally will be long-term or short-term, depending on how long we held a particular warrant.

Investments by us in non-U.S. securities may be subject to non-U.S. income, withholding and other taxes, and therefore, our yield on any such securities may be reduced by such non-U.S. taxes. Stockholders will generally not be entitled to claim a credit or deduction with respect to non-U.S. taxes paid by us.

If we purchase shares in a "passive foreign investment company," or PFIC, we may be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a portion of any "excess distribution" or gain from the disposition of such shares even if such income is distributed as a taxable dividend by us to our stockholders. Additional charges in the nature of interest may be imposed on us in respect of deferred taxes arising from such distributions or gains. If we invest in a PFIC and elect to treat the PFIC as a "qualified electing fund" under the Code, or QEF, in lieu of the foregoing requirements, we will be required to include in income each year a portion of the ordinary earnings and net capital gain of the QEF, even if such income is not distributed to it. Alternatively, we can elect to mark-to-market at the end of each taxable year our shares in a PFIC; in this case, we will recognize as ordinary income any increase in the value of such shares and as ordinary loss any decrease in such value to the extent it does not exceed prior increases included in income. Under either election, we may be required to recognize in a year income in excess of our distributions from PFICs and our proceeds from dispositions of PFIC stock during that year, and such income will nevertheless be subject to the Annual Distribution Requirement and will be taken into account for purposes of the 4% excise tax.

Under Section 988 of the Code, gain or loss attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between the time we accrue income, expenses, or other liabilities denominated in a foreign currency and the time we actually collect such income or pay such expenses or liabilities are generally treated as ordinary income or loss. Similarly, gain or loss on foreign currency forward contracts and the disposition of debt denominated in a foreign currency, to the extent attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between the acquisition and disposition dates, are also treated as ordinary income or loss.

We are authorized to borrow funds and to sell assets in order to satisfy distribution requirements. Under the 1940 Act, we are not permitted to make distributions to our stockholders while our debt obligations and other senior securities are outstanding unless certain "asset coverage" tests are met. See "Regulation of Business Development Companies — Qualifying Assets" and "Regulation of Business Development Companies — Senior Securities" above. Moreover, our ability to dispose of assets to meet our distribution requirements may be limited by (i) the illiquid nature of our portfolio and/or (ii) other requirements relating to our status as a RIC, including the Diversification Tests. If we dispose of assets in order to meet the Annual Distribution Requirement or to avoid the excise tax, we may make such dispositions at times that, from an investment standpoint, are not advantageous.

If we fail to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement or otherwise fail to qualify as a RIC in any taxable year, we will be subject to tax in that year on all of our taxable income, regardless of whether we make any distributions to our stockholders. In that case, all of such income will be subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax, reducing the amount available to be distributed to our stockholders. See "Failure To Obtain RIC Tax Treatment" below.

As a RIC, we are not allowed to carry forward or carry back a net operating loss for purposes of computing our investment company taxable income in other taxable years. U.S. federal income tax law generally permits a RIC to carry forward (i) the excess of its net short-term capital loss over its net long-term capital gain for a given year as

a short-term capital loss arising on the first day of the following year and (ii) the excess of its net long-term capital loss over its net short-term capital gain for a given year as a long-term capital loss arising on the first day of the following year. Future transactions we engage in may cause our ability to use any capital loss carryforwards, and unrealized losses once realized, to be limited under Section 382 of the Code. Certain of our investment practices may be subject to special and complex U.S. federal income tax provisions that may, among other things, (i) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions, (ii) convert lower taxed long-term capital gain and qualified dividend income into higher taxed short-term capital gain or ordinary income, (iii) convert an ordinary loss or a deduction into a capital loss (the deductibility of which is more limited), (iv) cause us to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash, (v) adversely affect the time as to when a purchase or sale of stock or securities is deemed to occur, (vi) adversely alter the characterization of certain complex financial transactions and (vii) produce income that will not be qualifying income for purposes of the 90% Income Test. We will monitor our transactions and may make certain tax elections in order to mitigate the effect of these provisions.

As described above, to the extent that we invest in equity securities of entities that are treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the effect of such investments for purposes of the 90% Income Test and the Diversification Tests will depend on whether or not the partnership is a “qualified publicly traded partnership” (as defined in the Code). If the entity is a “qualified publicly traded partnership,” the net income derived from such investments will be qualifying income for purposes of the 90% Income Test and will be “securities” for purposes of the Diversification Tests. If the entity is not treated as a “qualified publicly traded partnership,” however, the consequences of an investment in the partnership will depend upon the amount and type of income and assets of the partnership allocable to us. The income derived from such investments may not be qualifying income for purposes of the 90% Income Test and, therefore, could adversely affect our qualification as a RIC. We intend to monitor our investments in equity securities of entities that are treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes to prevent our disqualification as a RIC.

We may invest in preferred securities or other securities the U.S. federal income tax treatment of which may not be clear or may be subject to recharacterization by the IRS. To the extent the tax treatment of such securities or the income from such securities differs from the expected tax treatment, it could affect the timing or character of income recognized, requiring us to purchase or sell securities, or otherwise change our portfolio, in order to comply with the tax rules applicable to RICs under the Code.

We may distribute taxable dividends that are payable in cash or shares of our common stock at the election of each stockholder. Under certain applicable provisions of the Code and the Treasury regulations, distributions payable in cash or in shares of stock at the election of stockholders are treated as taxable dividends. The Internal Revenue Service has issued private rulings indicating that this rule will apply even where the total amount of cash that may be distributed is limited to no more than 20% of the total distribution. Under these rulings, if too many stockholders elect to receive their distributions in cash, each such stockholder would receive a pro rata share of the total cash to be distributed and would receive the remainder of their distribution in shares of stock. If we decide to make any distributions consistent with these rulings that are payable in part in our stock, taxable stockholders receiving such dividends will be required to include the full amount of the dividend (whether received in cash, our stock, or a combination thereof) as ordinary income (or as long-term capital gain to the extent such distribution is properly reported as a capital gain dividend) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits for United States federal income tax purposes. As a result, a U.S. stockholder may be required to pay tax with respect to such dividends in excess of any cash received. If a U.S. stockholder sells the stock it receives in order to pay this tax, the sales proceeds may be less than the amount included in income with respect to the dividend, depending on the market price of our stock at the time of the sale. Furthermore, with respect to non-U.S. stockholders, we may be required to withhold U.S. tax with respect to such dividends, including in respect of all or a portion of such dividend that is payable in stock. In addition, if a significant number of our stockholders determine to sell shares of our stock in order to pay taxes owed on dividends, it may put downward pressure on the trading price of our stock.

### ***Taxation of U.S. Stockholders***

Whether an investment in shares of our common stock is appropriate for a U.S. stockholder will depend upon that person’s particular circumstances. An investment in shares of our common stock by a U.S. stockholder may have adverse tax consequences. The following summary generally describes certain U.S. federal income tax

consequences of an investment in shares of our common stock by taxable U.S. stockholders and not by U.S. stockholders that are generally exempt from U.S. federal income taxation. U.S. stockholders should consult their own tax advisors before making an investment in our common stock.

Distributions by us generally are taxable to U.S. stockholders as ordinary income or capital gain. Distributions of our “investment company taxable income” (which generally is our ordinary income excluding net capital gain) will be taxable as ordinary income to U.S. stockholders to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional common stock. To the extent such distributions paid by us to non-corporate U.S. stockholders (including individuals) are attributable to dividends from U.S. corporations and certain qualified foreign corporations, such distributions generally will be eligible for taxation at rates applicable to “qualifying dividends” at a maximum federal income tax rate of 20% provided that we properly report such distribution as “qualified dividend income” in a written statement furnished to our stockholders and certain holding period and other requirements are satisfied. In this regard, it is not anticipated that a significant portion of distributions paid by us will be attributable to qualifying dividends; therefore, our distributions generally will not qualify for the preferential rates applicable to qualified dividend income. Distributions of our net capital gain (which generally is our net long-term capital gain in excess of net short-term capital loss) properly designated by us as “capital gain dividends” will be taxable to a U.S. stockholder as long-term capital gain (at a maximum federal income tax rate of 20% in the case of individuals, trusts or estates), regardless of the U.S. stockholder’s holding period for his, her or its common stock and regardless of whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional common stock. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits first will reduce a U.S. stockholder’s adjusted tax basis in such stockholder’s common stock and, after the adjusted basis is reduced to zero, will constitute capital gain to such U.S. stockholder.

Although we currently intend to distribute any long-term capital gain at least annually, we may in the future decide to retain some or all of our long-term capital gain, but designate the retained amount as a “deemed distribution.” In that case, among other consequences, we will pay tax on the retained amount, each U.S. stockholder will be required to include his, her or its proportionate share of the deemed distribution in income as if it had been actually distributed to the U.S. stockholder, and the U.S. stockholder will be entitled to claim a credit equal to his, her or its allocable share of the tax paid thereon by us. The amount of the deemed distribution net of such tax will be added to the U.S. stockholder’s tax basis for his, her or its common stock. Since we expect to pay tax on any retained capital gain at our regular corporate tax rate, and since that rate is in excess of the maximum rate currently payable by individuals on net capital gain, the amount of tax that individual stockholders will be treated as having paid and for which they will receive a credit will exceed the tax they owe on the retained net capital gain. Such excess generally may be claimed as a credit against the U.S. stockholder’s other U.S. federal income tax obligations or may be refunded to the extent it exceeds a stockholder’s liability for U.S. federal income tax. A stockholder that is not subject to U.S. federal income tax or otherwise required to file a U.S. federal income tax return would be required to file a U.S. federal income tax return on the appropriate form in order to claim a refund for the taxes we paid. In order to utilize the deemed distribution approach, we must provide written notice to our stockholders prior to the expiration of 60 days after the close of the relevant taxable year. We cannot treat any of our investment company taxable income as a “deemed distribution.”

We could be subject to the alternative minimum tax, or the AMT, but any items that are treated differently for AMT purposes must be apportioned between us and our stockholders and this may affect U.S. stockholders’ AMT liabilities. Although regulations explaining the precise method of apportionment have not yet been issued, such items will generally be apportioned in the same proportion that distributions paid to each stockholder bear to our taxable income (determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction), unless a different method for a particular item is warranted under the circumstances.

For purposes of determining (i) whether the Annual Distribution Requirement is satisfied for any year and (ii) the amount of capital gain dividends paid for that year, we may, under certain circumstances, elect to treat a dividend that is paid during the following taxable year as if it had been paid during the taxable year in question. If we make such an election, the U.S. stockholder will still be treated as receiving the dividend in the taxable year in which the distribution is made. However, any dividend declared by us in October, November or December of any calendar year, payable to stockholders of record on a specified date in any such month and actually paid during

January of the following year, will be treated as if it had been received by our U.S. stockholders on December 31 of the year in which the dividend was declared.

If an investor purchases shares of our common stock shortly before the record date of a distribution, the price of the shares will include the value of the distribution, and the investor will be subject to tax on the distribution even though it represents a return of his, her or its investment.

A U.S. stockholder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss if the stockholder sells or otherwise disposes of his, her or its shares of our common stock. The amount of gain or loss will be measured by the difference between such stockholder's adjusted tax basis in the common stock sold and the amount of the proceeds received in exchange. Any gain arising from such sale or disposition generally will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the stockholder has held his, her or its shares for more than one year. Otherwise, it will be classified as short-term capital gain or loss. However, any capital loss arising from the sale or disposition of shares of our common stock held for six months or less will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of the amount of capital gain dividends received, or undistributed capital gain deemed received, with respect to such shares. In addition, all or a portion of any loss recognized upon a disposition of shares of our common stock may be disallowed if other substantially identical shares are purchased (whether through reinvestment of distributions or otherwise) within 30 days before or after the disposition. The ability to otherwise deduct capital loss may be subject to other limitations under the Code.

In general, non-corporate U.S. stockholders, including individuals, trusts and estates, are subject to U.S. federal income tax at a maximum rate of 20% on their net capital gain, or the excess of realized net long-term capital gain over realized net short-term capital loss for a taxable year, including a long-term capital gain derived from an investment in our shares. Such rate is lower than the maximum rate on ordinary income currently payable by individuals. Corporate U.S. stockholders currently are subject to U.S. federal income tax on net capital gain at the maximum 35% rate also applied to ordinary income. Non-corporate stockholders with net capital loss for a year (which we define as capital loss in excess of capital gain) generally may deduct up to \$3,000 of such losses against their ordinary income each year; any net capital loss of a noncorporate stockholder in excess of \$3,000 generally may be carried forward and used in subsequent years as provided in the Code. Corporate stockholders generally may not deduct any net capital loss for a year, but may carry back such losses for three years or carry forward such losses for five years.

Certain U.S. stockholders who are individuals, estates or trusts generally are subject to a 3.8% Medicare tax on, among other things, dividends on, and capital gain from the sale or other disposition of, shares of our common stock.

A "publicly offered" RIC is a RIC whose shares are either (i) continuously offered pursuant to a public offering, (ii) regularly traded on an established securities market or (iii) held by at least 500 persons at all times during the taxable year. If we are not a publicly offered RIC for any period, a non-corporate stockholder's pro rata portion of our affected expenses, including our management fees, will be treated as an additional dividend to the stockholder and will be deductible by such stockholder only to the extent permitted under the limitations described below. For non-corporate stockholders, including individuals, trusts, and estates, significant limitations generally apply to the deductibility of certain expenses of a non-publicly offered RIC, including advisory fees. In particular, these expenses, referred to as miscellaneous itemized deductions, are deductible only to individuals to the extent they exceed 2% of such a stockholder's adjusted gross income, and are not deductible for AMT purposes. Because we anticipate that shares of our common stock will continue to be regularly traded on an established securities market, we believe that we will continue to qualify as a "publicly offered regulated investment company."

We will send to each of our U.S. stockholders, as promptly as possible after the end of each calendar year, a written statement detailing, on a per share and per distribution basis, the amounts includible in such U.S. stockholder's taxable income for such year as ordinary income and as long-term capital gain. In addition, the U.S. federal tax status of each year's distributions generally will be reported to the IRS. Distributions paid by us generally will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction or the preferential tax rate applicable to qualifying dividends. Distributions may also be subject to additional state, local and foreign taxes depending on a U.S. stockholder's particular situation.

We may be required to withhold U.S. federal income tax, or backup withholding at a rate of 28%, from all taxable distributions to any non-corporate U.S. stockholder (i) who fails to furnish us with a correct taxpayer identification number or a certificate that such stockholder is exempt from backup withholding or (ii) with respect to whom the IRS notifies us that such stockholder has failed to properly report certain interest and dividend income to the IRS and to respond to notices to that effect. An individual's taxpayer identification number is his or her social security number. Backup withholding tax is not an additional tax, and any amount withheld may be refunded or credited against the U.S. stockholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that proper information is timely provided to the IRS.

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013, if certain disclosure requirements related to U.S. accounts or ownership are not satisfied, a U.S. federal withholding tax at a 30% rate will be imposed on dividends received by U.S. stockholders that own their stock through foreign accounts or foreign intermediaries. In addition, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016, if certain disclosure requirements related to U.S. accounts or ownership are not satisfied, a U.S. federal withholding tax at a 30% rate will be imposed on proceeds of sale in respect of our stock received by U.S. stockholders that own their stock through foreign accounts or foreign intermediaries. We will not pay any additional amounts in respect of any amounts withheld.

Under U.S. Treasury regulations, if a stockholder recognizes a loss with respect to shares of our stock of \$2 million or more for an individual, S corporation, trust or a partnership with at least one non-corporate partner or \$10 million or more for a stockholder that is either a corporation or a partnership with only corporate partners in any single taxable year (or a greater loss over a combination of years), the stockholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on IRS Form 8886 (or successor form). Direct stockholders of portfolio securities in many cases are exempted from this reporting requirement, but under current guidance, stockholders of a RIC are not exempted. Future guidance may extend the current exception from this reporting requirement to stockholders of most or all RICs. The fact that a loss is reportable under these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether the taxpayer's treatment of the loss is proper. Significant monetary penalties apply to a failure to comply with this reporting requirement. States may also have a similar reporting requirement. Stockholders should consult their own tax advisors to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

### ***Taxation of Non-U.S. Stockholders***

Whether an investment in the shares is appropriate for a Non-U.S. stockholder will depend upon that person's particular circumstances. An investment in the shares by a Non-U.S. stockholder may have adverse tax consequences. Non-U.S. stockholders should consult their tax advisers before investing in our common stock.

Distributions of our "investment company taxable income" to Non-U.S. stockholders that are not "effectively connected" with a U.S. trade or business carried on by the Non-U.S. stockholder, will generally be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or lower rate provided by an applicable treaty) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, unless an applicable exception applies.

Actual or deemed distributions of our net capital gain to a Non-U.S. stockholder, and gains realized by a Non-U.S. stockholder upon the sale of our common stock, that are not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business carried on by the Non-U.S. stockholder, will generally not be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax and generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax unless the Non-U.S. stockholder is a nonresident alien individual and is physically present in the United States for more than 182 days during the taxable year and meets certain other requirements. However, withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% on capital gain of nonresident alien individuals who are physically present in the United States for more than the 182 day period only applies in exceptional cases because any individual present in the United States for more than 182 days during the taxable year is generally treated as a resident for U.S. income tax purposes; in that case, he or she would be subject to U.S. income tax on his or her worldwide income at the graduated rates applicable to U.S. citizens, rather than the 30% U.S. federal withholding tax.

If we distribute our net capital gain in the form of deemed rather than actual distributions (which we may do in the future), a Non-U.S. stockholder will be entitled to a U.S. federal income tax credit or tax refund equal to the stockholder's allocable share of the tax we pay on the capital gain deemed to have been distributed. In order to obtain the refund, the Non-U.S. stockholder must obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number and file a U.S.

federal income tax return even if the Non-U.S. stockholder would not otherwise be required to obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number or file a U.S. federal income tax return. Accordingly, investment in the shares may not be appropriate for a Non-U.S. stockholder.

Distributions of our “investment company taxable income” and net capital gain (including deemed distributions) to Non-U.S. stockholders, and gain realized by Non-U.S. stockholders upon the sale of our common stock that is “effectively connected” with a U.S. trade or business carried on by the Non-U.S. stockholder (or if an income tax treaty applies, attributable to a “permanent establishment” in the United States), will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the graduated rates applicable to U.S. citizens, residents and domestic corporations. Corporate Non-U.S. stockholders may also be subject to an additional branch profits tax at a rate of 30% imposed by the Code (or lower rate provided by an applicable treaty). In the case of a non-corporate Non-U.S. stockholder, we may be required to withhold U.S. federal income tax from distributions that are otherwise exempt from withholding tax (or taxable at a reduced rate) unless the Non-U.S. stockholder certifies his or her foreign status under penalties of perjury or otherwise establishes an exemption.

The tax consequences to a Non-U.S. stockholder entitled to claim the benefits of an applicable tax treaty may differ from those described herein. Non-U.S. stockholders are advised to consult their own tax advisers with respect to the particular tax consequences to them of an investment in our shares.

A Non-U.S. stockholder who is a nonresident alien individual may be subject to information reporting and backup withholding of U.S. federal income tax on dividends unless the Non-U.S. stockholder provides us or the dividend paying agent with an IRS Form W-8BEN (or an acceptable substitute form) or otherwise meets documentary evidence requirements for establishing that it is a Non-U.S. stockholder or otherwise establishes an exemption from backup withholding.

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013, if certain disclosure requirements related to U.S. accounts or ownership are not satisfied, a U.S. federal withholding tax at a 30% rate will be imposed on dividends received by certain Non-U.S. stockholders. In addition, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016, if certain disclosure requirements related to U.S. accounts or ownership are not satisfied, a U.S. federal withholding tax at a 30% rate will be imposed on proceeds of sale in respect of shares of our common stock received by certain Non-U.S. stockholders. If payment of withholding taxes is required, Non-U.S. stockholders that are otherwise eligible for an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding taxes with respect to such dividends and proceeds will be required to seek a refund from the IRS to obtain the benefit of such exemption or reduction. We will not pay any additional amounts in respect of any amounts withheld.

Non-U.S. persons should consult their own tax advisers with respect to the U.S. federal income tax and withholding tax, and state, local and foreign tax consequences of an investment in the shares.

#### ***Failure to Obtain RIC Tax Treatment***

If we fail to satisfy the 90% Income Test or the Diversification Tests for any taxable year, we may nevertheless continue to qualify as a RIC for such year if certain relief provisions are applicable (which may, among other things, require us to pay certain corporate-level federal taxes or to dispose of certain assets).

If we were unable to obtain tax treatment as a RIC, we would be subject to tax on all of our taxable income at regular corporate rates. We would not be able to deduct distributions to stockholders, nor would they be required to be made. Distributions would generally be taxable to our stockholders as dividend income to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits (in the case of non-corporate U.S. stockholders, generally at a maximum federal income tax rate applicable to qualified dividend income of 20%). Subject to certain limitations under the Code, corporate distributees would be eligible for the dividends-received deduction. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits would be treated first as a return of capital to the extent of the stockholder’s tax basis, and any remaining distributions would be treated as a capital gain.

If we fail to meet the RIC requirements for more than two consecutive years and then, seek to re-qualify as a RIC, we would be subject to corporate-level taxation on any built-in gain recognized during the succeeding 10-year

period unless we made a special election to recognize all such built-in gain upon our re-qualification as a RIC and to pay the corporate-level tax on such built-in gain.

#### ***Possible Legislative or Other Actions Affecting Tax Considerations***

Prospective investors should recognize that the present U.S. federal income tax treatment of an investment in our stock may be modified by legislative, judicial or administrative action at any time, and that any such action may affect investments and commitments previously made. The rules dealing with U.S. federal income taxation are constantly under review by persons involved in the legislative process any by the IRS and the U.S. Treasury Department, resulting in revisions of regulations and revised interpretations of established concepts as well as statutory changes. Revisions in U.S. federal tax laws and interpretations thereof could affect the tax consequences of an investment in our stock.

#### ***State and Local Tax Treatment***

The state and local tax treatment may differ from federal income tax treatment.

The discussion set forth herein does not constitute tax advice, and potential investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the tax considerations relevant to their particular situation.

#### **Available Information**

We intend to make this Annual Report, as well as our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, our current reports on Form 8-K and, if applicable, amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act, publicly available on our website ([www.tcap.com](http://www.tcap.com)) without charge as soon as reasonably practicable following our filing of such reports with the SEC. Our SEC reports can be accessed through the investor relations section of our website. The information found on our website is not part of this or any other report we file with or furnish to the SEC. We assume no obligation to update or revise any forward looking statements in this Annual Report or in other reports filed with the SEC, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless we are required to do so by law. A copy of this Annual Report and our other reports is available without charge upon written request to Investor Relations, Triangle Capital Corporation, 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612.

Further, a copy of this Annual Report is obtainable from the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and our other filings at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

We have adopted a code of ethics, which we call our "Code of Business Conduct and Ethics," which every director, officer and employee is expected to observe. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is publicly available on the Investor Relations section of our website under "Corporate Governance" at <http://tcap.client.shareholder.com/governance.cfm> and is referenced in this Annual Report as Exhibit 14.1.



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

*As indicated above in this Annual Report under “Forward-Looking Statements,” those statements in this Annual Report that are not historical facts may be forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The risks set out below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or not presently deemed material by us might also impair our operations and performance. If any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. In such case, our net asset value and the trading price of our securities could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.*

### **Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure**

***Our financial condition and results of operations will depend on our ability to manage and deploy capital effectively.***

Our ability to continue to achieve our investment objectives will depend on our ability to effectively manage and deploy our capital, which will depend, in turn, on our management team’s ability to continue to identify, evaluate, invest in and monitor companies that meet our investment criteria. We cannot assure you that we will continue to achieve our investment objectives.

Accomplishing this result on a cost-effective basis will be largely a function of our management team’s handling of the investment process, its ability to provide competent, attentive and efficient services and our access to investments offering acceptable terms. In addition to monitoring the performance of our existing investments, members of our management team and our investment professionals may also be called upon to provide managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. These demands on their time may distract them or slow the rate of investment.

Even if we are able to grow and build upon our investment operations in a manner commensurate with the increased capital available to us as a result of recent offerings of our securities, any failure to manage our growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. The results of our operations will depend on many factors, including the availability of opportunities for investment, readily accessible short and long-term funding alternatives in the financial markets and economic conditions. Furthermore, if we cannot successfully operate our business or implement our investment policies and strategies as described in this Annual Report, it could negatively impact our ability to pay distributions and cause you to lose part or all of your investment.

***Market volatility and the condition of the debt and equity capital markets could negatively impact our financial condition and stock price.***

Beginning in 2007, global credit and other financial markets began to suffer substantial stress, volatility, illiquidity and disruption. These forces reached extraordinary levels in 2008, resulting in the bankruptcy of, the acquisition of, or government intervention in the affairs of several major domestic and international financial institutions. In particular, the financial services sector was negatively impacted by significant write-offs as the value of the assets held by financial firms declined, impairing their capital positions and abilities to lend and invest. We believe that such value declines were exacerbated by widespread forced liquidations as leveraged holders of financial assets, faced with declining prices, were compelled to sell to meet margin requirements and maintain compliance with applicable capital standards. Such forced liquidations also impaired or eliminated many investors and investment vehicles, leading to a decline in the supply of capital for investment and depressed pricing levels for many assets. These events significantly diminished overall confidence in the debt and equity markets, engendered unprecedented declines in the values of certain assets, and caused extreme economic uncertainty. If market conditions similar to these were to recur, our assets could experience a similar decline in value, among other negative impacts to the company.

Since 2009, the global credit and other financial market conditions have improved as stability has increased throughout the international financial system and many public market indices have experienced positive total returns. However, the global macroeconomic environment and recovery from the downturn has been challenging and inconsistent. Instability in the global credit markets, the impact of periodic uncertainty regarding the U.S.

federal budget, the instability in the geopolitical environment in many parts of the world, sovereign debt conditions in Europe and other disruptions may continue to put pressure on economic conditions in the U.S. and abroad.

***Our investment portfolio is and will continue to be recorded at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors and, as a result, there is and will continue to be uncertainty as to the value of our portfolio investments.***

Under the 1940 Act, we are required to carry our portfolio investments at market value or, if there is no readily available market value, at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. Typically there is not a public market for the securities of the privately held companies in which we have invested and will generally continue to invest. As a result, we value these securities quarterly at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors based on input from management, a nationally recognized independent advisor (on a rotational basis) and our audit committee. See "Item 1. Business - Valuation Process and Determination of Net Asset Value" for a detailed description of our valuation process.

The determination of fair value and consequently, the amount of unrealized gains and losses in our portfolio, is to a certain degree subjective and dependent on the judgment of our Board of Directors. Certain factors that may be considered in determining the fair value of our investments include the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's earnings and its ability to make payments on its indebtedness, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparison to comparable publicly-traded companies, discounted cash flows and other relevant factors. Because such valuations, and particularly valuations of private securities and private companies, are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate over short periods of time and may be based on estimates, our determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have been used if a ready market for these securities existed. Due to this uncertainty, our fair value determinations may cause our net asset value on a given date to materially understate or overstate the value that we may ultimately realize upon the sale or disposition of one or more of our investments. As a result, investors purchasing our securities based on an overstated net asset value would pay a higher price than the value of our investments might warrant. Conversely, investors selling shares during a period in which the net asset value understates the value of our investments will receive a lower price for their shares than the value of our investments might warrant.

***Volatility or a prolonged disruption in the credit markets could materially damage our business.***

We are required to record our assets at fair value, as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors in accordance with our valuation policy. As a result, volatility in the capital markets may adversely affect our valuations and our net asset value, even if we intend to hold investments to maturity. Volatility or dislocation in the capital markets may depress our stock price below our net asset value per share and create a challenging environment in which to raise debt and equity capital. As a BDC, we are generally not able to issue additional shares of our common stock at a price less than net asset value without first obtaining approval for such issuance from our stockholders and our independent directors. Additionally, our ability to incur indebtedness (including by issuing preferred stock) is limited by applicable regulations such that our asset coverage under the 1940 Act must equal at least 200% of total indebtedness immediately after each time we incur indebtedness exclusive of the SBA-guaranteed debentures pursuant to our SEC exemptive relief. Shrinking portfolio values negatively impact our ability to borrow additional funds or issue additional debt securities because our net asset value is reduced for purposes of the 200% asset leverage test. If the fair value of our assets declines substantially, we may fail to maintain the asset coverage ratio stipulated by the 1940 Act, which could, in turn, cause us to lose our status as a BDC and materially impair our business operations. A protracted disruption in the credit markets could also materially decrease demand for our investments.

The significant disruption in the capital markets experienced in the past had and may in the future have a negative effect on the valuations of our investments, and on the potential for liquidity events involving our investments. The debt capital that will be available to us in the future, if at all, is likely to have a higher cost and less favorable terms and conditions. If our financing costs increase and we have no increase in interest income, then our net investment income will decrease. A prolonged inability to raise capital will require us to reduce the volume of loans we originate and could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition or results of operations. This may also increase the probability that other structural risks negatively impact us. These situations

may arise due to circumstances that we may be unable to control, such as a protracted disruption in the credit markets, a severe decline in the value of the U.S. dollar, a sharp economic downturn or an operational problem that affects third parties or us, and could materially damage our business.

***We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities.***

A large number of entities compete with us to make the types of investments that we make in target companies. We compete for investments with other BDCs and investment funds (including private equity funds and mezzanine funds), as well as traditional financial services companies such as commercial and investment banks and other sources of funding. Moreover, alternative investment vehicles, such as hedge funds, also invest in lower middle market companies. As a result, competition for investment opportunities in lower middle market companies is intense. Many of our competitors are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. For example, some competitors may have a lower cost of capital and access to funding sources that are not available to us. In addition, some of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments than we have. These characteristics could allow our competitors to consider a wider variety of investments, establish more relationships and offer better pricing and more flexible structuring than we are able to do. We may lose investment opportunities if we do not match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure. If we are forced to match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure, we may not be able to achieve acceptable returns on our investments or may bear substantial risk of capital loss. A significant part of our competitive advantage stems from the fact that the market for investments in lower middle market companies is underserved by traditional commercial banks and other financing sources. A significant increase in the number and/or the size of our competitors in this target market could force us to accept less attractive investment terms. Furthermore, many of our competitors have greater experience operating under, or are not subject to, the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a BDC.

***We are dependent upon our executives for our future success.***

We depend on the members of our senior management team, particularly executive officers E. Ashton Poole, Brent P.W. Burgess and Steven C. Lilly, for the final selection, structuring, closing and monitoring of our investments. These executive officers have critical industry experience and relationships that we rely on to implement our business plan. If we lose the services of these individuals, we may not be able to operate our business as we expect, and our ability to compete could be harmed, which could cause our operating results to suffer.

***Our success depends on attracting and retaining qualified personnel in a competitive environment.***

We experience competition in attracting and retaining qualified personnel, particularly investment professionals, and we may be unable to maintain or grow our business if we cannot attract and retain such personnel. Our ability to attract and retain personnel with the requisite credentials, experience and skills depends on several factors including, but not limited to, our ability to offer competitive wages, benefits and professional growth opportunities. Many of the entities, including investment funds (such as private equity funds and mezzanine funds) and traditional financial services companies, with which we compete for experienced personnel have greater resources than we have.

The competitive environment for qualified personnel may require us to take certain measures to ensure that we are able to attract and retain experienced personnel. Such measures may include increasing the attractiveness of our overall compensation packages, altering the structure of our compensation packages through the use of additional forms of compensation, utilization of employment contracts for our executive officers or other steps. The inability to attract and retain experienced personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business.

***Our business model depends to a significant extent upon strong referral relationships, and our inability to maintain or develop these relationships, as well as the failure of these relationships to generate investment opportunities, could adversely affect our business.***

We expect that members of our management and investment teams will maintain their relationships with financial institutions, private equity and other non-bank investors, investment bankers, commercial bankers, attorneys, accountants and consultants, and we will rely to a significant extent upon these relationships to provide us

with potential investment opportunities. If our management and investment teams fail to maintain their existing relationships or develop new relationships with other sponsors or sources of investment opportunities, we will not be able to grow our investment portfolio. In addition, individuals with whom members of our management and investment teams have relationships are not obligated to provide us with investment opportunities, and, therefore, there is no assurance that such relationships will generate investment opportunities for us.

***Our long-term ability to fund new investments and make distributions to our stockholders could be limited if we are unable to renew, extend, replace or expand our credit facility, or if financing becomes more expensive or less available.***

On May 4, 2015, we entered into an amended and restated credit agreement providing for a revolving line of credit, which we refer to as the Credit Facility. Committed funding under the Credit Facility was \$300.0 million as of December 31, 2015. The Credit Facility has an accordion feature which allows for an increase in the total loan size up to \$350.0 million. However, if we are unable to meet the terms of the accordion feature, we will be unable to expand the facility. The revolving period of the Credit Facility ends May 3, 2019, followed by a one-year amortization period with a final maturity date of May 3, 2020. If the facility is not renewed or extended, all principal and interest will be due and payable.

There can be no guarantee that we will be able to renew, extend or replace the Credit Facility when principal payments are due and payable on terms that are favorable to us, if at all. Our ability to expand the Credit Facility, and to obtain replacement financing when principal payments are due and payable, will be constrained by then-current economic conditions affecting the credit markets. In the event that we are not able to expand the Credit Facility, or to renew, extend or replace the Credit Facility when principal payments are due and payable, this could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and ability to fund new investments, our ability to make distributions to our stockholders and our ability to qualify as a RIC under the Code.

***Regulations governing our operation as a business development company will affect our ability to, and the way in which we raise additional capital.***

Our business will require capital to operate and grow. We may acquire such additional capital from the following sources:

*Senior Securities.* Currently we, through our SBIC subsidiaries, have issued debt securities guaranteed by the SBA. We have also issued three classes of notes in registered public offerings. In the future, we may issue additional debt securities or preferred stock, and/or borrow money from banks or other financial institutions (including borrowings under our Credit Facility), which we refer to collectively as senior securities. As a result of issuing senior securities, we will be exposed to additional risks, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Under the provisions of the 1940 Act, we are permitted, as a BDC, to issue senior securities only in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% after each issuance of senior securities. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy this test. If that happens, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments and, depending on the nature of our leverage, repay a portion of our debt at a time when such sales and/or repayments may be disadvantageous. Further we may not be permitted to declare a dividend or make any distribution to stockholders or repurchase shares until such time as we satisfy this test.
- Any amounts that we use to service our debt or make payments on preferred stock will not be available for distributions to our common stockholders.
- It is likely that any securities or other indebtedness we issue will be, and our Credit Facility and our existing notes are, governed by an indenture or other instrument containing covenants restricting our operating flexibility. Additionally, some of these securities or other indebtedness may be rated by rating agencies, and in obtaining a rating for such securities and other indebtedness, we may be required to abide by operating and investment guidelines that further restrict operating and financial flexibility.
- We and, indirectly, our stockholders, will bear the cost of issuing and servicing such securities and other indebtedness.

- Preferred stock or any convertible or exchangeable securities that we issue in the future may have rights, preferences and privileges more favorable than those of our common stock, including separate voting rights and could delay or prevent a transaction or a change in control to the detriment of the holders of our common stock.

**Additional Common Stock.** Under the provisions of the 1940 Act, we are not generally able to issue and sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share. We may, however, sell our common stock, warrants, options or rights to acquire our common stock, at a price below the current net asset value of the common stock if our Board of Directors determines that such sale is in the best interests of our stockholders, and our stockholders approve such sale. At our Annual Stockholders Meeting on May 6, 2015, our stockholders voted to allow us to sell or otherwise issue common stock at a price below net asset value per share for a period of one year ending on the earlier of May 6, 2016 or the date of our 2016 annual meeting of stockholders. Our stockholders did not specify a maximum discount below net asset value at which we are able to sell or otherwise issue our common stock; however, we do not intend to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock below net asset value unless our Board of Directors determines that it would be in our stockholders' best interests to do so. In any such case, however, the price at which our common stock are to be issued and sold may not be less than a price which, in the determination of our Board of Directors, closely approximates the market value of such securities (less any distributing commission or discount). We may also make rights offerings to our stockholders at prices per share less than the net asset value per share, subject to applicable requirements of the 1940 Act. If we raise additional funds by issuing more common stock or senior securities convertible into, or exchangeable for, our common stock, the percentage ownership of our stockholders at that time would decrease, and they may experience dilution. Moreover, we can offer no assurance that we will be able to issue and sell additional equity securities in the future, on favorable terms or at all.

***In addition to regulatory limitations on our ability to raise capital, our Credit Facility contains various covenants, which, if not complied with, could accelerate our repayment obligations under the Credit Facility, thereby materially and adversely affecting our liquidity, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay distributions.***

We will have a continuing need for capital to finance our investments. We are party to the Credit Facility, which provides us with a revolving credit line of up to \$350 million, of which \$300.0 million was committed for funding and \$168.7 million was available for borrowings as of December 31, 2015. The Credit Facility contains customary terms and conditions, including, without limitation, affirmative and negative covenants such as information reporting requirements, minimum consolidated tangible net worth, minimum interest coverage, minimum asset coverage, maintenance of RIC and BDC status and minimum liquidity. The Credit Facility also contains customary events of default with customary cure and notice, including, without limitation, nonpayment, misrepresentation of representations and warranties in a material respect, breach of covenant, cross-default to other indebtedness, bankruptcy, change of control and materially adverse effect. The Credit Facility permits us to fund additional loans and investments as long as we are within the conditions set out in the credit agreement. Our continued compliance with these covenants depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control, and there are no assurances that we will continue to comply with these covenants. Our failure to satisfy these covenants could result in foreclosure by our lenders, which would accelerate our repayment obligations under the facility and thereby have a material adverse effect on our business, liquidity, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay distributions to our stockholders.

***The impact of recent financial reform legislation on us is uncertain.***

In light of current conditions in the U.S. and global financial markets and the U.S. and global economy, legislators, the presidential administration and regulators have increased their focus on the regulation of the financial services industry. The Dodd-Frank Reform Act became effective on July 21, 2010, however many provisions of the Dodd-Frank Reform Act have delayed effectiveness or will not become effective until the relevant federal agencies issue new rules to implement the Dodd-Frank Reform Act. Nevertheless, the Dodd-Frank Reform Act may have a material adverse impact on the financial services industry as a whole and on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Accordingly, we cannot predict the effect the Dodd-Frank Reform Act or its implementing regulations will have on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

***Our SBIC subsidiaries are licensed by the SBA, and therefore subject to SBA regulations.***

Our SBIC subsidiaries are licensed to act as SBICs and are regulated by the SBA. Pursuant to SBA regulations, an SBIC can provide financing in the form of debt, debt with equity features and/or equity to “eligible” small businesses. The SBA also places certain limitations on the financing terms of investments by SBICs in portfolio companies and prohibits SBICs from providing funds for certain purposes or to businesses in a few prohibited industries. See “Item 1. Business — Small Business Administration Regulations” for more discussion on these limitations. Compliance with SBA requirements may cause our SBIC subsidiaries, and us, as their parent, to forgo attractive investment opportunities that are not permitted under SBA regulations.

Further, the SBA regulations require that a licensed SBIC be periodically examined and audited by the SBA to determine its compliance with the relevant SBA regulations. The SBA prohibits, without prior SBA approval, a “change of control” of an SBIC or transfers that would result in any person (or a group of persons acting in concert) owning 10.0% or more of a class of capital stock of a licensed SBIC. If our SBIC subsidiaries fail to comply with applicable SBA regulations, the SBA could, depending on the severity of the violation, limit or prohibit our SBIC subsidiaries’ use of debentures, declare outstanding debentures immediately due and payable, and/or limit our SBIC subsidiaries from making new investments. In addition, the SBA can remove the general partners of our SBIC subsidiaries and have a receiver appointed, or revoke or suspend a license for willful or repeated violation of, or willful or repeated failure to observe, any provision of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder. Such actions by the SBA would, in turn, negatively affect us because our SBIC subsidiaries are wholly-owned.

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

The SBA regulations currently limit the dollar amount of SBA-guaranteed debentures that can be issued by any one SBIC to \$150.0 million or to a group of SBICs under common control to \$350.0 million. Moreover, an SBIC may not borrow an amount in excess of two times (and in certain cases, up to three times) its regulatory capital, which generally is the amount raised from private investors. As of December 31, 2015, Triangle SBIC had issued the statutory maximum of \$150.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures and Triangle SBIC II had issued \$75.0 million in face amount of SBA-guaranteed debentures. If we require additional capital, our cost of capital is likely to increase, and there is no assurance that we will be able to obtain additional financing on acceptable terms.

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

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

***Because we borrow money and may in the future issue additional securities including preferred stock and debt securities, the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested in us is magnified and may increase the risk of investing in us.***

Borrowings, also known as leverage, magnify the potential for gain or loss on invested equity capital. As we use leverage to partially finance our investments, our stockholders experience increased risks associated with investing in our securities. We currently have the ability to borrow under our Credit Facility and have issued debt securities, and in the future may borrow from, or issue additional debt securities to, banks, insurance companies,

funds, institutional investors and other lenders and investors. Our SBIC subsidiaries have issued debt securities guaranteed by the SBA and sold in the capital markets. As a result of its guarantee of the debt securities, the SBA has fixed dollar claims on the assets of our SBIC subsidiaries that are superior to the claims of our common stockholders. In addition, our Credit Facility contains financial and operating covenants that could restrict our business activities, including our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions. Breach of any of those covenants could cause a default under those instruments. Such a default, if not cured or waived, could have a material adverse effect on us. The lenders party to the Credit Facility are secured primarily by our assets, excluding the assets of our SBIC subsidiaries, and have claims that are superior to the claims of our common stockholders. We may also borrow from banks and other lenders or issue additional securities including preferred stock and debt securities in the future. If the value of our assets increases, then leveraging would cause the net asset value attributable to our common stock to increase more sharply than it would have had we not leveraged. Conversely, if the value of our assets decreases, leveraging would cause net asset value to decline more sharply than it otherwise would have had we not leveraged. Similarly, any increase in our income in excess of interest payable on the borrowed funds would cause our net investment income to increase more than it would without the leverage, while any decrease in our income would cause our net investment income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not borrowed. Such a decline could negatively affect our ability to make distributions to our stockholders. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique.

As of December 31, 2015, we had \$166.8 million in aggregate principal amount outstanding of our unsecured notes, \$225.0 million in outstanding SBA-guaranteed debentures payable and \$131.3 million outstanding under our Credit Facility. In order for us to cover our annual interest payments on this indebtedness, we must achieve annual returns on our December 31, 2015 total assets of at least 2.3%.

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

	<b>Assumed Return on our Portfolio (Net of Expenses)</b>				
	(10.0)%	(5.0)%	0.0 %	5.0%	10.0%
Corresponding net return to stockholder(1)	(25.6)%	(15.4)%	(5.2)%	5.0%	15.2%

(1) Assumes \$1,039.3 million in total assets, \$523.0 million in principal amount of debt outstanding, \$508.4 million in net assets and an average cost of funds of 5.05%, which was the weighted average borrowing cost of our borrowings at December 31, 2015.

Our ability to achieve our investment objective may depend in part on our ability to achieve additional leverage on favorable terms by issuing additional securities or debentures guaranteed by the SBA, by borrowing from banks or insurance companies or by expanding our line of credit, and there can be no assurance that such additional leverage can in fact be achieved.

***We may in the future determine to fund a portion of our investments with preferred stock, which would magnify the potential for gain or loss and the risks of investing in us in the same way as our borrowings.***

Preferred stock, which is another form of leverage, has the same risks to our common stockholders as borrowings because the dividends on any preferred stock we issue must be cumulative. Payment of such dividends and repayment of the liquidation preference of such preferred stock must take preference over any dividends or other payments to our common stockholders, and preferred stockholders are not subject to any of our expenses or losses and are not entitled to participate in any income or appreciation in excess of their stated preference.

***We may experience fluctuations in our quarterly results.***

We could experience fluctuations in our quarterly operating results due to a number of factors, including our ability or inability to make investments in companies that meet our investment criteria, the interest rate payable on the debt securities we acquire, the level of our expenses, variations in and the timing of the recognition of realized

and unrealized gains or losses, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets and general economic conditions. As a result of these factors, results for any period should not be relied upon as being indicative of performance in future periods.

***Our ability to enter into and exit investment transactions with our affiliates is restricted.***

Except in those instances where we have received prior exemptive relief from the SEC, we are prohibited under the 1940 Act from knowingly participating in certain transactions with our affiliates without the prior approval of our independent directors. Any person that owns, directly or indirectly, 5.0% or more of our outstanding voting securities is deemed our affiliate for purposes of the 1940 Act and we are generally prohibited from buying or selling any security from or to such affiliate, absent the prior approval of our independent directors. The 1940 Act also prohibits “joint” transactions with an affiliate, which could include investments in the same portfolio company (whether at the same or different times), without prior approval of our independent directors. If a person acquires more than 25.0% of our voting securities, we will be prohibited from buying or selling any security from or to such person, or entering into joint transactions with such person, absent the prior approval of the SEC. These restrictions could limit or prohibit us from making certain attractive investments that we might otherwise make absent such restrictions.

***Our Board of Directors may change our investment objectives, operating policies and strategies without prior notice or stockholder approval, the effects of which may be adverse.***

Our Board of Directors has the authority to modify or waive our current investment objectives, operating policies and strategies without prior notice and without stockholder approval (except as required by the 1940 Act). However, absent stockholder approval, we may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or withdraw our election as, a BDC. We cannot predict the effect any changes to our current operating policies, investment criteria and strategies would have on our business, net asset value, operating results and value of our stock. However, the effects might be adverse, which could negatively impact our ability to pay you distributions and cause you to lose all or part of your investment. Moreover, we will have significant flexibility in investing the net proceeds from any future offering and may use the net proceeds from such offerings in ways with which investors may not agree or for purposes other than those contemplated at the time of the offering.

***We will be subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax if we are unable to maintain our status as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code, which will adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.***

We have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code, which generally will allow us to avoid being subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax. To obtain and maintain RIC tax treatment under the Code, we must meet the following annual distribution, income source and asset diversification requirements:

- The annual distribution requirement for a RIC will be satisfied if we distribute to our stockholders on an annual basis at least 90.0% of our net ordinary income and net short-term capital gain in excess of net long-term capital loss, if any. We will be subject to a 4.0% nondeductible U.S. federal excise tax, however, to the extent that we do not satisfy certain additional minimum distribution requirements on a calendar year basis. Because we use debt financing, we are subject to certain asset coverage ratio requirements under the 1940 Act and may in the future become subject to certain financial covenants under loan and credit agreements that could, under certain circumstances, restrict us from making distributions necessary to satisfy the distribution requirement. If we are unable to obtain cash from other sources, we could fail to qualify for RIC tax treatment and thus become subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax.
- The income source requirement will be satisfied if we obtain at least 90.0% of our income for each year from distributions, interest, gains from the sale of stock or securities or similar sources.
- The asset diversification requirement will be satisfied if we meet certain asset diversification requirements at the end of each quarter of our taxable year. To satisfy this requirement, at least 50.0% of the value of our assets must consist of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities, securities of other RICs, and other acceptable securities; and no more than 25.0% of the value of our assets can be



invested in the securities, other than U.S. government securities or securities of other RICs, of one issuer, of two or more issuers that are controlled, as determined under applicable Code rules, by us and that are engaged in the same or similar or related trades or businesses or of certain “qualified publicly traded partnerships.” Failure to meet these requirements may result in our having to dispose of certain investments quickly in order to prevent the loss of RIC status. Because most of our investments will be in private companies, and therefore will be relatively illiquid, any such dispositions could be made at disadvantageous prices and could result in substantial losses.

If we fail to qualify for or maintain RIC tax treatment for any reason and are subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax, the resulting corporate taxes could substantially reduce our net assets, the amount of income available for distribution and the amount of our distributions. We may also be subject to certain U.S. federal excise taxes, as well as state, local and foreign taxes.

***We may not be able to pay our stockholders distributions, our distributions may not grow over time, a portion of distributions paid to our stockholders may be a return of capital and investors in our debt securities may not receive all of the interest income to which they are entitled.***

We intend to pay quarterly distributions to our stockholders out of assets legally available for distribution. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results that will allow us to make a specified level of cash distributions or year-to-year increases in cash distributions. Our ability to pay distributions might be harmed by, among other things, the risk factors described in this Annual Report. In addition, the inability to satisfy the asset coverage test applicable to us as a BDC could, in the future, limit our ability to pay distributions. All distributions will be paid at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on our earnings, our financial condition, maintenance of our RIC status, compliance with applicable BDC regulations, our SBIC subsidiaries’ compliance with applicable SBIC regulations, compliance with the covenants of our debt securities and such other factors as our Board of Directors may deem relevant from time to time. In addition, our line of credit may restrict the amount of distributions we are permitted to make. We cannot assure you that we will pay distributions to our stockholders in the future.

The above-referenced restrictions on distributions may also inhibit our ability to make required interest payments to holders of our debt securities, which may cause a default under the terms of our debt agreements. Such a default could materially increase our cost of raising capital, as well as cause us to incur penalties under the terms of our debt agreements.

When we make quarterly distributions, we will be required to determine the extent to which such distributions are paid out of current or accumulated earnings and profits, recognized capital gain or capital. To the extent there is a return of capital, investors will be required to reduce their basis in our stock for federal income tax purposes.

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

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, we may be required to recognize taxable income in circumstances in which we do not receive a corresponding payment in cash. For example, if we hold debt obligations that are treated under applicable tax rules as having original issue discount (such as debt instruments with contractual PIK interest or, in certain cases, increasing interest rates or debt instruments that were issued with warrants), we must include in income each year a portion of the original issue discount that accrues over the life of the obligation, regardless of whether cash representing such income is received by us in the same taxable year. Investments structured with these features may represent a higher level of credit risk compared to investments generating income which must be paid in cash on a current basis. We may also have to include in income other amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as deferred loan origination fees that are paid after origination of the loan or are paid in non-cash compensation such as warrants or stock. We anticipate that a portion of our income may constitute original issue discount or other income required to be included in taxable income prior to receipt of cash. Further, we may elect to amortize market discounts and include such amounts in our taxable income in the current year, instead of upon disposition, as an election not to do so would limit our ability to deduct interest expenses for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Because any original issue discount or other amounts accrued will be included in our investment company taxable income, or ICTI, for the year of the accrual, we may be required to make a distribution to our stockholders in order to satisfy the annual distribution requirement, even though we will not have received any corresponding cash amount. As a result, we may have difficulty meeting the annual distribution requirement necessary to obtain and maintain RIC tax treatment under the Code. We may have to sell some of our investments at times and/or at prices we would not consider advantageous, raise additional debt or equity capital or forgo new investment opportunities for this purpose. If we are not able to obtain cash from other sources, we may fail to qualify for RIC tax treatment and thus become subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax. For additional discussion regarding the tax implications of a RIC, see “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations — Taxation as a RIC.”

***You may have a current tax liability on distributions reinvested in our common stock pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan but would not receive cash from such distributions to pay such tax liability.***

If you participate in our dividend reinvestment plan, you will be deemed to have received, and for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be taxed on, the amount reinvested in our common stock to the extent the amount reinvested was not a tax-free return of capital. As a result, unless you are a tax-exempt entity, you may have to use funds from other sources to pay your tax liability on the value of our common stock received from the distribution.

***Our SBIC subsidiaries, as SBICs, may be unable to make distributions to us that may harm our ability to meet regulated investment company requirements, which could result in the imposition of an entity-level tax.***

In order for us to continue to qualify as a RIC, we will be required to distribute on an annual basis substantially all of our taxable income, including income from our subsidiaries, including our SBIC subsidiaries. As a significant amount of our investments are generally held by our SBIC subsidiaries, we will be substantially dependent on our SBIC subsidiaries for cash distributions to enable us to meet the RIC distribution requirements. Our SBIC subsidiaries may be limited by the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and SBA regulations governing SBICs, from making certain distributions to us that may be necessary to enable us to qualify as a RIC. We may have to request a waiver of the SBA’s restrictions for our SBIC subsidiaries to make certain distributions to maintain our status as a RIC. We cannot assure you that the SBA will grant such waiver and if our SBIC subsidiaries are unable to obtain a waiver, compliance with the SBA regulations may result in loss of RIC status and a consequent imposition of corporate-level U.S. federal income tax on us.

Pursuant to SBA regulations, an SBIC with outstanding debenture leverage may only distribute cumulative realized profits (less unrealized losses on investments). It may not return more than 2% of its outstanding capital in any fiscal year without SBA prior approval. Historically, SBA has permitted payment in excess of 2% only pursuant to an approved wind up plan filed by the SBIC pursuant to which SBA determines that repayment of outstanding debentures is adequately assured.

***Because we intend to distribute substantially all of our income to our stockholders to maintain our status as a regulated investment company, we will continue to need additional capital to finance our growth and regulations governing our operation as a business development company will affect our ability to, and the way in which we, raise additional capital and make distributions.***

In order to satisfy the requirements applicable to a RIC and to avoid payment of U.S. federal excise tax, we intend to distribute to our stockholders substantially all of our net ordinary income and net capital gain income except for certain net long-term capital gains recognized after we became a RIC, some or all of which we may retain, pay applicable U.S. federal income taxes with respect thereto, and elect to treat as deemed distributions to our stockholders. As a BDC, we generally are required to meet a coverage ratio of total assets to total senior securities, which includes all of our borrowings (other than SBA leverage) and any preferred stock we may issue in the future, of at least 200.0%. This requirement limits the amount that we may borrow and may prohibit us from making distributions. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy this test. If that happens, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments or sell additional securities and, depending on the nature of our leverage, to repay a portion of our indebtedness at a time when such sales may be disadvantageous. In addition, issuance of additional securities could dilute the percentage ownership of our current stockholders in us.

While we expect to be able to borrow and to issue additional debt and equity securities, we cannot assure you that debt and equity financing will be available to us on favorable terms, or at all. If additional funds are not available to us, we could be forced to curtail or cease new investment activities, and our net asset value could decline. In addition, as a BDC, we generally are not permitted to issue equity securities priced below net asset value without stockholder approval. At our Annual Stockholders Meeting on May 6, 2015, our stockholders voted to allow us to issue common stock at a price below net asset value per share for a period of one year ending on the earlier of May 6, 2016 or the date of our 2016 annual meeting of stockholders. Our stockholders did not specify a maximum discount below net asset value at which we are able to issue our common stock; however, we do not intend to issue shares of our common stock below net asset value unless our Board of Directors determines that it would be in our stockholders' best interests to do so.

***Changes in laws or regulations governing our operations may adversely affect our business or cause us to alter our business strategy.***

We are subject to regulation at the local, state and federal level. New legislation may be enacted or new interpretations, rulings or regulations could be adopted, including those governing the types of investments we are permitted to make, any of which could harm us and our stockholders, potentially with retroactive effect. In addition, any change to the SBA's current debenture program could have a significant impact on our ability to obtain lower-cost leverage and, therefore, our competitive advantage over other finance companies.

Additionally, any changes to the laws and regulations governing our operations relating to permitted investments may cause us to alter our investment strategy in order to avail ourselves of new or different opportunities. Such changes could result in material differences to the strategies and plans set forth in this Annual Report and may result in our investment focus shifting from the areas of expertise of our management team to other types of investments in which our management team may have less expertise or little or no experience. Thus, any such changes, if they occur, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and the value of your investment.

***Efforts to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act involve significant expenditures, and non-compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act may adversely affect us.***

We are subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and the related rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC. Among other requirements, under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder, our management is required to report on our internal controls over financial reporting. We are required to review on an annual basis our internal controls over financial reporting, and on a quarterly and annual basis to evaluate and disclose significant changes in our internal controls over financial reporting. We have and expect to continue to incur significant expenses related to compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which will negatively impact our financial performance and our ability to make distributions. In addition, this process results in a diversion of management's time and attention. In the event that we are unable to maintain compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and related rules, we may be adversely affected.

***The Credit Facility with potential members of the underwriting syndicate may not be as favorable to us as if it had been negotiated with unaffiliated third-parties.***

We entered into the Credit Facility on May 4, 2015 with lenders that have acted and may in the future act as members of the underwriting syndicate for securities issued pursuant to a previously filed registration statement. Consequently the terms may not be as favorable to us as if they had been negotiated with unrelated third parties.

***We face cybersecurity risks.***

Our business operations rely upon secure information technology systems for data processing, storage and reporting. Despite careful security and controls design, implementation and updating, our information technology systems could become subject to cyber-attacks. Network, system, application and data breaches could result in operational disruptions or information misappropriation, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***If we are unable to maintain the availability of our electronic data systems and safeguard the security of our data, our ability to conduct business may be compromised, which could impair our liquidity, disrupt our business, damage our reputation and cause losses.***

Cybersecurity refers to the combination of technologies, processes, and procedures established to protect information technology systems and data from unauthorized access, attack, or damage. We are subject to cybersecurity risks. Information cybersecurity risks have significantly increased in recent years and, while we have not experienced any material losses relating to cyber attacks or other information security breaches, we could suffer such losses in the future. Our computer systems, software and networks may be vulnerable to unauthorized access, computer viruses or other malicious code and other events that could have a security impact. If one or more of such events occur, this potentially could jeopardize confidential and other information, including nonpublic personal information and sensitive business data, processed and stored in, and transmitted through, our computer systems and networks, or otherwise cause interruptions or malfunctions in our operations or the operations of our customers or counterparties. This could result in significant losses, reputational damage, litigation, regulatory fines or penalties, or otherwise adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. Privacy and information security laws and regulation changes, and compliance with those changes, may result in cost increases due to system changes and the development of new administrative processes. In addition, we may be required to expend significant additional resources to modify our protective measures and to investigate and remediate vulnerabilities or other exposures arising from operational and security risks. We currently do not maintain insurance coverage relating to cybersecurity risks, and we may be required to expend significant additional resources to modify our protective measures or to investigate and remediate vulnerabilities or other exposures, and we may be subject to litigation and financial losses that are not fully insured.

Third parties with which we do business may also be sources of cybersecurity or other technological risks. We outsource certain functions, and these relationships allow for the storage and processing of our information, as well as customer, counterparty, employee and borrower information. While we engage in actions to reduce our exposure resulting from outsourcing, ongoing threats may result in unauthorized access, loss, exposure or destruction of data, or other cybersecurity incidents, with increased costs and other consequences, including those described above.

***Our business and operations could be negatively affected if we become subject to any securities litigation or stockholder activism, which could cause us to incur significant expense, hinder execution of investment strategy and impact our stock price.***

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class-action litigation has often been brought against that company. Stockholder activism, which could take many forms or arise in a variety of situations, has been increasing in the BDC space recently. While we are currently not subject to any securities litigation or stockholder activism, due to the potential volatility of our stock price and for a variety of other reasons, we may in the future become the target of securities litigation or stockholder activism. Securities litigation and stockholder activism, including potential proxy contests, could result in substantial costs and divert management's and our board of directors' attention and resources from our business. Additionally, such securities litigation and stockholder activism could give rise to perceived uncertainties as to our future, adversely affect our relationships with service providers and make it more difficult to attract and retain qualified personnel. Also, we may be required to incur significant legal fees and other expenses related to any securities litigation and activist stockholder matters. Further, our stock price could be subject to significant fluctuation or otherwise be adversely affected by the events, risks and uncertainties of any securities litigation and stockholder activism.

***We could face losses and potential liability if intrusion, viruses or similar disruptions to our technology jeopardize our confidential information or that of users of our technology.***

Although we have implemented, and will continue to implement, security measures, our technology platform is and will continue to be vulnerable to intrusion, computer viruses or similar disruptive problems caused by unauthorized users. The misappropriation of proprietary information could expose us to a risk of loss or litigation.

## Risks Relating to Our Investments

### *Our investments in portfolio companies may be risky, and we could lose all or part of our investment.*

Investing in lower middle market companies involves a number of significant risks. Among other things, these companies:

- may have limited financial resources to meet future capital needs and thus may be unable to grow or meet their obligations under their debt instruments that we hold, which may be accompanied by a deterioration in the value of any collateral and a reduction in the likelihood of us realizing any guarantees from subsidiaries or affiliates of our portfolio companies that we may have obtained in connection with our investment, as well as a corresponding decrease in the value of the equity components of our investments;
- may have shorter operating histories, narrower product lines, smaller market shares and/or more significant customer concentration than larger businesses, which tend to render them more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns;
- are more likely to depend on the management talents and efforts of a small group of persons; therefore, the death, disability, resignation or termination of one or more of these persons could have a material adverse impact on our portfolio company and, in turn, on us;
- generally have less predictable operating results, may be engaged in rapidly changing businesses with products subject to a substantial risk of obsolescence, and may require substantial additional capital to support their operations, finance expansion or maintain their competitive position; and
- generally have less publicly available information about their businesses, operations and financial condition. We rely on the ability of our management team and investment professionals to obtain adequate information to evaluate the potential returns from investing in these companies. If we are unable to uncover all material information about these companies, we may not make a fully informed investment decision, and may lose all or part of our investment.

In addition, in the course of providing significant managerial assistance to certain of our portfolio companies, certain of our officers and directors may serve as directors on the boards of such companies. To the extent that litigation arises out of our investments in these companies, our officers and directors may be named as defendants in such litigation, which could result in an expenditure of funds (through our indemnification of such officers and directors) and the diversion of management time and resources.

### *The lack of liquidity in our investments may adversely affect our business.*

We invest in companies whose securities are not publicly traded, and whose securities are subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or are otherwise less liquid than publicly traded securities. The illiquidity of these investments may make it difficult for us to sell these investments when desired. In addition, if we are required to liquidate all or a portion of our portfolio quickly, we may realize significantly less than the value at which we had previously recorded these investments. As a result, we do not expect to achieve liquidity in our investments in the near-term. Our investments are usually subject to contractual or legal restrictions on resale or are otherwise illiquid because there is usually no established trading market for such investments. The illiquidity of most of our investments may make it difficult for us to dispose of them at a favorable price, and, as a result, we may suffer losses.

### *We may not have the funds or ability to make additional investments in our portfolio companies.*

We may not have the funds or ability to make additional investments in our portfolio companies. After our initial investment in a portfolio company, we may be called upon from time to time to provide additional funds to such company or have the opportunity to increase our investment through the exercise of a warrant to purchase common stock. There is no assurance that we will make, or will have sufficient funds to make, follow-on investments. Any decisions not to make a follow-on investment or any inability on our part to make such an investment may have a negative impact on a portfolio company in need of such an investment, may result in a

missed opportunity for us to increase our participation in a successful operation or may reduce the expected yield on the investment.

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

We invest primarily in subordinated debt securities secured by second lien security interests in portfolio company assets, coupled with equity interests. On a more limited basis, we also invest in senior debt securities secured by first lien security interests in portfolio companies. Our portfolio companies may have, or may be permitted to incur, other debt, or issue other securities that rank equally with, or senior to, the debt in which we invest. By their terms, such instruments may entitle the holders to receive payment of dividends, interest or principal on or before the dates on which we are entitled to receive payments with respect to the debt instruments in which we invest. Also, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of a portfolio company, holders of securities ranking senior to our investment in that portfolio company would typically be entitled to receive payment in full before we receive any distribution. After repaying such holders, such portfolio company may not have any remaining assets to use for repaying its obligation to us. In the case of securities ranking equally with our investments, we would have to share on an equal basis any distributions with other security holders in the event of an insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of the relevant portfolio company.

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

***There may be circumstances where our debt investments could be subordinated to claims of other creditors or we could be subject to lender liability claims.***

Even though we may have structured certain of our investments as senior loans, if one of our portfolio companies were to go bankrupt, depending on the facts and circumstances and based upon principles of equitable subordination as defined by existing case law, a bankruptcy court could subordinate all or a portion of our claim to that of other creditors and transfer any lien securing such subordinated claim to the bankruptcy estate. The principles of equitable subordination defined by case law have generally indicated that a claim may be subordinated only if its holder is guilty of misconduct or where the senior loan is re-characterized as an equity investment and the senior lender has actually provided significant managerial assistance to the bankrupt debtor. We may also be subject to lender liability claims for actions taken by us with respect to a borrower's business or instances where we exercise control over the borrower. It is possible that we could become subject to a lender's liability claim, including as a result of actions taken in rendering significant managerial assistance or actions to compel and collect payments from the borrower outside the ordinary course of business.

***Second priority liens on collateral securing loans that we make to our portfolio companies may be subject to control by senior creditors with first priority liens. If there is a default, the value of the collateral may not be sufficient to repay in full both the first priority creditors and us.***

Certain loans that we make are secured by a second priority security interest in the same collateral pledged by a portfolio company to secure senior debt owed by the portfolio company to commercial banks or other traditional lenders. Often the senior lender has procured covenants from the portfolio company prohibiting the incurrence of additional secured debt without the senior lender's consent. Prior to and as a condition of permitting the portfolio company to borrow money from us secured by the same collateral pledged to the senior lender, the senior lender will require assurances that it will control the disposition of any collateral in the event of bankruptcy or other default. In many such cases, the senior lender will require us to enter into an "intercreditor agreement" prior to permitting the portfolio company to borrow from us. Typically the intercreditor agreements we are requested to execute expressly subordinate our debt instruments to those held by the senior lender and further provide that the senior lender shall

control: (i) the commencement of foreclosure or other proceedings to liquidate and collect on the collateral; (ii) the nature, timing and conduct of foreclosure or other collection proceedings; (iii) the amendment of any collateral document; (iv) the release of the security interests in respect of any collateral; and (v) the waiver of defaults under any security agreement. Because of the control we may cede to senior lenders under intercreditor agreements we may enter, we may be unable to realize the proceeds of any collateral securing some of our loans.

Finally, the value of the collateral securing our debt investment will ultimately depend on market and economic conditions, the availability of buyers and other factors. Therefore, there can be no assurance that the proceeds, if any, from the sale or sales of all of the collateral would be sufficient to satisfy the loan obligations secured by our second priority liens after payment in full of all obligations secured by the senior lender's first priority liens on the collateral. There is also a risk that such collateral securing our investments may decrease in value over time, may be difficult to sell in a timely manner, may be difficult to appraise and may fluctuate in value based upon the success of the portfolio company and market conditions. If such proceeds are not sufficient to repay amounts outstanding under the loan obligations secured by our second priority liens, then we, to the extent not repaid from the proceeds from the sale of the collateral, will only have an unsecured claim against the company's remaining assets, if any.

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

Our investment strategy contemplates potential investments in foreign companies. Investing in foreign companies may expose us to additional risk not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies. These risks include changes in exchange control regulations, political and social instability, expropriation, imposition of foreign taxes (potentially at confiscatory levels), less liquid markets, less available information than is generally the case in the United States, higher transaction costs, less government supervision of exchanges, brokers and issuers, less developed bankruptcy laws, difficulty in enforcing contractual obligations, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards and greater price volatility.

Although most of our investments will be U.S. dollar denominated, our investments that are denominated in a foreign currency will be subject to the risk that the value of a particular currency will change in relation to one or more other currencies. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, the level of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation and political developments. We may employ hedging techniques to minimize these risks, but we cannot assure you that such strategies will be effective or without risk to us.

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

As a BDC, we may not acquire any assets other than "qualifying assets" unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such acquisition, at least 70.0% of our total assets are qualifying assets. For further detail, see "Regulation of Business Development Companies" included in Item 1 of Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We believe that substantially all of our investments are qualifying assets. However, we may be precluded from investing in what we believe are attractive investments if such investments are not qualifying assets for purposes of the 1940 Act. If we do not invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could lose our status as a BDC. If we fail to maintain our status as a BDC, we might be regulated as a closed-end investment company that is required to register under the 1940 Act, which would subject us to additional regulatory restrictions and significantly decrease our operating flexibility. In addition, any such failure could cause an event of default under our outstanding indebtedness. For these reasons, loss of BDC status likely would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Similarly, these rules could prevent us from making follow-on investments in existing portfolio companies (which could result in the dilution of our position).

***We are a non-diversified investment company within the meaning of the 1940 Act, and therefore we are not limited with respect to the proportion of our assets that may be invested in securities of a single issuer.***

We are classified as a non-diversified investment company within the meaning of the 1940 Act, which means that we are not limited by the 1940 Act with respect to the proportion of our assets that we may invest in securities of a single issuer. To the extent that we assume large positions in the securities of a small number of issuers, our net asset value may fluctuate to a greater extent than that of a diversified investment company as a result of changes in the financial condition or the market's assessment of the issuer. We may also be more susceptible to any single economic or regulatory occurrence than a diversified investment company. Beyond our RIC asset diversification requirements and certain SBA diversification requirements for our investments held by our two wholly-owned SBIC subsidiaries, we do not have fixed guidelines for diversification, and our investments could be concentrated in relatively few portfolio companies.

***We generally will not control our portfolio companies.***

We do not, and do not expect to, control most of our portfolio companies, even though we may have board representation or board observation rights, and our debt agreements may contain certain restrictive covenants. As a result, we are subject to the risk that a portfolio company in which we invest may make business decisions with which we disagree and the management of such company, as representatives of the holders of their common equity, may take risks or otherwise act in ways that do not serve our interests as debt investors. Due to the lack of liquidity for our investments in non-traded companies, we may not be able to dispose of our interests in our portfolio companies as readily as we would like or at an appropriate valuation. As a result, a portfolio company may make decisions that could decrease the value of our portfolio holdings.

***Economic recessions or downturns could impair our portfolio companies and harm our operating results.***

Many of our portfolio companies may be susceptible to economic downturns or recessions and may be unable to repay our loans during these periods. Therefore, during these periods our non-performing assets may increase and the value of these assets may decrease. Adverse economic conditions may also decrease the value of collateral securing some of our loans and the value of our equity investments. Economic slowdowns or recessions could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and a decrease in revenues, net income and assets. Unfavorable economic conditions also could increase our funding costs, limit our access to the capital markets or result in a decision by lenders not to extend credit to us. These events could prevent us from increasing investments and harm our operating results. We experienced to some extent such effects as a result of the economic downturn that occurred from 2008 through 2009 and may experience such effects again in any future downturn or recession.

***The recent volatility of oil and natural gas prices could impair certain of our portfolio companies' operations and ability to satisfy obligations to their respective lenders and investors, including us, which could negatively impact our financial condition.***

Some of our portfolio companies' businesses are dependent upon the prices of, and demand for, oil and natural gas, which have recently declined and such volatility could continue in the future. A substantial or extended decline in oil and natural gas demand or prices may adversely affect the business, financial condition, cash flow, liquidity or results of operations of these portfolio companies and might impair their ability to meet capital expenditure obligations and financial commitments.

***Financial results may be affected adversely if one or more of our portfolio investments defaults on its loans or fails to perform as we expect.***

Our portfolio consists primarily of debt and equity investments in privately owned lower middle market businesses. Compared to larger publicly owned companies, these lower middle market companies may be in a weaker financial position and experience wider variations in their operating results, which may make them more vulnerable to economic downturns. Typically, these companies need more capital to compete; however, their access to capital is limited and their cost of capital is often higher than that of their competitors. Our portfolio companies face intense competition from larger companies with greater financial, technical and marketing resources and their success typically depends on the management talents and efforts of an individual or a small group of persons. The



loss of any of their key employees could affect their ability to compete effectively and harm their financial condition. Further, some of these companies conduct business in regulated industries that are susceptible to regulatory changes. These factors could impair the cash flow of our portfolio companies and result in other events, such as bankruptcy. These events could limit a portfolio company's ability to repay their obligations to us, which may have an adverse effect on the return on, or the recovery of, our investment in these businesses. Deterioration in a borrower's financial condition and prospects may be accompanied by deterioration in the value of the loan's collateral.

Some of these companies cannot obtain financing from public capital markets or from traditional credit sources, such as commercial banks. Accordingly, loans made to these types of companies pose a higher default risk than loans made to companies who have access to traditional credit sources.

Generally, little, if any, public information is available about such companies. Therefore, we must rely on our employees' diligence to obtain the information needed, such as the financial information of these companies, to make well-informed investment decisions. If we do not uncover material information about these companies, we may not make a fully informed investment decision, which could, in turn cause us to lose money on our investments.

***Potential writedowns or losses with respect to portfolio investments existing and to be made in the future could adversely affect our results of operations, cash flows, dividend level, net asset value and stock price.***

As of December 31, 2015, the fair value of our non-accrual assets was approximately \$6.9 million, which comprised approximately 0.7% of the total fair value of our portfolio. The cost of these non-accrual assets as of December 31, 2015 was approximately \$20.4 million, which comprised approximately 2.0% of the total cost of our portfolio.

In addition to our non-accrual assets, as of December 31, 2015, we had debt investments in two portfolio companies (our first-out subordinated note to BFN Operations LLC (3% Cash, 14% PIK) and our term loan B senior note to FCL Graphics, Inc. (8.0% Cash, 2% PIK)) that were on non-accrual only with respect to the PIK interest component of the loans. As of December 31, 2015, the fair value of these PIK non-accrual assets was approximately \$2.2 million, or 0.2% of the total fair value of our portfolio, and the cost of these PIK non-accrual assets was approximately \$15.4 million, or 1.5% of the total cost of our portfolio.

In addition, as of December 31, 2015, we had, on a fair value basis, approximately \$101.4 million of debt investments, or 10.4% of the total fair value of our portfolio, which were current with respect to scheduled interest and principal payments, but which were carried at less than cost. In light of current economic conditions, certain of our portfolio companies may be unable to service our debt investments on a timely basis. These conditions may also decrease the value of collateral securing some of our debt investments, as well as the value of our equity investments. As a result, the number of non-performing assets in our portfolio may increase, and the overall value of our portfolio may decrease, which could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and a decrease in our investment income, net investment income, dividends and assets.

***Any unrealized losses we experience on our loan portfolio may be an indication of future realized losses, which could reduce our income available for distribution.***

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

***Defaults by our portfolio companies may harm our operating results.***

A portfolio company's failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by us or other lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, termination of its loans and foreclosure on its secured assets, which could trigger cross-defaults under other agreements and jeopardize a portfolio company's ability to meet its obligations under the

debt or equity securities that we hold. We may incur expenses to the extent necessary to seek recovery upon default or to negotiate new terms, which may include the waiver of certain financial covenants, with a defaulting portfolio company.

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

We are subject to the risk that the investments we make in our portfolio companies may be repaid prior to maturity. When this occurs, we will generally reinvest these proceeds in temporary investments, pending their future investment in new portfolio companies. These temporary investments will typically have substantially lower yields than the debt being prepaid and we could experience significant delays in reinvesting these amounts. Any future investment in a new portfolio company may also be at lower yields than the debt that was repaid. As a result, our results of operations could be materially adversely affected if one or more of our portfolio companies elect to prepay amounts owed to us. Additionally, prepayments could negatively impact our return on equity, which could result in a decline in the market price of our securities.

***Changes in interest rates may affect our cost of capital, the value of our investments and results of operations.***

Most of our debt investments will bear interest at fixed rates and the value of these investments could be negatively affected by increases in market interest rates. In addition, an increase in interest rates would make it more expensive to use debt to finance our investments. As a result, a significant increase in market interest rates could both reduce the value of our portfolio investments and increase our cost of capital, which would reduce our net investment income. Also, an increase in interest rates available to investors could make an investment in our common stock less attractive if we are not able to increase our distribution rate, a situation which could reduce the value of our common stock. Conversely, a decrease in interest rates may have an adverse impact on our returns by requiring us to seek lower yields on our debt investments and by increasing the risk that our portfolio companies will prepay our debt investments, resulting in the need to redeploy capital at potentially lower rates.

***We may not realize gains from our equity investments.***

Certain investments that we have made in the past and may make in the future include warrants or other equity securities. Investments in equity securities involve a number of significant risks, including the risk of further dilution as a result of additional issuances, inability to access additional capital and failure to pay current distributions. Investments in preferred securities involve special risks, such as the risk of deferred distributions, credit risk, illiquidity and limited voting rights. In addition, we may from time to time make non-control, equity co-investments in companies in conjunction with private equity sponsors. Our goal is ultimately to realize gains upon our disposition of such equity interests. However, the equity interests we receive may not appreciate in value and, in fact, may decline in value. Accordingly, we may not be able to realize gains from our equity interests, and any gains that we do realize on the disposition of any equity interests may not be sufficient to offset any other losses we experience. We also may be unable to realize any value if a portfolio company does not have a liquidity event, such as a sale of the business, recapitalization or public offering, which would allow us to sell the underlying equity interests. We often seek puts or similar rights to give us the right to sell our equity securities back to the portfolio company issuer. We may be unable to exercise these puts rights for the consideration provided in our investment documents if the issuer is in financial distress.

***We are dependent on information systems and systems failures could significantly disrupt our business, which may, in turn, negatively affect our liquidity, financial condition or results of operations.***

Our business is dependent on our and third parties' communications and information systems. Any failure or interruption of those systems, including as a result of the termination of an agreement with any third-party service providers, could cause delays or other problems in our activities. Our financial, accounting, data processing, backup or other operating systems and facilities may fail to operate properly or become disabled or damaged as a result of a number of factors including events that are wholly or partially beyond our control and adversely affect our business. There could be:

- sudden electrical or telecommunications outages;

- natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes and hurricanes;
- disease pandemics;
- events arising from local or larger scale political or social matters, including terrorist acts; and
- cyber attacks.

These events, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and negatively affect the market price of our common stock and our ability to pay dividends to our stockholders.

### **Risks Relating to Our Securities**

*Shares of closed-end investment companies, including business development companies, frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value.*

Shares of closed-end investment companies, including BDCs, frequently trade at a discount from net asset value. This characteristic of closed-end investment companies and BDCs is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value per share may decline. We cannot predict whether our common stock will trade at, above or below net asset value. In addition, if our common stock trades below net asset value, we will generally not be able to issue additional common stock at the market price without first obtaining the approval of our stockholders and our independent directors. On May 6, 2015, our stockholders voted to allow us to sell or otherwise issue common stock at a price below net asset value per share for a period of one year ending on the earlier of May 6, 2016 or the date of our 2016 annual meeting of stockholders. Our stockholders did not specify a maximum discount below net asset value at which we are able to sell or otherwise issue our common stock; however, we do not intend to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock below net asset value unless our Board of Directors determines that it would be in our stockholders' best interests to do so.

*Investing in our securities may involve an above average degree of risk.*

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

*The market price of our securities may be volatile and fluctuate significantly.*

Fluctuations in the trading prices of our shares may adversely affect the liquidity of the trading market for our shares and, if we seek to raise capital through future equity financings, our ability to raise such equity capital. The market price and liquidity of the market for our securities may be significantly affected by numerous factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be directly related to our operating performance. These factors include:

- significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of BDCs or other companies in our sector, which are not necessarily related to the operating performance of these companies;
- changes in regulatory policies or tax guidelines, particularly with respect to RICs, BDCs or SBICs;
- inability to obtain certain exemptive relief from the SEC;
- loss of RIC status or either of our SBIC subsidiaries' status as an SBIC;
- changes in earnings or variations in operating results;
- changes in the value of our portfolio of investments;
- any shortfall in investment income or net investment income or any increase in losses from levels expected by investors or securities analysts;
- conversion features of subscription rights, warrants or convertible debt;
- loss of a major funding source;
- fluctuations in interest rates;

- the operating performance of companies comparable to us;
- departure of our key personnel;
- proposed, or completed, offerings of our securities, including classes other than our common stock;
- global or national credit market changes; and
- general economic trends and other external factors.

As illustrated by events in the market for subprime loans, and mortgage securities generally, the market for any security is subject to volatility. The loans and securities purchased by us and issued by us are no exception to this fundamental investment truism that prices will fluctuate, although we lack any material exposure to the subprime and mortgage markets.

***We may be unable to invest a significant portion of the net proceeds raised from our offerings on acceptable terms, which would harm our financial condition and operating results.***

Delays in investing the net proceeds raised in our offerings may cause our performance to be worse than that of other fully invested BDCs or other lenders or investors pursuing comparable investment strategies. We cannot assure you that we will be able to identify any investments that meet our investment objective or that any investment that we make will produce a positive return. We may be unable to invest the net proceeds from any offering on acceptable terms within the time period that we anticipate or at all, which could harm our financial condition and operating results.

We anticipate that, depending on market conditions, it may take a substantial period of time to invest substantially all of the net proceeds from any offering in securities meeting our investment objective. During such a period, we have and will continue to invest the net proceeds from any offering primarily in cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities, repurchase agreements and high-quality debt instruments maturing in one year or less from the time of investment, which may produce returns that are significantly lower than the returns which we expect to achieve when our portfolio is fully invested in securities meeting our investment objective, and given our expense ratio and the prevailing interest rate climate, there is a possible risk of losing money on the offering proceeds from certain securities, such as debt securities during this interval. As a result, any dividends or distributions that we pay during such period may be substantially lower than the dividends or distributions that we may be able to pay when our portfolio is fully invested in securities meeting our investment objective. In addition, until such time as the net proceeds from any offering are invested in securities meeting our investment objective, the market price for our securities may decline. Thus, the return on your investment may be lower than when, if ever, our portfolio is fully invested in securities meeting our investment objective.

In addition, the SBA limits our SBIC subsidiaries, Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II, to investing idle funds in the following types of securities:

- direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by, the United States government, which mature within 15 months from the date of the investment;
- repurchase agreements with federally insured institutions with a maturity of seven days or less (and the securities underlying the repurchase obligations must be direct obligations of, or guaranteed by, the federal government);
- certificates of deposit with a maturity of one year or less, issued by a federally insured institution; and
- a deposit account in a federally insured institution that is subject to withdrawal restriction of one year or less.

***If we sell common stock at a discount to our net asset value per share, stockholders who do not participate in such sale will experience immediate dilution in an amount that may be material.***

On May 6, 2015, our stockholders approved our ability to sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock at any level of discount from net asset value per share for a period of one year ending on the earlier of May 6, 2016 or the date of our 2016 annual meeting of stockholders. If we sell or otherwise issue shares of our common stock at a

discount to net asset value, it will pose a risk of dilution to our stockholders. In particular, stockholders who do not purchase additional shares at or below the discounted price in proportion to their current ownership will experience an immediate decrease in net asset value per share (as well as in the aggregate net asset value of their shares if they do not participate at all). These stockholders will also experience a disproportionately greater decrease in their participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than the increase we experience in our assets, potential earning power and voting interests from such issuances or sale. In addition, such issuances or sales may adversely affect the price at which our common stock trades.

***If a substantial number of shares become available for sale and are sold in a short period of time, the market price of our common stock could decline.***

As of December 31, 2015, we had 33,375,126 shares of common stock outstanding. Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock, or the availability of shares for sale, could adversely affect the prevailing market price of our common stock. If this occurs and continues, it could impair our ability to raise additional capital through the sale of equity securities should we desire to do so.

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

The Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws contain provisions that may have the effect of discouraging, delaying or making difficult a change in control of our Company or the removal of our incumbent directors. Specifically, our Board of Directors may adopt resolutions to classify our Board of Directors so that stockholders do not elect every director on an annual basis. Also, our charter provides that a director may be removed only for cause by the vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast for the election of directors generally. In addition, our bylaws provide that, subject to the satisfaction of certain procedural and informational requirements by the stockholders requesting the meeting, a special meeting of stockholders will be called by our secretary to act upon any matter that may properly be considered at a meeting of stockholders only upon the written request of the stockholders entitled to cast at least a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on such matter at the meeting.

In addition, subject to the provisions of the 1940 Act, our charter permits our Board of Directors, without stockholder action, to authorize the issuance of shares of stock in one or more classes or series, including preferred stock. Subject to compliance with the 1940 Act, our Board of Directors may, without stockholder action, amend our charter from time to time to increase or decrease the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue. The existence of these provisions, among others, may have a negative impact on the price of our common stock and may discourage third party bids for ownership of our company. These provisions may prevent any premiums being offered to you for shares of our common stock.

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

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

There is also a risk that, in the event of a sharp decline in the value of our net assets, we would be in danger of failing to maintain required asset coverage ratios which may be required by the preferred stock and/or debt securities

or of a downgrade in the ratings of the preferred stock and/or debt securities or our current investment income might not be sufficient to meet the dividend requirements on the preferred stock or the interest payments on the debt securities. In order to counteract such an event, we might need to liquidate investments in order to fund redemption of some or all of the preferred stock and/or debt securities. In addition, we would pay (and the holders of our common stock would bear) all costs and expenses relating to the issuance and ongoing maintenance of the preferred stock and/or debt securities. Holders of preferred stock and/or debt securities may have different interests than holders of common stock and may at times have disproportionate influence over our affairs.

***The trading market or market value of our publicly issued debt securities may be volatile.***

Many factors may materially adversely affect the trading market for, and market value of, our publicly issued debt securities. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- the time remaining to the maturity of these debt securities;
- the outstanding principal amount of debt securities with terms identical to these debt securities;
- the general economic environment;
- the supply of debt securities trading in the secondary market, if any;
- the redemption or repayment, if any, of these debt securities;
- the level, direction and volatility of market interest rates generally; and
- market rates of interest higher or lower than rates borne by the debt securities.

There also may be a limited number of buyers for our debt securities. This too may materially adversely affect the market value of the debt securities or the trading market for the debt securities.

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

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

***Terms relating to redemption may materially adversely affect the return on our debt securities.***

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

***There is a risk that investors in our common stock may not receive a specified level of dividends or that our dividends may not grow over time and that investors in our debt securities may not receive all of the interest income to which they are entitled.***

We intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders out of assets legally available for distribution. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results that will allow us to make a specified level of cash distributions or year-to-year increases in cash distributions. If we declare a dividend and if more stockholders opt to receive cash distributions rather than participate in our dividend reinvestment plan, we may be forced to sell some of our investments in order to make cash dividend payments.

In addition, due to the asset coverage test applicable to us as a BDC and under our notes indenture and covenants under our Credit Facility, we may be limited in our ability to make distributions. Further, if we invest a greater amount of assets in equity securities that do not pay current dividends, it could reduce the amount available

for distribution. See “Item 5. Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities — Distribution Policy” for further discussion of distributions.

The above-referenced restrictions on distributions may also inhibit our ability to make required interest payments to holders of our debt, which may cause a default under the terms of our debt agreements. Such a default could materially increase our cost of raising capital, as well as cause us to incur penalties under the terms of our debt agreements.

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

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

***Future offerings of additional debt securities, which would be senior to our common stock upon liquidation, or equity securities, which could dilute our existing stockholders and may be senior to our common stock for the purposes of distributions, may harm the value of our common stock.***

In the future, we may attempt to increase our capital resources by making additional offerings of debt or equity securities, including commercial paper, medium-term notes, senior or subordinated notes and classes of preferred stock or common stock subject to the restrictions of the 1940 Act. Upon a liquidation of our company, holders of our debt securities and shares of preferred stock and lenders with respect to other borrowings would receive a distribution of our available assets prior to the holders of our common stock. Additional equity offerings by us may dilute the holdings of our existing stockholders or reduce the value of our common stock, or both. Any preferred stock we may issue would have a preference on distributions that could limit our ability to make distributions to the holders of our common stock. Because our decision to issue securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings. Thus, our stockholders bear the risk of our future offerings reducing the market price of our common stock and diluting their stock holdings in us. In addition, proceeds from a sale of common stock will likely be used to increase our total assets or to pay down our borrowings, among other uses. This would increase our asset coverage ratio and permit us to incur additional leverage under rules pertaining to BDCs by increasing our borrowings or issuing senior securities such as preferred stock or additional debt securities.

***Terrorist attacks, acts of war or national disasters may affect any market for our securities, impact the businesses in which we invest and harm our business, operating results and financial condition.***

Terrorist acts, acts of war or national disasters may disrupt our operations, as well as the operations of the businesses in which we invest. Such acts have created, and continue to create, economic and political uncertainties and have contributed to global economic instability. Future terrorist activities, military or security operations, or natural disasters could further weaken the domestic/global economies and create additional uncertainties, which may negatively impact the businesses in which we invest directly or indirectly and, in turn, could have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results and financial condition. Losses from terrorist attacks and natural disasters are generally uninsurable.

**Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.**

Not applicable.

**Item 2. *Properties.***

We do not own any real estate or other physical properties materially important to our operation or any of our subsidiaries. Currently, we lease approximately 14,328 square feet of office space located at 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612. We believe that our current facilities are adequate to meet our needs.

**Item 3. *Legal Proceedings.***

We are currently not a party to any material pending legal proceedings.

**Item 4. *Mine Safety Disclosures.***

Not applicable.



## PART II

### Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

#### Common Stock and Holders

Our common stock began trading on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the ticker symbol "TCAP" on December 29, 2010. Prior to that, our common stock traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market since February 15, 2007. The following table sets forth the range of high and low intraday sales prices per share of our common stock as reported on the NYSE for the periods indicated.

	High	Low
<b>Fiscal Year 2014:</b>		
First Quarter	29.39	25.75
Second Quarter	28.58	24.68
Third Quarter	28.67	25.21
Fourth Quarter	25.79	18.18
<b>Fiscal Year 2015:</b>		
First Quarter	24.95	19.95
Second Quarter	24.71	21.53
Third Quarter	23.70	15.41
Fourth Quarter	23.19	16.48

As of February 23, 2016, there were approximately 65 holders of record of our common stock. This number does not include stockholders for whom shares are held in "nominee" or "street name."

## Distributions Declared

We intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders of substantially all of our income. We may make deemed distributions of certain net capital gains to our stockholders.

The following table summarizes our distributions declared during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015:

<u>Date Declared</u>	<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
February 24, 2014	March 12, 2014	March 26, 2014	0.54
February 12, 2014	March 5, 2014	March 26, 2014	0.15
May 14, 2014	June 11, 2014	June 25, 2014	0.54
February 12, 2014	May 28, 2014	June 25, 2014	0.15
August 27, 2014	September 10, 2014	September 24, 2014	0.54
August 27, 2014	September 10, 2014	September 24, 2014	0.05
November 26, 2014	December 10, 2014	December 24, 2014	0.54
November 26, 2014	December 10, 2014	December 24, 2014	0.05
February 25, 2015	March 11, 2015	March 25, 2015	0.54
February 25, 2015	March 11, 2015	March 25, 2015	0.05
May 27, 2015	June 10, 2015	June 24, 2015	0.54
May 27, 2015	June 10, 2015	June 24, 2015	0.05
August 26, 2015	September 9, 2015	September 23, 2015	0.54
August 26, 2015	September 9, 2015	September 23, 2015	0.05
November 25, 2015	December 9, 2015	December 23, 2015	0.54
November 25, 2015	December 9, 2015	December 23, 2015	0.05

Each year, a statement on IRS Form 1099-DIV identifying the source(s) of the distribution (i.e., paid from ordinary income, paid from net capital gains on the sale of securities, and/or a return of paid in capital surplus which is a nontaxable distribution) is mailed to our stockholders. To the extent that our distributions for a fiscal year exceed current and accumulated earnings and profits, a portion of those distributions may be deemed a return of capital to our stockholders for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Thus, the source of a distribution to our stockholders may be the original capital invested by the stockholder rather than our taxable ordinary income or capital gains. Stockholders should read any written disclosure accompanying a dividend payment carefully and should not assume that any distribution is taxable as ordinary income or capital gains.

The table below shows the detail of our distributions for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>			
	<b>2015</b>		<b>2014</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Ordinary income	\$ 2.11	89.4%	\$ 1.88	73.4%
Long-term capital gains	0.25	10.6	0.68	26.6
<b>Total reported on IRS Form 1099-DIV</b>	<b>\$ 2.36</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 2.56</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Ordinary income is reported on IRS Form 1099-DIV as either qualified or non-qualified and capital gain distributions are reported on IRS Form 1099-DIV in various subcategories which have differing tax treatments to stockholders. Those subcategories are not presented herein.

## Distribution Policy

We generally intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders of substantially all of our income. In order to avoid certain excise taxes imposed on RICs, we must distribute during each calendar year an amount at least equal to the sum of (i) 98.0% of our ordinary income for the calendar year, (ii) 98.2% of our capital gains in excess of capital losses for the calendar year, and (iii) any ordinary income and net capital gains for the preceding year that were not distributed during such year. We will not be subject to excise taxes on amounts on which we are required to pay corporate income tax (such as retained net capital gains). In order to obtain the tax benefits applicable to RICs, we will be required to distribute to our stockholders with respect to each taxable year at least 90.0% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses. We may retain for investment realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses. We may make deemed distributions to our stockholders of any retained net capital gains. If this happens, our stockholders will be treated as if they received an actual distribution of the capital gains we retain and then reinvested the net after-tax proceeds in our common stock. Our stockholders also may be eligible to claim a tax credit (or, in certain circumstances, a tax refund) equal to their allocable share of the tax we paid on the capital gains deemed distributed to them. Please refer to "Business — Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" included in Item 1 of Part I of this Annual Report for further information regarding the consequences of our retention of net capital gains. We may, in the future, make actual distributions to our stockholders of some or all realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses. We can offer no assurance that we will achieve results that will permit the payment of any cash distributions and, if we issue senior securities, we will be prohibited from making distributions if doing so causes us to fail to maintain the asset coverage ratios stipulated by the 1940 Act or if distributions are limited by the terms of any of our borrowings. See "Business — Regulation of Business Development Companies" included in Item 1 of Part I of this Annual Report.

We have adopted a dividend reinvestment plan, or DRIP, that provides for reinvestment of our distributions on behalf of our common stockholders, unless a common stockholder elects to receive cash as provided below. See "Business — Dividend Reinvestment Plan" included in Item I of Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Stockholders who receive dividends in the form of stock generally are subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as are stockholders who elect to receive their dividends in cash. A stockholder's basis for determining gain or loss upon the sale of stock received in a dividend from us will be equal to the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to the stockholder. Any stock received in a dividend will have a holding period for tax purposes commencing on the day following the day on which the shares are credited to the U.S. stockholder's account.

Our ability to make distributions will be limited by the asset coverage requirements under the 1940 Act. For a more detailed discussion, see "Regulation of Business Development Companies" included in Item 1 of Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## Securities Authorized for Issuance Under our Equity Incentive Plan

The following table provides information regarding the number of shares of restricted stock authorized and available under the Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, or the Amended and Restated Plan, as of December 31, 2015:

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column(a))
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders(1)	—	—	1,040,497 (2)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,040,497</b>

(1) The Amended and Restated Plan is the only equity compensation plan currently utilized by us.

(2) The Amended and Restated Plan has an aggregate of 2,400,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance.

## Sales of Unregistered Securities

While we did not engage in any sales of unregistered securities during the year ended December 31, 2015, we issued a total of 179,075 shares of our common stock under our DRIP. This issuance was not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The aggregate value of the shares of common stock issued under our DRIP during the year ended December 31, 2015 was approximately \$3.7 million.

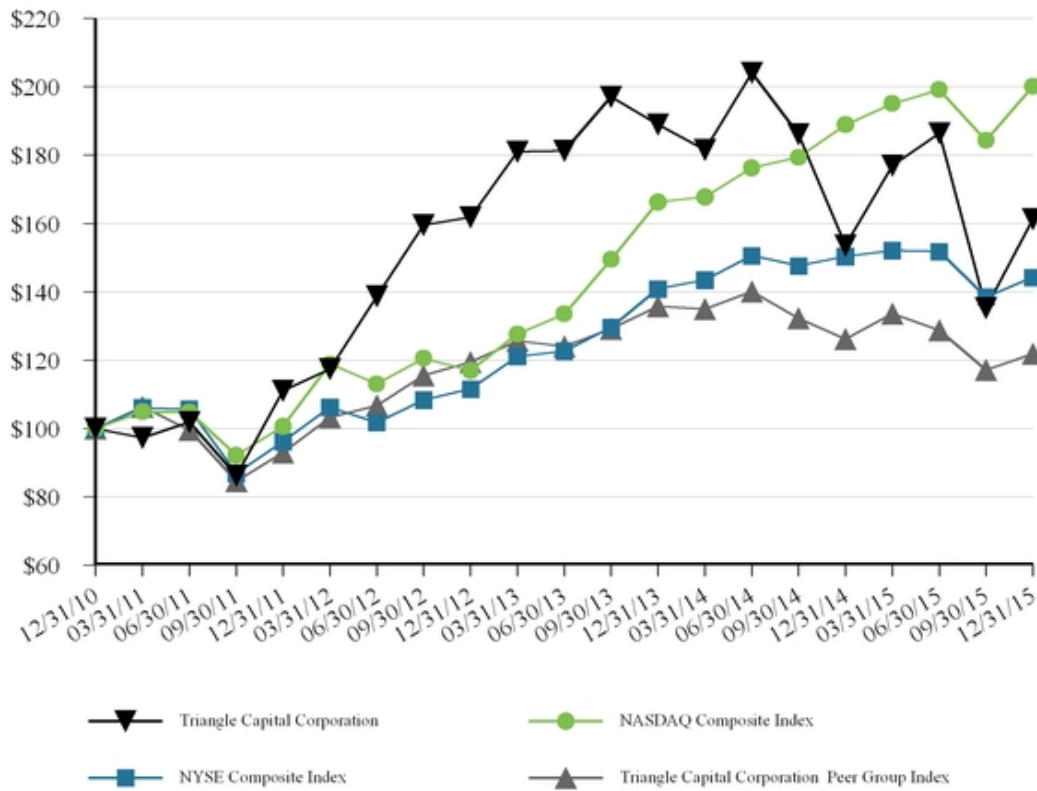
## Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

None.

## Performance Graph

The following graph compares the cumulative total return on our common stock with the cumulative total return of the Triangle Capital Corporation Peer Group Index, the Nasdaq Composite Index and the NYSE Composite Index for the five years ended December 31, 2015. This comparison assumes \$100.00 was invested in our common stock at the closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2010 and in the comparison groups and assumes the reinvestment of all cash dividends on the ex-dividend date prior to any tax effect. The stock price performance shown on the graph below is not necessarily indicative of future price performance.

**Comparison of Annual Cumulative Total Return(1)  
among Triangle Capital Corporation, the Triangle Capital Corporation  
Peer Group Index, the Nasdaq Composite Index and the NYSE Composite Index**



	<u>12/31/10</u>	<u>3/31/11</u>	<u>6/30/11</u>	<u>9/30/11</u>	<u>12/31/11</u>	<u>3/31/12</u>	<u>6/30/12</u>	<u>9/30/12</u>	<u>12/31/12</u>
Triangle Capital Corporation	100.00	97.29	101.84	86.18	111.02	117.43	138.71	159.53	161.86
NASDAQ Composite Index	100.00	104.86	104.78	92.15	100.62	118.83	113.02	120.53	116.97
NYSE Composite Index	100.00	106.09	105.70	86.81	96.16	106.20	101.77	108.34	111.53
Triangle Capital Corporation Peer Group Index(2)	100.00	106.32	99.61	84.58	92.88	103.17	106.65	115.52	119.38

	<u>3/31/13</u>	<u>6/30/13</u>	<u>9/30/13</u>	<u>12/31/13</u>	<u>3/31/14</u>	<u>6/30/14</u>	<u>9/30/14</u>	<u>12/31/14</u>
Triangle Capital Corporation	181.01	181.26	197.08	189.03	181.52	204.14	186.17	153.63
NASDAQ Composite Index	127.59	133.51	149.43	166.27	167.75	176.28	179.34	188.90
NYSE Composite Index	121.07	122.67	129.59	140.85	143.44	150.58	147.62	150.35
Triangle Capital Corporation Peer Group Index(2)	125.59	124.07	129.12	135.70	134.92	140.10	132.29	126.23

	<u>3/31/15</u>	<u>6/30/15</u>	<u>9/30/15</u>	<u>12/31/15</u>
Triangle Capital Corporation	176.96	186.37	135.18	161.28
NASDAQ Composite Index	195.10	199.15	184.30	200.15
NYSE Composite Index	152.08	151.78	138.51	144.21
Triangle Capital Corporation Peer Group Index(2)	133.66	128.68	117.14	121.88

(1) From December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2015.

(2) The Triangle Capital Corporation Peer Group consists of the following companies: Apollo Investment Corporation, Ares Capital Corporation, BlackRock Capital Investment Corporation, Fidus Investment Corporation, Fifth Street Finance Corp., Gladstone Investment Corporation, Gladstone Capital Corporation, Golub Capital BDC, Inc., Horizon Technology Finance Corporation, Hercules Technology Growth Capital Inc., KCAP Financial, Inc., Main Street Capital Corporation, Medley Capital Corporation, New Mountain Finance Corporation, PennantPark Investment Corporation, Prospect Capital Corporation, Solar Capital Ltd. and THL Credit, Inc.

**Item 6. Selected Financial Data.**

The selected financial data at and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 have been derived from our financial statements that have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. You should read this selected financial and other data in conjunction with our “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and the financial statements and notes thereto.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
(Dollars and share amounts in thousands, except per share data)					
<b>Income statement data:</b>					
Investment income:					
Total loan interest, fee and dividend income	\$ 63,002	\$ 89,937	\$ 100,755	\$ 104,273	\$ 121,062
Interest income from cash and cash equivalent investments	362	431	273	238	225
Total investment income	63,364	90,368	101,028	104,511	121,287
Operating expenses:					
Interest and other debt financing fees	10,902	16,413	20,234	21,180	26,754
General and administrative expenses	11,966	16,293	19,265	21,315	22,904
Total operating expenses	22,868	32,706	39,499	42,495	49,658
Net investment income	40,496	57,662	61,529	62,016	71,629
Net realized gains (losses):					
Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments	1,895	3,870	15,882	7,396	9,003
Affiliate investments	—	1,953	4,828	7,733	2,315
Control investments	9,079	838	(2,290)	(1,498)	(38,807)
Net realized gains (losses)	10,974	6,661	18,420	13,631	(27,489)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation):					
Investments	6,367	(2,878)	1,811	(45,234)	3,132
Foreign currency borrowings	—	—	404	1,071	2,363
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	6,367	(2,878)	2,215	(44,163)	5,495
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments and foreign currency borrowings	17,341	3,783	20,635	(30,532)	(21,994)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	(158)	(829)	(413)	—	(1,394)
Provision for taxes	(908)	(552)	(539)	(3,122)	(384)
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 56,771	\$ 60,064	\$ 81,212	\$ 28,362	\$ 47,857
Net investment income per share — basic and diluted	\$ 2.07	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.23	\$ 2.08	\$ 2.16
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations per share — basic and diluted	\$ 2.90	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.94	\$ 0.95	\$ 1.44
Net asset value per common share	\$ 14.68	\$ 15.30	\$ 16.10	\$ 16.11	\$ 15.23
Regular quarterly dividends/distributions per share	\$ 1.77	\$ 2.02	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.16
Supplemental dividends/distributions per share	—	—	—	0.40	0.20
Total dividends/distributions declared per common share	\$ 1.77	\$2.02	\$2.16	\$2.56	\$2.36
Weighted average number of shares outstanding — basic and diluted	19,555	26,741	27,576	29,775	33,234

**Year Ended December 31,**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
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(Dollars in thousands)

**Balance sheet data:**

Assets:

Investments at fair value	\$ 507,079	\$ 706,803	\$ 664,373	\$ 887,223	\$ 977,277
Cash and cash equivalents	66,868	72,300	133,304	78,759	52,615
Interest and fees receivable	1,884	2,650	5,256	7,409	4,892
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	623	403	832	439	947
Deferred financing fees	446	1,562	1,654	1,231	3,480
Property and equipment, net	58	56	60	109	106
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 576,958</b>	<b>\$ 783,774</b>	<b>\$ 805,479</b>	<b>\$ 975,170</b>	<b>\$ 1,039,317</b>

Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,117	\$ 6,406	\$ 7,494	\$ 7,145	\$ 7,464
Interest payable	3,522	3,137	3,018	3,365	3,714
Taxes payable	1,403	3,211	1,065	2,506	735
Deferred income taxes	629	1,342	3,514	3,364	4,988
Borrowings under credit facility	15,000	—	11,221	62,620	131,257
Notes	—	144,627	145,120	145,646	162,142
SBA-guaranteed debentures payable	218,000	207,716	188,255	219,697	220,649
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>242,671</b>	<b>366,439</b>	<b>359,687</b>	<b>444,343</b>	<b>530,949</b>
Net assets	334,287	417,335	445,792	530,827	508,368
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 576,958</b>	<b>\$ 783,774</b>	<b>\$ 805,479</b>	<b>\$ 975,170</b>	<b>\$ 1,039,317</b>

**Other data:**

Weighted average yield on total investments(1)	13.9%	13.3%	12.8%	11.6%	10.6%
Number of portfolio companies	63	82	79	91	92

**Expense ratios (as percentage of average net assets):**

General and administrative expenses	4.4%	4.0%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
Interest and other financing fees	4.1	4.0	4.7	4.4	5.1
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
Total expenses, including loss on extinguishment of debt and provision for taxes	8.9%	8.4%	9.3%	9.5%	9.8%

(1) Excludes non-accrual debt investments.



## **Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**

*The information in this section contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Please see "Risk Factors" and "Forward-Looking Statements" for a discussion of the uncertainties, risks and assumptions associated with these statements. You should read the following discussion in conjunction with the combined financial statements and related notes and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report.*

The following discussion is designed to provide a better understanding of our financial statements, including a brief discussion of our business, key factors that impacted our performance and a summary of our operating results. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements and the notes thereto included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Historical results and percentage relationships among any amounts in the financial statements are not necessarily indicative of trends in operating results for any future periods.

### **Overview of our Business**

We are a Maryland corporation which has elected to be treated and operates as an internally managed business development company, or BDC, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or 1940 Act. Our wholly-owned subsidiaries, Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP, or Triangle SBIC, and Triangle Mezzanine Fund II LP, or Triangle SBIC II, are licensed as small business investment companies, or SBICs, by the United States Small Business Administration, or SBA. In addition, Triangle SBIC has also elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. We, Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II invest primarily in debt instruments, equity investments, warrants and other securities of lower middle market privately-held companies located primarily in the United States.

Our business is to provide capital to lower middle market companies in the United States. We focus on investments in companies with a history of generating revenues and positive cash flows, an established market position and a proven management team with a strong operating discipline. Our target portfolio company has annual revenues between \$20.0 million and \$200.0 million and annual earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, between \$3.0 million and \$35.0 million.

We invest primarily in subordinated debt securities secured by second lien security interests in portfolio company assets, coupled with equity interests. On a more limited basis, we also invest in senior debt securities secured by first lien security interests in portfolio company assets. Our investments generally range from \$5.0 million to \$35.0 million per portfolio company. In certain situations, we have partnered with other funds to provide larger financing commitments.

We generate revenues in the form of interest income, primarily from our investments in debt securities, loan origination and other fees and dividend income. Fees generated in connection with our debt investments are recognized over the life of the loan using the effective interest method or, in some cases, recognized as earned. In addition, we generate revenue in the form of capital gains, if any, on warrants or other equity-related securities that we acquire from our portfolio companies. Our debt investments generally have a term of between three and seven years and typically bear interest at fixed rates between 10.0% and 15.0% per annum. Certain of our debt investments have a form of interest, referred to as payment-in-kind, or PIK, interest, that is not paid currently but is instead accrued and added to the loan balance and paid at the end of the term. In our negotiations with potential portfolio companies, we generally seek to minimize PIK interest. Cash interest on our debt investments is generally payable monthly; however, some of our debt investments pay cash interest on a quarterly basis. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the weighted average yield on our outstanding debt investments other than non-accrual debt investments was 12.2% and 13.0%, respectively. The weighted average yield on all of our outstanding investments (including equity and equity-linked investments but excluding non-accrual debt investments) was 10.6% and 11.6% as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The weighted average yield on all of our outstanding investments (including equity and equity-linked investments and non-accrual debt investments) was 10.2% and 10.8% as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II are eligible to issue debentures to the SBA, which pools these with debentures of other SBICs and sells them in the capital markets at favorable interest rates, in part as a result of the guarantee of payment from the SBA. Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II invest these funds in portfolio companies.

We intend to continue to operate Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II as SBICs, subject to SBA approval, and have utilized the proceeds from the issuance of SBA-guaranteed debentures, referred to herein as SBA leverage, to enhance returns to our stockholders.

### Portfolio Composition

The total value of our investment portfolio was \$977.3 million as of December 31, 2015, as compared to \$887.2 million as of December 31, 2014. As of December 31, 2015, we had investments in 92 portfolio companies with an aggregate cost of \$1.0 billion. As of December 31, 2014, we had investments in 91 portfolio companies with an aggregate cost of \$922.1 million. As of both December 31, 2015 and 2014, none of our portfolio investments represented greater than 10% of the total fair value of our investment portfolio.

As of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, our investment portfolio consisted of the following investments:

	Cost	Percentage of Total Portfolio	Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio
<b>December 31, 2015:</b>				
Subordinated debt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> lien notes	\$ 739,416,002	73%	\$ 699,125,083	72%
Senior debt and 1 <sup>st</sup> lien notes	134,489,956	13	132,929,264	14
Equity shares	127,464,548	13	141,555,369	14
Equity warrants	5,978,617	1	3,667,000	—
Royalty rights	—	—	—	—
	<u>\$ 1,007,349,123</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 977,276,716</u>	<u>100%</u>
<b>December 31, 2014:</b>				
Subordinated debt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> lien notes	\$ 703,800,176	76%	\$ 660,377,024	74%
Senior debt and 1 <sup>st</sup> lien notes	116,654,301	13	115,252,247	13
Equity shares	92,384,676	10	103,132,851	12
Equity warrants	9,213,469	1	8,461,000	1
Royalty rights	—	—	—	—
	<u>\$ 922,052,622</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 887,223,122</u>	<u>100%</u>

### Investment Activity

During the year ended December 31, 2015, we made twenty-three new investments, including recapitalizations of existing portfolio companies, totaling \$361.2 million, additional debt investments in ten existing portfolio companies of \$84.2 million and additional equity investments in eleven existing portfolio companies totaling \$8.6 million. We had twenty-four portfolio company loans repaid at par totaling \$302.1 million, which resulted in realized gains totaling \$2.0 million, and received normal principal repayments, partial loan prepayments and PIK interest repayments totaling \$32.7 million. We converted subordinated debt investments in one portfolio company into an equity investment and recognized a net realized loss on such conversion totaling \$20.5 million. We wrote-off debt and equity investments in two portfolio companies and recognized realized losses on the write-offs of \$18.8 million. In addition, we received proceeds related to the sales of certain equity securities of our portfolio companies totaling \$21.5 million and recognized net realized gains on such sales totaling \$9.8 million in the year ended December 31, 2015.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, we made twenty-eight new investments, including recapitalizations of existing portfolio companies, totaling \$429.7 million, additional debt investments in eleven existing portfolio companies of \$37.6 million and additional equity investments in six existing portfolio companies totaling \$7.3 million. We had sixteen portfolio company loans repaid at par totaling \$150.5 million, which resulted in realized gains totaling \$0.8 million, and received normal principal repayments, partial loan prepayments and PIK interest repayments totaling \$30.9 million. We converted debt investments in two portfolio companies into equity investments and recognized net realized losses on such conversions totaling \$11.0 million. We wrote-off investments in five portfolio companies and recognized realized losses on the write-offs of \$13.9 million. In addition, we received proceeds related to the sales of certain equity securities of our portfolio companies totaling \$51.5 million and recognized net realized gains on such sales totaling \$37.7 million in the year ended December 31, 2014.

Total portfolio investment activity for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 was as follows:

<b>December 31, 2015</b>	<b>Subordinated Debt and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lien Notes</b>	<b>Senior Debt and 1<sup>st</sup> Lien Notes</b>	<b>Equity Shares</b>	<b>Equity Warrants</b>	<b>Royalty Rights</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fair value, beginning of period	\$ 660,377,024	\$ 115,252,247	\$ 103,132,851	\$ 8,461,000	\$ —	\$ 887,223,122
New investments	340,931,692	68,863,789	42,880,571	1,252,000	—	453,928,052
Investment reclass	(8,707,740)	—	8,707,740	—	—	—
Proceeds from sales of investments	—	—	(14,016,839)	(7,477,411)	—	(21,494,250)
Loan origination fees received	(5,849,587)	(1,250,000)	—	—	—	(7,099,587)
Principal repayments received	(272,219,727)	(49,554,990)	—	—	—	(321,774,717)
PIK interest earned	13,819,538	1,761,986	—	—	—	15,581,524
PIK interest payments received	(9,337,978)	(3,669,732)	—	—	—	(13,007,710)
Accretion of loan discounts	451,652	35,511	—	—	—	487,163
Accretion of deferred loan origination revenue	5,321,198	844,291	—	—	—	6,165,489
Realized gain (loss)	(28,793,224)	804,802	(2,491,600)	2,990,559	—	(27,489,463)
Unrealized gain (loss)	3,132,235	(158,640)	3,342,646	(1,559,148)	—	4,757,093
Fair value, end of period	<u>\$ 699,125,083</u>	<u>\$ 132,929,264</u>	<u>\$ 141,555,369</u>	<u>\$ 3,667,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 977,276,716</u>
Weighted average yield on debt investments at end of period(1)						<u>12.2%</u>
Weighted average yield on total investments at end of period(1)						<u>10.6%</u>
Weighted average yield on total investments at end of period						<u>10.2%</u>

(1) Excludes non-accrual debt investments.

December 31, 2014	Subordinated Debt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lien Notes	Senior Debt and 1 <sup>st</sup> Lien Notes	Equity Shares	Equity Warrants	Royalty Rights	Total
Fair value, beginning of period	\$ 514,467,575	\$ 45,968,765	\$ 79,935,246	\$ 23,928,603	\$ 73,000	\$ 664,373,189
New investments	350,468,766	84,551,106	38,924,210	632,000	—	474,576,082
Investment Reclass	3,888,934	(13,816,934)	11,715,000	(1,787,000)	—	—
Proceeds from sales of investments	—	—	(40,269,176)	(11,622,546)	—	(51,891,722)
Loan origination fees received	(5,806,250)	(1,667,928)	—	—	—	(7,474,178)
Principal repayments received	(169,938,002)	(201,979)	—	—	—	(170,139,981)
PIK interest earned	14,081,818	1,455,931	—	—	—	15,537,749
PIK interest payments received	(10,820,010)	—	—	—	—	(10,820,010)
Accretion of loan discounts	960,366	34,687	—	—	—	995,053
Accretion of deferred loan origination revenue	3,623,231	197,285	—	—	—	3,820,516
Realized gain (loss)	(23,219,759)	—	26,815,709	10,035,378	—	13,631,328
Unrealized gain (loss)	(17,329,645)	(1,268,686)	(13,988,138)	(12,725,435)	(73,000)	(45,384,904)
Fair value, end of period	<u>\$ 660,377,024</u>	<u>\$ 115,252,247</u>	<u>\$ 103,132,851</u>	<u>\$ 8,461,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 887,223,122</u>
Weighted average yield on debt investments at end of period(1)						<u>13.0%</u>
Weighted average yield on total investments at end of period(1)						<u>11.6%</u>
Weighted average yield on total investments at end of period						<u>10.8%</u>

(1) Excludes non-accrual debt investments.

#### Non-Accrual Assets

Generally, when interest and/or principal payments on a loan become past due, or if we otherwise do not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, we will place the loan on non-accrual status and will generally cease recognizing interest income on that loan for financial reporting purposes until all principal and interest have been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible. As of December 31, 2015, the fair value of our non-accrual assets was \$6.9 million, which comprised 0.7% of the total fair value of our portfolio, and the cost of our non-accrual assets was \$20.4 million, which comprised 2.0% of the total cost of our portfolio. As of December 31, 2014, the fair value of our non-accrual assets was \$26.9 million, which comprised 3.0% of the total fair value of our portfolio, and the cost of our non-accrual assets was \$53.1 million, which comprised 5.8% of the total cost of our portfolio. Our non-accrual assets as of December 31, 2015 were as follows:

##### *BFN Operations LLC*

In September 2015, as part of a balance sheet restructuring of BFN Operations LLC, or BFN, we amended our first-out subordinated note in BFN to change the contractual interest rates from 13% cash and 4% PIK to 3% cash and 14% PIK. In addition, we amended our last-out subordinated note in BFN to change the contractual interest rates from 13% cash and 4% PIK to 0% cash and 17% PIK. In connection with the changes, we placed our last-out subordinated debt investment in BFN on non-accrual status effective with the monthly payment due September 30, 2015 and placed our first-out subordinated debt investment in BFN on PIK non-accrual status effective September 30, 2015, as discussed further below under "PIK Non-Accrual Assets." As a result, under U.S. GAAP, we no longer recognize interest income on our last-out debt investment for financial reporting purposes. In the year ended December 31, 2015, we recognized unrealized depreciation on our last-out debt investment of \$2.0 million. As of December 31, 2015, the cost of our last-out debt investment in BFN was \$2.0 million and the fair value of such investment was zero.

In February 2016, in connection with further restructuring activities at BFN, we placed our first-out subordinated note in BFN on full non-accrual status effective with the monthly payment due January 31, 2016.

#### *DCWV Acquisition Corporation*

In September 2015, we placed our debt investments in DCWV Acquisition Corporation, or DCWV, on non-accrual status effective with the monthly payment due September 30, 2015. As a result, under U.S. GAAP, we no longer recognize interest income on our debt investments in DCWV for financial reporting purposes. In the year ended December 31, 2015, we recognized unrealized depreciation on our debt investments in DCWV of \$2.2 million. As of December 31, 2015, the cost of our debt investments in DCWV was \$8.4 million and the fair value of such investments was \$3.4 million.

#### *Gerli and Company*

In November 2008, we placed our debt investments in Gerli and Company, or Gerli, on non-accrual status. As a result, under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or U.S. GAAP, we no longer recognize interest income on our debt investments in Gerli for financial reporting purposes. In the year ended December 31, 2015, we recognized total unrealized depreciation on our debt investments in Gerli of \$0.1 million. As of December 31, 2015, the cost of our debt investments in Gerli was \$3.4 million and the fair value was \$0.8 million.

#### *PowerDirect Marketing, LLC*

In August 2014, we placed our debt investment in PowerDirect Marketing, LLC, or PowerDirect, on non-accrual status effective with the monthly payment due July 31, 2014. As a result, under U.S. GAAP, we no longer recognize interest income on our debt investment in PowerDirect for financial reporting purposes. During the year ended December 31, 2015, we recorded unrealized depreciation of \$1.1 million on our debt investment in PowerDirect. As of December 31, 2015, the cost of our debt investment in PowerDirect was \$6.6 million and the fair value of such investment was \$2.7 million.

### **PIK Non-Accrual Assets**

In addition to our non-accrual assets, as of December 31, 2015, we had debt investments in two portfolio companies (our first-out subordinated note to BFN (3% Cash, 14% PIK) and our term loan B senior note to FCL Graphics, Inc. (8.0% Cash, 2% PIK)) that were on non-accrual only with respect to the PIK interest component of the loans. As of December 31, 2015, the fair value of these debt investments was \$2.2 million, or 0.2% of the total fair value of our portfolio and the cost of these debt investments was \$15.4 million, or 1.5% of the total cost of our portfolio.

### **Results of Operations**

#### *Comparison of years ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014*

##### *Investment Income*

For the year ended December 31, 2015, total investment income was \$121.3 million, a 16.1% increase from \$104.5 million of total investment income for the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase of \$16.8 million was primarily due to (i) higher average portfolio loan balances from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015 and (ii) an increase in non-recurring fee income of \$4.8 million. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in non-recurring dividend income of \$1.5 million, a \$0.6 million decrease in investment income relating to non-accrual assets and a decrease in the weighted average yield on our debt investments from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015. Non-recurring fee income was \$9.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, as compared to \$5.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, and non-recurring dividend income was \$5.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, as compared to \$6.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2014.

### *Operating Expenses*

For the year ended December 31, 2015, operating expenses increased by 16.9% to \$49.7 million from \$42.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. Our operating expenses consist of interest and other financing fees and general and administrative expenses.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, interest and other financing fees increased by 26.3% to \$26.8 million from \$21.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase in interest and other financing fees was related to (i) interest expense and other financing fees on our March 2022 Notes of \$5.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, (ii) an increase in interest and other financing fees on our SBA-guaranteed debentures of \$0.8 million in the year ended December 31, 2015 and (iii) an increase in interest and other financing fees on our Credit Facility of \$2.1 million in the year ended December 31, 2015. These increases were partially offset by a \$2.5 million decrease in interest and other financing fees related to the redemption of the 2019 Notes in the year ended December 31, 2015.

Our general and administrative expenses are primarily influenced by compensation, headcount and levels of business activity. Our compensation expenses include salaries, discretionary compensation, equity-based compensation and benefits. Discretionary compensation is significantly impacted by our level of total investment income, our investment results including investment realizations, prevailing labor markets and the external environment. As a result of these and other factors, our compensation expense can fluctuate materially from period to period. Accordingly, the amount of compensation expense recognized in any particular period may not be indicative of compensation expense in a future period.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, general and administrative expenses increased by 7.5% to \$22.9 million from \$21.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. In addition, our efficiency ratio (defined as general and administrative expenses as a percentage of total investment income) decreased to 18.9% for the year ended December 31, 2015 from 20.4% for the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase in general and administrative expenses in the year ended December 31, 2015 was primarily related to increased equity-based compensation.

### *Net Investment Income*

As a result of the \$16.8 million increase in total investment income and the \$7.2 million increase in expenses, net investment income for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$71.6 million compared to net investment income of \$62.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2014.

### *Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations*

For the year ended December 31, 2015, we recognized net realized losses totaling \$27.5 million, which consisted of a loss on the restructuring of one control investment totaling \$20.5 million, a loss on the write-off of one control investment totaling \$18.3 million and a loss on the write-off of one affiliate investment totaling \$0.5 million, partially offset by net gains related to the sales/repayments of seven affiliate investments of \$2.8 million and net gains on the sales/repayments of fourteen non-control/non-affiliate investments totaling \$9.0 million. In addition, for the year ended December 31, 2015, we recorded net unrealized appreciation of investments totaling \$5.5 million, consisting of net unrealized depreciation on our current portfolio of \$21.6 million and net unrealized appreciation reclassification adjustments of \$27.1 million related to the realized gains and losses noted above.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, we recognized net realized gains totaling \$13.6 million, which consisted of net gains on the sales/repayments of thirteen non-control/non-affiliate investments totaling \$24.1 million and gains on the sales of two affiliate equity investments of \$14.4 million, offset by (i) a loss on the restructuring of one non-control/non-affiliate investment totaling \$10.8 million, (ii) a loss relating to the write-off of one non-control/non-affiliate investment totaling \$5.9 million, (iii) losses on the write-offs of two affiliate investments of \$6.7 million, (iv) a loss on the restructuring of one control investment totaling \$0.5 million and (v) a loss relating to the write-off of one control investment of \$1.0 million. In addition, for the year ended December 31, 2014, we recorded net unrealized depreciation of investments totaling \$44.2 million, consisting of net unrealized

depreciation on our current portfolio of \$31.5 million and net unrealized depreciation reclassification adjustments of \$12.7 million related to the realized gains and losses noted above.

As a result of these events, our net increase in net assets from operations during the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$47.9 million as compared to \$28.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2014.

### ***Comparison of years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013***

#### *Investment Income*

For the year ended December 31, 2014, total investment income was \$104.5 million, a 3.4% increase from \$101.0 million of total investment income for the year ended December 31, 2013. The increase of \$3.5 million was primarily due to (i) higher average portfolio loan balances from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014 and (ii) an increase in non-recurring dividend income of \$2.3 million. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in non-recurring fee income of \$2.0 million, a \$4.2 million decrease in investment income relating to non-accrual assets and a decrease in the weighted average yield on our debt investments from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014. Non-recurring fee income was \$5.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, as compared to \$7.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2013, and non-recurring dividend income was \$6.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, as compared to \$4.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2013.

#### *Operating Expenses*

For the year ended December 31, 2014, operating expenses increased by 7.6% to \$42.5 million from \$39.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. Our operating expenses consist of interest and other financing fees and general and administrative expenses.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, interest and other financing fees increased by 4.7% to \$21.2 million from \$20.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. The increase in interest and other financing fees was related to an increase in interest on borrowings under our Credit Facility of \$0.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, and an increase in interest and financing fees on our SBA-guaranteed debentures of \$0.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Our general and administrative expenses are primarily influenced by compensation, headcount and levels of business activity. Our compensation expenses include salaries, discretionary compensation, equity-based compensation and benefits. Discretionary compensation is significantly impacted by our level of total investment income, our investment results including investment realizations, prevailing labor markets and the external environment. As a result of these and other factors, our compensation expense can fluctuate materially from period to period. Accordingly, the amount of compensation expense recognized in any particular period may not be indicative of compensation expense in a future period.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, general and administrative expenses increased by 10.6% to \$21.3 million from \$19.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. In addition, our efficiency ratio (defined as general and administrative expenses as a percentage of total investment income) increased to 20.4% for the year ended December 31, 2014 from 19.1% for the year ended December 31, 2013. The increase in general and administrative expenses in the year ended December 31, 2014 was primarily related to increased equity-based compensation.

#### *Net Investment Income*

As a result of the \$3.5 million increase in total investment income and the \$3.0 million increase in expenses, net investment income for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$62.0 million compared to net investment income of \$61.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2013.

#### *Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations*

For the year ended December 31, 2014, we recognized net realized gains totaling \$13.6 million, which consisted of net gains on the sales/repayments of thirteen non-control/non-affiliate investments totaling \$24.1

million and gains on the sales of two affiliate equity investments of \$14.4 million, offset by (i) a loss on the restructuring of one non-control/non-affiliate investment totaling \$10.8 million, (ii) a loss relating to the write-off of one non-control/non-affiliate investment totaling \$5.9 million, (iii) losses on the write-offs of two affiliate investments of \$6.7 million, (iv) a loss on the restructuring of one control investment totaling \$0.5 million and (v) a loss relating to the write-off of one control investment of \$1.0 million. In addition, for the year ended December 31, 2014 we recorded net unrealized depreciation of investments totaling \$44.2 million, consisting of net unrealized depreciation on our current portfolio of \$31.5 million and net unrealized depreciation reclassification adjustments of \$12.7 million related to the realized gains and losses noted above.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, we realized a gain on the sale of one control equity investment of \$0.7 million, a loss on the sale/repayment of one control investment of \$3.0 million, gains on the sale of four affiliate equity investments of \$8.3 million, a loss on the sale/repayment of one affiliate investment of \$3.4 million and gains on the sales/repayments of fourteen non-control/non-affiliate equity investments totaling \$15.9 million. In addition, for the year ended December 31, 2013, we recorded net unrealized appreciation of investments totaling \$2.2 million, consisting of net unrealized appreciation on our current portfolio of \$17.0 million and net unrealized depreciation reclassification adjustments of \$14.8 million related to the realized gains and losses noted above.

As a result of these events, our net increase in net assets from operations during the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$28.4 million as compared to \$81.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2013.

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

We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents on hand, our available borrowing capacity under our Credit Facility and our anticipated cash flows from operations will be adequate to meet our cash needs for our daily operations for at least the next twelve months.

In the future, depending on the valuation of Triangle SBIC's assets and Triangle SBIC II's assets pursuant to SBA guidelines, Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II may be limited by provisions of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and SBA regulations governing SBICs, from making certain distributions to Triangle Capital Corporation that may be necessary to enable Triangle Capital Corporation to make the minimum required distributions to its stockholders and qualify as a RIC.

### ***Cash Flows***

For the year ended December 31, 2015, we experienced a net decrease in cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$26.1 million. During that period, our operating activities used \$31.2 million in cash, consisting primarily of new portfolio investments of \$453.9 million, partially offset by repayments received from portfolio companies and proceeds from the sales of investments totaling \$343.3 million. In addition, financing activities provided cash of \$5.1 million, consisting primarily of net borrowings under our credit facility of \$71.0 million and proceeds from the March 2022 Notes offering of \$83.4 million, partially offset by redemption of the 2019 Notes of \$69.0 million and cash dividends paid in the amount of \$74.8 million. At December 31, 2015, we had \$52.6 million of cash and cash equivalents on hand.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, we experienced a net decrease in cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$54.5 million. During that period, our operating activities used \$188.3 million in cash, consisting primarily of new portfolio investments of \$474.6 million, partially offset by repayments received from portfolio companies and proceeds from the sales of investments totaling \$222.0 million. In addition, financing activities provided cash of \$133.8 million, consisting primarily of proceeds from a public offering of common stock of \$127.7 million, borrowings under SBA-guaranteed debentures of \$31.3 million and net borrowings under our credit facility of \$52.5 million, offset by cash dividends paid in the amount of \$74.3 million. At December 31, 2014, we had \$78.8 million of cash and cash equivalents on hand.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, we experienced a net increase in cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$61.0 million. During that period, our operating activities generated \$127.4 million in cash, consisting primarily of repayments received from portfolio companies and proceeds from the sales of investments of \$247.4 million, partially offset by purchases of portfolio investments of \$174.3 million. In addition, financing activities



used cash of \$66.3 million of cash, consisting primarily of cash dividends paid in the amount of \$56.7 million, voluntary prepayments of SBA-guaranteed debentures of \$20.5 million, partially offset by borrowings under our credit facility of \$11.6 million. At December 31, 2013, we had \$133.3 million of cash and cash equivalents on hand.

#### *Financing Transactions*

Due to Triangle SBIC's and Triangle SBIC II's status as licensed SBICs, Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II have the ability to issue debentures guaranteed by the SBA at favorable interest rates. Under the Small Business Investment Act and the SBA rules applicable to SBICs, an SBIC (or group of SBICs under common control) can have outstanding at any time debentures guaranteed by the SBA up to two times (and in certain cases, up to three times) the amount of its regulatory capital, which generally is the amount raised from private investors. The maximum statutory limit on the dollar amount of outstanding debentures guaranteed by the SBA issued by a single SBIC is currently \$150.0 million and by a group of SBICs under common control is \$350.0 million. Debentures guaranteed by the SBA have a maturity of ten years, with interest payable semi-annually. The principal amount of the debentures is not required to be paid before maturity but may be pre-paid at any time, without penalty. Our SBA-guaranteed debentures are collateralized by the assets of Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II.

As of December 31, 2015, Triangle SBIC had issued the maximum \$150.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures and Triangle SBIC II had issued \$75.0 million in face amount of SBA-guaranteed debentures. In addition to the one-time 1.0% fee on the total commitment from the SBA, we also pay a one-time fee of 2.425% on the amount of each debenture issued (2.0% for SBA LMI debentures). These fees are capitalized as deferred financing costs and are amortized over the term of the debt agreements using the effective interest method. The weighted average interest rate for all SBA-guaranteed debentures as of December 31, 2015 was 4.02%. As of December 31, 2015, all SBA-guaranteed debentures were pooled.

In May 2015, we entered the Credit Facility, which has an initial commitment of \$300.0 million supported by 14 financial institutions and replaced our \$165.0 million senior secured credit facility entered into in June 2013, or the Prior Facility. The revolving period of the Credit Facility ends May 3, 2019 followed by a one-year amortization period with a final maturity date of May 3, 2020. We have the ability to borrow in both United States dollars as well as foreign currencies under the Credit Facility.

The Credit Facility has an accordion feature that allows for an increase in the total borrowing size up to \$350.0 million, subject to certain conditions and the satisfaction of specified financial covenants. The Credit Facility, which is structured to operate like a revolving credit facility, is secured primarily by our assets, excluding the assets of our wholly-owned SBIC subsidiaries.

Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest, subject to our election, on a per annum basis equal to (i) the applicable base rate plus 1.75% (or, after one year, 1.50% if we receive an investment grade credit rating), (ii) the applicable LIBOR rate plus 2.75% (or, after one year, 2.50% if we receive an investment grade credit rating), or (iii) for borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars, the applicable Canadian Dealer Offered Rate plus 2.75% (or, after one year, 2.50% if we receive an investment grade credit rating). The applicable base rate is equal to the greater of (i) the prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate plus 0.5%, or (iii) the adjusted one-month LIBOR plus 2.0%. The applicable LIBOR rate depends on the term of the draw under the Credit Facility. We pay a commitment fee of 1.00% per annum on undrawn amounts if the used portion of the facility is less than or equal to 25.0% of total commitments, or 0.375% per annum on undrawn amounts if the used portion of the facility is greater than 25.0% of total commitments.

As of December 31, 2015, we had United States dollar borrowings of \$119.0 million outstanding under the Credit Facility with an interest rate of 3.0% and non-United States dollar borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars of \$17.0 million (\$12.3 million in United States dollars) outstanding under the Credit Facility with an interest rate of 3.6%. The borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars are translated into United States dollars based on the spot rate at each balance sheet date. The impact resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on the Credit Facility borrowings is included in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on foreign currency borrowings in our Consolidated Statements of Operations. The borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars may be positively or negatively affected by movements in the rate of exchange between the United States dollar and the Canadian dollar. This movement is beyond our control and cannot be predicted.

As with the Prior Facility, the Credit Facility contains certain affirmative and negative covenants, including but not limited to (i) maintaining a minimum interest coverage ratio, (ii) maintaining a minimum consolidated tangible net worth, (iii) maintaining a minimum asset coverage ratio and (iv) maintaining our status as a regulated investment company, or RIC, and as a BDC. The Credit Facility also contains customary events of default with customary cure and notice provisions, including, without limitation, nonpayment, misrepresentation of representations and warranties in a material respect, breach of covenant, cross-default to other indebtedness, bankruptcy, change of control, and material adverse effect. The Credit Facility also permits the Administrative Agent to select an independent third-party valuation firm to determine valuations of certain portfolio investments for purposes of borrowing base provisions. In connection with the Credit Facility, we also entered into new collateral documents. As of December 31, 2015, we were in compliance with all covenants of the Credit Facility.

In March 2012, we issued \$69.0 million of 2019 Notes. The 2019 Notes were redeemed in full on June 22, 2015 for a total redemption price of \$69.0 million, which resulted in a loss on the extinguishment of debt of \$1.4 million. Prior to the redemptions, the 2019 Notes bore interest at a rate of 7.00% per year payable quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning June 15, 2012. The net proceeds from the sale of the 2019 Notes, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, were \$66.7 million.

In October 2012, we issued \$70.0 million of December 2022 Notes and in November 2012, we issued \$10.5 million of December 2022 Notes. The December 2022 Notes mature on December 15, 2022, and may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at our option on or after December 15, 2015. The December 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.375% per year payable quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning December 15, 2012. The net proceeds from the sale of the December 2022 Notes, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, were \$77.8 million.

In February 2015, we issued \$86.3 million of March 2022 Notes. The March 2022 Notes mature on March 15, 2022 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at our option on or after March 15, 2018. The March 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.375% per year payable quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning March 15, 2015. The net proceeds from the sale of the March 2022 Notes, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, were \$83.4 million.

The indenture and supplements thereto relating to the December 2022 Notes and the March 2022 Notes contain certain covenants, including but not limited to (i) a requirement that we comply with the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act or any successor provisions, and (ii) a requirement that we provide financial information to the holders of the notes and the trustee under the indenture if we should no longer be subject to the reporting requirements under the Exchange Act.

#### *Distributions to Stockholders*

We have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, and intend to make the required distributions to our stockholders as specified therein. In order to maintain our qualification as a RIC and to obtain RIC tax benefits, we must meet certain minimum distribution, source-of-income and asset diversification requirements. If such requirements are met, then we are generally required to pay income taxes only on the portion of our taxable income and gains we do not distribute (actually or constructively) and certain built-in gains. We have historically met our minimum distribution requirements for and continually monitor our distribution requirements with the goal of ensuring compliance with the Code. We can offer no assurance that we will achieve results that will permit the payment of any cash distributions and our ability to make distributions will be limited by the asset coverage requirements under the 1940 Act.

The minimum distribution requirements applicable to RICs require us to distribute to our stockholders each year at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, or ICTI, as defined by the Code. Depending on the level of ICTI earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward ICTI in excess of current year distributions into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such excess. Any such carryover ICTI must be distributed before the end of the next tax year through a dividend declared prior to filing the final tax return related to the year which generated such ICTI.

ICTI generally differs from net investment income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses. We may be required to recognize ICTI in certain circumstances in which we do not receive cash. For example, if we hold debt obligations that are treated under applicable tax rules as having original issue discount (such as debt instruments issued with warrants), we must include in ICTI each year a portion of the original issue discount that accrues over the life of the obligation, regardless of whether cash representing such income is received by us in the same taxable year. We may also have to include in ICTI other amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as (i) PIK interest income and (ii) interest income from investments that have been classified as non-accrual for financial reporting purposes. Interest income on non-accrual investments is not recognized for financial reporting purposes, but generally is recognized in ICTI. Because any original issue discount or other amounts accrued will be included in our ICTI for the year of accrual, we may be required to make a distribution to our stockholders in order to satisfy the minimum distribution requirements, even though we will not have received and may not ever receive any corresponding cash amount. ICTI also excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as investment gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Use of Estimates**

The preparation of our financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the periods covered by such financial statements. We have identified investment valuation and revenue recognition as our most critical accounting estimates. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to the matters described below. These estimates are based on the information that is currently available to us and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates under different assumptions or conditions. A discussion of our critical accounting policies follows.

#### ***Investment Valuation***

The most significant estimate inherent in the preparation of our financial statements is the valuation of investments and the related amounts of unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments recorded. We have established and documented processes and methodologies for determining the fair values of portfolio company investments on a recurring (quarterly) basis in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, or ASC Topic 820. Under ASC Topic 820, a financial instrument is categorized within the ASC Topic 820 valuation hierarchy based upon the lowest level of input to the valuation process that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels of valuation inputs established by ASC Topic 820 are as follows:

*Level 1 Inputs* – include quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

*Level 2 Inputs* – include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

*Level 3 Inputs* – include inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Our investment portfolio is comprised of debt and equity instruments of privately held companies for which quoted prices or other inputs falling within the categories of Level 1 and Level 2 are generally not available. Therefore, we determine the fair value of our investments in good faith using Level 3 inputs, pursuant to a valuation policy and process that is established by our management with the assistance of certain third-party advisors and subsequently approved by our Board of Directors, or the Board. There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith, as fair value depends upon the specific circumstances of each individual investment. The recorded fair values of our investments may differ significantly from fair values that would have been used had an active market for the securities existed. In addition, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investments may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the valuations currently assigned.

Our valuation process is led by our executive officers and managing directors. The valuation process begins with a quarterly review of each investment in our investment portfolio by our executive officers and our investment

committee. Valuations of each portfolio security are then prepared by our investment professionals, who have direct responsibility for the origination, management and monitoring of each investment. Under our valuation policy, each investment valuation is subject to (i) a review by the lead investment officer responsible for the portfolio company investment and (ii) a peer review by a second investment officer or executive officer. Generally, any investment that is valued below cost is subjected to review by one of our executive officers. After the peer review is complete, we engage two independent valuation firms, including Duff & Phelps, LLC, collectively, the “Valuation Firms,” to provide third-party reviews of certain investments, as described further below. Finally, the Board has the responsibility for reviewing and approving, in good faith, the fair value of our investments in accordance with the 1940 Act.

The Valuation Firms provide third-party valuation consulting services to us which consist of certain limited procedures that we identified and requested the Valuation Firms to perform, which we refer to herein as the Procedures. The Procedures are performed with respect to each portfolio company at least once in every calendar year and for new portfolio companies, at least once in the twelve-month period subsequent to the initial investment. In addition, the Procedures are generally performed with respect to a portfolio company when there has been a significant change in the fair value of the investment. In certain instances, we may determine that it is not cost-effective, and as a result is not in our stockholders’ best interest, to request the Valuation Firms to perform the Procedures on one or more portfolio companies. Such instances include, but are not limited to, situations where the fair value of the investment in the portfolio company is determined to be insignificant relative to the total investment portfolio.

The total number of investments and the percentage of our portfolio that we asked the Valuation Firms to perform such procedures on are summarized below by period:

<b>For the quarter ended:</b>	<b>Total companies</b>	<b>Percent of total investments at fair value(1)</b>
March 31, 2013	17	23%
June 30, 2013	13	27%
September 30, 2013	14	28%
December 31, 2013	14	21%
March 31, 2014	15	25%
June 30, 2014	15	31%
September 30, 2014	18	29%
December 31, 2014	16	24%
March 31, 2015	16	28%
June 30, 2015	15	26%
September 30, 2015	22	34%
December 31, 2015	17	28%

(1) Exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter.

Upon completion of the Procedures, the Valuation Firms concluded that, with respect to each investment reviewed by each Valuation Firm, the fair value of those investments subjected to the Procedures appeared reasonable. Our Board is ultimately responsible for determining the fair value of our investments in good faith.

### ***Investment Valuation Inputs***

Under ASC Topic 820, fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between a willing buyer and a willing seller at the measurement date. For our portfolio securities, fair value is generally the amount that we might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security. Under ASC Topic 820, the fair value measurement assumes that the sale occurs in the principal market for the security, or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the security. Under ASC Topic 820, if no market for the security exists or if we do not have access to the principal market, the security should be valued based on the sale occurring in a hypothetical market. The securities in which we invest are

generally only purchased and sold in merger and acquisition transactions, in which case the entire portfolio company is sold to a third-party purchaser. As a result, unless we have the ability to control such a transaction, the assumed principal market for our securities is a hypothetical secondary market. The Level 3 inputs to our valuation process reflect management's best estimate of the assumptions that would be used by market participants in pricing the investment in a transaction in a hypothetical secondary market.

#### *Enterprise Value Waterfall Approach*

In valuing equity securities (including warrants), we estimate fair value using an "Enterprise Value Waterfall" valuation model. We estimate the enterprise value of a portfolio company and then allocate the enterprise value to the portfolio company's securities in order of their relative liquidation preference. In addition, the model assumes that any outstanding debt or other securities that are senior to our equity securities are required to be repaid at par. Additionally, we estimate the fair value of a limited number of its debt securities using the Enterprise Value Waterfall approach in cases where we do not expect to receive full repayment.

To estimate the enterprise value of the portfolio company, we primarily use a valuation model based on a transaction multiple, which generally is the original transaction multiple, and measures of the portfolio company's financial performance. In addition, we consider other factors, including but not limited to (i) offers from third-parties to purchase the portfolio company, (ii) the implied value of recent investments in the equity securities of the portfolio company, (iii) publicly available information regarding recent sales of private companies in comparable transactions and, (iv) when management believes there are comparable companies that are publicly traded, we perform a review of these publicly traded companies and the market multiple of their equity securities. For certain non-performing assets, we may utilize the liquidation or collateral value of the portfolio company's assets in our estimation of enterprise value.

The significant Level 3 inputs to the Enterprise Value Waterfall model are (i) an appropriate transaction multiple and (ii) a measure of the portfolio company's financial performance, which generally is either earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, as adjusted, or Adjusted EBITDA, or revenues. Such inputs can be based on historical operating results, projections of future operating results, or a combination thereof. The operating results of a portfolio company may be unaudited, projected or pro forma financial information and may require adjustments for certain non-recurring items. In determining the operating results input, we utilize the most recent portfolio company financial statements and forecasts available as of the valuation date. Management also consults with the portfolio company's senior management to obtain updates on the portfolio company's performance, including information such as industry trends, new product development, loss of customers and other operational issues. Additionally, we consider some or all of the following factors:

- financial standing of the issuer of the security;
- comparison of the business and financial plan of the issuer with actual results;
- the size of the security held;
- pending reorganization activity affecting the issuer, such as merger or debt restructuring;
- ability of the issuer to obtain needed financing;
- changes in the economy affecting the issuer;
- financial statements and reports from portfolio company senior management and ownership;
- the type of security, the security's cost at the date of purchase and any contractual restrictions on the disposition of the security;
- information as to any transactions or offers with respect to the security and/or sales to third parties of similar securities;
- the issuer's ability to make payments and the type of collateral;
- the current and forecasted earnings of the issuer;
- statistical ratios compared to lending standards and to other similar securities;

- pending public offering of common stock by the issuer of the security;
- special reports prepared by analysts;  
and
- any other factors we deem pertinent with respect to a particular investment.

Fair value measurements using the Enterprise Value Waterfall model can be sensitive to significant changes in one or more of the inputs. A significant increase in either the transaction multiple, Adjusted EBITDA or revenues for a particular equity security would result in a higher fair value for that security.

#### *Income Approach*

In valuing debt securities, we utilize an “Income Approach” model that considers factors including, but not limited to, (i) the stated yield on the debt security, (ii) the portfolio company’s current trailing twelve months, or TTM Adjusted EBITDA as compared to the portfolio company’s historical or projected Adjusted EBITDA as of the date the investment was made and the portfolio company’s anticipated Adjusted EBITDA for the next twelve months of operations, (iii) the portfolio company’s current Leverage Ratio (defined as the portfolio company’s total indebtedness divided by Adjusted EBITDA) as compared to its Leverage Ratio as of the date the investment was made, (iv) publicly available information regarding current pricing and credit metrics for similar proposed and executed investment transactions of private companies and (v) when management believes a relevant comparison exists, current pricing and credit metrics for similar proposed and executed investment transactions of publicly traded debt. In addition, we use a risk rating system to estimate the probability of default on the debt securities and the probability of loss if there is a default. This risk rating system covers both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the business and the securities held.

We consider the factors above, particularly any significant changes in the portfolio company’s results of operations and leverage, and develop an expectation of the yield that a hypothetical market participant would require when purchasing the debt investment, which we refer to herein as the Required Rate of Return. The Required Rate of Return, along with the Leverage Ratio and Adjusted EBITDA, are the significant Level 3 inputs to the Income Approach model. For investments where the Leverage Ratio and Adjusted EBITDA have not fluctuated significantly from the date the investment was made or have not fluctuated significantly from management’s expectations as of the date the investment was made, and where there have been no significant fluctuations in the market pricing for such investments, we may conclude that the Required Rate of Return is equal to the stated rate on the investment and therefore, the debt security is appropriately priced. In instances where we determine that the Required Rate of Return is different from the stated rate on the investment, we discount the contractual cash flows on the debt instrument using the Required Rate of Return in order to estimate the fair value of the debt security.

Fair value measurements using the Income Approach model can be sensitive to significant changes in one or more of the inputs. A significant increase (decrease) in the Required Rate of Return or Leverage Ratio inputs for a particular debt security may result in a lower (higher) fair value for that security. A significant increase (decrease) in the Adjusted EBITDA input for a particular debt security may result in a higher (lower) fair value for that security.

The fair value of our royalty rights are calculated based on specific provisions contained in the pertinent operating or royalty agreements. The determination of the fair value of such royalty rights is not a significant component of our valuation process.

#### ***Revenue Recognition***

##### *Interest and Dividend Income*

Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of original issue discount, is recorded on the accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. Generally, when interest and/or principal payments on a loan become past due, or if we otherwise do not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, we will place the loan on non-accrual status and will generally cease recognizing interest income on that loan for financial reporting purposes until all principal and interest have been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible. The cessation of recognition of such interest will negatively impact the reported fair value of the investment. We write off any

previously accrued and uncollected interest when it is determined that interest is no longer considered collectible. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

We may have to include in our ICTI, interest income, including OID income, from investments that have been classified as non-accrual for financial reporting purposes. Interest income on non-accrual investments is not recognized for financial reporting purposes, but generally is recognized in ICTI. As a result, we may be required to make a distribution to our stockholders in order to satisfy the minimum distribution requirements to maintain our RIC status, even though we will not have received and may not ever receive any corresponding cash amount. Additionally, any loss recognized by us for federal income tax purposes on previously accrued interest income will be treated as a capital loss.

#### *Fee Income*

Origination, facility, commitment, consent and other advance fees received in connection with the origination of a loan, or Loan Origination Fees, are recorded as deferred income and recognized as investment income over the term of the loan. Upon prepayment of a loan, any unamortized loan origination fees are recorded as investment income. In the general course of our business, we receive certain fees from portfolio companies, which are non-recurring in nature. Such fees include loan prepayment penalties, certain investment banking and structuring fees and loan waiver and amendment fees, and are recorded as investment income when received.

#### *Payment-in-Kind (PIK) Interest Income*

We currently hold, and we expect to hold in the future, some loans in our portfolio that contain a PIK interest provision. The PIK interest, computed at the contractual rate specified in each loan agreement, is periodically added to the principal balance of the loan, rather than being paid to us in cash, and is recorded as interest income. Thus, the actual collection of PIK interest may be deferred until the time of debt principal repayment.

PIK interest, which is a non-cash source of income, is included in our taxable income and therefore affects the amount we are required to distribute to our stockholders to maintain our qualification as a RIC for federal income tax purposes, even though we have not yet collected the cash. Generally, when current cash interest and/or principal payments on a loan become past due, or if we otherwise do not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, we will place the loan on non-accrual status and will generally cease recognizing PIK interest income on that loan for financial reporting purposes until all principal and interest have been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible. We write off any previously accrued and uncollected PIK interest when it is determined that the PIK interest is no longer collectible.

We may have to include in our ICTI, PIK interest income from investments that have been classified as non-accrual for financial reporting purposes. Interest income on non-accrual investments is not recognized for financial reporting purposes, but generally is recognized in ICTI. As a result, we may be required to make a distribution to our stockholders in order to satisfy the minimum distribution requirements, even though we will not have received and may not ever receive any corresponding cash amount.

#### ***Recently Issued Accounting Standards***

In April 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-03, *Interest-Imputation of Interest* (Subtopic 835-30), *Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs*, ("ASU 2015-03"). ASU 2015-03 requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. We elected early adoption of this standard on January 1, 2015. As a result, deferred financing fees related to our outstanding notes and SBA-guaranteed debentures payable are no longer presented as an asset on our Consolidated Balance Sheets but are included as a reduction in the carrying amount of the debt securities. Debt issuance costs related to our senior secured credit facility will continue to be presented as an asset on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. In addition, our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014 has been adjusted to reflect the effects of adoption of ASU 2015-03 on a retrospective basis.

### *Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements*

In the normal course of business, we are party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk, consisting primarily of unused commitments to extend financing to our portfolio companies. Since commitments may expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amount does not necessarily represent future cash requirements. As of December 31, 2015, the Company had unfunded commitments to provide financing to ten of its portfolio companies, as follows:

	<b>December 31, 2015</b>
Delayed Draw Term Loans	\$ 8,400,000
Equity Investments in Portfolio Companies	14,000,000
Private Equity Investments	3,183,626
Revolvers	5,432,788
<b>Total Unused Commitments</b>	<b>\$ 31,016,414</b>

### *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk*

We are subject to market risk. Market risk includes risks that arise from changes in interest rates, commodity prices, equity prices and other market changes that affect market sensitive instruments. The prices of securities held by us may decline in response to certain events, including those directly involving the companies we invest in; conditions affecting the general economy; overall market changes; legislative reform; local, regional, national or global political, social or economic instability; and interest rate fluctuations.

In addition, we are subject to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is defined as the sensitivity of our current and future earnings to interest rate volatility, variability of spread relationships, the difference in re-pricing intervals between our assets and liabilities and the effect that interest rates may have on our cash flows. Changes in the general level of interest rates can affect our net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on interest earning assets and our interest expense incurred in connection with our interest bearing debt and liabilities. Changes in interest rates can also affect, among other things, our ability to acquire and originate loans and securities and the value of our investment portfolio. Our net investment income is affected by fluctuations in various interest rates, including LIBOR, Canadian Dealer Offered Rate and prime rates. Our risk management systems and procedures are designed to identify and analyze our risk, to set appropriate policies and limits and to continually monitor these risks. We regularly measure exposure to interest rate risk and determine whether or not any hedging transactions are necessary to mitigate exposure to changes in interest rates. As of December 31, 2015, we were not a party to any hedging arrangements.

As of December 31, 2015, 84.7%, or \$739.9 million (at cost) of our debt portfolio investments bore interest at fixed rates and 15.3%, or \$134.0 million (at cost) of our debt portfolio investments bore interest at variable rates, which are either prime-based or LIBOR-based, and many of which are subject to certain floors. A hypothetical 200 basis point increase or decrease in the interest rates on our variable-rate debt investments could increase or decrease, as applicable, our investment income by a maximum of \$2.7 million on an annual basis. All of our SBA-guaranteed debentures, our December 2022 Notes and our March 2022 Notes bear interest at fixed rates. Our Credit Facility bears interest, subject to our election, on a per annum basis equal to (i) the applicable base rate plus 1.75% (or, after one year, 1.50% if we receive an investment grade credit rating), (ii) the applicable LIBOR rate plus 2.75% (or, after one year, 2.50% if we receive an investment grade credit rating), or (iii) for borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars, the applicable Canadian Dealer Offered Rate plus 2.75% (or, after one year, 2.50% if we receive an investment grade credit rating). The applicable base rate is equal to the greater of (i) the prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate plus 0.5%, or (iii) the adjusted one-month LIBOR plus 2.0%. The applicable LIBOR rate depends on the term of the draw under the Credit Facility. We pay a commitment fee of 1.00% per annum on undrawn amounts if the used portion of the facility is less than or equal to 25.0% of total commitments, or 0.375% per annum on undrawn amounts if the used portion of the facility is greater than 25.0% of total commitments.

Because we currently borrow, and plan to borrow in the future, money to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at



which we invest the funds borrowed. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, which could reduce our net investment income if there is not a corresponding increase in interest income generated by our investment portfolio.

We may also have exposure to foreign currencies (currently the Canadian dollar) related to certain investments. Such investments are translated into United States dollars based on the spot rate at each balance sheet date, exposing us to movements in the exchange rate. In order to reduce our exposure to fluctuations in exchange rates, we generally borrow in Canadian dollars under our Credit Facility to finance such investments. As of December 31, 2015, we had non-United States dollar borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars of \$17.0 million (\$12.3 million United States dollars) outstanding under the Credit Facility with an interest rate of 3.59%.

#### ***Related Party Transactions***

As a BDC, we are obligated under the 1940 Act to make available to certain of our portfolio companies significant managerial assistance. "Making available significant managerial assistance" refers to any arrangement whereby we provide significant guidance and counsel concerning the management, operations, or business objectives and policies of a portfolio company. We are also deemed to be providing managerial assistance to all portfolio companies that we control, either by ourselves or in conjunction with others. The nature and extent of significant managerial assistance provided by us will vary according to the particular needs of each portfolio company. During the years ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we received management and other fees totaling \$0.4 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, from SRC, Inc., a 100%-owned control investment, which were recognized as fee income on the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

#### ***Contractual Obligations***

As of December 31, 2015, our future fixed commitments for cash payments were as follows:

	<b>Total</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2021-Future</b>
SBA-guaranteed debentures payable	\$ 224,968,101	\$ 7,768,101	\$ —	\$ 61,390,000	\$ 155,810,000
Interest due on SBA-guaranteed debentures payable	51,239,179	8,882,370	17,716,203	15,805,822	8,834,784
Credit Facility borrowings	131,256,669	—	—	131,256,669	—
Interest and fees on Credit Facility(1)	18,835,098	4,779,559	9,533,328	4,522,211	—
Unused commitments to extend financing	31,016,414	31,016,414	—	—	—
Notes	166,750,000	—	—	—	166,750,000
Interest on Notes	70,288,360	10,630,313	21,260,625	21,260,625	17,136,797
Operating lease payments(2)	1,465,767	416,587	861,543	187,637	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 695,819,588</b>	<b>\$ 63,493,344</b>	<b>\$ 49,371,699</b>	<b>\$ 234,422,964</b>	<b>\$ 348,531,581</b>

- (1) Amounts represent (i) unused credit facility fees calculated at a rate of 0.375% of the unused amount, which was \$168.7 million as of December 31, 2015, (ii) interest expense calculated at a rate of 3.055% of outstanding credit facility borrowings, which were approximately \$131.3 million as of December 31, 2015 and (iii) annual fees of the credit facility administrative agent.
- (2) We lease our corporate office facility under an operating lease that terminates on May 31, 2019. We believe that our existing facilities will be adequate to meet our needs through 2016, and that we will be able to obtain additional space when, where and as needed on acceptable terms.

### ***Recent Developments***

In February 2016, our Board granted 351,000 restricted shares of our common stock to certain employees. These restricted shares had a total grant date fair value of approximately \$6.2 million, which will be expensed on a straight-line basis over a four year vesting period.

In February 2016, Garland S. Tucker, III, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, retired from his officer positions, as well as from our investment committee, and agreed to transition into a new role as a Senior Advisor. Mr. Tucker will continue to serve as the Chairman of our Board. In addition to the shares of restricted stock that are typically awarded to executive officers for their performance during the prior year, our Board, upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, awarded Mr. Tucker a \$2.5 million cash bonus and accelerated the vesting of his outstanding shares of restricted stock, including 47,000 shares of restricted stock awarded to him based on his performance during 2015, and certain other compensation in connection with his retirement and in recognition of his long service. In connection with the above actions, we will recognize approximately \$5.5 million in one-time expenses in the first quarter of 2016. In his new role as Senior Advisor, Mr. Tucker will be entitled to receive an annual salary of \$350,000 and will continue to participate in our employee benefits plans on the same terms and conditions as similarly-situated employees.

In September 2015, as part of a balance sheet restructuring of BFN, we placed our first-out subordinated debt investment in BFN on PIK non-accrual status effective September 30, 2015, as discussed above under "PIK Non-Accrual Assets." In February 2016, in connection with further restructuring activities at BFN, we placed our first-out subordinated note in BFN on full non-accrual status effective with the monthly payment due January 31, 2016.

**Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.**

See the section entitled “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk” included in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” which is included in Item 7 of Part II of this Annual Report and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.**

See our Financial Statements included herein and listed in Item 15(a) of this Annual Report.

**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.**

Not applicable.

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.**

*Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on the evaluation of these disclosure controls and procedures, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective. It should be noted that any system of controls, however well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the system are met. In addition, the design of any control system is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events. Because of these and other inherent limitations of control systems, there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions, regardless of how remote.

*Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of our financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or U.S. GAAP. Internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that: (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management (with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer) conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this evaluation, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2015.

Our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015 has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is included in Item 15 of Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### *Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the fourth quarter of 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### **Item 9B. Other Information.**

Not applicable.

### **PART III**

#### **Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.**

We have adopted a code of ethics (which we call our "Code of Business Conduct and Ethics"), which every director, officer and employee is expected to observe. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is publicly available on our website under "Corporate Governance" at the following URL: <http://ir.tcap.com/governance.cfm> and is referenced in this Annual Report as Exhibit 14.1.

We will provide any person, without charge, upon request, a copy of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. To receive a copy, please provide a written request to: Triangle Capital Corporation; Attn: Chief Compliance Officer, 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612. There have been no material changes to the procedures by which stockholders may recommend nominees to our Board of Directors.

Except as set forth above, the information required by this Item with respect to our directors, executive officers and corporate governance matters is contained under the headings "Proposal No. 1: Election of Directors," "Executive Officers," "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance," and "Corporate Governance" in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act and is incorporated in this Annual Report by reference in response to this Item. Our definitive Proxy Statement will be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the date of our fiscal year-end, which was December 31, 2015.

#### **Item 11. Executive Compensation.**

The information required by this Item with respect to compensation of executive officers and directors is contained under the headings "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Executive Officer Compensation," "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" and "Compensation Committee Report" in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act and is incorporated in this Annual Report by reference in response to this Item. Our definitive Proxy Statement will be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the date of our fiscal year-end, which was December 31, 2015.

#### **Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.**

The information required by this Item with respect to security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management and equity compensation plans is contained in Item 5 of Part II of this Annual Report, under the heading "Securities Authorized for Issuance Under our Equity Incentive Plan," and under the heading "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act and is incorporated in this Annual Report by reference in response to this Item. Our definitive Proxy Statement will be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the date of our fiscal year-end, which was December 31, 2015.

**Item 13. *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.***

The information required by this Item with respect to certain relationships and related transactions and director independence is contained under the headings "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions," "Proposal No. 1: Election of Directors" and "Corporate Governance" in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act and is incorporated in this Annual Report by reference in response to this Item. Our definitive Proxy Statement will be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the date of our fiscal year-end, which was December 31, 2015.

**Item 14. *Principal Accountant Fees and Services.***

The information required by this Item with respect to principal accountant fees and services is contained under the heading "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act and is incorporated in this Annual Report by reference in response to this Item. Our definitive Proxy Statement will be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the date of our fiscal year-end, which was December 31, 2015.

## PART IV

### Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

#### (a) The following documents are filed as part of this Report:

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##### (3) List of Exhibits

The exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K, except as otherwise noted, have been filed with previous reports by the Registrant and are herein incorporated by reference.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
3.1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Registrant (Filed as Exhibit (a)(3) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 29, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.2	Fifth Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant (Filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 9, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.3	Certificate of Domestic Limited Partnership of Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (Filed as Exhibit (a)(4) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 13, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.4	Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (Filed as Exhibit 3.4 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 7, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate (Filed as Exhibit (d) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 15, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.2	Triangle Capital Corporation Dividend Reinvestment Plan (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.3	Agreement to Furnish Certain Instruments (Filed as Exhibit 4.19 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference).

<u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
4.4	Indenture, dated March 2, 2012 between the Registrant and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (Filed as Exhibit (d)(5) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.5	First Supplemental Indenture, dated March 2, 2012 between the Registrant and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (Filed as Exhibit (d)(6) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.6	Form of 7.00% Note due 2019 (Included as part of Exhibit (d)(6) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.7	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated October 19, 2012 between Triangle Capital Corporation and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 19, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.8	Form of 6.375% Note due 2022 (Included as part of Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 19, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.9	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated February 6, 2015 between the Registrant and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (Filed as Exhibit (d)(12) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 6, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.10	Form of 6.375% Note due 2022 (Included as part of Exhibit (d)(12) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 6, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.1†	Form of Triangle Capital Corporation Non-employee Director Restricted Share Award Agreement (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.2†	Form of Triangle Capital Corporation Executive Officer Restricted Share Award Agreement (Filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.3	Custody Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and Branch Banking and Trust Company dated January 26, 2012. (Filed as Exhibit (j)(3) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference)
10.4	Custody Services Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and Fifth Third Bank dated January 6, 2012. (Filed as Exhibit (j)(4) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference)
10.5	Stock Transfer Agency Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and Computershare, Inc. (as successor to The Bank of New York) (Filed as Exhibit 10.11 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.6	Office Lease Agreement between 3700 Glenwood LLC and Triangle Capital Corporation dated March 27, 2008 (Filed as Exhibit (k)(6) to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form N-2 (File No. 333-151930) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 13, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.7	Credit Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation, Branch Banking and Trust Company, BB&T Capital Markets and Fifth Third Bank dated May 9, 2011 (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 11, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).

<u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
10.8	Supplement and Joinder Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation, Branch Banking and Trust Company, Fifth Third Bank and Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A. dated November 1, 2011 (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 2, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.9	General Security Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation, ARC Industries Holdings, Inc., Brantley Holdings, Inc., Energy Hardware Holdings, Inc., Minco Holdings, Inc., Peaden Holdings, Inc., Technology Crops Holdings, Inc. and Branch Banking and Trust Company dated May 9, 2011 (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 11, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.10	Equity Pledge Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation, ARC Industries Holdings, Inc., Brantley Holdings, Inc., Energy Hardware Holdings, Inc., Minco Holdings, Inc., Peaden Holdings, Inc., Technology Crops Holdings, Inc. and Branch Banking and Trust Company dated May 9, 2011 (Filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 11, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.11†	Triangle Capital Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.12	First Amendment to Credit Agreement between the Registrant, as borrower and Branch Banking and Trust Company as Administrative Agent dated February 28, 2012 (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.13†	Triangle Capital Corporation 2012 Cash Incentive Plan (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.14†	Triangle Capital Corporation Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.15	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation, as borrower and Branch Banking and Trust Company, as Administrative Agent dated September 18, 2012 (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 19, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.16	Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated June 26, 2013, among the Registrant, Branch Banking and Trust Company, Fifth Third Bank, Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A., ING Capital LLC, Stifel Bank & Trust, First Tennessee Bank National Association, Park Sterling Bank, Raymond James Bank, N.A. and CapStone Bank (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 27, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.17	First Amendment to Office Lease Agreement between 3700 Glenwood LLC and Triangle Capital Corporation dated August 29, 2013. (Filed as Exhibit 10.17 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 26, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.18	Second Amendment to Office Lease Agreement between 3700 Glenwood LLC and Triangle Capital Corporation dated November 13, 2013. (Filed as Exhibit 10.18 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 26, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.19	Custody Agreement between the Registrant and Branch Banking and Trust Company dated June 20, 2014 (Filed as Exhibit (j)(1) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 1, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).



<u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
10.20	Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated May 4, 2015, among the Registrant, Branch Banking and Trust Company, ING Capital LLC, Fifth Third Bank, Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A., Bank of North Carolina, EverBank Commercial Finance, Inc., First Tennessee Bank National Association, Newbridge Bank, Yadkin Bank, CommunityOne Bank, NA, Park Sterling Bank, Paragon Commercial Bank, Raymond James Bank, N.A. and Stifel Bank & Trust (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 6, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.21	Second Amended and Restated Equity Pledge Agreement, dated May 4, 2015, between Triangle Capital Corporation, ARC Industries Holdings, Inc., Brantley Holdings, Inc., Energy Hardware Holdings, Inc., Minco Holdings, Inc., Peaden Holdings, Inc., Technology Crops Holdings, Inc. and Branch Banking and Trust Company (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 6, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.22	Second Amended and Restated General Security Agreement, dated May 4, 2015, between Triangle Capital Corporation, ARC Industries Holdings, Inc., Brantley Holdings, Inc., Energy Hardware Holdings, Inc., Minco Holdings, Inc., Peaden Holdings, Inc., Technology Crops Holdings, Inc. and Branch Banking and Trust Company (Filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 6, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
12	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.*
14.1	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (Filed as Exhibit 14.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
21.1	List of Subsidiaries.*
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.*
31.1	Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
31.2	Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
32.1	Chief Executive Officer Certification pursuant to Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.**
32.2	Chief Financial Officer Certification pursuant to Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.**

† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

\* Filed herewith.

\*\* Furnished herewith.

**(b) Exhibits**

See Item 15(a)(3) above.

**(c) Financial Statement Schedules**

See Item 15(a)(2) above.

## SIGNATURES

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

Date: February 24, 2016

### TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ E. Ashton Poole  
Name: E. Ashton Poole  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ E. Ashton Poole</u> E. Ashton Poole	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	February 24, 2016
<u>/s/ Steven C. Lilly</u> Steven C. Lilly	Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Director (Principal Financial Officer)	February 24, 2016
<u>/s/ C. Robert Knox, Jr.</u> C. Robert Knox, Jr.	Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 24, 2016
<u>/s/ Brent P. W. Burgess</u> Brent P. W. Burgess	Chief Investment Officer and Director	February 24, 2016
<u>/s/ Garland S. Tucker, III</u> Garland S. Tucker, III	Chairman of the Board of Directors	February 24, 2016
<u>/s/ W. McComb Dunwoody</u> W. McComb Dunwoody	Director	February 24, 2016
<u>/s/ Mark M. Gambill</u> Mark M. Gambill	Director	February 24, 2016
<u>/s/ Benjamin S. Goldstein</u> Benjamin S. Goldstein	Director	February 24, 2016
<u>/s/ Simon B. Rich, Jr.</u> Simon B. Rich, Jr.	Director	February 24, 2016
<u>/s/ Sherwood H. Smith, Jr.</u> Sherwood H. Smith, Jr.	Director	February 24, 2016

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Triangle Capital Corporation

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Triangle Capital Corporation (the Company), including the consolidated schedules of investments, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015. We have also audited the accompanying consolidated financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2015. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 by correspondence with the custodian and directly with management or designees of the portfolio companies, as applicable. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Triangle Capital Corporation at December 31, 2015 and 2014, the consolidated results of its operations, changes in net assets, and its cash flows, for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015, and the consolidated financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Triangle Capital Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated February 24, 2016 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina  
February 24, 2016

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Triangle Capital Corporation

We have audited Triangle Capital Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). Triangle Capital Corporation's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Triangle Capital Corporation maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Triangle Capital Corporation, including the consolidated schedules of investments, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015. We have also audited the accompanying consolidated financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2015 and our report dated February 24, 2016 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina  
February 24, 2016

**Triangle Capital Corporation**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

	December 31,	
	2015	2014
<b>Assets:</b>		
Investments at fair value:		
Non-Control / Non-Affiliate investments (cost of \$795,244,907 and \$717,233,688 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively)	\$ 774,238,518	\$ 693,312,886
Affiliate investments (cost of \$171,486,103 and \$175,182,171 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively)	177,581,965	178,935,236
Control investments (cost of \$40,618,113 and \$29,636,763 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively)	25,456,233	14,975,000
<b>Total investments at fair value</b>	<b>977,276,716</b>	<b>887,223,122</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	52,615,418	78,759,026
Interest and fees receivable	4,892,146	7,409,105
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	947,068	438,861
Deferred financing fees	3,480,444	1,230,577
Property and equipment, net	105,698	108,753
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,039,317,490</b>	<b>\$ 975,169,444</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 7,463,514	\$ 7,144,673
Interest payable	3,714,470	3,365,237
Taxes payable	735,498	2,506,031
Deferred income taxes	4,988,317	3,363,669
Borrowings under Credit Facility	131,256,669	62,619,883
Notes	162,142,478	145,646,224
SBA-guaranteed debentures payable	220,648,789	219,697,098
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>530,949,735</b>	<b>444,342,815</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)</b>		
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (150,000,000 shares authorized, 33,375,126 and 32,950,288 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively)	33,375	32,950
Additional paid in capital	549,242,439	542,119,994
Investment income in excess of distributions	16,127,141	12,926,514
Accumulated realized gains (losses) on investments	(25,813,329)	12,464,699
Net unrealized depreciation of investments	(31,221,871)	(36,717,528)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>508,367,755</b>	<b>530,826,629</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,039,317,490</b>	<b>\$ 975,169,444</b>
Net asset value per share	\$ 15.23	\$ 16.11

*See accompanying notes.*

**Triangle Capital Corporation**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations**

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>Investment income:</b>			
Interest income:			
Non-Control / Non-Affiliate investments	\$ 69,880,678	\$ 62,519,733	\$ 60,026,559
Affiliate investments	16,812,432	11,561,939	10,235,994
Control investments	446,301	165,891	180,061
Total interest income	87,139,411	74,247,563	70,442,614
Dividend income:			
Non-Control / Non-Affiliate investments	4,373,803	3,071,863	3,041,843
Affiliate investments	1,122,125	3,635,813	1,109,418
Control investments	79	—	—
Total dividend income	5,496,007	6,707,676	4,151,261
Fee and other income:			
Non-Control / Non-Affiliate investments	9,084,933	5,644,964	8,452,716
Affiliate investments	3,359,995	1,234,208	677,270
Control investments	400,000	901,852	10,548
Total fee and other income	12,844,928	7,781,024	9,140,534
Payment-in-kind interest income:			
Non-Control / Non-Affiliate investments	10,911,656	12,157,132	12,661,244
Affiliate investments	4,669,868	3,368,546	4,335,276
Control investments	—	12,071	23,975
Total payment-in-kind interest income	15,581,524	15,537,749	17,020,495
Interest income from cash and cash equivalent investments	224,743	237,671	273,461
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>121,286,613</b>	<b>104,511,683</b>	<b>101,028,365</b>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>			
Interest and other financing fees	26,754,001	21,180,153	20,234,583
General and administrative expenses	22,903,509	21,315,182	19,264,885
Total operating expenses	49,657,510	42,495,335	39,499,468
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>71,629,103</b>	<b>62,016,348</b>	<b>61,528,897</b>
<b>Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments and foreign currency borrowings:</b>			
Net realized gains (losses):			
Non-Control / Non-Affiliate investments	9,002,793	7,396,233	15,882,401
Affiliate investments	2,314,896	7,732,820	4,828,062
Control investments	(38,807,152)	(1,497,725)	(2,290,919)
Net realized gains (losses)	(27,489,463)	13,631,328	18,419,544
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation):			
Investments	3,132,443	(45,234,198)	1,811,265
Foreign currency borrowings	2,363,214	1,071,236	404,408
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	5,495,657	(44,162,962)	2,215,673
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments and foreign currency borrowings	(21,993,806)	(30,531,634)	20,635,217
Loss on extinguishment of debt	(1,394,017)	—	(412,673)
Provision for taxes	(384,028)	(3,122,266)	(539,561)
<b>Net increase in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<b>\$ 47,857,252</b>	<b>\$ 28,362,448</b>	<b>\$ 81,211,880</b>
Net investment income per share — basic and diluted	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.08	\$ 2.23
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations per share — basic and diluted	\$ 1.44	\$ 0.95	\$ 2.94
<b>Dividends/distributions per share:</b>			
Regular quarterly dividends/distributions	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.16
Supplemental dividends/distributions	0.20	0.40	—
Total dividends/distributions	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.56	\$ 2.16
Weighted average number of shares outstanding — basic and diluted	33,234,319	29,775,099	27,576,302

*See accompanying notes.*

**Triangle Capital Corporation**  
**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets**

	<u>Common Stock</u>		Additional Paid In Capital	Investment Income in Excess of Distributions	Accumulated Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Total Net Assets
	Number of Shares	Par Value					
<b>Balance, January 1, 2013</b>	27,284,798	\$27,285	\$403,322,097	\$ 6,783,161	\$ 1,972,940	\$ 5,229,761	\$417,335,244
Net investment income	—	—	—	61,528,897	—	—	61,528,897
Stock-based compensation	—	—	3,980,708	—	—	—	3,980,708
Realized gain (loss) on investments	—	—	—	—	18,419,544	(14,783,919)	3,635,625
Net unrealized gains on investments / foreign currency	—	—	—	—	—	16,999,592	16,999,592
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	—	—	(412,673)	—	—	(412,673)
Provision for taxes	—	—	—	(539,561)	—	—	(539,561)
Return of capital and other tax related adjustments	—	—	(1,159,313)	886,426	272,887	—	—
Dividends/distributions declared	103,255	103	2,899,710	(59,635,515)	—	—	(56,735,702)
Issuance of restricted stock	309,430	309	(309)	—	—	—	—
<b>Balance, December 31, 2013</b>	27,697,483	\$27,697	\$409,042,893	\$ 8,610,735	\$ 20,665,371	\$ 7,445,434	\$445,792,130
Net investment income	—	—	—	62,016,348	—	—	62,016,348
Stock-based compensation	—	—	5,840,464	—	—	—	5,840,464
Realized gain (loss) on investments	—	—	—	—	13,631,328	(12,675,593)	955,735
Net unrealized losses on investments / foreign currency	—	—	—	—	—	(31,487,369)	(31,487,369)
Provision for taxes	—	—	—	(3,122,266)	—	—	(3,122,266)
Return of capital and other tax related adjustments	—	—	(898,637)	3,105,980	(2,207,343)	—	—
Dividends/distributions declared	123,943	124	3,017,820	(57,684,283)	(19,624,657)	—	(74,290,996)
Public offering of common stock	4,945,000	4,945	127,725,669	—	—	—	127,730,614
Issuance of restricted stock	282,630	282	(282)	—	—	—	—
Common stock withheld for payroll taxes upon vesting of restricted stock	(98,768)	(98)	(2,607,933)	—	—	—	(2,608,031)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>	32,950,288	\$32,950	\$542,119,994	\$ 12,926,514	\$ 12,464,699	\$ (36,717,528)	\$530,826,629
Net investment income	—	—	—	71,629,103	—	—	71,629,103
Stock-based compensation	—	—	6,989,341	—	—	—	6,989,341
Realized gain (loss) on investments	—	—	—	—	(27,489,463)	27,062,153	(427,310)
Net unrealized losses on investments / foreign currency	—	—	—	—	—	(21,566,496)	(21,566,496)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	—	—	(1,394,017)	—	—	(1,394,017)
Provision for taxes	—	—	—	(384,028)	—	—	(384,028)
Return of capital and other tax related adjustments	—	—	(1,039,969)	3,585,623	(2,545,654)	—	—
Dividends/distributions declared	179,075	179	3,725,998	(70,236,054)	(8,242,911)	—	(74,752,788)
Expenses related to public offering of common stock	—	—	(54,967)	—	—	—	(54,967)
Issuance of restricted stock	360,840	361	(361)	—	—	—	—
Common stock withheld for payroll taxes upon vesting of restricted stock	(115,077)	(115)	(2,497,597)	—	—	—	(2,497,712)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2015</b>	33,375,126	\$33,375	\$549,242,439	\$ 16,127,141	\$(25,813,329)	\$ (31,221,871)	\$508,367,755

*See accompanying notes.*



**Triangle Capital Corporation**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 47,857,252	\$ 28,362,448	\$ 81,211,880
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from operations to net cash used in operating activities:			
Purchases of portfolio investments	(453,928,052)	(474,576,082)	(174,320,204)
Repayments received/sales of portfolio investments	343,268,967	222,031,703	247,354,440
Loan origination and other fees received	7,099,587	7,474,178	2,150,794
Net realized (gains) losses on investments	27,489,463	(13,631,328)	(18,419,544)
Net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on investments	(4,757,093)	45,384,904	(3,983,185)
Net unrealized appreciation on foreign currency borrowings	(2,363,214)	(1,071,236)	(404,408)
Deferred income taxes	1,624,648	(150,707)	2,171,920
Payment-in-kind interest accrued, net of payments received	(2,573,814)	(4,717,739)	(4,977,824)
Amortization of deferred financing fees	2,162,562	1,655,923	1,547,332
Loss on extinguishment of debt	1,394,017	—	412,673
Accretion of loan origination and other fees	(6,165,489)	(3,820,516)	(3,890,192)
Accretion of loan discounts	(487,163)	(995,053)	(1,484,751)
Accretion of discount on SBA-guaranteed debentures payable	188,295	184,595	180,632
Depreciation expense	60,244	48,363	40,151
Stock-based compensation	6,989,341	5,840,464	3,980,708
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Interest and fees receivable	2,516,959	(2,153,345)	(2,605,582)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(508,207)	442,439	(428,421)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	318,841	(349,255)	1,088,358
Interest payable	349,233	347,592	(118,929)
Taxes payable	(1,770,533)	1,441,487	(2,146,445)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(31,234,156)</u>	<u>(188,251,165)</u>	<u>127,359,403</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchases of property and equipment	(57,189)	(96,591)	(45,141)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(57,189)</u>	<u>(96,591)</u>	<u>(45,141)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Borrowings under SBA-guaranteed debentures payable	—	31,310,000	—
Repayments of SBA-guaranteed debentures payable	—	—	(20,500,000)
Borrowings under credit facility	215,000,000	92,469,873	11,625,654
Repayments of borrowings under credit facility	(144,000,000)	(40,000,000)	—
Proceeds from notes	83,372,640	—	—
Redemption of notes	(69,000,000)	—	—
Financing fees paid	(2,919,436)	(809,024)	(700,291)
Net proceeds (expenses) related to public offerings of common stock	(54,967)	127,730,614	—
Common stock withheld for taxes upon vesting of restricted stock	(2,497,712)	(2,608,031)	—
Cash dividends/distributions paid	(74,752,788)	(74,290,996)	(56,735,702)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>5,147,737</u>	<u>133,802,436</u>	<u>(66,310,339)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(26,143,608)</u>	<u>(54,545,320)</u>	<u>61,003,923</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	78,759,026	133,304,346	72,300,423
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 52,615,418</u>	<u>\$ 78,759,026</u>	<u>\$ 133,304,346</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Cash paid for interest	<u>\$ 23,021,114</u>	<u>\$ 18,330,991</u>	<u>\$ 17,980,390</u>
Summary of non-cash financing transactions:			
Dividends paid through DRIP share issuances	<u>\$ 3,726,177</u>	<u>\$ 3,017,944</u>	<u>\$ 2,899,813</u>

*See accompanying notes.*

**TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
**Consolidated Schedule of Investments**  
**December 31, 2015**

Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment <sup>(1)(2)(7)</sup>	Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value <sup>(9)</sup>
<b><u>Non-Control / Non-Affiliate Investments:</u></b>					
Access Medical Acquisition, Inc. (3%)*	Operator of Primary Care Clinics	Subordinated Notes (10% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 01/22)	\$ 13,819,514	\$ 13,559,977	\$ 13,559,977
		Class A Units (1,500,000 units)		1,500,000	2,282,000
			<u>13,819,514</u>	<u>15,059,977</u>	<u>15,841,977</u>
ADCS Clinics, LLC (2%)*	Operator of Dermatology Clinics	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 05/20)	10,042,719	9,848,836	9,848,836
			<u>10,042,719</u>	<u>9,848,836</u>	<u>9,848,836</u>
Agilex Flavors & Fragrances, Inc. (3%)*	Custom Fragrance Producer	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 1.5% PIK, Due 06/19)	13,089,478	12,931,506	12,931,506
		Common Units (1,250 units)		1,250,000	2,527,000
			<u>13,089,478</u>	<u>14,181,506</u>	<u>15,458,506</u>
AGM Automotive, LLC (1%)*	Auto Industry Interior Components Supplier	Units (1,500,000 units)		630,134	2,774,000
				<u>630,134</u>	<u>2,774,000</u>
All Metals Holding, LLC (1%)*	Steel Processor and Distributor	Subordinated Note (10.5% Cash, Due 12/19)	4,950,000	4,832,848	4,832,848
		Units (34,732 units)		122,000	122,000
			<u>4,950,000</u>	<u>4,954,848</u>	<u>4,954,848</u>
All Metro Health Care Services, Inc. (3%)*	Home Care Service Provider	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 03/20)	17,350,000	16,998,931	17,350,000
			<u>17,350,000</u>	<u>16,998,931</u>	<u>17,350,000</u>
Applied-Cleveland Holdings, Inc. (5%)*	Oil and Gas Pipeline Infrastructure Inspection Services	Subordinated Notes (10% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 06/19)	23,470,748	23,215,930	23,215,930
		Class A Units (2,129,032 units)		2,129,032	2,398,000
			<u>23,470,748</u>	<u>25,344,962</u>	<u>25,613,930</u>
Audio and Video Labs Holdings, Inc. (2%)*	Manufacturer and Distributor for Independent Artists and Authors	Subordinated Notes (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 06/18)	10,508,029	10,397,618	10,397,618
		Common Stock (138 shares)		1,300,000	1,823,000
			<u>10,508,029</u>	<u>11,697,618</u>	<u>12,220,618</u>
Avkem International, LLC (1%)*	Flux and Foundry Manufacturer and Supplier	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 4% PIK, Due 12/17)	4,044,171	3,972,207	3,972,207
			<u>4,044,171</u>	<u>3,972,207</u>	<u>3,972,207</u>
Baker Hill Acquisition, LLC (3%)*	Loan Origination Software Solutions Provider	Subordinated Notes (11.5% Cash, Due 03/21)	13,500,000	13,304,441	13,304,441
		Limited Partner Interest		1,498,500	1,498,500
			<u>13,500,000</u>	<u>14,802,941</u>	<u>14,802,941</u>
BFN Operations LLC (1%)*	Wholesale Grower and Distributor of Shrubs, Trees and Plants	First-Out Subordinated Note (3% Cash, 14% PIK, Due 06/18) <sup>(5)</sup>	15,473,803	14,162,530	2,162,000
		Last-Out Subordinated Note (17% PIK, Due 06/18) <sup>(6)</sup>	2,107,700	1,957,027	—
			<u>17,581,503</u>	<u>16,119,557</u>	<u>2,162,000</u>
Cafe Enterprises, Inc. (3%)*	Restaurant	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 09/19)	12,407,440	12,227,662	12,227,662
		Series C Preferred Stock (10,000 shares)		1,000,000	1,354,000
			<u>12,407,440</u>	<u>13,227,662</u>	<u>13,581,662</u>
Capital Contractors, Inc. (1%)*	Janitorial and Facilities Maintenance Services	Subordinated Notes (5% Cash, Due 12/16)	9,843,542	9,684,660	6,725,000
		Series A Redeemable Preferred Stock (200 shares)		2,000,000	—
		Common Stock Warrants (20 shares)		492,000	—
			<u>9,843,542</u>	<u>12,176,660</u>	<u>6,725,000</u>
Captek Softgel International, Inc. (3%)*	Nutraceutical Manufacturer	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 2.5% PIK, Due 06/21)	15,021,875	14,721,875	14,721,875
		Common Stock (15,000 shares)		1,500,000	1,500,000
			<u>15,021,875</u>	<u>16,221,875</u>	<u>16,221,875</u>
Carolina Beverage Group, LLC (0%)*	Beverage Manufacturing and Packaging	Class B Units (11,974 units)		119,735	644,000
				<u>119,735</u>	<u>644,000</u>

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment <sup>(1)(2)(7)</sup>	Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value <sup>(9)</sup>
Centerfield Media Holding Company (4%)*	Digital Marketing	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 3.5% PIK, Due 03/21)	\$ 18,201,610	\$ 17,854,853	\$ 17,854,853
		Common Shares (1,000 shares)		1,000,000	1,000,000
			<u>18,201,610</u>	<u>18,854,853</u>	<u>18,854,853</u>
Chromafflo Technologies Parent LP (2%)*	Colorant Manufacturer and Distributor	Second Lien Term Loan (8.3% Cash, Due 06/20)	9,999,618	9,962,287	9,336,000
		Class A Units (22,561 units)		906,604	1,845,000
			<u>9,999,618</u>	<u>10,868,891</u>	<u>11,181,000</u>
Community Intervention Services, Inc. (3%)*	Provider of Behavioral Health Services	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 01/21)	15,567,011	15,278,382	15,278,382
			<u>15,567,011</u>	<u>15,278,382</u>	<u>15,278,382</u>
Comverge, Inc. (3%)*	Provider of Intelligent Energy Management Solutions	Senior Note (12% Cash, Due 05/18)	15,505,583	15,349,955	15,349,955
		Preferred Stock (703 shares)		554,458	708,000
		Common Stock (1,000,000 shares)		100,000	563,000
			<u>15,505,583</u>	<u>16,004,413</u>	<u>16,620,955</u>
Continental Anesthesia Management, LLC (2%)*	Physicians Management Services	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 4% PIK, Due 04/16)	10,676,571	10,676,571	10,676,571
		Warrant (263 shares)		276,100	—
			<u>10,676,571</u>	<u>10,952,671</u>	<u>10,676,571</u>
CPower Ultimate HoldCo, LLC (0%)*	Demand Response Business	Units (345,542 units)		345,542	345,542
				<u>345,542</u>	<u>345,542</u>
CPC Acquisition Corp. (3%)*	Coatings Formulator and Manufacturer	Subordinated Note (9.5% Cash, Due 04/22)	7,500,000	7,427,013	7,427,013
		Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 1% PIK, Due 10/22)	3,757,187	3,720,583	3,720,583
		Subordinated Note (14% PIK, Due 10/22)	3,850,625	3,814,021	3,814,021
		Class A Units (1,081 units)		1,500,000	1,500,000
			<u>15,107,812</u>	<u>16,461,617</u>	<u>16,461,617</u>
CWS Acquisition Corp. (0%)*	Manufacturer of Custom Windows and Sliding Doors	1,500,000 Class A Units		1,500,000	1,500,000
				<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
Danville Materials, LLC (4%)*	Manufacturer of Dental Products	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, Due 10/20)	7,237,000	7,159,943	7,237,000
		Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 10/20)	9,537,517	9,446,012	9,537,517
		Common Units (45,492 units)		82,593	1,733,000
			<u>16,774,517</u>	<u>16,688,548</u>	<u>18,507,517</u>
Data Source Holdings, LLC (0%)*	Print Supply Chain Management Services	Common Units (47,503 units)		1,000,000	792,000
				<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>792,000</u>
DialogDirect, Inc. (5%)*	Business Process Outsourcing Provider	Subordinated Notes (12% Cash, 1.5% PIK, Due 04/20)	24,435,667	24,237,485	20,871,000
			<u>24,435,667</u>	<u>24,237,485</u>	<u>20,871,000</u>
DLC Acquisition, LLC (8%)*	Staffing Firm	Senior Notes (10% Cash, Due 12/20)	21,614,062	21,260,181	21,260,181
		Senior Note (10% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 12/20)	18,612,068	18,352,068	18,352,068
			<u>40,226,130</u>	<u>39,612,249</u>	<u>39,612,249</u>
DLR Restaurants, LLC (0%)*	Restaurant	Royalty Rights		—	—
				<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Dyno Acquiror, Inc. (2%)*	Sewing Products and Seasonal Decorative Products Supplier	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 11/18)	7,382,324	7,298,289	7,298,289
		Series A Units (600,000 units)		600,000	523,000
			<u>7,382,324</u>	<u>7,898,289</u>	<u>7,821,289</u>
Eckler's Holdings, Inc. (2%)*	Restoration Parts and Accessories for Classic Cars and Trucks	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 4.5% PIK, Due 07/18)	9,499,451	9,411,489	9,065,000
		Common Stock (18,029 shares)		183,562	—
		Series A Preferred Stock (1,596 shares)		1,596,126	—
		Series B Preferred Stock (185 shares)		185,127	149,000
			<u>9,499,451</u>	<u>11,376,304</u>	<u>9,214,000</u>
Electronic Systems Protection, Inc. (0%)*	Power Protection Systems Manufacturing	Common Stock (570 shares)		285,000	680,000
				<u>285,000</u>	<u>680,000</u>

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment <sup>(1)(2)(7)</sup>	Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value <sup>(5)</sup>
FCL Graphics, Inc. (0%)*	Commercial Printing Services	Senior Note (5.2% Cash, Due 09/16)	\$ 1,030,253	\$ 1,030,253	\$ 677,000
		Senior Note (8.0% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 09/16) <sup>(5)</sup>	1,244,804	1,207,439	—
			<u>2,275,057</u>	<u>2,237,692</u>	<u>677,000</u>
Flowchem Ltd. (0%)*	Services to Crude Oil Pipeline Operators	Common Units (1,000,000 units)		782,356	1,968,000
				<u>782,356</u>	<u>1,968,000</u>
FrontStream Holdings, LLC (3%)*	Payment and Donation Management Product Service Provider	Subordinated Note (13.0% Cash, Due 12/20)	13,375,000	13,232,718	13,232,718
		Series C-2 Preferred Shares (500 shares)		500,000	500,000
			<u>13,375,000</u>	<u>13,732,718</u>	<u>13,732,718</u>
Frontstreet Facility Solutions, Inc. (1%)*	Retail, Restaurant and Commercial Facilities Maintenance	Subordinated Note (13% Cash, Due 07/18)	8,462,629	8,392,051	6,603,000
		Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (2,500 shares)		250,000	—
		Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (5,556 shares)		500,000	—
		<u>8,462,629</u>	<u>9,142,051</u>	<u>6,603,000</u>	
Frozen Specialties, Inc. (3%)*	Frozen Foods Manufacturer	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 4% PIK, Due 12/17)	13,133,074	13,133,074	14,333,074
			<u>13,133,074</u>	<u>13,133,074</u>	<u>14,333,074</u>
Garden Fresh Restaurant Holding, LLC (0%)*	Restaurant	Class A Units (5,000 units)		500,000	26,000
				<u>500,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>
GST AutoLeather, Inc. (4%)*	Supplier of Automotive Interior Leather	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 01/21)	22,667,050	22,295,430	22,295,430
			<u>22,667,050</u>	<u>22,295,430</u>	<u>22,295,430</u>
Hatch Chile Co., LLC (0%)*	Food Products Distributor	Unit Purchase Warrant (7,817 units)		295,800	1,412,000
				<u>295,800</u>	<u>1,412,000</u>
HKW Capital Partners IV, L.P. (0%)*(4)	Multi-Sector Holdings	0.6% Limited Partnership Interest		1,148,222	1,286,000
				<u>1,148,222</u>	<u>1,286,000</u>
HTC Borrower, LLC (5%)*	Hunting and Outdoor Products	Subordinated Notes (10% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 09/20)	25,349,458	25,014,420	25,014,420
			<u>25,349,458</u>	<u>25,014,420</u>	<u>25,014,420</u>
Inland Pipe Rehabilitation Holding Company LLC (2%)*	Cleaning and Repair Services	Subordinated Notes (10% Cash, 5.5% PIK, Due 12/16)	9,644,469	9,620,276	9,620,276
		Membership Interest Purchase Warrant (3%)		853,500	—
			<u>9,644,469</u>	<u>10,473,776</u>	<u>9,620,276</u>
KT Capital Partners, L.P. (0%)*	Multi-Sector Holdings	Subordinated Notes (10% PIK)	740,740	374,000	740,740
		Subordinated Note (3.3% PIK)	160,044	81,000	160,044
		4.2% Limited Partnership Interest		380,000	769,000
		<u>900,784</u>	<u>835,000</u>	<u>1,669,784</u>	
Magpul Industries Corp. (1%)*	Firearm Accessories Manufacturer and Distributor	Preferred Units (1,470 units)		1,470,000	2,630,000
		Common Units (30,000 units)		30,000	2,461,000
				<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>5,091,000</u>
Media Storm, LLC (1%)*	Marketing Services	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, Due 08/19)	6,545,455	6,519,844	6,519,844
		Membership Units (1,216,204 units)		1,176,957	1,059,000
			<u>6,545,455</u>	<u>7,696,801</u>	<u>7,578,844</u>
Micross Solutions LLC (5%)*	Provider of Semiconductor Products and Services	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 06/18)	23,701,971	23,555,773	23,555,773
		Class A-2 Common Units (1,979,524 units)		2,019,693	1,264,000
			<u>23,701,971</u>	<u>25,575,466</u>	<u>24,819,773</u>
Motor Vehicle Software Corporation (4%)*	Provider of EVR Services	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 1% PIK, Due 03/21)	20,066,150	19,680,009	19,680,009
		Class A Units (1,000,000 units)		1,064,960	1,064,960
			<u>20,066,150</u>	<u>20,744,969</u>	<u>20,744,969</u>
My Alarm Center, LLC (0%)*	Security Company	Preferred Units (2,000,000 units)		2,000,000	1,563,000
				<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>1,563,000</u>
Nautic Partners VII, LP (0%)*(4)	Multi-Sector Holdings	0.4% Limited Partnership Interest		727,348	1,163,000
				<u>727,348</u>	<u>1,163,000</u>

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Nomacorc, LLC (4%)*	Synthetic Wine Cork Producer	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 2.25% PIK, Due 07/21)	\$ 20,405,104	\$ 20,051,228	\$ 18,346,000
		Limited Partnership Interest		2,267,211	1,829,000
			20,405,104	22,318,439	20,175,000
On Event Services, LLC (5%)*	Equipment Rentals	Subordinated Notes (10% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 06/20)	21,841,967	21,146,202	21,146,202
		Warrant to Purchase Units (5.4%)		1,252,000	1,870,000
		Option to Acquire Warrants		—	385,000
			21,841,967	22,398,202	23,401,202
Orchid Underwriters Agency, LLC (5%)*	Insurance Underwriter	Term B Note (10% Cash, Due 11/19)	22,644,852	22,259,848	22,259,848
		Class A Preferred Units (15,000 units)		1,500,000	1,735,000
		Class A Common Units (15,000 units)		—	777,000
			22,644,852	23,759,848	24,771,848
Performance Health & Wellness Holdings, Inc. (1%)*	Rehabilitation and Wellness Products	Class A Limited Partnership Units (15,000 units)		1,500,000	3,533,000
				1,500,000	3,533,000
PowerDirect Marketing, LLC (1%)*	Marketing Services	Subordinated Note (13% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 12/16) <sup>(6)</sup>	8,766,784	6,627,482	2,728,000
		Common Unit Purchase Warrants		590,200	—
			8,766,784	7,217,682	2,728,000
Radiant Logistics, Inc. (3%)*	Freight Logistics	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, Due 04/21)	15,000,000	14,726,935	14,726,935
			15,000,000	14,726,935	14,726,935
RockYou, Inc. (0%)*	Mobile Game Advertising Network	Common Stock (67,585 shares)		111,000	111,000
				111,000	111,000
Rotolo Consultants, Inc. (2%)*	Landscape Services	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 08/21)	6,697,070	6,568,541	6,568,541
		Series A Preferred Units (39 units)		3,654,253	3,654,253
			6,697,070	10,222,794	10,222,794
SPC Partners V, LP (0%)* <sup>(4)</sup>	Multi-Sector Holdings	0.7% Limited Partnership Interest		1,296,140	1,241,000
				1,296,140	1,241,000
Specialized Desanders, Inc. (3%)* <sup>(4)</sup>	Sand and Particulate Removal Equipment Provider for Oil and Gas Companies	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 03/20)	16,110,043	15,917,841	12,064,469
		Class C Partnership Units (2,000,000 units)		1,937,421	2,954,000
			16,110,043	17,855,262	15,018,469
Tate's Bake Shop (2%)*	Producer of Baked Goods	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 02/20)	10,416,107	10,252,530	10,252,530
		Limited Partner Interest		925,000	1,207,000
			10,416,107	11,177,530	11,459,530
TCFI Merlin LLC (3%)*	Specialty Staffing Service Provider	Senior Note (10% Cash, 1% PIK, Due 09/19)	14,495,790	14,257,521	14,257,521
		Limited Partnership Units (500,000 units)		500,000	488,000
			14,495,790	14,757,521	14,745,521
The Cook & Boardman Group, LLC (3%)*	Distributor of Doors and Related Products	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 2.5% PIK, Due 03/20)	14,469,046	14,240,038	14,240,038
		Class A Units (1,400,000 units)		1,400,000	1,823,000
			14,469,046	15,640,038	16,063,038
The Krystal Company (1%)*	Restaurant	Class A Units of Limited Partnership (2,000 units)		638,260	2,753,000
				638,260	2,753,000
Top Knobs USA, Inc. (0%)*	Hardware Designer and Distributor	Common Stock (26,593 shares)		333,994	2,654,000
				333,994	2,654,000

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United Biologics, LLC (2%)*	Allergy Immunotherapy	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 03/17)	\$ 12,626,565	\$ 12,283,998	\$ 11,143,000
		Class A Common Units (177,935 units)		1,999,989	—
		Class A-1 Common Units (18,818 units)		137,324	—
		Class A-1 Common Kicker Units (14,114 units)		—	—
		Class A, Class A-1, Class A-1 Kicker & Class B Unit Purchase Warrants		838,117	—
			<u>12,626,565</u>	<u>15,259,428</u>	<u>11,143,000</u>
Water Pik, Inc. (6%)*	Oral Health and Shower Head Supplier	Second Lien Term Loan (9.8% Cash, Due 01/21)	33,288,781	32,836,296	32,836,296
			<u>33,288,781</u>	<u>32,836,296</u>	<u>32,836,296</u>
Wheel Pros Holdings, Inc. (3%)*	Wheel/Rim and Performance Tire Distributor	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, Due 06/20)	13,822,500	13,556,636	13,556,636
		Class A Units (2,000 units)		2,000,000	2,148,000
			<u>13,822,500</u>	<u>15,556,636</u>	<u>15,704,636</u>
Women's Marketing, Inc. (3%)*	Full-Service Media Organization	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 1.5% PIK, Due 06/21)	16,309,508	15,983,508	15,983,508
		Class A Common Units (16,300 units)		1,630,000	1,630,000
			<u>16,309,508</u>	<u>17,613,508</u>	<u>17,613,508</u>
WSO Holdings, LP (0%)*	Organic/Fair Trade Sugar, Syrup, Nectar and Honey Producer	Common Points (3,000 points)		3,000,000	1,975,000
				<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>1,975,000</u>
YummyEarth Inc. (4%)*	Organic Candy Manufacturer	Senior Note (9% Cash, Due 08/20)	19,500,000	18,972,078	18,972,078
		Limited Partner Interest		3,496,500	2,202,000
			<u>19,500,000</u>	<u>22,468,578</u>	<u>21,174,078</u>
<b>Subtotal Non-Control / Non-Affiliate Investments</b>			<b>741,520,527</b>	<b>795,244,907</b>	<b>774,238,518</b>
<b><u>Affiliate Investments:</u></b>					
All Aboard America! Holdings Inc. (4%)*	Motor Coach Operator	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 12/17)	15,084,735	14,953,191	14,953,191
		Membership Units in LLC		2,300,782	5,024,000
			<u>15,084,735</u>	<u>17,253,973</u>	<u>19,977,191</u>
American De-Rosa Lamparts, LLC and Hallmark Lighting, LLC (2%)*	Lighting Wholesale and Distribution	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 06/17)	7,229,980	7,186,235	7,186,235
		Membership Units (8,364 units)		620,653	3,872,000
			<u>7,229,980</u>	<u>7,806,888</u>	<u>11,058,235</u>
CIS Secure Computing Inc. (2%)*	Secure Communications and Computing Solutions Provider	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 06/17)	11,339,706	11,323,440	11,323,440
		Common Stock (84 shares)		502,320	199,000
			<u>11,339,706</u>	<u>11,825,760</u>	<u>11,522,440</u>
Consolidated Lumber Company LLC (3%)*	Lumber Yard Operator	Senior Note (10% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 09/20)	14,611,092	14,332,445	14,332,445
		Class A Units (15,000 units)		1,500,000	1,500,000
			<u>14,611,092</u>	<u>15,832,445</u>	<u>15,832,445</u>
DPII Holdings, LLC (1%)*	Satellite Communication Business	Senior Note (12% Cash, 4% PIK, Due 07/17)	3,595,727	3,558,804	3,558,804
		Class A Membership Interest (17,308 units)		1,107,692	795,000
			<u>3,595,727</u>	<u>4,666,496</u>	<u>4,353,804</u>
Dyson Corporation (0%)*	Custom Forging and Fastener Supplies	Common Units (1,000,000 units)		1,000,000	416,000
				<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>416,000</u>
Frank Entertainment Group, LLC (3%)*	Movie Theatre and Family Entertainment Operator	Senior Note (10% Cash, 5.8% PIK, Due 06/18)	9,683,049	9,592,545	9,592,545
		Class A Redeemable Preferred Units (10.5% Cash) (196,718 units)		3,934,666	4,566,904
		Class B Redeemable Preferred Units (18,667 units)		433,334	1,660,810
		Class C Redeemable Preferred Units (25,846 units)		600,000	600,000
		Class A Common Units (43,077 units)		1,000,000	—
		Class A Common Warrants		632,000	—
			<u>9,683,049</u>	<u>16,192,545</u>	<u>16,420,259</u>

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment <sup>(1)(2)(7)</sup>	Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value <sup>(9)</sup>
GenPref LLC (0%)*	Lab Testing Services	7.0% LLC Interest		\$ 23,162	\$ 16,400
				23,162	16,400
Main Street Gourmet, LLC (1%)*	Baked Goods Provider	Preferred Units (233 units)		211,867	367,000
		Common B Units (3,000 units)		23,140	1,807,000
		Common A Units (1,652 units)		14,993	995,000
				250,000	3,169,000
NB Products, Inc. (7%)*	Distributor of Work Apparel and Accessories	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 02/20)	\$ 20,722,083	20,327,140	20,327,140
		Jr. Subordinated Note (10% PIK, Due 02/20)	4,263,250	4,126,030	4,126,030
		Series A Redeemable Senior Preferred Stock (7,839 shares)		7,621,648	8,525,000
		Common Stock (1,668,691 shares)		333,738	3,997,000
			24,985,333	32,408,556	36,975,170
PCX Aerostructures, LLC (4%)*	Aerospace Component Manufacturer	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 4% PIK, Due 04/19)	20,075,580	19,799,092	18,612,000
		Series A Preferred Stock (5,344 shares)		5,343,953	1,191,000
		Class A Common Stock (107,416 shares)		26,854	—
			20,075,580	25,169,899	19,803,000
Team Waste, LLC (1%)*	Environmental and Facilities Services	Preferred Units (28 units)		5,500,000	5,500,000
				5,500,000	5,500,000
Technology Crops, LLC (2%)*	Supply Chain Management Services	Subordinated Notes (12% Cash, 5% PIK, Due 03/17)	11,252,123	11,252,123	11,252,123
		Common Units (50 units)		500,000	400,000
			11,252,123	11,752,123	11,652,123
TGaS Advisors, LLC (2%)*	Advisory Solutions to Pharmaceutical Companies	Senior Note (10% Cash, 1% PIK, Due 11/19)	9,823,862	9,633,898	9,633,898
		Preferred Units (1,685,357 units)		1,685,357	1,427,000
			9,823,862	11,319,255	11,060,898
UCS Super HoldCo LLC (0%)*	Squid and Wetfish Processor and Distributor	Membership Units (1,000 units)		1,000,000	300,000
		Participation Interest		2,000,000	—
				3,000,000	300,000
United Retirement Plan Consultants, Inc. (0%)*	Retirement Plan Administrator	Preferred A Shares (90,000 shares)		900,000	446,000
		Common Shares (10,000 shares)		100,000	—
				1,000,000	446,000
Waste Recyclers Holdings, LLC (0%)*	Environmental and Facilities Services	Class A Preferred Units (280 units)		2,251,100	—
		Class B Preferred Units (11,484,867 units)		3,304,218	743,000
		Common Unit Purchase Warrant (1,170,083 units)		748,900	—
		Common Units (153,219 units)		180,783	—
				6,485,001	743,000
Wythe Will Tzetzto, LLC (2%)*	Confectionery Goods Distributor	Series A Preferred Units (99,829 units)		—	8,336,000
				—	8,336,000
<b>Subtotal Affiliate Investments</b>			<b>127,681,187</b>	<b>171,486,103</b>	<b>177,581,965</b>
<b><u>Control Investments:</u></b>					
CRS Reprocessing, LLC (3%)*	Fluid Reprocessing Services	Senior Notes (3.9% Cash, Due 06/16)	2,942,769	2,942,769	2,942,769
		Split Collateral Term Loans (10.5% Cash, Due 06/16)	6,192,464	6,192,464	6,192,464
		Series F Preferred Units (705,321 units)		9,134,807	5,221,000
		Common Units (15,174 units)		—	—
			9,135,233	18,270,040	14,356,233

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DCWV Acquisition Corporation (1%)*	Arts & Crafts and Home Decor Products Designer and Supplier	Senior Subordinated Note (15% PIK, Due 09/17) <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 250,833	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
		Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 09/17) <sup>(6)</sup>	6,945,991	6,178,633	3,117,000
		Jr. Subordinated Note (15% PIK, Due 09/17) <sup>(6)</sup>	2,097,611	2,000,000	—
		Series A Preferred Equity (1,200 shares)		1,200,000	—
		100% Common Shares		—	—
			<u>9,294,435</u>	<u>9,628,633</u>	<u>3,367,000</u>
Gerli & Company (0%)*	Specialty Woven Fabrics Manufacturer	Subordinated Note (13% Cash, Due 12/15) <sup>(6)</sup>	569,452	375,000	375,000
		Subordinated Note (8.5% Cash, Due 12/15) <sup>(6)</sup>	4,499,250	3,000,000	437,000
		Class A Preferred Shares (1,211 shares)		855,000	—
		Class C Preferred Shares (744 shares)		—	—
		Class E Preferred Shares (400 shares)		161,440	—
		Common Stock (300 shares)		100,000	—
			<u>5,068,702</u>	<u>4,491,440</u>	<u>812,000</u>
SRC Worldwide, Inc. (1%)*	Specialty Chemical Manufacturer	Common Stock (5,000 shares)		8,228,000	6,921,000
				<u>8,228,000</u>	<u>6,921,000</u>
<b>Subtotal Control Investments</b>			<u><b>23,498,370</b></u>	<u><b>40,618,113</b></u>	<u><b>25,456,233</b></u>
<b>Total Investments, December 31, 2015 (192%)*</b>			<u><b>\$ 892,700,084</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,007,349,123</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 977,276,716</b></u>

\* Fair value as a percent of net assets

- (1) All debt investments are income producing, unless otherwise noted. Equity and equity-linked investments are non-income producing, unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Disclosures of interest rates on notes include cash interest rates and payment-in-kind ("PIK") interest rates.
- (3) All investments are restricted as to resale and were valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors.
- (4) Investment is not a qualifying investment as defined under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Qualifying assets must represent at least 70% of total assets at the time of acquisition of any additional non-qualifying assets. If at any time qualifying assets do not represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets, the Company will be precluded from acquiring any additional non-qualifying asset until such time as it complies with the requirements of Section 55(a).
- (5) PIK non-accrual investment
- (6) Non-accrual investment
- (7) All of the Company's investments, unless otherwise noted, are encumbered either as security for the Company's senior secured credit facility or in support of the SBA-guaranteed debentures issued by Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and Triangle Mezzanine Fund II LP.

*See accompanying notes.*



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<b><u>Non-Control / Non-Affiliate Investments:</u></b>					
Agilex Flavors & Fragrances, Inc. (3%)*	Custom Fragrance Producer	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 1.5% PIK, Due 06/19)	\$ 12,892,286	\$ 12,699,948	\$ 12,699,948
		Common Units (1,250 units)		1,250,000	2,253,000
			<u>12,892,286</u>	<u>13,949,948</u>	<u>14,952,948</u>
AGM Automotive, LLC (5%)*	Auto Industry Interior Components Supplier	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 07/19)	25,583,924	25,139,063	25,139,063
		Class A Units (1,500,000 units)		1,500,000	2,858,000
			<u>25,583,924</u>	<u>26,639,063</u>	<u>27,997,063</u>
Applied-Cleveland Holdings, Inc. (5%)*	Oil and Gas Pipeline Infrastructure Inspection Services	Subordinated Notes (10% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 06/19)	23,000,000	22,679,661	22,679,661
		Class A Units (2,129,032 units)		2,129,032	2,367,000
			<u>23,000,000</u>	<u>24,808,693</u>	<u>25,046,661</u>
Assurance Operations Corporation (0%)*	Metal Fabrication	Common Stock (517 shares)		516,867	1,102,000
				<u>516,867</u>	<u>1,102,000</u>
Audio and Video Labs Holdings, Inc. (3%)*	Manufacturer and Distributor for Independent Artists and Authors	Subordinated Notes (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 06/18)	13,540,605	13,356,317	13,356,317
		Common Stock (138 shares)		1,300,000	1,653,000
			<u>13,540,605</u>	<u>14,656,317</u>	<u>15,009,317</u>
BFN Operations LLC (3%)*	Wholesale Grower and Distributor of Container Grown Shrubs, Trees and Plants	Subordinated Note (13% Cash, 4% PIK, Due 03/16)	18,274,695	17,996,182	15,768,000
			<u>18,274,695</u>	<u>17,996,182</u>	<u>15,768,000</u>
Botanical Laboratories, Inc. (0%)*	Nutritional Supplement Manufacturing and Distribution	Common Stock Warrants (998,680 shares)		237,301	240,000
				<u>237,301</u>	<u>240,000</u>
Cafe Enterprises, Inc. (2%)*	Restaurant	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 09/19)	12,189,999	11,974,291	11,974,291
		Series C Preferred Stock (10,000 shares)		1,000,000	1,000,000
			<u>12,189,999</u>	<u>12,974,291</u>	<u>12,974,291</u>
Capital Contractors, Inc. (2%)*	Janitorial and Facilities Maintenance Services	Subordinated Notes (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 12/15) <sup>(5)</sup>	9,761,380	9,543,757	6,648,000
		Common Stock Warrants (20 shares)		492,000	—
			<u>9,761,380</u>	<u>10,035,757</u>	<u>6,648,000</u>
Carolina Beverage Group, LLC (0%)*	Beverage Manufacturing and Packaging	Class B Units (11,974 units)		119,735	411,000
				<u>119,735</u>	<u>411,000</u>
Chromaflo Technologies Parent LP (2%)*	Colorant Manufacturer and Distributor	Second Lien Term Loan (8.3% Cash, Due 06/20)	10,000,000	9,956,076	9,956,076
		Class A Units (22,561 units)		906,604	2,163,000
			<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>10,862,680</u>	<u>12,119,076</u>
Comverge, Inc. (3%)*	Provider of Intelligent Energy Management Solutions	Senior Note (12% Cash, Due 05/18)	15,505,583	15,299,494	15,299,494
		Preferred Stock (703 shares)		554,458	547,000
		Common Stock (1,000,000 shares)		100,000	—
			<u>15,505,583</u>	<u>15,953,952</u>	<u>15,846,494</u>
Continental Anesthesia Management, LLC (2%)*	Physicians Management Services	Subordinated Note (9% Cash, 5% PIK Due 04/15)	10,258,619	10,249,950	10,249,950
		Warrant (263 shares)		276,100	119,000
			<u>10,258,619</u>	<u>10,526,050</u>	<u>10,368,950</u>
CP Power Ultimate HoldCo, LLC (0%)*	Demand Response Business	Units (345,542 units)		345,542	345,542
				<u>345,542</u>	<u>345,542</u>
CRS Reprocessing, LLC (2%)*	Fluid Reprocessing Services	Senior Note (3.7% cash, Due 06/15)	1,140,000	1,140,000	1,140,000
		Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 11/15) <sup>(6)</sup>	14,057,486	13,206,015	6,974,000
		Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 11/15) <sup>(6)</sup>	14,217,209	12,705,812	3,755,000
		Series C Preferred Units (30 units)		288,342	—
		Common Unit Warrant (1,406 units)		1,759,556	—
		Series D Preferred Units (16 units)		107,074	—
		Series E Preferred Units (5 units)		31,651	—
			<u>29,414,695</u>	<u>29,238,450</u>	<u>11,869,000</u>

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CWS Acquisition Corp. (3%)*	Manufacturer of Custom Windows and Sliding Doors	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 01/20)	\$ 16,238,028	\$ 15,975,521	\$ 15,975,521
		1,500,000 Class A Units		1,500,000	1,500,000
			16,238,028	17,475,521	17,475,521
Danville Materials, LLC (2%)*	Manufacturer of Dental Products	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, Due 12/18)	8,000,000	7,867,746	7,867,746
		Common Units (45,492 units)		500,000	669,000
			8,000,000	8,367,746	8,536,746
Data Source, Inc. (1%)*	Print Supply Chain Management Services	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 01/18)	4,865,035	4,758,855	4,758,855
		Common Units (47,503 units)		1,000,000	986,000
			4,865,035	5,758,855	5,744,855
DCWV Acquisition Corporation (1%)*	Arts & Crafts and Home Decor Products Designer and Supplier	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 09/17) <sup>(5)</sup>	6,518,211	6,166,804	3,260,000
		Series A Preferred Equity (500 shares)		500,000	—
			6,518,211	6,666,804	3,260,000
DialogDirect, Inc. (4%)*	Business Process Outsourcing Provider	Subordinated Notes (12% Cash, 1.5% PIK, Due 04/20)	24,067,084	23,835,050	23,835,050
			24,067,084	23,835,050	23,835,050
DLC Acquisition, LLC (4%)*	Staffing Firm	Senior Note (10% Cash, Due 07/19)	21,750,000	21,315,528	21,315,528
			21,750,000	21,315,528	21,315,528
DLR Restaurants, LLC (0%)*	Restaurant	Royalty Rights		—	—
Dyno Acquiror, Inc. (1%)*	Sewing Products and Seasonal Decorative Products Supplier	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 11/18)	7,236,264	7,127,844	7,127,844
		Series A Units (600,000 units)		600,000	336,000
			7,236,264	7,727,844	7,463,844
Eckler's Holdings, Inc. (1%)*	Restoration Parts and Accessories for Classic Cars and Trucks	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 4% PIK, Due 07/18)	7,376,429	7,262,454	5,578,000
		Common Stock (18,029 shares)		183,562	—
		Preferred Stock A (1,596 shares)		1,596,126	—
			7,376,429	9,042,142	5,578,000
Electronic Systems Protection, Inc. (0%)*	Power Protection Systems Manufacturing	Common Stock (570 shares)		285,000	487,000
				285,000	487,000
FCL Graphics, Inc. (0%)*	Commercial Printing Services	Senior Note (4.7% Cash, Due 09/16)	1,196,615	1,196,615	1,002,000
		Senior Note (7.8% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 09/16) <sup>(5)</sup>	1,219,837	1,207,439	—
			2,416,452	2,404,054	1,002,000
Flowchem Ltd. (2%)*	Provider of Support Services to Crude Oil Pipeline Operators	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 06/19)	7,917,430	7,784,193	7,784,193
		Common Units (1,000,000 units)		1,000,000	1,125,000
			7,917,430	8,784,193	8,909,193
FrontStream Payments, Inc. (2%)*	Payment and Donation Management Product Service Provider	Senior Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 08/18)	11,561,375	11,388,555	11,388,555
			11,561,375	11,388,555	11,388,555
Frontstreet Facility Solutions, Inc. (1%)*	Retail, Restaurant and Commercial Facilities Maintenance	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 07/18)	8,462,629	8,368,102	4,200,000
		Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (2,500 shares)		250,000	—
			8,462,629	8,618,102	4,200,000
Frozen Specialties, Inc. (2%)*	Frozen Foods Manufacturer	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 4% PIK, Due 05/17)	12,613,686	12,613,686	10,127,000
			12,613,686	12,613,686	10,127,000
Garden Fresh Restaurant Holding, LLC (0%)*	Restaurant	Class A Units (5,000 units)		500,000	—
				500,000	—

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Gilchrist & Soames, Inc. (7%)*	Manufacturer of Personal Care Products	Subordinated Debt (10% Cash, 1.5% PIK, Due 11/19)	\$ 35,064,167	\$ 34,539,167	\$ 34,539,167
			35,064,167	34,539,167	34,539,167
GST AutoLeather, Inc. (4%)*	Supplier of Automotive Interior Leather	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 01/21)	22,213,179	21,794,748	21,794,748
			22,213,179	21,794,748	21,794,748
Hatch Chile Co., LLC (1%)*	Food Products Distributor	Subordinated Note (19% Cash, Due 11/18)	2,953,125	2,936,635	2,936,635
		Subordinated Note (14% Cash, Due 11/18)	3,234,375	3,043,787	3,043,787
		Unit Purchase Warrant (7,817 units)		295,800	506,000
			6,187,500	6,276,222	6,486,422
Hickman's Egg Ranch, Inc. (3%)*	Egg Producer	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, Due 06/19)	15,049,229	14,771,894	14,771,894
			15,049,229	14,771,894	14,771,894
HKW Capital Partners IV, L.P. (0%)*(4)	Multi-Sector Holdings	Limited Partnership Interest		705,243	796,000
				705,243	796,000
Huron, Inc. (3%)*	Parts Supplier to Automotive Industry	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 08/18)	13,750,964	13,689,208	13,689,208
			13,750,964	13,689,208	13,689,208
Infrastructure Corporation of America, Inc. (3%)*	Roadway Maintenance, Repair and Engineering Services	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 09/18)	11,421,569	10,184,728	11,422,000
		Common Stock Purchase Warrant (487,877 shares)		2,411,000	2,525,000
			11,421,569	12,595,728	13,947,000
Inland Pipe Rehabilitation Holding Company LLC (2%)*	Cleaning and Repair Services	Subordinated Notes (13% Cash, 2.5% PIK, Due 12/16)	8,604,721	8,470,664	8,470,664
		Membership Interest Purchase Warrant (3%)		853,500	760,000
			8,604,721	9,324,164	9,230,664
IOS Acquisitions, Inc. (4%)*	Inspections and Repair Services for Oil Industry	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 3.3% PIK, Due 06/18)	20,205,519	19,931,514	19,931,514
		Common Units (7,314 Class A Units)		1,699,847	1,664,000
			20,205,519	21,631,361	21,595,514
Justrite Manufacturing Company, LLC (3%)*	Storage Product Developer and Supplier for Hazardous Materials	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 07/19)	14,777,458	14,591,250	14,591,250
		Class A Common Units (1,268 units)		118,110	155,000
		Class A Preferred Units (132 units)		131,890	171,000
			14,777,458	14,841,250	14,917,250
Library Systems & Services, LLC (0%)*	Municipal Business Services	Common Unit Warrants (112 units)		58,995	2,322,000
				58,995	2,322,000
Magpul Industries Corp. (1%)*	Firearm Accessories Manufacturer and Distributor	Preferred Units (1,470 units)		1,470,000	2,297,000
		Common Units (30,000 units)		30,000	1,513,000
				1,500,000	3,810,000
Media Storm, LLC (1%)*	Marketing Services	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, Due 08/19)	6,545,455	6,474,409	6,474,409
		Membership Units (1,216,204 units)		1,176,957	1,465,000
			6,545,455	7,651,366	7,939,409
Micros Solutions LLC (4%)*	Provider of Semiconductor Products and Services	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 06/18)	16,800,137	16,606,535	16,606,535
		Class A-2 Common Units (1,979,524 units)		2,019,693	2,019,693
			16,800,137	18,626,228	18,626,228
Minco Technology Labs, LLC (1%)*	Semiconductor Distribution	Subordinated Note (6.5% Cash, 3.5% PIK, Due 12/16) <sup>(6)</sup>	6,342,724	5,484,627	5,000,000
		Class A Units (5,000 HoldCo. units)		500,000	—
		Class A Units (3,907 OpCo. units)		3,907	—
			6,342,724	5,988,534	5,000,000
My Alarm Center, LLC (0%)*	Security Company	Preferred Units (2,000,000 units)		2,000,000	1,886,000
				2,000,000	1,886,000
Nautic Partners VII, LP (0%)*(4)	Multi-Sector Holdings	Limited Partnership Interest		243,519	243,519
				243,519	243,519

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On Event Services, LLC (2%)*	Equipment Rentals	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 01/19)	\$ 9,946,213	\$ 9,782,913	\$ 9,782,913
			9,946,213	9,782,913	9,782,913
Orchid Underwriters Agency, LLC (5%)*	Insurance Underwriter	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, Due 11/19)	22,942,500	22,495,703	22,495,703
		Class A Preferred Units (15,000 units)		1,500,000	1,500,000
		Class A Common Units (15,000 units)		—	—
			22,942,500	23,995,703	23,995,703
Performance Health & Wellness Holdings, Inc. (2%)*	Rehabilitation and Wellness Products	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 1% PIK, Due 04/19)	6,735,850	6,592,236	6,648,000
		Class A Limited Partnership Units (15,000 units)		1,500,000	3,304,000
			6,735,850	8,092,236	9,952,000
PowerDirect Marketing, LLC (1%)*	Marketing Services	Subordinated Note (13% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 12/16) <sup>(6)</sup>	7,535,807	6,613,149	3,778,000
		Common Unit Purchase Warrants		590,200	—
			7,535,807	7,203,349	3,778,000
Sheplers, Inc. (2%)*	Western Apparel Retailer	Subordinated Note (13.2% Cash, Due 12/16)	8,750,000	8,645,362	8,645,362
		Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 7% PIK, Due 12/17)	4,625,067	4,590,571	4,590,571
			13,375,067	13,235,933	13,235,933
SPC Partners V, LP (0%)* <sup>(4)</sup>	Multi-Sector Holdings	0.7% Limited Partnership Interest		725,083	725,083
				725,083	725,083
Specialized Desanders, Inc. (4%)* <sup>(4)</sup>	Sand and Particulate Removal Equipment Provider for Oil and Gas Companies	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 03/20)	16,110,043	15,874,586	14,384,427
		Class C Capital Units (2,000,000 units)		1,937,421	5,131,000
			16,110,043	17,812,007	19,515,427
Stella Environmental Services, LLC (0%)*	Waste Transfer Stations	Common Stock Purchase Warrants (2,500 shares)		20,000	1,787,000
				20,000	1,787,000
TACH Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Trinity Consultants Holdings, Inc.) (3%)*	Air Quality Consulting Services	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 08/20)	15,174,201	15,050,945	15,050,945
		Series A1 Preferred Stock (10,000 units)		—	104,000
		Common Stock (50,000 units)		50,000	932,000
			15,174,201	15,100,945	16,086,945
Tate's Bake Shop (2%)*	Producer of Baked Goods	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 02/20)	10,105,217	9,912,146	9,912,146
		Limited Partner Interest		999,000	1,129,000
			10,105,217	10,911,146	11,041,146
TCFI Merlin LLC (3%)*	Specialty Staffing Service Provider	Senior Note (10% Cash, 1% PIK, Due 09/19)	15,042,126	14,753,871	14,753,871
		Limited Partnership Units (500,000 units)		500,000	500,000
			15,042,126	15,253,871	15,253,871
The Cook & Boardman Group, LLC (3%)*	Distributor of Doors and Related Products	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 2.5% PIK, Due 03/20)	14,108,034	13,837,735	13,837,735
		Class A Units (1,400,000 units)		1,400,000	1,400,000
			14,108,034	15,237,735	15,237,735
The Krystal Company (1%)*	Restaurant	Class A Units of Limited Partnership (2,000 units)		638,260	2,928,000
				638,260	2,928,000
Top Knobs USA, Inc. (0%)*	Hardware Designer and Distributor	Common Stock (26,593 shares)		333,994	1,395,000
				333,994	1,395,000
United Biologics, LLC (3%)*	Allergy Immunotherapy	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 03/17)	12,870,825	12,288,416	12,288,416
		Class A Common Units (177,935 units)		1,999,989	861,000
		Class A-1 Common Units (18,818 units)		137,324	137,000
		Class A-1 Common Kicker Units (14,114 units)		—	—
		Class A, Class A-1, Class A-1 Kicker & Class B Unit Purchase Warrants		838,117	202,000
			12,870,825	15,263,846	13,488,416

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United Retirement Plan Consultants, Inc. (0%)*	Retirement Plan Administrator	Preferred A Shares (90,000 shares)		\$ 900,000	\$ 1,215,000
		Common Shares (10,000 shares)		100,000	—
				<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,215,000</u>
Water Pik, Inc. (2%)*	Oral Health and Shower Head Supplier	Second Lien Term Loan (9.8% Cash, Due 01/21)	\$ 8,315,789	8,014,819	8,014,819
			<u>8,315,789</u>	<u>8,014,819</u>	<u>8,014,819</u>
Wheel Pros Holdings, Inc. (2%)*	Wheel/Rim and Performance Tire Distributor	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, Due 06/20)	9,500,000	9,299,238	9,299,238
		Class A Units (2,000 units)		2,000,000	2,303,000
			<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>11,299,238</u>	<u>11,602,238</u>
WSO Holdings, LP (0%)*	Organic/Fair Trade Sugar, Syrup, Nectar and Honey Producer	Common Points (3,000 points)		3,000,000	2,084,000
				<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>2,084,000</u>
Yellowstone Landscape Group, Inc. (4%)*	Landscaping Services	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 2.5% PIK, Due 02/19)	20,377,350	20,431,075	20,577,000
			<u>20,377,350</u>	<u>20,431,075</u>	<u>20,577,000</u>
<b>Subtotal Non-Control / Non-Affiliate Investments</b>			<b>678,546,053</b>	<b>717,233,688</b>	<b>693,312,886</b>
<b><u>Affiliate Investments:</u></b>					
All Aboard America! Holdings Inc. (3%)*	Motor Coach Operator	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 12/17)	14,633,379	14,442,239	14,442,239
		Membership Units in LLC		2,185,492	2,207,492
			<u>14,633,379</u>	<u>16,627,731</u>	<u>16,649,731</u>
American De-Rosa Lamparts, LLC and Hallmark Lighting, LLC (2%)*	Lighting Wholesale and Distribution	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 06/16)	7,084,969	7,069,614	7,069,614
		Membership Units (8,364 units)		620,653	936,000
			<u>7,084,969</u>	<u>7,690,267</u>	<u>8,005,614</u>
AP Services, Inc. (0%)*	Fluid Sealing Supplies and Services	Class A Units (933 units)		1,486	2,394
		Class B Units (496 units)		—	1,272
				<u>1,486</u>	<u>3,666</u>
Asset Point, LLC (2%)*	Asset Management Software Provider	Senior Note (11.3% Cash, 4.8% PIK, Due 03/15)	7,990,174	7,990,172	7,990,172
		Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 07/15)	656,310	656,310	656,310
		Membership Units (1,000,000 units)		8,203	—
		Options to Purchase Membership Units (342,407 units)		500,000	204,000
			<u>8,646,484</u>	<u>9,154,685</u>	<u>8,850,482</u>
Captek Softgel International, Inc. (3%)*	Nutraceutical Manufacturer	Subordinated Note (9.5% Cash, Due 02/20)	16,872,635	16,715,906	16,715,906
		Class A Units (80,000 units)		737,468	1,719,000
			<u>16,872,635</u>	<u>17,453,374</u>	<u>18,434,906</u>
CIS Secure Computing Inc. (2%)*	Secure Communications and Computing Solutions Provider	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 4% PIK, Due 06/17)	10,889,763	10,813,037	10,035,000
		Common Stock (84 shares)		502,320	40,000
			<u>10,889,763</u>	<u>11,315,357</u>	<u>10,075,000</u>
DPII Holdings, LLC (1%)*	Satellite Communication Business	Senior Note (12% Cash, 4% PIK, Due 07/17)	3,453,055	3,394,913	3,394,913
		Class A Membership Interest (17,308 units)		1,107,692	1,107,692
			<u>3,453,055</u>	<u>4,502,605</u>	<u>4,502,605</u>
Dyson Corporation (0%)*	Custom Forging and Fastener Supplies	Common Units (1,000,000 units)		1,000,000	324,000
				<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>324,000</u>
Frank Entertainment Group, LLC (3%)*	Movie Theatre and Family Entertainment Operator	Senior Note (10% Cash, 5.8% PIK, Due 06/18)	8,633,927	8,513,033	8,513,033
		Class A Redeemable Preferred Units (10.5% Cash) (189,744 units)		3,772,762	4,405,000
		Class B Redeemable Preferred Units (13,333 units)		309,524	1,537,000
		Class A Common Units (43,077 units)		1,000,000	—
			<u>8,633,927</u>	<u>14,227,319</u>	<u>14,455,033</u>
				632,000	—

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Halcyon Healthcare, LLC (3%)*	Provider of Hospice Services	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, Due 10/19)	\$ 11,500,000	\$ 11,278,779	\$ 11,278,779
		Preferred Interests (2,000,000 interests)		2,000,000	2,000,000
			11,500,000	13,278,779	13,278,779
Main Street Gourmet, LLC (1%)*	Baked Goods Provider	Jr. Subordinated Notes (8% Cash, 2% PIK, Due 04/17)	762,829	754,197	754,197
		Preferred Units (233 units)		211,867	333,000
		Common B Units (3,000 units)		23,140	1,108,000
		Common A Units (1,652 units)		14,993	610,000
			762,829	1,004,197	2,805,197
PCX Aerostructures, LLC (5%)*	Aerospace Component Manufacturer	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 04/19)	19,425,333	19,087,302	19,087,302
		Series A Preferred Stock (5,344 shares)		5,343,953	5,343,953
		Class A Common Stock (107,416 shares)		26,854	26,854
			19,425,333	24,458,109	24,458,109
Playhaven, LLC (4%)*	Mobile Game Advertising Network	Senior Note (9.5% Cash, 2.5% PIK, Due 09/19)	21,918,134	20,712,285	20,712,285
		Class A Common Units (999,999 units)		869,999	869,999
		Class C Common Units (1 unit)		5,001	5,001
			21,918,134	21,587,285	21,587,285
QC Holdings, Inc. (0%)*	Lab Testing Services	Common Stock (5,594 shares)		563,602	470,000
				563,602	470,000
Technology Crops, LLC (2%)*	Supply Chain Management Services	Subordinated Notes (12% Cash, 5% PIK, Due 03/18)	10,697,064	10,670,076	10,670,076
		Common Units (50 units)		500,000	162,000
			10,697,064	11,170,076	10,832,076
TGaS Advisors, LLC (2%)*	Advisory Solutions to Pharmaceutical Companies	Senior Note (10% Cash, 1% PIK, Due 11/19)	9,972,212	9,742,396	9,742,396
		Preferred Units (1,685,357 units)		1,685,357	1,685,357
			9,972,212	11,427,753	11,427,753
UCS Super HoldCo LLC (1%)*	Squid and Wetfish Processor and Distributor	Membership Units (1,000 units)		1,000,000	1,000,000
		Participation Interest		2,000,000	2,000,000
				3,000,000	3,000,000
Venture Technology Groups, Inc. (0%)*	Fluid and Gas Handling Products Distributor	Subordinated Note (12.5% Cash, 4% PIK, Due 09/16) <sup>(6)</sup>	320,365	234,545	225,000
			320,365	234,545	225,000
Waste Recyclers Holdings, LLC (0%)*	Environmental and Facilities Services	Class A Preferred Units (280 units)		2,251,100	—
		Class B Preferred Units (11,484,867 units)		3,304,218	1,727,000
		Common Unit Purchase Warrant (1,170,083 units)		748,900	—
		Common Units (153,219 units)		180,783	—
				6,485,001	1,727,000
Wythe Will Tzetzto, LLC (1%)*	Confectionery Goods Distributor	Series A Preferred Units (99,829 units)		—	7,823,000
				—	7,823,000
<b>Subtotal Affiliate Investments</b>			<b>144,810,149</b>	<b>175,182,171</b>	<b>178,935,236</b>
<b><u>Control Investments:</u></b>					
Gerli & Company (0%)*	Specialty Woven Fabrics Manufacturer	Subordinated Note (13% Cash, Due 07/15) <sup>(6)</sup>	500,193	375,000	375,000
		Subordinated Note (8.5% Cash, Due 07/15) <sup>(6)</sup>	4,131,520	3,000,000	543,000
		Class A Preferred Shares (1,211 shares)		855,000	—
		Class C Preferred Shares (744 shares)		—	—
		Class E Preferred Shares (400 shares)		161,440	—
		Common Stock (300 shares)		100,000	—
			4,631,713	4,491,440	918,000

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Portfolio Company	Industry	Type of Investment <sup>(1)(2)(7)</sup>	Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value <sup>(3)</sup>
PartsNow!, LLC (1%)*	Printer Parts Distributor	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 3% PIK, Due 08/17) <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 12,545,858	\$ 11,487,784	\$ 6,233,000
		Preferred Membership Units (4,000,000 units)		4,000,000	—
		Common Member Units (1,500,000 units)		1,429,539	—
		Royalty Rights		—	—
			12,545,858	16,917,323	6,233,000
SRC Worldwide, Inc. (1%)*	Specialty Chemical Manufacturer	Common Stock (5,000 shares)		8,228,000	7,824,000
				8,228,000	7,824,000
<b>Subtotal Control Investments</b>			<b>17,177,571</b>	<b>29,636,763</b>	<b>14,975,000</b>
<b>Total Investments, December 31, 2014 (167%)*</b>			<b>\$ 840,533,773</b>	<b>\$ 922,052,622</b>	<b>\$ 887,223,122</b>

\* Fair value as a percent of net assets

- (1) All debt investments are income producing, unless otherwise noted. Equity and equity-linked investments are non-income producing, unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Disclosures of interest rates on notes include cash interest rates and payment-in-kind ("PIK") interest rates.
- (3) All investments are restricted as to resale and were valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors.
- (4) Investment is not a qualifying investment as defined under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Qualifying assets must represent at least 70% of total assets at the time of acquisition of any additional non-qualifying assets. If at any time qualifying assets do not represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets, the Company will be precluded from acquiring any additional non-qualifying asset until such time as it complies with the requirements of Section 55(a).
- (5) PIK non-accrual investment
- (6) Non-accrual investment
- (7) All of the Company's investments, unless otherwise noted, are encumbered either as security for the Company's senior secured credit facility or in support of the SBA-guaranteed debentures issued by Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and Triangle Mezzanine Fund II LP.

*See accompanying notes.*

**Triangle Capital Corporation**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

**1. Organization, Business, Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Organization and Business**

Triangle Capital Corporation was incorporated on October 10, 2006 for the purposes of acquiring 100% of the equity interest in Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP ("Triangle SBIC") and its general partner, Triangle Mezzanine LLC ("TML"), raising capital in an initial public offering, which was completed in February 2007 (the "IPO") and thereafter operating as an internally managed Business Development Company ("BDC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"). On December 15, 2009, Triangle Mezzanine Fund II, LP ("Triangle SBIC II") was organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware. Unless otherwise noted, the terms "its" or "the Company" refer to Triangle SBIC prior to the IPO and to Triangle Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries, including Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II, after the IPO.

Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II are specialty finance limited partnerships formed to make investments primarily in lower middle market companies located throughout the United States. On September 11, 2003, Triangle SBIC was licensed to operate as a Small Business Investment Company ("SBIC") under the authority of the United States Small Business Administration ("SBA"). On May 26, 2010, Triangle SBIC II obtained its license to operate as an SBIC. As SBICs, both Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II are subject to a variety of regulations concerning, among other things, the size and nature of the companies in which they may invest and the structure of those investments.

On February 21, 2007, concurrent with the closing of the IPO, the following formation transactions were consummated (the "Formation Transactions"):

- The Company acquired 100% of the limited partnership interests in Triangle SBIC in exchange for approximately 1.9 million shares of the Company's common stock. Triangle SBIC became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, retained its license under the authority of the SBA to operate as an SBIC and continues to hold its existing investments and make new investments with the proceeds from the IPO; and
- The Company acquired 100% of the equity interests in TML, and the management agreement between Triangle SBIC and Triangle Capital Partners, LLC was terminated.

The IPO consisted of the sale of 4,770,000 shares of Common Stock at a price of \$15 per share, resulting in net proceeds of approximately \$64.7 million, after deducting offering costs totaling approximately \$6.8 million. Upon completion of the IPO, the Company had 6,686,760 common shares outstanding.

As a result of completion of the IPO and formation transactions, Triangle SBIC became a 100% wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The General partner of Triangle SBIC is the New General Partner (which is wholly-owned by the Company) and the limited partners of Triangle SBIC are the Company (99.9%) and the New General Partner (0.1%).

The Company currently operates as a closed-end, non-diversified investment company and has elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. The Company is internally managed by its executive officers under the supervision of its Board of Directors (the "Board"). The Company does not pay management or advisory fees, but instead incurs the operating costs associated with employing executive management and investment and portfolio management professionals.



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**Basis of Presentation**

The financial statements of the Company include the accounts of Triangle Capital Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, including Triangle SBIC and Triangle SBIC II. The effects of all intercompany transactions between Triangle Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries have been eliminated in consolidation. Under the investment company rules and regulations pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation S-X and FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, *Financial Services - Investment Companies*, the Company is precluded from consolidating portfolio company investments, including those in which it has a controlling interest, unless the portfolio company is another investment company. An exception to this general principle occurs if the Company holds a controlling interest in an operating company that provides all or substantially all of its services directly to the Company or to its portfolio companies. None of the portfolio investments made by the Company qualify for this exception. Therefore, the Company's investment portfolio is carried on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value, with any adjustments to fair value recognized as "Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)" on the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). All financial data and information included in these financial statements have been presented on the basis described above.

**Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In April 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-03, *Interest-Imputation of Interest* (Subtopic 835-30), *Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs*, ("ASU 2015-03"). ASU 2015-03 requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The Company elected early adoption of this standard on January 1, 2015. As a result, deferred financing fees related to the Company's outstanding notes and SBA-guaranteed debentures payable are no longer presented as an asset on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets but are included as a reduction in the carrying amount of the debt securities. Debt issuance costs related to the Company's senior secured credit facility will continue to be presented as an asset on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. In addition, the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014 has been adjusted to reflect the effects of adoption of ASU 2015-03 on a retrospective basis.

**Reclassifications**

Certain reclassifications have been made in the financial highlights for the years ended December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013, December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 in order to conform to current presentation. The Company had historically presented the ratio of total expenses to average net assets exclusive of loss on extinguishment of debt. Beginning in 2015, this ratio is presented including loss on extinguishment of debt.

**Significant Accounting Policies**

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Valuation of Investments*

The Company has established and documented processes and methodologies for determining the fair values of portfolio company investments on a recurring basis in accordance with the 1940 Act and FASB ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* ("ASC Topic 820"). Under ASC Topic 820, a financial instrument is categorized within the ASC Topic 820 valuation hierarchy based upon the lowest level of input to the valuation

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process that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels of valuation inputs established by ASC Topic 820 are as follows:

*Level 1 Inputs* – include quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

*Level 2 Inputs* – include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

*Level 3 Inputs* – include inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The Company's investment portfolio is comprised of debt and equity instruments of privately held companies for which quoted prices or other inputs falling within the categories of Level 1 and Level 2 are generally not available. Therefore, the Company determines the fair value of its investments in good faith using Level 3 inputs, pursuant to a valuation policy and process that is established by the management of the Company with the assistance of certain third-party advisors and subsequently approved by the Board. There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith, as fair value depends upon the specific circumstances of each individual investment. The recorded fair values of the Company's investments may differ significantly from fair values that would have been used had an active market for the securities existed. In addition, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investments may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the valuations currently assigned.

The Company's valuation process is led by the Company's executive officers and managing directors. The Company's valuation process begins with a quarterly review of each investment in the Company's investment portfolio by the Company's executive officers and investment committee. Valuations of each portfolio security are then prepared by the Company's investment professionals, who have direct responsibility for the origination, management and monitoring of each investment. Under the Company's valuation policy, each investment valuation is subject to (i) a review by the lead investment officer responsible for the portfolio company investment and (ii) a peer review by a second investment officer or executive officer of the Company. Generally, any investment that is valued below cost is subjected to review by one of the Company's executive officers. After the peer review is complete, the Company engages two independent, third party valuation firms, including Duff & Phelps, LLC, collectively the "Valuation Firms," to provide third-party reviews of certain investments, as described further below. Finally, the Board has the responsibility for reviewing and approving, in good faith, the fair value of the Company's investments in accordance with the 1940 Act.

The Valuation Firms provide third party valuation consulting services to the Company which consist of certain procedures that the Company identified and requested the Valuation Firms to perform, which we refer to herein Procedures. The Procedures are performed with respect to each portfolio company at least once in every calendar year and for new portfolio companies, at least once in the twelve-month period subsequent to the initial investment. In addition, the Procedures are generally performed with respect to a portfolio company when there has been a significant change in the fair value of the investment. In certain instances, the Company may determine that it is not cost-effective, and as a result is not in the Company's stockholders' best interest, to request the Valuation Firms to perform the Procedures on one or more portfolio companies. Such instances include, but are not limited to, situations where the fair value of the investment in the portfolio company is determined to be insignificant relative to the total investment portfolio.

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The total number of investments and the percentage of the investment portfolio on which the Procedures were performed are summarized below by period:

<b>For the quarter ended:</b>	<b>Total companies</b>	<b>Percent of total investments at fair value(1)</b>
March 31, 2013	17	23%
June 30, 2013	13	27%
September 30, 2013	14	28%
December 31, 2013	14	21%
March 31, 2014	15	25%
June 30, 2014	15	31%
September 30, 2014	18	29%
December 31, 2014	16	24%
March 31, 2015	16	28%
June 30, 2015	15	26%
September 30, 2015	22	34%
December 31, 2015	17	28%

(1) Exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter.

Upon completion of the Procedures, the Valuation Firms concluded that, with respect to each investment reviewed by each Valuation Firm, the fair value of those investments subjected to the Procedures appeared reasonable. The Board is ultimately responsible for determining the fair value of the Company's investments in good faith.

***Investment Valuation Inputs***

Under ASC Topic 820, fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between a willing buyer and a willing seller at the measurement date. For the Company's portfolio securities, fair value is generally the amount that the Company might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security. Under ASC Topic 820, the fair value measurement assumes that the sale occurs in the principal market for the security, or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the security. Under ASC Topic 820, if no market for the security exists or if the Company does not have access to the principal market, the security should be valued based on the sale occurring in a hypothetical market. The securities in which the Company invests are generally only purchased and sold in merger and acquisition transactions, in which case the entire portfolio company is sold to a third-party purchaser. As a result, unless the Company has the ability to control such a transaction, the assumed principal market for the Company's securities is a hypothetical secondary market. The Level 3 inputs to the Company's valuation process reflect the Company's best estimate of the assumptions that would be used by market participants in pricing the investment in a transaction in a hypothetical secondary market.

***Enterprise Value Waterfall Approach***

In valuing equity securities (including warrants), the Company estimates fair value using an "Enterprise Value Waterfall" valuation model. The Company estimates the enterprise value of a portfolio company and then allocates the enterprise value to the portfolio company's securities in order of their relative liquidation preference. In addition, the Company assumes that any outstanding debt or other securities that are senior to the Company's equity securities are required to be repaid at par. Additionally, the Company estimates the fair value of a limited number of its debt securities using the Enterprise Value Waterfall approach in cases where the Company does not expect to receive full repayment.

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To estimate the enterprise value of the portfolio company, the Company primarily uses a valuation model based on a transaction multiple, which generally is the original transaction multiple, and measures of the portfolio company's financial performance. In addition, the Company considers other factors, including but not limited to (i) offers from third-parties to purchase the portfolio company, (ii) the implied value of recent investments in the equity securities of the portfolio company, (iii) publicly available information regarding recent sales of private companies in comparable transactions and, (iv) when the Company believes there are comparable companies that are publicly traded, a review of these publicly traded companies and the market multiple of their equity securities. For certain non-performing assets, the Company may utilize the liquidation or collateral value of the portfolio company's assets in its estimation of enterprise value.

The significant Level 3 inputs to the Enterprise Value Waterfall model are (i) an appropriate transaction multiple and (ii) a measure of the portfolio company's financial performance, which generally is either earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, as adjusted, or Adjusted EBITDA, or revenues. Such inputs can be based on historical operating results, projections of future operating results, or a combination thereof. The operating results of a portfolio company may be unaudited, projected or pro forma financial information and may require adjustments for certain non-recurring items. In determining the operating results input, the Company utilizes the most recent portfolio company financial statements and forecasts available as of the valuation date. The Company also consults with the portfolio company's senior management to obtain updates on the portfolio company's performance, including information such as industry trends, new product development, loss of customers and other operational issues. Fair value measurements using the Enterprise Value Waterfall model can be sensitive to significant changes in one or more of the inputs. A significant increase (decrease) in either the transaction multiple, Adjusted EBITDA or revenues for a particular equity security would result in a higher (lower) fair value for that security.

*Income Approach*

In valuing debt securities, the Company utilizes an "Income Approach" model that considers factors including, but not limited to, (i) the stated yield on the debt security, (ii) the portfolio company's current Adjusted EBITDA as compared to the portfolio company's historical or projected Adjusted EBITDA as of the date the investment was made and the portfolio company's anticipated Adjusted EBITDA for the next twelve months of operations, (iii) the portfolio company's current Leverage Ratio (defined as the portfolio company's total indebtedness divided by Adjusted EBITDA) as compared to its Leverage Ratio as of the date the investment was made, (iv) publicly available information regarding current pricing and credit metrics for similar proposed and executed investment transactions of private companies and (v) when the Company believes a relevant comparison exists, current pricing and credit metrics for similar proposed and executed investment transactions of publicly traded debt. In addition, the Company uses a risk rating system to estimate the probability of default on the debt securities and the probability of loss if there is a default. This risk rating system covers both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the business and the securities held.

The Company considers the factors above, particularly any significant changes in the portfolio company's results of operations and leverage, and develops an expectation of the yield that a hypothetical market participant would require when purchasing the debt investment, which we refer to herein as the Required Rate of Return. The Required Rate of Return, along with the Leverage Ratio and Adjusted EBITDA, are the significant Level 3 inputs to the Income Approach model. For investments where the Leverage Ratio and Adjusted EBITDA have not fluctuated significantly from the date the investment was made or have not fluctuated significantly from the Company's expectations as of the date the investment was made, and where there have been no significant fluctuations in the market pricing for such investments, the Company may conclude that the Required Rate of Return is equal to the stated rate on the investment and therefore, the debt security is appropriately priced. In instances where the Company determines that the Required Rate of Return is different from the stated rate on the investment, the Company discounts the contractual cash flows on the debt instrument using the Required Rate of Return in order to estimate the fair value of the debt security.

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Fair value measurements using the Income Approach model can be sensitive to significant changes in one or more of the inputs. A significant increase (decrease) in the Required Rate of Return or Leverage Ratio inputs for a particular debt security may result in a lower (higher) fair value for that security. A significant increase (decrease) in the Adjusted EBITDA input for a particular debt security may result in a higher (lower) fair value for that security.

The fair value of the Company's royalty rights are calculated based on specific provisions contained in the pertinent operating or royalty agreements. The determination of the fair value of such royalty rights is not a significant component of the Company's valuation process.

The ranges and weighted average values of the significant Level 3 inputs used in the valuation of the Company's significant debt and equity securities at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 are summarized as follows:

December 31, 2015:	Fair Value <sup>(1)</sup>	Valuation Model	Level 3 Input	Range of Inputs	Weighted Average
Subordinated debt and 2nd lien notes	\$ 654,323,995	Income Approach	Required Rate of Return	9.5% – 25.0%	13.5%
			Leverage Ratio	1.5x – 7.2x	4.3x
			Adjusted EBITDA	\$1.6 million – \$72.6 million	\$20.7 million
Subordinated debt and 2nd lien notes	—	Enterprise Value Waterfall Approach	Adjusted EBITDA Multiple	3.0x – 5.5x	4.6x
			Adjusted EBITDA	\$0.9 million – \$2.2 million	\$1.7 million
Senior debt and 1st lien notes	132,929,264	Income Approach	Required Rate of Return	3.8% – 16.0%	11.2%
			Leverage Ratio	0.0x – 7.2x	3.4x
			Adjusted EBITDA	\$2.6 million – \$10.1 million	\$6.8 million
Equity shares and warrants	142,809,369	Enterprise Value Waterfall Approach	Adjusted EBITDA Multiple	3.0x – 14.9x	7.1x
			Adjusted EBITDA	\$0.9 million – \$72.6 million	\$12.8 million
			Revenue Multiple	4.0x – 4.0x	4.0x
			Revenues	\$83.2 million – \$83.2 million	\$83.2 million

(1) Certain investments with a total fair value of \$47,214,088 were repaid or redeemed subsequent to the end of the reporting period and were valued at their transaction price.

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<b>December 31, 2014:</b>	<b>Fair Value<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Valuation Model</b>	<b>Level 3 Input</b>	<b>Range of Inputs</b>	<b>Weighted Average</b>
Subordinated debt and 2nd lien notes	\$ 599,378,024	Income Approach	Required Rate of Return	8.3% – 30.0%	14.0%
			Leverage Ratio	1.3x – 8.1x	4.2x
			Adjusted EBITDA	\$1.5 million – \$74.8 million	\$18.3 million
Subordinated debt and 2nd lien notes	29,000,000	Enterprise Value Waterfall Approach	Adjusted EBITDA Multiple	3.5x – 6.0x	5.4x
			Adjusted EBITDA	\$1.0 million – \$7.5 million	\$4.6 million
			Senior debt and 1st lien notes	115,252,247	Income Approach
Senior debt and 1st lien notes	115,252,247	Income Approach	Leverage Ratio	0.0x – 9.0x	3.2x
			Adjusted EBITDA	\$1.5 million – \$8.1 million	\$5.4 million
			Equity shares and warrants	106,746,851	Enterprise Value Waterfall Approach
Equity shares and warrants	106,746,851	Enterprise Value Waterfall Approach	Adjusted EBITDA	\$1.0 million – \$74.8 million	\$12.1 million
			Revenue Multiple	1.3x – 4.0x	3.4x
			Revenues	\$9.6 million – \$76.2 million	\$62.7 million

(1) Certain investments with a total fair value of \$36,846,000 were repaid or redeemed subsequent to the end of the reporting period and were valued at their transaction price.

***Warrants***

When originating a debt security, the Company will sometimes receive warrants or other equity-related securities from the borrower. The Company determines the cost basis of the warrants or other equity-related securities received based upon their respective fair values on the date of receipt in proportion to the total fair value of the debt and warrants or other equity-related securities received. Any resulting difference between the face amount of the debt and its recorded fair value resulting from the assignment of value to the warrant or other equity instruments is treated as original issue discount and accreted into interest income over the life of the loan.

***Realized Gain or Loss and Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation of Portfolio Investments***

Realized gains or losses are recorded upon the sale or liquidation of investments and are calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from the sale or liquidation, if any, and the cost basis of the investment using the specific identification method. Unrealized appreciation or depreciation reflects the difference between the fair value of the investments and the cost basis of the investments.

***Investment Classification***

In accordance with the provisions of the 1940 Act, the Company classifies investments by level of control. As defined in the 1940 Act, “Control Investments” are investments in those companies that the Company is deemed to “Control.” “Affiliate Investments” are investments in those companies that are “Affiliated Companies” of the Company, as defined in the 1940 Act, other than Control Investments. “Non-Control/Non-Affiliate Investments” are those that are neither Control Investments nor Affiliate Investments. Generally, under the 1940 Act, the Company is deemed to control a company in which it has invested if the Company owns more than 25.0% of the voting securities of such company, has greater than 50.0% representation on its board or has the power to exercise control

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over management or policies of such portfolio company. The Company is deemed to be an affiliate of a company in which the Company has invested if it owns between 5.0% and 25.0% of the voting securities of such company.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase to be cash equivalents.

***Deferred Financing Fees***

Costs incurred to issue long-term debt are capitalized and are amortized over the term of the debt agreements using the effective interest method.

***Depreciation***

Furniture, fixtures and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over an estimated useful life of five years. Software and computer equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over an estimated useful life of three years.

***Investment Income***

Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of original issue discount, is recorded on the accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. Generally, when interest and/or principal payments on a loan become past due, or if the Company otherwise does not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, the Company will place the loan on non-accrual status and will generally cease recognizing interest income on that loan for financial reporting purposes, until all principal and interest has been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible. The Company writes off any previously accrued and uncollected interest when it is determined that interest is no longer considered collectible. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

***Payment-in-Kind Interest***

The Company currently holds, and expects to hold in the future, some loans in its portfolio that contain a payment-in-kind ("PIK") interest provision. The PIK interest, computed at the contractual rate specified in each loan agreement, is added to the principal balance of the loan, rather than being paid to the Company in cash, and is recorded as interest income. Thus, the actual collection of PIK interest may be deferred until the time of debt principal repayment.

PIK interest, which is non-cash source of income, is included in the Company's taxable income and therefore affects the amount the Company is required to distribute to stockholders to maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company ("RIC") for federal income tax purposes, even though the Company has not yet collected the cash. Generally, when current cash interest and/or principal payments on a loan become past due, or if the Company otherwise does not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, the Company will place the loan on non-accrual status and will generally cease recognizing PIK interest income on that loan for financial reporting purposes until all principal and interest have been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible. The Company writes off any accrued and uncollected PIK interest when it is determined that the PIK interest is no longer collectible.

***Fee Income***

Origination, facility, commitment, consent and other advance fees received in connection with loan agreements ("Loan Origination Fees") are recorded as deferred income and recognized as investment income over the term of the loan. Upon prepayment of a loan, any unamortized Loan Origination Fees are recorded as investment income. In the general course of its business, the Company receives certain fees from portfolio companies, which

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are non-recurring in nature. Such fees include loan prepayment penalties, certain investment banking and structuring fees and loan waiver and amendment fees, and are recorded as investment income when received.

***General and Administrative Expenses***

General and administrative expenses include compensation costs related to salaries, discretionary compensation, equity-based compensation and benefits, as well as administrative costs including facilities costs, insurance, legal and accounting expenses and other costs related to operating as a publicly-traded company.

***Income Taxes***

The Company elected for federal income tax purposes to be treated as a RIC under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) commencing with its taxable year ended December 31, 2007. In order to maintain its qualification as a RIC, the Company must meet certain minimum distribution, source-of-income and asset diversification requirements. If such requirements are met, then the Company is generally required to pay income taxes only on the portion of its taxable income and gains it does not distribute (actually or constructively) and certain built-in gains.

The company has certain wholly-owned taxable subsidiaries (the “Taxable Subsidiaries”), each of which holds one or more of its portfolio investments that are listed on the Consolidated Schedule of Investments. The Taxable Subsidiaries are consolidated for financial reporting purposes, such that the company’s consolidated financial statements reflect the Company’s investments in the portfolio companies owned by the Taxable Subsidiaries. The purpose of the Taxable Subsidiaries is to permit the Company to hold certain portfolio companies that are organized as limited liability companies (“LLCs”) (or other forms of pass-through entities) and still satisfy the RIC tax requirement that at least 90% of the RIC’s gross revenue for income tax purposes must consist of qualifying investment income. Absent the Taxable Subsidiaries, a proportionate amount of any gross income of an LLC (or other pass-through entity) portfolio investment would flow through directly to the RIC. To the extent that such income did not consist of qualifying investment income, it could jeopardize the Company’s ability to qualify as a RIC and therefore cause the Company to incur significant amounts of federal income taxes. When LLCs (or other pass-through entities) are owned by the Taxable Subsidiaries, their income is taxed to the Taxable Subsidiaries and does not flow through to the RIC, thereby helping the Company preserve its RIC status and resultant tax advantages. The Taxable Subsidiaries are not consolidated for income tax purposes and may generate income tax expense as a result of their ownership of the portfolio companies. This income tax expense is reflected in the Company’s Consolidated Statements of Operations.

***Segments***

The Company lends to and invests in customers in various industries. The Company separately evaluates the performance of each of its lending and investment relationships. However, because each of these loan and investment relationships has similar business and economic characteristics, they have been aggregated into a single lending and investment segment. All applicable segment disclosures are included in or can be derived from the Company’s financial statements.

***Concentration of Credit Risk***

The Company’s investments are generally in lower middle market companies in a variety of industries. As of both December 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no individual investments greater than 10% of the fair value of the Company’s portfolio. As of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company’s largest single portfolio company investment represented approximately 4.0% and 3.9%, respectively, of the fair value of the Company’s portfolio. Income, consisting of interest, dividends, fees, other investment income and realization of gains or losses on equity interests can fluctuate dramatically upon repayment of an investment or sale of an equity interest and in any given year can be highly concentrated among several portfolio companies.



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The Company's investments carry a number of risks including, but not limited to: (i) investing in lower middle market companies which have a limited operating history and financial resources, (ii) investing in senior subordinated debt which ranks equal to or lower than debt held by other investors and (iii) holding investments that are not publicly traded and are subject to legal and other restrictions on resale and other risks common to investing in below investment grade debt and equity instruments.

As of December 31, 2015, \$681.5 million of the Company's assets were pledged as collateral for the Company's third amended and restated senior secured credit facility (the "Credit Facility") and \$357.8 million were subject to superior claim over the Company's shareholders by the SBA. If the Company defaults on its obligations under the Credit Facility or its SBA-guaranteed debentures, the lenders and/or the SBA may have the right to foreclose upon and sell, or otherwise transfer, the collateral subject to their security interests or their superior claims.

***Public Offerings of Common Stock and Debt Securities***

On August 12, 2014, the Company filed a prospectus supplement pursuant to which 4,300,000 shares of common stock were offered for sale at a price to the public of \$27.64 per share. In addition, the underwriters involved were granted an overallotment option to purchase an additional 645,000 shares of our common stock at the same public offering price. Pursuant to this offering, all shares (including the overallotment option shares) were sold and delivered on August 15, 2014 resulting in net proceeds to the Company, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, of approximately \$127.7 million.

In February 2015, the Company issued \$86.3 million of unsecured notes due 2022 (the "March 2022 Notes"). The March 2022 Notes mature on March 15, 2022 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after March 15, 2018. The March 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.375% per year payable quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning March 15, 2015. The net proceeds to the Company from the sale of the March 2022 Notes, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, were approximately \$83.4 million.

***Investments Denominated in Foreign Currency***

As of both December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company held investments in one portfolio company that were denominated in Canadian dollars.

At each balance sheet date, portfolio company investments denominated in foreign currencies are translated into United States dollars using the spot exchange rate on the last business day of the period. Purchases and sales of foreign portfolio company investments, and any income from such investments, are translated into United States dollars using the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

Although the fair values of foreign portfolio company investments and the fluctuation in such fair values are translated into United States dollars using the applicable foreign exchange rates described above, the Company does not isolate that portion of the change in fair values resulting from foreign currency exchange rates fluctuations from the change in fair values of the underlying investment. All fluctuations in fair value are included in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Investments denominated in foreign currencies and foreign currency transactions may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with those of domestic origin, including unanticipated movements in the value of the foreign currency relative to the United States dollar.

***Dividends and Distributions***

Dividends and distributions to common stockholders are approved by the Board and the dividend payable is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

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The Company has adopted a dividend reinvestment plan (“DRIP”) that provides for reinvestment of dividends on behalf of its stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash. As a result, when the Company declares a dividend, stockholders who have not opted out of the DRIP will have their dividends automatically reinvested in shares of the Company’s common stock, rather than receiving cash dividends.

The table below summarizes the Company’s dividends and distributions in the three years ended December 31, 2015:

<b>Declared</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Payable</b>	<b>Per Share Amount</b>	<b>Amount Paid in Cash</b>	<b>DRIP</b>	<b>Total</b>
February 27, 2013	March 13, 2013	March 27, 2013	\$ 0.54	\$ 14,072,000	\$ 797,000	\$ 14,869,000
May 29, 2013	June 12, 2013	June 26, 2013	0.54	14,115,000	773,000	14,888,000
August 28, 2013	September 11, 2013	September 25, 2013	0.54	14,140,000	792,000	14,932,000
November 27, 2013	December 11, 2013	December 24, 2013	0.54	14,409,000	538,000	14,947,000
<b>Total 2013 dividends and distributions</b>			<b>\$ 2.16</b>	<b>\$ 56,736,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,900,000</b>	<b>\$ 59,636,000</b>
February 24, 2014	March 12, 2014	March 26, 2014	\$ 0.54	\$ 14,499,000	\$ 554,000	\$ 15,053,000
February 12, 2014	March 5, 2014	March 26, 2014	0.15	4,029,000	153,000	4,182,000
May 14, 2014	June 11, 2014	June 25, 2014	0.54	14,535,000	538,000	15,073,000
February 12, 2014	May 28, 2014	June 25, 2014	0.15	4,006,000	181,000	4,187,000
August 27, 2014	September 10, 2014	September 24, 2014	0.54	17,120,000	634,000	17,754,000
August 27, 2014	September 10, 2014	September 24, 2014	0.05	1,586,000	59,000	1,645,000
November 26, 2014	December 10, 2014	December 24, 2014	0.54	16,947,000	823,000	17,770,000
November 26, 2014	December 10, 2014	December 24, 2014	0.05	1,569,000	76,000	1,645,000
<b>Total 2014 dividends and distributions</b>			<b>\$ 2.56</b>	<b>\$ 74,291,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,018,000</b>	<b>\$ 77,309,000</b>
February 25, 2015	March 11, 2015	March 25, 2015	\$ 0.54	\$ 17,163,000	\$ 760,000	\$ 17,923,000
February 25, 2015	March 11, 2015	March 25, 2015	0.05	1,589,000	70,000	1,659,000
May 27, 2015	June 10, 2015	June 24, 2015	0.54	17,156,000	792,000	17,948,000
May 27, 2015	June 10, 2015	June 24, 2015	0.05	1,588,000	73,000	1,661,000
August 26, 2015	September 9, 2015	September 23, 2015	0.54	17,067,000	898,000	17,965,000
August 26, 2015	September 9, 2015	September 23, 2015	0.05	1,580,000	83,000	1,663,000
November 25, 2015	December 9, 2015	December 23, 2015	0.54	17,033,000	961,000	17,994,000
November 25, 2015	December 9, 2015	December 23, 2015	0.05	1,577,000	89,000	1,666,000
<b>Total 2015 dividends and distributions</b>			<b>\$ 2.36</b>	<b>\$ 74,753,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,726,000</b>	<b>\$ 78,479,000</b>

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**Per Share Amounts**

Per share amounts included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations are computed by dividing net investment income and net increase in net assets resulting from operations by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. As the Company has no common stock equivalents outstanding, diluted per share amounts are the same as basic per share amounts. Net asset value per share is computed by dividing total net assets by the number of common shares outstanding as of the end of the period.

**2. Investments**

Summaries of the composition of the Company's investment portfolio at cost and fair value, and as a percentage of total investments, are shown in the following tables:

	Cost	Percentage of Total Portfolio	Fair Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio
<b>December 31, 2015:</b>				
Subordinated debt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> lien notes	\$ 739,416,002	73%	\$ 699,125,083	72%
Senior debt and 1 <sup>st</sup> lien notes	134,489,956	13	132,929,264	14
Equity shares	127,464,548	13	141,555,369	14
Equity warrants	5,978,617	1	3,667,000	—
Royalty rights	—	—	—	—
	<b>\$ 1,007,349,123</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 977,276,716</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>December 31, 2014:</b>				
Subordinated debt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> lien notes	\$ 703,800,176	76%	\$ 660,377,024	74%
Senior debt and 1 <sup>st</sup> lien notes	116,654,301	13	115,252,247	13
Equity shares	92,384,676	10	103,132,851	12
Equity warrants	9,213,469	1	8,461,000	1
Royalty rights	—	—	—	—
	<b>\$ 922,052,622</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 887,223,122</b>	<b>100%</b>

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company made twenty-three new investments, including recapitalizations of existing portfolio companies, totaling approximately \$361.2 million, additional debt investments in ten existing portfolio companies of approximately \$84.2 million and additional equity investments in eleven existing portfolio companies totaling approximately \$8.6 million. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company made twenty-eight new investments, including recapitalizations of existing portfolio companies, totaling approximately \$429.7 million, additional debt investments in eleven existing portfolio companies of approximately \$37.6 million and additional equity investments in six existing portfolio companies totaling approximately \$7.3 million. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company made eleven new investments, including recapitalizations of existing portfolio companies, totaling approximately \$137.6 million, additional debt investments in fourteen existing portfolio companies of approximately \$33.4 million and additional equity investments in six existing portfolio companies totaling approximately \$3.3 million.

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The following table presents the Company's investment portfolio at fair value as of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, categorized by the ASC Topic 820 valuation hierarchy, as previously described:

	<b>Fair Value at December 31, 2015</b>			
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Subordinated debt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> lien notes	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 699,125,083	\$ 699,125,083
Senior debt and 1 <sup>st</sup> lien notes	—	—	132,929,264	132,929,264
Equity shares	—	—	141,555,369	141,555,369
Equity warrants	—	—	3,667,000	3,667,000
Royalty rights	—	—	—	—
	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 977,276,716</u>	<u>\$ 977,276,716</u>

	<b>Fair Value at December 31, 2014</b>			
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Subordinated debt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> lien notes	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 660,377,024	\$ 660,377,024
Senior debt and 1 <sup>st</sup> lien notes	—	—	115,252,247	115,252,247
Equity shares	—	—	103,132,851	103,132,851
Equity warrants	—	—	8,461,000	8,461,000
Royalty rights	—	—	—	—
	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 887,223,122</u>	<u>\$ 887,223,122</u>

The following tables reconcile the beginning and ending balances of the Company's investment portfolio measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

<b>Year Ended December 31, 2015:</b>	<b>Subordinated Debt and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lien Notes</b>	<b>Senior Debt and 1<sup>st</sup> Lien Notes</b>	<b>Equity Shares</b>	<b>Equity Warrants</b>	<b>Royalty Rights</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fair value, beginning of period	\$ 660,377,024	\$ 115,252,247	\$ 103,132,851	\$ 8,461,000	\$ —	\$ 887,223,122
New investments	340,931,692	68,863,789	42,880,571	1,252,000	—	453,928,052
Investment reclass	(8,707,740)	—	8,707,740	—	—	—
Proceeds from sales of investments	—	—	(14,016,839)	(7,477,411)	—	(21,494,250)
Loan origination fees received	(5,849,587)	(1,250,000)	—	—	—	(7,099,587)
Principal repayments received	(272,219,727)	(49,554,990)	—	—	—	(321,774,717)
PIK interest earned	13,819,538	1,761,986	—	—	—	15,581,524
PIK interest payments received	(9,337,978)	(3,669,732)	—	—	—	(13,007,710)
Accretion of loan discounts	451,652	35,511	—	—	—	487,163
Accretion of deferred loan origination revenue	5,321,198	844,291	—	—	—	6,165,489
Realized gain (loss)	(28,793,224)	804,802	(2,491,600)	2,990,559	—	(27,489,463)
Unrealized gain (loss)	3,132,235	(158,640)	3,342,646	(1,559,148)	—	4,757,093
Fair value, end of period	<u>\$ 699,125,083</u>	<u>\$ 132,929,264</u>	<u>\$ 141,555,369</u>	<u>\$ 3,667,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 977,276,716</u>

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Year Ended December 31, 2014:	Subordinated Debt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lien Notes	Senior Debt and 1 <sup>st</sup> Lien Notes	Equity Shares	Equity Warrants	Royalty Rights	Total
Fair value, beginning of period	\$ 514,467,575	\$ 45,968,765	\$ 79,935,246	\$ 23,928,603	\$ 73,000	\$ 664,373,189
New investments	350,468,766	84,551,106	38,924,210	632,000	—	474,576,082
Investment reclass	3,888,934	(13,816,934)	11,715,000	(1,787,000)	—	—
Proceeds from sales of investments	—	—	(40,269,176)	(11,622,546)	—	(51,891,722)
Loan origination fees received	(5,806,250)	(1,667,928)	—	—	—	(7,474,178)
Principal repayments received	(169,938,002)	(201,979)	—	—	—	(170,139,981)
PIK interest earned	14,081,818	1,455,931	—	—	—	15,537,749
PIK interest payments received	(10,820,010)	—	—	—	—	(10,820,010)
Accretion of loan discounts	960,366	34,687	—	—	—	995,053
Accretion of deferred loan origination revenue	3,623,231	197,285	—	—	—	3,820,516
Realized gain (loss)	(23,219,759)	—	26,815,709	10,035,378	—	13,631,328
Unrealized gain (loss)	(17,329,645)	(1,268,686)	(13,988,138)	(12,725,435)	\$ (73,000)	(45,384,904)
Fair value, end of period	<u>\$ 660,377,024</u>	<u>\$ 115,252,247</u>	<u>\$ 103,132,851</u>	<u>\$ 8,461,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 887,223,122</u>

All realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in earnings (changes in net assets) and are reported on separate line items within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. Pre-tax net unrealized losses on investments of \$16.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2015 were related to portfolio company investments that were still held by the Company as of December 31, 2015. Pre-tax net unrealized gains on investments of \$40.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2014 were related to portfolio company investments that were still held by the Company as of December 31, 2014.

The Company's primary investment objective is to generate current income and capital appreciation by investing directly in privately held lower middle market companies to help these companies fund acquisitions, growth or refinancing. During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company made investments of approximately \$446.6 million in portfolio companies to which it was not previously contractually committed to provide the financial support. During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company made investments of \$7.3 million in companies to which it was previously committed to provide the financial support. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company made investments of approximately \$473.9 million in portfolio companies to which it was not previously contractually committed to provide the financial support. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company made investments of \$0.7 million in companies to which it was previously committed to provide the financial support. The details of the Company's investments have been disclosed on the Consolidated Schedule of Investments.

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**3. Borrowings**

The Company had the following borrowings outstanding as of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

Issuance/Pooling Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate as of December 31, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<u>SBA-Guaranteed Debentures:</u>				
March 25, 2009	March 1, 2019	5.337%	\$ 22,000,000	\$ 22,000,000
March 24, 2010	March 1, 2020	4.825%	6,800,000	6,800,000
September 22, 2010	September 1, 2020	3.687%	32,590,000	32,590,000
March 29, 2011	March 1, 2021	4.474%	75,400,000	75,400,000
September 21, 2011	September 1, 2021	3.392%	19,100,000	19,100,000
March 27, 2013	March 1, 2023	3.155%	30,000,000	30,000,000
September 24, 2014	September 1, 2024	3.790%	31,310,000	31,310,000
September 14, 2010 (LMI Debenture)	March 1, 2016	2.508%	7,768,101	7,579,806
Less: Deferred financing fees			(4,319,312)	(5,082,708)
Total SBA-Guaranteed Debentures			<u>\$ 220,648,789</u>	<u>\$ 219,697,098</u>
<u>Credit Facility:</u>				
May 4, 2015	May 3, 2020	3.055%	\$ 131,256,669	\$ 62,619,883
Total Credit Facility			<u>\$ 131,256,669</u>	<u>\$ 62,619,883</u>
<u>Notes:</u>				
March 2, 2012	March 15, 2019	—	\$ —	\$ 69,000,000
October 19, 2012	December 15, 2022	6.375%	80,500,000	80,500,000
February 6, 2015	March 15, 2022	6.375%	86,250,000	—
Less: Deferred financing fees			(4,607,522)	(3,853,776)
Total Notes			<u>\$ 162,142,478</u>	<u>\$ 145,646,224</u>

**SBA and SBA LMI Debentures**

Interest payments on SBA-guaranteed debentures are payable semi-annually and there are no principal payments required on these debentures prior to maturity, nor do the debentures carry any prepayment penalties. The Company's SBA-guaranteed Low or Moderate Income ("LMI") debentures are five-year deferred interest debentures that are issued at a discount to par. The accretion of discount on SBA-guaranteed LMI debentures is classified as interest expense in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Under the Small Business Investment Act and current SBA policy applicable to SBICs, an SBIC (or group of SBICs under common control) can have outstanding at any time, SBA-guaranteed debentures and SBA-guaranteed LMI debentures (collectively, SBA-guaranteed debentures) up to two times (and in certain cases, up to three times) the amount of its regulatory capital. As of December 31, 2015, the maximum statutory limit on the dollar amount of outstanding SBA-guaranteed debentures that can be issued by a single SBIC is \$150.0 million and by a group of SBICs under common control is \$350.0 million. As of December 31, 2015, Triangle SBIC had issued the maximum \$150.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures and Triangle SBIC II had issued \$75.0 million in face amount of SBA-guaranteed debentures. The weighted average interest rates for all SBA-guaranteed debentures as of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 were 4.02% and 4.03%, respectively. As of both December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, all SBA-guaranteed debentures were pooled.

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In addition to a one-time 1.0% fee on the total commitment from the SBA, the Company also pays a one-time 2.425% fee on the amount of each SBA-guaranteed debenture issued and a one-time 2.0% fee on the amount of each SBA-guaranteed LMI debenture issued. These fees are capitalized as deferred financing costs and are amortized over the term of the debt agreements using the effective interest method. Upon prepayment of an SBA-guaranteed debenture, any unamortized deferred financing costs related to the SBA-guaranteed debenture are written off and recognized as a loss on extinguishment of debt in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The fair values of the SBA-guaranteed debentures are based on a market yield approach and current interest rates, which are Level 3 inputs to the market yield model. As of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the carrying amounts of SBA-guaranteed debentures were approximately \$220.6 million and \$219.7 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the fair values of the SBA-guaranteed debentures were approximately \$230.2 million and \$230.4 million, respectively.

**Credit Facility**

In May 2015, the Company entered into the Credit Facility. The Credit Facility, which has an initial commitment of \$300.0 million supported by 14 financial institutions, replaced the Company's \$165.0 million senior secured credit facility entered into in June 2013 (the "Prior Facility"). The revolving period of the Credit Facility ends May 3, 2019 followed by a one-year amortization period with a final maturity date of May 3, 2020. The Company has the ability to borrow foreign currencies under the Credit Facility.

The Credit Facility has an accordion feature that allows for an increase in the total borrowing size up to \$350.0 million, subject to certain conditions and the satisfaction of specified financial covenants. The Credit Facility, which is structured to operate like a revolving credit facility, is secured primarily by the Company's assets, excluding the assets of the Company's wholly-owned SBIC subsidiaries.

Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest, subject to the Company's election, on a per annum basis equal to (i) the applicable base rate plus 1.75% (or, after one year, 1.50% if the Company receives an investment grade credit rating), (ii) the applicable LIBOR rate plus 2.75% (or, after one year, 2.50% if the Company receives an investment grade credit rating), or (iii) for borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars, the applicable Canadian Dealer Offered Rate plus 2.75% (or, after one year, 2.50% if the Company receives an investment grade credit rating). The applicable base rate is equal to the greater of (i) the prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate plus 0.5%, or (iii) the adjusted one-month LIBOR plus 2.0%. The applicable LIBOR rate depends on the term of the draw under the Credit Facility. The Company pays a commitment fee of 1.00% per annum on undrawn amounts if the used portion of the facility is less than or equal to 25.0% of total commitments, or 0.375% per annum on undrawn amounts if the used portion of the facility is greater than 25.0% of total commitments, which was included with interest and other financing fees on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. Borrowings under the Credit Facility were also limited to a borrowing base, which included certain cash and a portion of eligible debt investments.

Borrowings under the Prior Facility bore interest, subject to the Company's election, on a per annum basis equal to (i) the applicable base rate plus 1.75%, (ii) the applicable LIBOR rate plus 2.75%, or (iii) for borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars, the applicable Canadian Dealer Offered Rate plus 2.75%. The applicable base rate was equal to the greater of (i) the prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate plus 0.5% or (iii) the adjusted one-month LIBOR rate plus 2.0%. The applicable LIBOR rate depended upon the term of a draw under the Prior Facility. The Company paid a commitment fee of 0.375% per annum on undrawn amounts, which was included with interest and other financing fees on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. Borrowings under the Prior Facility were also limited to a borrowing base, which included certain cash and a portion of eligible debt investments.

As of December 31, 2015, the Company had United States dollar borrowings of \$119.0 million outstanding under the Credit Facility with an interest rate of 3.0% and non-United States dollar borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars of \$17.0 million (\$12.3 million United States dollars) outstanding under the credit facility with an interest rate of 3.59%. The borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars are translated into United States dollars

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based on the spot rate at each balance sheet date. The impact resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on the credit facility borrowings is included in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on foreign currency borrowings in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. The borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars may be positively or negatively affected by movements in the rate of exchange between the United States dollar and the Canadian dollar. This movement is beyond the control of the Company and cannot be predicted. As of December 31, 2014, the Company had United States dollar borrowings of \$48.0 million outstanding under the Credit Facility with an interest rate of 2.91% and non-United States dollar borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars of \$17.0 million (\$14.6 million United States dollars) outstanding under the credit facility with an interest rate of 4.03%.

The fair value of the borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility are based on a market yield approach and current interest rates, which are Level 3 inputs to the market yield model. As of December 31, 2015, and December 31, 2014, the fair values of the borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility were \$131.3 million and \$62.6 million, respectively.

As with the Prior Facility, the Credit Facility contains certain affirmative and negative covenants, including but not limited to (i) maintaining a minimum interest coverage ratio, (ii) maintaining a minimum consolidated tangible net worth, (iii) maintaining a minimum asset coverage ratio and (iv) maintaining the Company's status as a RIC and as a BDC. The Credit Facility also contains customary events of default with customary cure and notice provisions, including, without limitation, nonpayment, misrepresentation of representations and warranties in a material respect, breach of covenant, cross-default to other indebtedness, bankruptcy, change of control, and material adverse effect. The Credit Facility also permits the Administrative Agent to select an independent third-party valuation firm to determine valuations of certain portfolio investments for purposes of borrowing base provisions. As of December 31, 2015, the Company was in compliance with all covenants of the Credit Facility.

**Notes**

In March 2012, the Company issued \$69.0 million of unsecured notes due 2019 (the "2019 Notes"). The 2019 Notes were redeemed in full on June 22, 2015 for a total redemption price of \$69.0 million, which resulted in a loss on the extinguishment of debt of \$1.4 million. Prior to the redemption, the 2019 Notes bore interest at a rate of 7.00% per year payable quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning June 15, 2012.

In October 2012, the Company issued \$70.0 million of unsecured notes due 2022 (the "December 2022 Notes") and in November 2012, issued \$10.5 million of December 2022 Notes. The December 2022 Notes mature on December 15, 2022, and may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after December 15, 2015. The December 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.375% per year payable quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning December 15, 2012. The net proceeds to the Company from the sale of the December 2022 Notes, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, were approximately \$77.8 million. As of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the carrying amount of the December 2022 Notes was \$78.4 and \$78.2, respectively. As of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the fair values of the December 2022 Notes were \$80.2 million and \$81.4 million, respectively.

In February 2015, the Company issued \$86.3 million of unsecured notes due 2022 (the "March 2022 Notes"). The March 2022 Notes mature on March 15, 2022 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after March 15, 2018. The March 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.375% per year payable quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning March 15, 2015. The net proceeds to the Company from the sale of the March 2022 Notes, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, were approximately \$83.4 million. As of December 31, 2015, the carrying amount of the March 2022 Notes was \$83.7 million. As of December 31, 2015, the fair value of the March 2022 Notes was \$88.0 million. The fair values of the December 2022 Notes and the March 2022 Notes are based on the closing prices of each respective security on the New York Stock Exchange, which are Level 1 inputs under ASC 820.



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The indenture and supplements thereto relating to the December 2022 Notes and the March 2022 Notes contain certain covenants, including but not limited to (i) a requirement that the Company comply with the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act or any successor provisions and (ii) a requirement to provide financial information to the holders of the notes and the trustee under the indenture if the Company should no longer be subject to the reporting requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. As of December 31, 2015, the Company was in compliance with all covenants of the Notes.

**4. Income Taxes**

The Company has elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code and intends to make the required distributions to its stockholders as specified therein. In order to maintain its qualification as a RIC, the Company must meet certain minimum distribution, source-of-income and asset diversification requirements. If such requirements are met, then the Company is generally required to pay income taxes only on the portion of its taxable income and gains it does not distribute (actually or constructively) and certain built-in gains. The Company met its minimum distribution requirements for 2015, 2014 and 2013 and continually monitors its distribution requirements with the goal of ensuring compliance with the Code.

The minimum distribution requirements applicable to RICs require the Company to distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of its investment company taxable income ("ICTI"), as defined by the Code, each year. Depending on the level of ICTI earned in a tax year, the Company may choose to carry forward ICTI in excess of current year distributions into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such excess. Any such carryover ICTI must be distributed before the end of that next tax year through a dividend declared prior to filing the final tax return related to the year which generated such ICTI.

ICTI generally differs from net investment income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses. The Company may be required to recognize ICTI in certain circumstances in which it does not receive cash. For example, if the Company holds debt obligations that are treated under applicable tax rules as having original issue discount (such as debt instruments issued with warrants), the Company must include in ICTI each year a portion of the original issue discount that accrues over the life of the obligation, regardless of whether cash representing such income is received by the Company in the same taxable year. The Company may also have to include in ICTI other amounts that it has not yet received in cash, such as (i) PIK interest income and (ii) interest income from investments that have been classified as non-accrual for financial reporting purposes. Interest income on non-accrual investments is not recognized for financial reporting purposes, but generally is recognized in ICTI. Because any original issue discount or other amounts accrued will be included in the Company's ICTI for the year of accrual, the Company may be required to make a distribution to its stockholders in order to satisfy the minimum distribution requirements, even though the Company will not have received and may not ever receive any corresponding cash amount. ICTI also excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as investment gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized.

Permanent differences between ICTI and net investment income for financial reporting purposes are reclassified among capital accounts in the financial statements to reflect their tax character. Differences in classification may also result from the treatment of short-term gains as ordinary income for tax purposes. During the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the Company reclassified for book purposes amounts arising from permanent book/tax differences primarily related to differences in the tax basis and book basis of investments sold and non-deductible taxes paid during the year as follows:

	December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Additional paid in capital	\$ (1,039,969)	\$ (898,637)	\$ (1,159,313)
Investment income in excess of distributions	\$ 3,585,623	\$ 3,105,980	\$ 886,426
Accumulated realized gains on investments	\$ (2,545,654)	\$ (2,207,343)	\$ 272,887

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Tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Company's tax returns are evaluated 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 would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current year. Management has analyzed the Company's tax positions taken, or to be taken, on federal income tax returns for all open tax years (fiscal years 2012-2015), and has concluded that the provision for uncertain tax positions in the Company's financial statements is necessary.

In addition, the Company has certain wholly-owned taxable subsidiaries (the "Taxable Subsidiaries"), each of which holds one or more of its portfolio investments that are listed on the Consolidated Schedule of Investments. The Taxable Subsidiaries are consolidated for financial reporting purposes, such that the Company's consolidated financial statements reflect the Company's investments in the portfolio companies owned by the Taxable Subsidiaries. The purpose of the Taxable Subsidiaries is to permit the Company to hold certain portfolio companies that are organized as limited liability companies ("LLCs") (or other forms of pass-through entities) and still satisfy the RIC tax requirement that at least 90% of the RIC's gross revenue for income tax purposes must consist of investment income. Absent the Taxable Subsidiaries, a proportionate amount of any gross income of an LLC (or other pass-through entity) portfolio investment would flow through directly to the RIC. To the extent that such income did not consist of investment income, it could jeopardize the Company's ability to qualify as a RIC and therefore cause the Company to incur significant amounts of federal income taxes. When LLCs (or other pass-through entities) are owned by the Taxable Subsidiaries, their income is taxed to the Taxable Subsidiaries and does not flow through to the RIC, thereby helping the Company preserve its RIC status and resultant tax advantages. The Taxable Subsidiaries are not consolidated for income tax purposes and may generate income tax expense as a result of their ownership of the portfolio companies. This income tax expense is reflected in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. Additionally, any unrealized appreciation related to portfolio investments held by the Taxable Subsidiaries (net of unrealized depreciation related to portfolio investments held by the Taxable Subsidiaries) is reflected net of applicable federal and state income taxes in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations, with the related deferred tax assets presented in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

For income tax purposes, distributions paid to stockholders are reported as ordinary income, long-term capital gains, return of capital or a combination thereof. The tax character of distributions paid for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Ordinary income	\$ 68,413,242	\$ 55,169,255	\$ 57,920,707
Distributions of long-term capital gains	8,242,911	20,453,065	508,982
Distributions on a tax basis	\$ 76,656,153	\$ 75,622,320	\$ 58,429,689

Under Section 852(b)(3)(C) of the Code, the Company hereby designates the above distributions of long-term capital gains as capital gain dividends for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

The Company may retain some or all of its realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses and may designate the retained net capital gain as a "deemed distribution." In that case, among other consequences, the Company will pay tax on the retained amount, each U.S. stockholder will be required to include his, her or its share of the deemed distribution in income as if it had been actually distributed to the U.S. stockholder, and the U.S. stockholder will be entitled to claim a credit equal to his, her or its allocable share of the tax paid thereon by us. For the year ended December 31, 2015, December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 the Company did not elect to designate retained net capital gains as deemed distributions.

At December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis detailed below differ from the amounts reflected in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets by temporary and other book/tax differences, primarily relating to depreciation expense, stock-based compensation, accruals of defaulted debt

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investment interest and the tax treatment of certain partnership investments, as follows:

	December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Undistributed net investment income	\$ 19,826,302	\$ 16,652,596	\$ 9,870,670
Accumulated capital gains (losses)	(30,555,004)	8,542,229	18,321,413
Other permanent differences relating to the Company's formation	1,975,543	1,975,543	1,975,543
Other temporary differences	(3,695,494)	(1,603,918)	(1,032,839)
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(28,459,406)	(36,892,765)	7,586,753
Components of distributable earnings at year end	\$ (40,908,059)	\$ (11,326,315)	\$ 36,721,540

Under current law, the Company may carry forward net capital losses indefinitely to use to offset capital gains realized in future years. Capital losses realized under current law will carry forward retaining their classification as long-term or short-term losses. As of December 31, 2015, the Company had \$30.6 million of long-term capital losses which will not expire.

For federal income tax purposes, the cost of investments owned at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was approximately \$1,010.6 million and \$927.7 million, respectively.

**5. Equity-Based and Other Compensation Plans**

The Board and stockholders have approved the Triangle Capital Corporation Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), under which there are 2,400,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock authorized for issuance. Under the Plan, the Board (or compensation committee, if delegated administrative authority by the Board) may award stock options, restricted stock or other stock based incentive awards to executive officers, employees and directors. Equity-based awards granted under the Plan to independent directors generally will vest over a one-year period and equity-based awards granted under the Plan to executive officers and employees generally will vest ratably over a four-year period.

The Company accounts for its equity-based compensation plan using the fair value method, as prescribed by ASC Topic 718, *Stock Compensation*. Accordingly, for restricted stock awards, the Company measures the grant date fair value based upon the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of the grant and amortizes this fair value to compensation expense ratably over the requisite service period or vesting term.

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The following table presents information with respect to the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2015		2014		2013	
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Share	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Share	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Share
Unvested shares, beginning of period	662,965	\$ 25.87	592,173	\$ 23.80	290,198	\$ 18.52
Shares granted during the period	360,840	\$ 21.82	282,630	\$ 26.09	309,430	\$ 28.66
Shares vested during the period	(245,689)	\$ 24.31	(211,838)	\$ 21.78	(7,455)	\$ 20.12
Unvested shares, end of period	<u>778,116</u>	\$ 24.10	<u>662,965</u>	\$ 25.87	<u>592,173</u>	\$ 23.80

In the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the Company recognized equity-based compensation expense of approximately \$7.0 million, \$5.8 million and \$4.0 million, respectively. This expense is included in general and administrative expenses in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

As of December 31, 2015, there was approximately \$12.6 million of total unrecognized compensation cost, related to the Company's non-vested restricted shares. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 1.8 years.

The Board has adopted a nonqualified deferred compensation plan covering the Company's executive officers and key employees. Any compensation deferred and the Company's contributions will earn a return based on the returns on certain investments designated by the Compensation Committee of the Board. Participants are 100% vested in amounts deferred under the deferred compensation plan and the earnings thereon. Contributions to the plan and earnings thereon vest ratably over a four-year period.

The Company maintains a 401(k) plan in which all full-time employees who are at least 21 years of age and have 90 days of service are eligible to participate and receive employer contributions. Eligible employees may contribute a portion of their compensation on a pretax basis into the 401(k) plan up to the maximum amount allowed under the Code, and direct the investment of their contributions.

**6. Transactions with Controlled Companies**

On January 9, 2014, the Company converted its debt investments in SRC, Inc. into common stock. After giving effect to this conversion, the Company owned 100% of SRC, Inc.'s outstanding common stock. During the year ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company received management and other fees from SRC, Inc. totaling \$400,000 and \$900,000 respectively. These fees were recognized as fee income in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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**7. Commitments and Contingencies**

In the normal course of business, the Company is party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk, consisting primarily of commitments to the Company's portfolio companies. Since commitments may expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amount does not necessarily represent future cash requirements. As of December 31, 2015, the Company had unfunded commitments to provide financing to ten of its portfolio companies as follows:

	<b>December 31, 2015</b>
Delayed Draw Term Loans	\$ 8,400,000
Equity Investments in Portfolio Companies	14,000,000
Private Equity Investments	3,183,626
Revolvers	5,432,788
<b>Total Unused Commitments</b>	<b>\$ 31,016,414</b>

The Company's headquarters is leased under an agreement that expires on May 31, 2019. Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was approximately \$407,000, \$398,000 and \$288,000 respectively, and the rent commitments as of December 31, 2015 are as follows:

<b>Year ending December 31,</b>	<b>Rent Commitment</b>
2016	\$ 416,587
2017	425,971
2018	435,571
2019	187,637
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,465,766</b>

The Company may, in the future, be involved in litigation arising out of its operations in the normal course of business or otherwise. Furthermore, third parties may try to seek to impose liability on the Company in connection with the activities of its portfolio companies. Since its inception, neither Triangle Capital Corporation nor any of its subsidiaries have been party to any material legal proceedings.

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**8. Financial Highlights**

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Per share data:</b>					
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 16.11	\$ 16.10	\$ 15.30	\$ 14.68	\$ 12.09
Net investment income(1)	2.16	2.08	2.23	2.16	2.07
Net realized gain (loss) on investments(1)	(0.83)	0.46	0.67	0.25	0.56
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments / foreign currency(1)	0.17	(1.48)	0.08	(0.11)	0.33
Total increase from investment operations(1)	1.50	1.06	2.98	2.30	2.96
Dividends paid to stockholders from net investment income	(2.11)	(1.88)	(2.14)	(2.02)	(1.77)
Dividends paid to stockholders from realized gains	(0.25)	(0.68)	(0.02)	—	—
Total dividends paid	(2.36)	(2.56)	(2.16)	(2.02)	(1.77)
Taxes paid on deemed distribution of long-term capital gains	—	—	—	(0.09)	(0.02)
Common stock offerings	—	1.49	—	0.54	1.61
Stock-based compensation(1)	0.01	—	(0.03)	(0.08)	(0.04)
Shares issued pursuant to Dividend Reinvestment Plan	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.03
Loss on extinguishment of debt(1)	(0.04)	—	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.01)
Provision for taxes(1)	(0.01)	(0.10)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.05)
Other(2)	(0.01)	0.08	—	(0.03)	(0.12)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 15.23	\$ 16.11	\$ 16.10	\$ 15.30	\$ 14.68
Market value at end of period(3)	\$ 19.11	\$ 20.29	\$ 27.65	\$ 25.49	\$ 19.12
Shares outstanding at end of period	33,375,126	32,950,288	27,697,483	27,284,798	22,774,726
Net assets at end of period	\$ 508,367,755	\$ 530,826,629	\$ 445,792,130	\$ 417,335,244	\$ 334,286,955
Average net assets	\$ 524,579,829	\$ 482,679,489	\$ 434,926,009	\$ 406,869,811	\$ 270,041,765
Ratio of total operating expenses, including loss on extinguishment of debt and provision for taxes, to average net assets	9.81 %	9.45 %	9.30 %	8.38 %	8.86 %
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	13.65 %	12.85 %	14.15 %	14.17 %	15.00 %
Portfolio turnover ratio	37.62 %	29.21 %	25.96 %	26.65 %	10.80 %
Total return(4)	5.82 %	(17.36)%	16.95 %	43.88 %	9.95 %
<b>Supplemental Data:</b>					
Efficiency ratio(5)	18.88 %	20.40 %	19.07 %	18.03 %	18.88 %

- (1) Weighted average basic per share data.
- (2) Represents the impact of the different share amounts used in calculating per share data as a result of calculating certain per share data based upon the weighted average basic shares outstanding during the period and certain per share data based on the shares outstanding as of a period end or transaction date.
- (3) Represents the closing price of the Company's common stock on the last day of the period.
- (4) The total return equals the change in the market value of the Company's common stock during the period, plus dividends declared per share during the period, divided by the market value of the Company's common stock at the beginning of the period.
- (5) Efficiency ratio equals general and administrative expenses divided by total investment income.

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**9. Selected Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)**

The following tables set forth certain quarterly financial information for each of the eight quarters in the two years ended December 31, 2015. Results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year or for any future quarter.

	Quarter Ended			
	March 31, 2015	June 30, 2015	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
Total investment income	\$ 30,779,570	\$ 27,824,904	\$ 30,843,445	\$ 31,838,694
Net investment income	17,769,579	16,166,185	18,517,996	19,175,343
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	8,353,942	12,175,588	17,872,372	9,455,350
Net investment income per share	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.58
	Quarter Ended			
	March 31, 2014	June 30, 2014	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2014
Total investment income	\$ 24,038,945	\$ 24,939,766	\$ 24,875,770	\$ 30,657,202
Net investment income	13,843,341	14,658,348	15,416,638	18,098,021
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	12,502,499	24,194,338	(8,812,327)	477,938
Net investment income per share	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.55

**10. Subsequent Events**

In February 2016, the Board granted 351,000 restricted shares of the Company's common stock to certain employees. These restricted shares had a total grant date fair value of approximately \$6.2 million, which will be expensed on a straight-line basis over a four year vesting period.

In February 2016, Garland S. Tucker, III, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, retired from his officer positions with the Company and all of its affiliates, as well as from the Company's investment committee, and agreed to transition into a new role as a Senior Advisor to the Company. Mr. Tucker will continue to serve as the Chairman of the Board. In addition to the shares of restricted stock that the Company typically awards to its executive officers for their performance during the prior year, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, awarded Mr. Tucker a \$2.5 million cash bonus and accelerated the vesting of his outstanding shares of restricted stock, including 47,000 shares of restricted stock awarded to him based on his performance during 2015, and certain other compensation in connection with his retirement and in recognition of his long service to the Company. In connection with the above actions, the Company will recognize approximately \$5.5 million in one-time expenses in the first quarter of 2016. In his new role as Senior Advisor, Mr. Tucker will be entitled to receive an annual salary of \$350,000 and will continue to participate in the Company's employee benefits plans on the same terms and conditions as similarly-situated employees.

In September 2015, as part of a balance sheet restructuring of BFN Operations LLC, or "BFN", the Company placed its first-out subordinated debt investment in BFN on PIK non-accrual status effective September 30, 2015. In February 2016, in connection with further restructuring activities at BFN, the Company placed its first-out subordinated note in BFN on full non-accrual status effective with the monthly payment due January 31, 2016.





**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Triangle Capital Corporation

We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of Triangle Capital Corporation (the Company), including the consolidated schedules of investments, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015. We have also audited the consolidated financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated February 24, 2016 (included elsewhere in this Form 10-K). Our audits also included the Schedule 12-14 listed in the Index at Item 15(a)(2) of this Form 10-K. The Schedule 12-14 is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our audits.

In our opinion, the Schedule 12-14 referred to above, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina  
February 24, 2016

**TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
**Schedule of Investments in and Advances to Affiliates**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2015**

Portfolio Company	Type of Investment	Amount of Interest or Dividends Credits to Income(1)	December 31, 2014 Value	Gross Additions(2)	Gross Reductions(3)	December 31, 2015 Value
<b><u>Control Investments:</u></b>						
CRS Reprocessing, LLC	Senior Notes (3.9% Cash)	\$ 73,248	\$ —	\$ 2,942,769	\$ —	\$ 2,942,769
	Split Collateral Term Loans (10.5% Cash)	237,971	—	6,192,464	—	6,192,464
	Series F Preferred Units (705,321 units)	—	—	8,707,740	3,486,740	5,221,000
	Common Units (15,174 units)	—	—	—	—	—
		311,219	—	17,842,973	3,486,740	14,356,233
DCWV Acquisition Corporation	Senior Subordinated Note (15% PIK)	—	—	250,000	—	250,000
	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 3% PIK)	135,161	—	3,958,000	841,000	3,117,000
	Jr. Subordinated Note (15% PIK)	—	—	2,000,000	2,000,000	—
	Series A Preferred Equity (1,200 shares)	—	—	—	—	—
	100% Common Shares	—	—	—	—	—
	135,161	—	6,208,000	2,841,000	3,367,000	
Gerli & Company	Subordinated Note (13% Cash)	—	375,000	—	—	375,000
	Subordinated Note (8.5% Cash)	—	543,000	—	106,000	437,000
	Class A Preferred Shares (1,211 shares)	—	—	—	—	—
	Class C Preferred Shares (744 shares)	—	—	—	—	—
	Class E Preferred Shares (400 shares)	—	—	—	—	—
	Common Stock (300 shares)	—	—	—	—	—
	—	918,000	—	106,000	812,000	
PartsNow!, LLC	Subordinated Note (15% PIK)	—	6,233,000	—	6,233,000	—
	Preferred Membership Units (5,650,000 units)	—	—	1,650,000	1,650,000	—
	Common Member Units (1,500,000 units)	—	—	—	—	—
	Royalty Rights	—	—	—	—	—
		—	6,233,000	1,650,000	7,883,000	—
SRC, Inc.	Common Stock (5,000 shares)	400,000	7,824,000	—	903,000	6,921,000
		400,000	7,824,000	—	903,000	6,921,000
<b>Total Control Investments</b>		<b>846,380</b>	<b>14,975,000</b>	<b>25,700,973</b>	<b>15,219,740</b>	<b>25,456,233</b>
<b><u>Affiliate Investments:</u></b>						
All Aboard America! Holdings Inc.	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 3% PIK)	2,386,375	14,442,239	510,952	—	14,953,191
	Membership Units in LLC	—	2,207,492	2,816,508	—	5,024,000
		2,386,375	16,649,731	3,327,460	—	19,977,191
American De-Rosa Lamparts, LLC and Hallmark Lighting, LLC	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK)	1,086,318	7,069,614	216,258	99,637	7,186,235
	Membership Units (8,364 units)	—	936,000	2,936,000	—	3,872,000
		1,086,318	8,005,614	3,152,258	99,637	11,058,235

**TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
**Schedule of Investments in and Advances to Affiliates — (Continued)**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2015**

Portfolio Company	Type of Investment	Amount of Interest or Dividends Credits to Income(1)	December 31, 2014 Value	Gross Additions(2)	Gross Reductions(3)	December 31, 2015 Value
AP Services, Inc.	Class A Units (933 units)	—	2,394	27,702	30,096	—
	Class B Units (496 units)	—	1,272	—	1,272	—
		—	3,666	27,702	31,368	—
Asset Point, LLC	Senior Note (11.3% Cash, 4.8% PIK)	\$ 1,364,999	\$ 7,990,172	\$ 434,841	\$ 8,425,013	\$ —
	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK)	93,770	656,310	13,395	669,705	—
	Membership Units (1,000,000 units)	—	—	1,084,714	1,084,714	—
	Options to Purchase Membership Units (342,407 units)	—	204,000	296,000	500,000	—
	Membership Unit Warrants (356,506 units)	—	—	99,450	99,450	—
			1,458,769	8,850,482	1,928,400	10,778,882
Captex Softgel International, Inc.	Subordinated Note (9.5% Cash)	2,040,295	16,715,906	156,729	16,872,635	—
	Class A Units (80,000 units)	—	1,719,000	1,205,260	2,924,260	—
		2,040,295	18,434,906	1,361,989	19,796,895	—
CIS Secure Computing, Inc.	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 4% PIK)	1,870,228	10,035,000	1,288,440	—	11,323,440
	Common Stock (84 shares)	—	40,000	159,000	—	199,000
		1,870,228	10,075,000	1,447,440	—	11,522,440
Consolidated Lumber Company LLC	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 2% PIK)	837,903	—	21,682,445	7,350,000	14,332,445
	Class A Units (15,000 units)	—	—	1,500,000	—	1,500,000
		837,903	—	23,182,445	7,350,000	15,832,445
DPII Holdings, LLC	Senior Note (12% Cash, 4% PIK)	591,910	3,394,913	163,891	—	3,558,804
	Class A Membership Interest (17,308 units)	—	1,107,692	—	312,692	795,000
		591,910	4,502,605	163,891	312,692	4,353,804
Dyson Corporation	Common Units (1,000,000 units)	—	324,000	92,000	—	416,000
		—	324,000	92,000	—	416,000
Frank Entertainment Group, LLC	Senior Note (10% Cash, 5.8% PIK)	1,512,152	8,513,033	1,122,369	42,857	9,592,545
	Class A Redeemable Preferred Units (10.5% Cash) (196,718 units)	483,492	4,405,000	161,904	—	4,566,904
	Class B Redeemable Preferred Units (18,667 units)	—	1,537,000	123,810	—	1,660,810
	Class C Redeemable Preferred Units (25,846 units)	—	—	600,000	—	600,000
	Class A Common Units (43,077 units)	—	—	—	—	—
	Class A Common Warrants	—	—	—	—	—
		1,995,644	14,455,033	2,008,083	42,857	16,420,259
GenPref LLC	7.0% LLC Interest	—	470,000	147,840	601,440	16,400
		—	470,000	147,840	601,440	16,400
Halcyon Healthcare, LLC	Subordinated Note (10% Cash)	1,292,495	11,278,779	221,221	11,500,000	—
	Preferred Interests (2,000,000 interests)	—	2,000,000	259,413	2,259,413	—
		1,292,495	13,278,779	480,634	13,759,413	—

**TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
**Schedule of Investments in and Advances to Affiliates — (Continued)**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2015**

Portfolio Company	Type of Investment	Amount of Interest or Dividends Credits to Income(1)	December 31, 2014 Value	Gross Additions(2)	Gross Reductions(3)	December 31, 2015 Value
Main Street Gourmet, LLC	Jr. Subordinated Note (8% Cash, 2% PIK)	82,261	754,197	23,357	777,554	—
	Preferred Units (233 units)	—	333,000	34,000	—	367,000
	Common B Units (3,000 units)	—	1,108,000	699,000	—	1,807,000
	Common A Units (1,652 units)	—	610,000	385,000	—	995,000
		82,261	2,805,197	1,141,357	777,554	3,169,000
Minco Technology Labs, LLC	Subordinated Note (6.5% Cash, 3.5% PIK)	\$ 180,818	\$ —	\$ 5,665,445	\$ 5,665,445	\$ —
	Class A Units (5,000 HoldCo. units)	—	—	—	—	—
	Class A Units (3,907 OpCo. units)	—	—	—	—	—
		180,818	—	5,665,445	5,665,445	—
NB Products, Inc.	Subordinated Note (12% Cash, 2% PIK)	2,774,835	—	20,327,140	—	20,327,140
	Jr. Subordinated Note (10% PIK)	362,550	—	4,126,030	—	4,126,030
	Series A Redeemable Senior Preferred Stock (7,839 shares)	156,779	—	8,525,000	—	8,525,000
	Common Stock (1,668,691 shares)	—	—	3,997,000	—	3,997,000
		3,294,164	—	36,975,170	—	36,975,170
PCX Aerostructures, LLC	Subordinated Note (11% Cash, 4% PIK)	2,919,187	19,087,302	711,790	1,187,092	18,612,000
	Series A Preferred Stock (5,344 shares)	—	5,343,953	—	4,152,953	1,191,000
	Class A Common Stock (107,416 shares)	—	26,854	—	26,854	—
		2,919,187	24,458,109	711,790	5,366,899	19,803,000
Playhaven, LLC	Senior Note (9.5% Cash, 2.5% PIK)	2,098,065	20,712,285	2,534,778	23,247,063	—
	Class A Common Units (999,999 units)	—	869,999	464,000	1,333,999	—
	Class C Common Units (1 unit)	—	5,001	—	5,001	—
		2,098,065	21,587,285	2,998,778	24,586,063	—
Team Waste, LLC	Preferred Units (28 units)	55,000	—	5,500,000	—	5,500,000
		55,000	—	5,500,000	—	5,500,000
Technology Crops, LLC	Subordinated Notes (12% Cash, 5% PIK)	1,914,191	10,670,076	582,047	—	11,252,123
	Common Units (50 units)	—	162,000	238,000	—	400,000
		1,914,191	10,832,076	820,047	—	11,652,123
TGaS Advisors, LLC	Subordinated Note (10% Cash, 1% PIK)	1,156,709	9,742,396	140,475	248,973	9,633,898
	Preferred Units (1,685,357 units)	—	1,685,357	—	258,357	1,427,000
		1,156,709	11,427,753	140,475	507,330	11,060,898
UCS Super HoldCo LLC	Membership Units (1,000 units)	—	1,000,000	—	700,000	300,000
	Participation Interest	—	2,000,000	—	2,000,000	—
		—	3,000,000	—	2,700,000	300,000
United Retirement Plan Consultants, Inc.	Preferred A Shares (90,000 shares)	—	—	1,215,000	769,000	446,000
	Common Shares (10,000 shares)	—	—	—	—	—
		—	—	1,215,000	769,000	446,000
Venture Technology Groups, Inc.	Subordinated Note (12.5% Cash, 4% PIK)	65,455	225,000	75,000	300,000	—
		65,455	225,000	75,000	300,000	—

**TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
**Schedule of Investments in and Advances to Affiliates — (Continued)**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2015**

Portfolio Company	Type of Investment	Amount of Interest or Dividends Credits to Income(1)	December 31, 2014 Value	Gross Additions(2)	Gross Reductions(3)	December 31, 2015 Value
Waste Recyclers Holdings, LLC	Class A Preferred Units (280 units)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
	Class B Preferred Units (11,484,867 units)	—	1,727,000	—	984,000	743,000
	Common Unit Purchase Warrant (1,170,083 units)	—	—	—	—	—
	Common Units (153,219 units)	—	—	—	—	—
		—	1,727,000	—	984,000	743,000
Wythe Will Tzetzto, LLC	Series A Preferred Units (99,829 units)	638,633	7,823,000	513,000	—	8,336,000
		638,633	7,823,000	513,000	—	8,336,000
<b>Total Affiliate Investments</b>		<b>\$ 25,964,420</b>	<b>\$ 178,935,236</b>	<b>\$ 93,076,204</b>	<b>\$ 94,429,475</b>	<b>\$ 177,581,965</b>

- (1) Represents the total amount of interest, fees or dividends credited to income for the portion of the year an investment was included in Control or Affiliate categories, respectively.
- (2) Gross additions include increase in the cost basis of investments resulting from new portfolio investment, follow-on investments and accrued PIK interest. Gross Additions also include net increases in unrealized appreciation or net decreases in unrealized depreciation.
- (3) Gross reductions include decreases in the total cost basis of investments resulting from principal or PIK repayments or sales. Gross reductions also include net increases in unrealized depreciation or net decreases in unrealized appreciation.

This schedule should be read in conjunction with Triangle Capital Corporation's Consolidated Financial Statements, including the Consolidated Schedules of Investments.

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Number	Exhibit
3.1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Registrant (Filed as Exhibit (a)(3) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 29, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.2	Fifth Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant (Filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 9, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.3	Certificate of Domestic Limited Partnership of Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (Filed as Exhibit (a)(4) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 13, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.4	Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (Filed as Exhibit 3.4 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 7, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate (Filed as Exhibit (d) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 15, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.2	Triangle Capital Corporation Dividend Reinvestment Plan (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.3	Agreement to Furnish Certain Instruments (Filed as Exhibit 4.19 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.4	Indenture, dated March 2, 2012 between the Registrant and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (Filed as Exhibit (d)(5) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.5	First Supplemental Indenture, dated March 2, 2012 between the Registrant and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (Filed as Exhibit (d)(6) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.6	Form of 7.00% Note due 2019 (Included as part of Exhibit (d)(6) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.7	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated October 19, 2012 between Triangle Capital Corporation and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 19, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.8	Form of 6.375% Note due 2022 (Included as part of Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 19, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.9	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated February 6, 2015 between the Registrant and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (Filed as Exhibit (d)(12) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 6, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.10	Form of 6.375% Note due 2022 (Included as part of Exhibit (d)(12) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 6, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).

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- 10.1† Form of Triangle Capital Corporation Non-employee Director Restricted Share Award Agreement (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.2† Form of Triangle Capital Corporation Executive Officer Restricted Share Award Agreement (Filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.3 Custody Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and Branch Banking and Trust Company dated January 26, 2012. (Filed as Exhibit (j)(3) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference)
- 10.4 Custody Services Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and Fifth Third Bank dated January 6, 2012. (Filed as Exhibit (j)(4) to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference)
- 10.5 Stock Transfer Agency Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and Computershare, Inc. (as successor to The Bank of New York) (Filed as Exhibit 10.11 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.6 Office Lease Agreement between 3700 Glenwood LLC and Triangle Capital Corporation dated March 27, 2008 (Filed as Exhibit (k)(6) to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form N-2 (File No. 333-151930) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 13, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.7 Credit Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation, Branch Banking and Trust Company, BB&T Capital Markets and Fifth Third Bank dated May 9, 2011 (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 11, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.8 Supplement and Joinder Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation, Branch Banking and Trust Company, Fifth Third Bank and Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A. dated November 1, 2011 (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 2, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.9 General Security Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation, ARC Industries Holdings, Inc., Brantley Holdings, Inc., Energy Hardware Holdings, Inc., Minco Holdings, Inc., Peaden Holdings, Inc., Technology Crops Holdings, Inc. and Branch Banking and Trust Company dated May 9, 2011 (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 11, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.10 Equity Pledge Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation, ARC Industries Holdings, Inc., Brantley Holdings, Inc., Energy Hardware Holdings, Inc., Minco Holdings, Inc., Peaden Holdings, Inc., Technology Crops Holdings, Inc. and Branch Banking and Trust Company dated May 9, 2011 (Filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 11, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.11† Triangle Capital Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.12 First Amendment to Credit Agreement between the Registrant, as borrower and Branch Banking and Trust Company as Administrative Agent dated February 28, 2012 (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.13† Triangle Capital Corporation 2012 Cash Incentive Plan (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.14† Triangle Capital Corporation Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 2, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
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- 10.15 Amended and Restated Credit Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation, as borrower and Branch Banking and Trust Company, as Administrative Agent dated September 18, 2012 (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 19, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
  - 10.16 Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated June 26, 2013, among the Registrant, Branch Banking and Trust Company, Fifth Third Bank, Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A., ING Capital LLC, Stifel Bank & Trust, First Tennessee Bank National Association, Park Sterling Bank, Raymond James Bank, N.A. and CapStone Bank (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 27, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference).
  - 10.17 First Amendment to Office Lease Agreement between 3700 Glenwood LLC and Triangle Capital Corporation dated August 29, 2013. (Filed as Exhibit 10.17 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 26, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
  - 10.18 Second Amendment to Office Lease Agreement between 3700 Glenwood LLC and Triangle Capital Corporation dated November 13, 2013. (Filed as Exhibit 10.18 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 26, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
  - 10.19 Custody Agreement between the Registrant and Branch Banking and Trust Company dated June 20, 2014 (Filed as Exhibit (j)(1) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 1, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
  - 10.20 Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated May 4, 2015, among the Registrant, Branch Banking and Trust Company, ING Capital LLC, Fifth Third Bank, Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A., Bank of North Carolina, EverBank Commercial Finance, Inc., First Tennessee Bank National Association, Newbridge Bank, Yadkin Bank, CommunityOne Bank, NA, Park Sterling Bank, Paragon Commercial Bank, Raymond James Bank, N.A. and Stifel Bank & Trust (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 6, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
  - 10.21 Second Amended and Restated Equity Pledge Agreement, dated May 4, 2015, between Triangle Capital Corporation, ARC Industries Holdings, Inc., Brantley Holdings, Inc., Energy Hardware Holdings, Inc., Minco Holdings, Inc., Peaden Holdings, Inc., Technology Crops Holdings, Inc. and Branch Banking and Trust Company (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 6, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
  - 10.22 Second Amended and Restated General Security Agreement, dated May 4, 2015, between Triangle Capital Corporation, ARC Industries Holdings, Inc., Brantley Holdings, Inc., Energy Hardware Holdings, Inc., Minco Holdings, Inc., Peaden Holdings, Inc., Technology Crops Holdings, Inc. and Branch Banking and Trust Company (Filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 6, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
  - 12 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.\*
  - 14.1 Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (Filed as Exhibit 14.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
  - 21.1 List of Subsidiaries.\*
  - 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.\*
  - 31.1 Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*
  - 31.2 Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*
  - 32.1 Chief Executive Officer Certification pursuant to Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*\*
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32.2 Chief Financial Officer Certification pursuant to Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*\*

† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

\* Filed herewith.

\*\* Furnished herewith.

### RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

For the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, the ratios of earnings to fixed charges of the Company, computed as set forth below, were as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2011	For the Year Ended December 31, 2012	For the Year Ended December 31, 2013	For the Year Ended December 31, 2014	For the Year Ended December 31, 2015
Earnings to Fixed Charges(1)	6.22	4.52	4.96	2.49	2.81

For purposes of computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represent net increase in net assets resulting from operations plus (or minus) tax provision (benefit) including excise tax expense plus fixed charges. Fixed charges include interest and other financing fees and loss on extinguishment of debt.

- (1) Earnings include net realized and unrealized gains or losses. Net realized and unrealized gains or losses can vary substantially from period to period.
- Excluding net unrealized gains or losses, the earnings to fixed charges ratios would be 5.64 for the year ended December 31, 2011, 4.68 for the year ended December 31, 2012, 4.85 for the year ended December 31, 2013, 4.57 for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2.52 for the year ended December 31, 2015.
  - Excluding net realized and unrealized gains or losses, the earnings to fixed charges ratios would be 4.65 for the year ended December 31, 2011, 4.30 for the year ended December 31, 2012, 3.96 for the year ended December 31, 2013, 3.93 for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 3.50 for the year ended December 31, 2015.

**LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES**

Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP, a North Carolina limited liability limited partnership

Triangle Mezzanine Fund II LP, a Delaware limited partnership

Triangle Mezzanine Fund III LP, a Delaware limited partnership

New Triangle GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

New Triangle GP, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company

ARC Industries Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Brantley Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Emerald Waste Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Energy Hardware Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Minco Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Peaden Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Technology Crops Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements (Form S-8 No. 333-141827 and Form S-8 No. 333-185892), pertaining to the Triangle Capital Corporation Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, of our reports dated February 24, 2016, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and financial highlights and Schedule 12-14 of Triangle Capital Corporation and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Triangle Capital Corporation, included in the Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2015.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina  
February 24, 2016

**Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Triangle Capital Corporation  
pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Exchange Act,  
as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, E. Ashton Poole as Chief Executive Officer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Triangle Capital Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ E. ASHTON POOLE

E. Ashton Poole  
Chief Executive Officer

February 24, 2016

**Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Triangle Capital Corporation  
pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Exchange Act,  
as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Steven C. Lilly, as Chief Financial Officer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Triangle Capital Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ STEVEN C. LILLY

Steven C. Lilly  
Chief Financial Officer

February 24, 2016

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report of Triangle Capital Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2015 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, E. Ashton Poole, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ E. ASHTON POOLE

E. Ashton Poole

Chief Executive Officer

February 24, 2016

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In connection with the Annual Report of Triangle Capital Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2015 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Steven C. Lilly, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ STEVEN C. LILLY

Steven C. Lilly

Chief Financial Officer

February 24, 2016